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ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

Aram Aramaic
BCE Before the Common Era; traditionally BC: before Christ
CE Common Era; traditionally Anno Domini: year since the Lord's birth
cf compare
chap chapter
DSS Dead Sea Scrolls found at Qumran
(1QIsa^{a}) Isaiah scroll *a* in Cave 1 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(1QDeut^{b}) Deuteronomy scroll *b* in Cave 1 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QDeut^{b}) Deuteronomy scroll *b* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QDeut^{h}) Deuteronomy scroll *h* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QDeut^{j}) Deuteronomy scroll *j* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QDeut^{q}) Deuteronomy scroll *q* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QPhyl^{n}) Phylactery scroll *n* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QSam^{a}) Samuel scroll *a* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QSam^{b}) Samuel scroll *b* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(4QSam^{c}) Samuel scroll *c* in Cave 4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(8QMez) Mezuza scroll in Cave 8 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
(11QPs^{a}) Psalms scroll *a* in Cave 11 of the Dead Sea Scrolls
Eth Ethiopic translation of 2 Esdras in the Ge'ez language
Gk Greek
Gk uncertain The meaning of the Greek text is uncertain.
Heb Hebrew
Heb uncertain The meaning of the Hebrew text is uncertain.
Josephus *Ant* Works of Flavius Josephus: Antiquities of the Jews
Kethib Aramaic term meaning what is written (the written consonantal text)
Lat Latin
LXX Septuagint; Greek translation of Hebrew Bible by seventy translators
LXX^{A} In Samuel, the Greek uncial Alexandrinus
LXX^{B} In Samuel, the Greek uncial Vaticanus
LXX^{L} In Samuel, Lucianic Greek manuscripts
LXX^{M} In Samuel, the Greek uncial Coislinianus
LXX^{N} In Samuel, the Greek uncials Basilianus and Vaticanus
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LXX^{a} in Sirach the Greek uncials Sinaiticus, Alexandrinus, and Vaticanus
LXX^{b} In Sirach the Origenic and Lucianic Greek manuscripts
MT Masoretic Text; the Hebrew Bible
NT New Testament
OL Old Latin; manuscripts in Latin prior to the Vulgate
OT Old Testament
pl plural
Qere Aramaic term meaning what is read aloud (the vocalized text)
Selah Musical direction of uncertain meaning found in Psalms
Sym Greek version of the Old Testament translated by Symmachus
Syr Syriac, a translation known as the Peshitta in a dialect of the Aramaic language
Tg Targum; Aramaic translation of Hebrew Bible
Vulg Vulgate; standardized Latin version of the Bible

MEASURES

Capacity and linear measures

ammah *length of a forearm, standardized at eighteen inches; traditionally a cubit*
bath *a liquid measure approximately equivalent to twenty quarts*
ephah *a dry measure for flour or grains, approximately twenty quarts (five gallons)*
etsbah *length of the finger or thumb; traditionally a fingerbreadth*
hin *a liquid measure for wine or water, approximately one pint*
homer *the largest dry measure, fifty gallons, equivalent to ten ephah*
issaron *one tenth of an unknown weight; possibly an equivalent for omer*
kab *an unknown measure in 2 Kgs 6:25*
kor *a dry measure for grain, possibly equal to a homer; approximately fifty gallons as a liquid measure in Ezekiel*
litra *a Roman pound equal to approximately twelve ounces dry*
log *a liquid measure for oil in Leviticus, approximately two-thirds of a pint*
metretes *a liquid measure of approximately ten gallons*
milion *a mile; a Roman mile was 1,000 paces or approximately 4,855 feet*
omer *one tenth of an ephah or two quarts dry*
pechon *approximately eighteen inches; traditionally a cubit*
pim *two-thirds of a shekel*
qaneh *a measuring rod in Ezekiel equivalent to six ammah or nine feet*
seah *a dry measure of grain, possibly seven and a half quarts but may be smaller amount in Genesis*
shearim *an unknown dry measure of grain*
stadion *a Roman linear measurement of approximately 607 feet*
tefakh or tofakh *width of the hand at the base of the fingers; traditionally a handbreadth or a palm*
tsimdo *traditionally an acre, the area that a team can plow in a day*
zereth *distance between tip of thumb to little finger; traditionally a span*

Monetary measures

beqa *one-half shekel, typically one-fifth of an ounce; ten or twelve gerahs*
daric *a gold Persian coin named after Darius 1, weighing one-third of an ounce*
denarion, *denaria (pl) a coin equivalent in value to one day's work*
drachme, *drachmen (pl) a silver coin equivalent in value to a denarion; also possibly a daric*
gerah *one-twentieth or one twenty-fourth of a shekel*
kikkar *a unit of weight in the common shekel system; traditionally a talent*
kodrantes *a coin equivalent to two lepta*
lepto *a coin equivalent to one-one hundred twenty-eighth of a denarion*
maneh *in the Old Testament possibly fifty or sixty sanctuary shekels; in the New Testament a monetary unit equivalent to one hundred denaria*
shekel *basic measure, typically two-fifths of an ounce, for three monetary weight systems attested in the Old Testament: the royal shekel, the sanctuary shekel, and the common shekel*
talanta *a coin equivalent to six thousand denaria; traditionally a talent*
qesitah *an unknown monetary weight*

PREFACE

The King James Version of the Bible was published in 1611. For two centuries the KJV competed for readership with the Geneva Bible. However, by the nineteenth century in America, the KJV would be described as the "common English Bible," because it was the most widely used translation of Christian scripture. Numerous translations have appeared since that time. However, it has proved difficult to combine concern for accuracy and accessibility in one translation that the typical reader or worshipper would be able to understand. Therefore, readers in the twenty-first century, four hundred years after the creation of the KJV, need and deserve a new translation that is suitable for personal devotion, for communal worship, and for classroom study.

The Common English Bible (CEB), completed in 2011, is a fresh translation of the Bible. Some editions include the Apocrypha that are used in Anglican, Orthodox, and Catholic congregations. The translation is sponsored by the Common English Bible Committee, which is an alliance of denominational publishers, including Presbyterian (USA), Episcopalian, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and United Church of Christ representatives.

One hundred twenty biblical scholars from twenty-two faith traditions worked as translators for the CEB. In addition, members of seventy-seven reading groups from congregations throughout North America reviewed and responded to early drafts of the translation. As a result, more than five hundred individuals were integrally involved in the preparation of the CEB. These individuals represent the sorts of diversity that permit this new translation to speak to people of various religious convictions and different social locations.

The translators, reviewers, and editors represent the following faith communities: African Methodist Episcopal Church, American Baptist, Anglican, Baptist, Baptist General Conference, Church of the Nazarene, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Free Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Free Methodist, Mennonite, Moravian, National Baptist, Presbyterian (USA), Progressive National Baptist, Quaker, Reformed Church in America, Reform Judaism, Roman Catholic Church, Seventh-day Adventist, United Churches of Christ, and United Methodist. The CEB is truly a Bible created by churches and for the Church.

Accuracy and clarity. The CEB translators balance rigorous accuracy in the rendition of ancient texts with an equally passionate commitment to clarity of expression in the target language. Translators create sentences and choose vocabulary that would be readily understood when the biblical text is read aloud. Two examples illustrate this concern for accuracy and clarity.

First, *ben 'adam* (Hebrew) or *huios tou anthrōpou* (Greek) are best translated as "human being" (rather than "son of man") except in cases of direct address, where CEB renders "human one" (instead of "son of man" or "mortal"; e.g., Ezek 2:1). When *ho huios tou anthrōpou* is used as a title for Jesus, the CEB refers to Jesus as "the Human One." People who have grown accustomed to hearing Jesus refer to himself in the Gospels as "the Son of Man" may find this jarring. Why "Human One"? Jesus' primary language would have been Aramaic, so he would have used the Aramaic phrase *bar enosha*. This phrase has the sense of "a human" or "a human such as I." This phrase was taken over into Greek in a phrase that might be translated woodenly as "son of humanity." However, Greek usage

often refers to "a son of x" in the sense of "one who has the character of x." For example, Luke 10:6 refers in Greek to "a son of peace," a phrase that has the sense of "one who shares in peace." In Acts 13:10 Paul calls a sorcerer "a son of the devil." This is not a reference to the sorcerer's actual ancestry, but it serves to identify his character. He is devilish--or more simply in English "a devil." Human or human one represents accurately the Aramaic and Greek idioms and reflects common English usage. Finally, many references to Jesus as "the Human One" refer back to Daniel 7:13, where Daniel "saw one like a human being" (Greek *huios anthropou*). By using the title Human One in the Gospels and Acts, the CEB preserves this connection to Daniel's vision.

Second, the phrase "Lord of hosts" (*Yahweh sebaoth* in Hebrew; *Kyrios sabaoth* in Greek) appears hundreds of times in older Bibles and persists as an idiom in translations that preserve King James usage. This archaic translation is no longer meaningful to most English speakers. The CEB renders *Yahweh Sebaoth* and *Kyrios sabaoth* as "Lord of heavenly forces," which conveys accurately the meaning of the Hebrew and Greek phrases by using contemporary English language.

English speakers, especially when telling a story, writing a letter, or engaging in conversation, make frequent use of contractions. As a result, translators have often used contractions, particularly in direct speech, in the CEB. However, formal genres of literature typically do not include contractions. As a result, translators did not include contractions in contexts such as (a) formal trials or royal interviews (socially formal situations), (b) much divine discourse (e.g., Hos 11:9; Exod 24:12), and (c) poetic and/or liturgical discourse (several types of psalms).

Texts. Translators of the Old Testament used as their base text the Masoretic Text (MT) as found in Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia and the published fascicles of Biblia Hebraica Quinta. For some books the Hebrew University Bible Project was consulted. Judicious departures from the Masoretic Text, based on ancient manuscript (e.g., reading with the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1 Sam 10:27*b* or Deut 32:8) and versional evidence (e.g., reading with the Septuagint in Gen 4:8), were sometimes necessary. In those situations, in which one may postulate two literary editions of a biblical book, or in which there are major or lengthy differences between the Masoretic Text and other texts or versions (e.g., 1 Sam 17), the CEB translated the edition that became canon in the Masoretic Text.

Translators of the New Testament used as their base text the eclectic Greek text known as Nestle Aland, the twenty-seventh edition, which was published in 1993.

Translators of the Apocrypha faced a more complicated set of choices. Translators generally used the base text presented in the Göttingen Septuagint. For those books not yet published in the fascicles of the Göttingen Septuagint, translators used the 2006 revised edition of Rahlfs' Septuaginta, edited by Robert Hanhart. However, in those instances in which Hebrew texts have survived and offer a better reading (e.g., in Sirach and Tobit), the translator noted alternative readings to the Greek Septuagint. Second Esdras presents a special problem, explained in a footnote about the Latin text.

Footnotes. Translators decided, in certain instances, that they should explain their translations or textual decisions. However, notes are kept to a minimum and are rendered with utmost concision. Such notes when present offer: (a) evidence from ancient texts and versions (e.g., LXX; MT *men of*); (b) brief philological comment (e.g., Heb uncertain); (c) explanations of anomalies in versification (e.g., Acts 8:37: Critical editions of the Gk

New Testament do not include 8:37 *Philip said to him, "If you believe with your whole heart, you can be." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son."*); (d) citations of the Old Testament in the New Testament; and rarely (e) alternative translations (e.g., Or *everyone*). In those instances in which the Old Testament is cited in the New Testament the quoted text is set in italic font.

Measurements. When possible, the CEB converts linear and spatial dimensions to feet and inches. Thus archaic terms such as rods, cubits, spans, handbreadths, and fingerbreadths are replaced with feet and inches. For example, Genesis 6:15 gives the dimensions of Noah's ark in *'ammah* or "forearms." Most translations since the KJV use the archaic English cubit to translate *'ammah:* "the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits." The CEB translates: "the length of the ark four hundred fifty feet, its width seventy-five feet, and its height forty-five feet."

The CEB prefers to transliterate (rather than translate) measurements of capacity, both wet (e.g., bath) and dry (e.g., homer), as well as measurements of weight (e.g., talent; Gk *talanta*). When feasible, a footnote is allowed to calculate the rough equivalent in a U.S. English measurement, such as quarts.

Monetary values are inherently relative, and prices are constantly changing. Therefore, the CEB prefers to transliterate (rather than translate) monetary weights (e.g., shekel) and coins (e.g., denarion).

Months in the biblical lunar calendar are transliterated, with a footnote to indicate the approximate month or months in the Gregorian solar calendar (e.g., Nisan is March-April).

Pronouns. In ancient Hebrew and Greek a pronoun is often bound with the verb. If the translator is too literal, the English reader loses the antecedent of the pronoun so that one cannot tell who is speaking or acting in the sentence or paragraph. This problem occurs throughout much biblical literature. The CEB addresses this issue by substituting a noun for a pronoun, but only when the antecedent is clear. Because this problem and its resolution are so common, the CEB usually does not offer footnotes to identify these substitutions. CEB translators also use gender-inclusive or neutral syntax for translating pronouns that refer to humans, unless context requires otherwise.

Consistency. Although translators often try to use the same English word for a Hebrew or Greek word, many words in any language offer a breadth of meanings that do not readily correlate with a single word in the target language. For example, the Hebrew word *torah*, which has often been translated as Law, is often better translated as Instruction. The same could be said for Sheol (Hebrew) or Hades (Greek). The CEB translates these two terms as "grave" or "death" or "underworld" or "hell," depending on context. A mechanical selection of any one term for words that involve semantic breadth would preclude a translation sensitive to the originating literary context.

The women and men who participated in the creation of the CEB hope that those who read and study it will find the translation to be an accurate, clear, and inspiring version of Christian scripture.

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HOW TO USE THIS CEB REFERENCE BIBLE

The CEB Reference Bible has three tools to help you explore the Bible: center-column cross references, the concordance, and the Bible maps with map index.

The **center-column cross references** are the biblical references in the column in the middle between the Bible text. The cross references refer to passages in the Bible that relate in some way to the verse you are reading. We have created this brand-new CEB cross-reference system from the scripture parallels in *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary* and from cross references in Schaff's *Early Church Fathers*. These sources ensure that the connections between the verses are well-established.

The **concordance** is at the end of the biblical text and is a guide for locating frequently-occurring words and every major person and place name in the Bible. The references are a representative sample that should help you find the person or verse you seek.

The **Bible maps and map index** are at the end of the CEB Reference Bible. The index is a guide to all the places and regions shown on the 16 Bible maps. A code is placed after each entry in the index. The first number for each code denotes the number of the map. The letter and the second number denote the square in which the item will be found.

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GENESIS

World's creation in seven days

1 When God began to create[a] the
heavens and the earth—[2]the earth
was without shape or form, it was
dark over the deep sea, and God's wind
swept over the waters—[3]God said,
"Let there be light." And so light ap-
peared. [4]God saw how good the light
was. God separated the light from the
darkness. [5]God named the light Day
and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was
morning: the first day.

[6]God said, "Let there be a dome in
the middle of the waters to separate the
waters from each other." [7]God made the
dome and separated the waters under
the dome from the waters above the
dome. And it happened in that way.
[8]God named the dome Sky.

There was evening and there was
morning: the second day.

[9]God said, "Let the waters under
the sky come together into one place
so that the dry land can appear." And
that's what happened. [10]God named
the dry land Earth, and he named the
gathered waters Seas. God saw how
good it was. [11]God said, "Let the earth
grow plant life: plants yielding seeds
and fruit trees bearing fruit with
seeds inside it, each according to its
kind throughout the earth." And that's
what happened. [12]The earth produced
plant life: plants yielding seeds, each
according to its kind, and trees bear-
ing fruit with seeds inside it, each ac-
cording to its kind. God saw how good
it was.

[13]There was evening and there was
morning: the third day.

[14]God said, "Let there be lights in
the dome of the sky to separate the day
from the night. They will mark events,
sacred seasons, days, and years. [15]They
will be lights in the dome of the sky to
shine on the earth." And that's what
happened. [16]God made the stars and
two great lights: the larger light to rule
over the day and the smaller light to rule
over the night. [17]God put them in the
dome of the sky to shine on the earth,
[18]to rule over the day and over the
night, and to separate the light from
the darkness. God saw how good it was.

[19]There was evening and there was
morning: the fourth day.

[20]God said, "Let the waters swarm
with living things, and let birds fly above
the earth up in the dome of the sky."
[21]God created the great sea animals and
all the tiny living things that swarm in
the waters, each according to its kind,
and all the winged birds, each according
to its kind. God saw how good it was.
[22]Then God blessed them: "Be fertile and
multiply and fill the waters in the seas,
and let the birds multiply on the earth."

[23]There was evening and there was
morning: the fifth day.

[24]God said, "Let the earth produce
every kind of living thing: livestock,
crawling things, and wildlife." And
that's what happened. [25]God made
every kind of wildlife, every kind of
livestock, and every kind of creature
that crawls on the ground. God saw
how good it was. [26]Then God said, "Let
us make humanity in our image to re-
semble us so that they may take charge
of the fish of the sea, the birds of the
sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all
the crawling things on earth."

[27]God created humanity
in God's own image,
in the divine image
God created them,[b]
male and female
God created them.

[28]God blessed them and said to
them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the
earth and master it. Take charge of the
fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and
everything crawling on the ground."

1:1 Neh 9:6; Job 38:4; Is 42:5; In 1:1; Ac 17:24

1:2 Job 33:4; Ps 104:30; Jer 4:23

1:3 Ps 33:6, Ps 33:9, Ps 148:5; Is 45:7; 2Co 4:6

1:4 Gn 1:10, Gn 1:12, Gn 1:18, Gn 1:25, Gn 1:31

1:5 Gn 1:8, Gn 1:13, Gn 1:19, Gn 1:23, Gn 1:31

1:6 Gn 1:7, Gn 1:14, Gn 1:20; Ps 19:1; Jer 10:12

1:7 Ps 148:4

1:8 Gn 1:5, Gn 1:13, Gn 1:19, Gn 1:23, Gn 1:31

1:9 Job 38:8; Ps 24:2, Ps 95:5; Jer 5:22; 2Pt 3:5

1:10 Ps 33:7, Ps 95:5

1:11 Gn 1:12, Gn 1:29, Gn 2:5; Ps 104:14

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1:14 Gn 8:22; Ps 74:16, Ps 104:19, Ps 136:7; Jer 10:2

1:16 Job 38:7; Ps 8:3, Ps 74:16, Ps 136:8-9

1:18 Jer 31:35

1:19 Gn 1:5

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1:21 Job 7:12

1:22 Gn 8:17, Gn 9:1

1:23 Gn 1:5

1:24 Gn 2:19, Gn 7:14

1:25 Jer 27:5

1:26 Gn 5:1, Gn 9:2, Gn 9:6; 1Co 11:7; Jas 3:9

1:27 Gn 1:26, Gn 5:2; Mt 19:4; Mk 10:6; 1Co 11:7

1:28 Gn 9:1, Gn 9:7; Ps 8:6

[a]Or *In the beginning, God created* [b]Heb has singular *him,* referring to *humanity.*

29 Then God said, "I now give to you all
the plants on the earth that yield seeds
and all the trees whose fruit produces
its seeds within it. These will be your
food. 30 To all wildlife, to all the birds
of the sky, and to everything crawling
on the ground—to everything that
breathes—I give all the green grasses
for food." And that's what happened.
31 God saw everything he had made: it
was supremely good.

There was evening and there was
morning: the sixth day.

2 The heavens and the earth and all
who live in them were completed.
2 On the sixth[c] day God completed all
the work that he had done, and on the
seventh day God rested from all the
work that he had done. 3 God blessed
the seventh day and made it holy, be-
cause on it God rested from all the
work of creation.[d] 4 This is the account
of the heavens and the earth when
they were created.

World's creation in the garden

On the day the LORD God made
earth and sky—5 before any wild plants
appeared on the earth, and before any
field crops grew, because the LORD
God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth
and there was still no human being[e] to
farm the fertile land, 6 though a stream
rose from the earth and watered all
of the fertile land—7 the LORD God
formed the human[f] from the topsoil of
the fertile land[g] and blew life's breath
into his nostrils. The human came to
life. 8 The LORD God planted a garden
in Eden in the east and put there the
human he had formed. 9 In the fertile
land, the LORD God grew every beauti-
ful tree with edible fruit, and also he
grew the tree of life in the middle of
the garden and the tree of the knowl-
edge of good and evil.

10 A river flows from Eden to water
the garden, and from there it divides
into four headwaters. 11 The name of the
first river is the Pishon. It flows around
the entire land of Havilah, where there
is gold. 12 That land's gold is pure, and
the land also has sweet-smelling resins
and gemstones.[h] 13 The name of the sec-
ond river is the Gihon. It flows around
the entire land of Cush. 14 The name of
the third river is the Tigris, flowing
east of Assyria; and the name of the
fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 The LORD God took the human
and settled him in the garden of Eden
to farm it and to take care of it. 16 The
LORD God commanded the human,
"Eat your fill from all of the garden's
trees; 17 but don't eat from the tree of
the knowledge of good and evil, be-
cause on the day you eat from it, you
will die!" 18 Then the LORD God said,
"It's not good that the human is alone.
I will make him a helper that is perfect
for him." 19 So the LORD God formed
from the fertile land all the wild ani-
mals and all the birds in the sky and
brought them to the human to see
what he would name them. The human
gave each living being its name. 20 The
human named all the livestock, all the
birds in the sky, and all the wild ani-
mals. But a helper perfect for him was
nowhere to be found.

21 So the LORD God put the human
into a deep and heavy sleep, and took
one of his ribs and closed up the flesh
over it. 22 With the rib taken from the
human, the LORD God fashioned a
woman and brought her to the human
being. 23 The human[i] said,

"This one finally is bone from my
bones
and flesh from my flesh.
She will be called a woman[j]
because from a man[k] she was
taken."

24 This is the reason that a man
leaves his father and mother and em-
braces his wife, and they become one
flesh. 25 The two of them were naked,
the man and his wife, but they weren't
embarrassed.

1:29 Gn 9:3; Ps 104:14, Ps 136:25, Ps 145:15
1:30 Ps 104:14, Ps 145:15-16, Ps 147:9
1:31 Gn 1:5; Ps 104:24; 1Ti 4:4
2:1 Dt 4:19
2:2 Ex 20:11, Ex 31:17; Heb 4:4
2:3 Ex 16:23, Ex 20:11, Ex 23:12, Ex 35:2; Neh 9:14
2:4 Gn 1:1
2:5 Gn 1:11, Gn 1:12; Ps 65:9; Jer 10:13
2:6 Gn 2:5; 2Pt 2:17
2:7 Gn 3:19, Gn 7:22; Job 27:3, Job 33:4; 1Co 15:45
2:8 Gn 2:15, Gn 3:23; Is 51:3; Eze 28:13; Jl 2:3
2:9 Gn 3:22; Prv 3:18; Eze 47:12; Rv 2:7, Rv 22:2
2:10 Ps 46:4
2:11 Gn 10:7, Gn 25:18
2:12 Nm 11:7; Eze 28:13
2:13 Gn 10:6
2:14 Gn 10:11, Gn 15:18; Dt 11:24; Dn 10:4
2:15 Gn 2:8
2:16 Gn 3:1
2:17 Gn 3:1, Gn 3:3, Gn 3:17; Ro 5:12, Ro 6:23
2:18 Prv 18:22; 1Co 11:9
2:19 Gn 1:20, Gn 1:24, Gn 1:26, Gn 2:20, Gn 2:23
2:20 Gn 2:18-19
2:21 Gn 15:12; 1Sm 26:12
2:22 1Ti 2:13
2:23 Gn 29:14; 1Co 11:8; Eph 5:28
2:24 Mt 19:5; Mk 10:7; 1Co 6:16, 1Co 7:10; Eph 5:31
2:25 Gn 3:7, Gn 3:10

[c] LXX, Sam, Syr; MT *seventh* [d] Or *from all his work, which God created to do* [e] Or *man* (Heb *adam*) [f] Heb *adam* [g] Heb *adamah* [h] Heb uncertain [i] Or *man* (Heb *adam*) [j] Or *wife* (Heb *ishshah*) [k] Or *husband* (Heb *ish*)

Knowledge, not eternal life

3 The snake was the most intelligent[l] of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?"

[2]The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees [3]but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'"

[4]The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! [5]God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." [6]The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. [7]Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

[8]During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God in the middle of the garden's trees. [9]The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

[10]The man[m] replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

[11]He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?"

[12]The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit[n] from the tree, and I ate."

[13]The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?!"

And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

[14]The LORD God said to the snake,

"Because you did this,
you are the one cursed
out of all the farm animals,
out of all the wild animals.
On your belly you will crawl,
and dust you will eat
every day of your life.
[15]I will put contempt
between you and the woman,
between your offspring and hers.
They will strike your head,
but you will strike at their heels."

[16]To the woman he said,

"I will make your pregnancy very painful;
in pain you will bear children.
You will desire your husband,
but he will rule over you."

[17]To the man he said, "Because you listened to your wife's voice and you ate from the tree that I commanded, 'You will not eat from it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you will eat from it
every day of your life.
[18]Weeds and thistles will grow for you,
even as you eat the field's plants;
[19]by the sweat of your face
you will eat bread—
until you return to the fertile land,
since from it you were taken;
you are soil,
to the soil you will return."

[20]The man named his wife Eve[o] because she is the mother of everyone who lives. [21]The LORD God made the man and his wife leather clothes and dressed them. [22]The LORD God said, "The human being[p] has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now so he doesn't stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever," [23]the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to farm the fertile land from which he was taken. [24]He drove out the human. To the east of the garden of Eden, he stationed winged creatures wielding flaming swords to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 The man Adam knew his wife Eve intimately. She became pregnant and gave birth to Cain, and said, "I have

3:1 Mt 10:16; 2Co 11:3; Rev 12:9, Rev 20:2
3:2 Gn 2:16
3:3 Gn 2:17
3:4 Gn 3:5; Jn 8:44; 2Co 11:3
3:5 Gn 3:4, Gn 3:6; Is 14:14; Eze 28:2
3:6 Ro 5:12; 2Co 11:3; 1Ti 2:14; Jas 1:14; 1Jn 2:16
3:7 Gn 2:25
3:8 Lv 26:12; Dt 23:14; Job 31:33; Jer 23:24
3:9 Gn 4:9, Gn 18:9
3:10 Gn 2:25, Gn 3:7; Ex 20:18
3:11 Gn 2:17, Gn 3:12, Gn 4:10; Ro 5:12
3:12 Job 31:33; Prv 28:13
3:13 Gn 4:10; Ex 32:22; 2Co 11:3; 1Ti 2:14
3:14 Gn 3:1; Is 65:25; Mi 7:17
3:15 Is 7:14; Ro 16:20; Ga 4:4; Heb 2:14; Rv 12:17
3:16 Gn 4:7; 1Co 11:3, 1Co 14:34; Eph 5:22; 1Pt 3:1
3:17 Gn 2:17, Gn 5:29; Job 5:7, Job 14:1; Ecc 2:23
3:18 Gn 3:17; Job 31:40; Hos 10:8; Heb 6:8
3:19 Gn 2:7; Ps 90:3, Ps 104:29; Ecc 3:20, Ecc 12:7
3:20 Gn 2:20, Gn 2:23; 2Co 11:3; 1Ti 2:13
3:21 Gn 3:7
3:22 Gn 1:26, Gn 2:9; Prv 3:18; Rev 2:7
3:23 Gn 2:8
3:24 Gn 2:8; Ps 104:4
4:1 Gn 4:25; 1Jn 3:12

[l]Heb sounds like *naked*. [m]Or *He* [n]Heb lacks *some fruit*. [o]Heb sounds like *live*. [p]Or *man* (Heb *adam*)

given life to[q] a man with the LORD's
help." [2]She gave birth a second time to
Cain's brother Abel. Abel cared for the
flocks, and Cain farmed the fertile land.

[3]Some time later, Cain presented
an offering to the LORD from the
land's crops [4]while Abel presented his
flock's oldest offspring with their fat.
The LORD looked favorably on Abel
and his sacrifice [5]but didn't look favor-
ably on Cain and his sacrifice. Cain be-
came very angry and looked resentful.
[6]The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you
angry, and why do you look so resent-
ful? [7]If you do the right thing, won't
you be accepted? But if you don't do
the right thing, sin will be waiting at
the door ready to strike! It will entice
you, but you must rule over it."

[8]Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's
go out to the field."[r] When they were
in the field, Cain attacked his brother
Abel and killed him.

[9]The LORD said to Cain, "Where is
your brother Abel?"

Cain said, "I don't know. Am I my
brother's guardian?"

[10]The LORD said, "What did you
do? The voice of your brother's blood
is crying to me from the ground. [11]You
are now cursed from the ground that
opened its mouth to take your broth-
er's blood from your hand. [12]When you
farm the fertile land, it will no longer
grow anything for you, and you will
become a roving nomad on the earth."

[13]Cain said to the LORD, "My pun-
ishment is more than I can bear. [14]Now
that you've driven me away from the
fertile land and I am hidden from your
presence, I'm about to become a roving
nomad on the earth, and anyone who
finds me will kill me."

[15]The LORD said to him, "It won't
happen;[s] anyone who kills Cain will be
paid back seven times." The LORD put a
sign on Cain so that no one who found
him would assault him. [16]Cain left the
LORD's presence, and he settled down
in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

4:2 Gn 9:20
4:3 Nm 18:12
4:4 Ex 13:12; Heb 11:4
4:5 Gn 4:6, Gn 4:8; Heb 11:4; Jud 1:11
4:6 Gn 4:5; Jon 4:4
4:7 Gn 3:16; Nm 32:23; Ecc 8:12-13; Is 3:10
4:8 Mt 23:35; Lk 11:51; Heb 12:24; 1Jn 3:12; Jud 1:11
4:9 Gn 3:9; Jn 8:44
4:10 Gn 3:13; Ps 9:12; Heb 12:24; Rev 6:10
4:11 Nm 35:33; Ga 3:10
4:12 Lv 26:20; Ps 109:10
4:13 Gn 4:14
4:14 Gn 4:12, Gn 9:6; Nm 35:19; Ps 51:11; Jer 52:3
4:15 Gn 4:24; Ps 79:12; Eze 9:4, Eze 9:6
4:16 Gn 2:8
4:17 Ps 49:11
4:18 Gn 4:17
4:19 Gn 2:24; 1Sm 1:2
4:20 Gn 4:2; Ac 18:3
4:21 Job 21:12, Job 30:31; Ps 150:4
4:22 Gn 4:19, Gn 4:23; 1Sm 13:19; 2Ti 4:14
4:23 Gn 4:19, Gn 4:22, Gn 4:24; Ex 20:13; Lv 19:18
4:24 Gn 4:15
4:25 Gn 4:1, Gn 4:8, Gn 5:3-4; 1Ch 1:1
4:26 Gn 5:6, Gn 12:8; Ps 116:17; Zep 3:9; Lk 3:38
5:1 Gn 1:26-27; 1Ch 1:1
5:2 Gn 1:27
5:3 Gn 4:25; Lk 3:38
5:4 1Ch 1:1
5:5 Gn 3:19; 1Co 15:22

Cain's descendants

[17]Cain knew his wife intimately. She
became pregnant and gave birth to
Enoch. Cain built a city and named the
city after his son Enoch.

[18]Irad was born to Enoch. Irad fa-
thered Mehujael, Mehujael fathered
Methushael, and Methushael fathered
Lamech. [19]Lamech took two wives, the
first named Adah and the second Zillah.
[20]Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the
ancestor of those who live in tents and
own livestock. [21]His brother's name was
Jubal; he was the ancestor of those who
play stringed and wind instruments.
[22]Zillah also gave birth to Tubal-cain,
the ancestor of[t] blacksmiths and all ar-
tisans of bronze and iron. Tubal-cain's
sister was Naamah.

[23]Lamech said to his wives,
"Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice;
wives of Lamech,
pay attention to my words:
I killed a man for wounding me,
a boy for striking me;
[24]so Cain will be paid back seven
times
and Lamech seventy-seven times."

[25]Adam knew his wife intimately
again, and she gave birth to a son.
She named him Seth[u] "because God
has given me another child in place of
Abel, whom Cain killed." [26]Seth also fa-
thered a son and named him Enosh. At
that time, people began to worship in
the LORD's name.

Adam's descendants

5 This is the record of Adam's
descendants. On the day God cre-
ated humanity, he made them to re-
semble God [2]and created them male
and female. He blessed them and called
them humanity[v] on the day they were
created. [3]When Adam was 130 years
old, he became the father of a son in
his image, resembling him, and named
him Seth. [4]After Seth's birth, Adam
lived 800 years; he had other sons
and daughters. [5]In all, Adam lived 930
years, and he died.

[q]Or *created;* Heb sounds similar to *Cain.* [r]LXX, Syr, Vulg, Sam; MT lacks *Let's go out to the field.* [s]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *therefore* [t]Heb lacks *the ancestor of.* [u]Sounds like the Heb verb *gave* [v]Heb *adam*

[6]When Seth was 105 years old,
he became the father of Enosh.
[7]After the birth of Enosh, Seth lived
807 years; and he had other sons
and daughters. [8]In all, Seth lived
912 years, and he died.

[9]When Enosh was 90 years old,
he became the father of Kenan.
[10]After Kenan's birth, Enosh lived
815 years; and he had other sons
and daughters. [11]In all, Enosh lived
905 years, and he died.

[12]When Kenan was 70 years old,
he became the father of Mahalalel.
[13]After the birth of Mahalalel, Kenan
lived 840 years; and he had other
sons and daughters. [14]In all, Kenan
lived 910 years, and he died.

[15]When Mahalalel was 65
years old, he became the father of
Jared. [16]After Jared's birth, Ma-
halalel lived 830 years; and he had
other sons and daughters. [17]In
all, Mahalalel lived 895 years, and
he died.

[18]When Jared was 162 years
old, he became the father of Enoch.
[19]After Enoch's birth, Jared lived 800
years; and he had other sons and
daughters. [20]In all, Jared lived 962
years, and he died.

[21]When Enoch was 65 years old,
he became the father of Methuse-
lah. [22]Enoch walked with God. After
Methuselah's birth, Enoch lived 300
years; and he had other sons and
daughters. [23]In all, Enoch lived 365
years. [24]Enoch walked with God and
disappeared because God took him.

[25]When Methuselah was 187
years old, he became the father of
Lamech. [26]After Lamech's birth,
Methuselah lived 782 years; and he
had other sons and daughters. [27]In
all, Methuselah lived 969 years, and
he died.

[28]When Lamech was 182 years
old, he became the father of a son
[29]and named him Noah, saying, "This
one will give us relief[w] from our hard
work, from the pain in our hands,
because of the fertile land that the
LORD cursed." [30]After Noah's birth,
Lamech lived 595 years; and he had
other sons and daughters. [31]In all,
Lamech lived 777 years, and he died.

[32]When Noah was 500 years old,
Noah became the father of Shem,
Ham, and Japheth.

5:6 Gn 4:26; Lk 3:38
5:8 Gn 4:25-26, Gn 5:3-4; Lk 3:38
5:9 1Ch 1:2; Lk 3:37
5:12 Lk 3:37
5:15 1Ch 1:2
5:16 Gn 5:15, Gn 5:18-19, Gn 5:20
5:18 Lk 3:37; Heb 11:5; Jud 1:14
5:19 Gn 5:15-16, Gn 5:18, Gn 5:20
5:20 Gn 5:15-16, Gn 5:18 19
5:21 1Ch 1:3; Lk 3:37
5:22 Gn 5:24, Gn 6:9; Mi 6:8; Mal 2:6
5:23 Gn 5:22, Gn 5:24
5:24 Gn 5:22; 2Ki 2:11; Ps 49:15. Heb 11:5
5:25 1Ch 1:3; Lk 3:36
5:27 Gn 5:21; 1Ch 1:3
5:29 Gn 3:17
6:1 Gn 1:28
6:2 Job 1:6
6:3 Ps 78:39; Ga 5:16-17; 1Pt 3:20
6:4 Nm 13:33
6:5 Gn 8:21; Ps 14:1; Prv 6:18; Jer 17:9; Mt 15:19
6:6 Ex 32:14; 1Sm 15:11; 2Sm 24:16; Is 63:10; Eph 4:30
6:7 Gn 6:17
6:8 Gn 19:19; Ex 33:12, Ex 33:17; Lk 1:30
6:9 Gn 5:22, Gn 5:24, Gn 7:1; Job 1:1; 2Pt 2:5
6:11 Eze 8:17
6:12 Ps 14:1, Ps 14:2
6:13 Gn 6:17; Eze 7:2; Am 8:2

Ancient heroes

6 When the number of people started to increase throughout the fertile land, daughters were born to them. [2]The divine beings saw how beautiful these human women were, so they married the ones they chose. [3]The LORD said, "My breath[x] will not remain in humans forever, because they are flesh. They will live one hundred twenty years." [4]In those days, giants[y] lived on the earth and also afterward, when divine beings and human daughters had sexual relations and gave birth to children. These were the ancient heroes, famous men.

Great flood

[5]The LORD saw that humanity had become thoroughly evil on the earth and that every idea their minds thought up was always completely evil. [6]The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and he was heartbroken. [7]So the LORD said, "I will wipe off of the land the human race that I've created: from human beings to livestock to the crawling things to the birds in the skies, because I regret I ever made them." [8]But as for Noah, the LORD approved of him.

[9]These are Noah's descendants. In his generation, Noah was a moral and exemplary man; he[z] walked with God. [10]Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. [11]In God's sight, the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. [12]God saw that the earth was corrupt, because all creatures behaved corruptly on the earth.

[13]God said to Noah, "The end has come for all creatures, since they have

[w]Heb resembles the sound of Noah's name. [x]Or *spirit* [y]Or *the Nephilim* [z]Heb *Noah*

filled the earth with violence. I am now about to destroy them along with the earth, [14]so make a wooden ark.[a] Make the ark with nesting places and cover it inside and out with tar. [15]This is how you should make it: four hundred fifty feet long, seventy-five feet wide, and forty-five feet high. [16]Make a roof[b] for the ark and complete it one foot from the top.[c] Put a door in its side. In the hold below, make the second and third decks.

[17]"I am now bringing the floodwaters over the earth to destroy everything under the sky that breathes. Everything on earth is about to take its last breath. [18]But I will set up my covenant with you. You will go into the ark together with your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives. [19]From all living things—from all creatures—you are to bring a pair, male and female, into the ark with you to keep them alive. [20]From each kind of bird, from each kind of livestock, and from each kind of everything that crawls on the ground—a pair from each will go in with you to stay alive. [21]Take some from every kind of food and stow it as food for you and for the animals."

[22]Noah did everything exactly as God commanded him.

7 The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark with your whole household, because among this generation I've seen that you are a moral man. [2]From every clean animal, take seven pairs, a male and his mate; and from every unclean animal, take one pair, a male and his mate; [3]and from the birds in the sky as well, take seven pairs, male and female, so that their offspring will survive throughout the earth. [4]In seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights. I will wipe off from the fertile land every living thing that I have made."

[5]Noah did everything the LORD commanded him.

[6]Noah was 600 years old when the floodwaters arrived on earth. [7]Noah, his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives with him entered the ark to escape the floodwaters. [8]From the clean and unclean animals, from the birds and everything crawling on the ground, [9]two of each, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, just as God commanded Noah. [10]After seven days, the floodwaters arrived on the earth. [11]In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day—on that day all the springs of the deep sea erupted, and the windows in the skies opened. [12]It rained upon the earth forty days and forty nights. [13]That same day Noah, with his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Noah's wife, and his sons' three wives, went into the ark. [14]They and every kind of animal—every kind of livestock, every kind that crawls on the ground, every kind of bird[d]—[15]they came to Noah and entered the ark, two of every creature that breathes. [16]Male and female of every creature went in, just as God had commanded him. Then the LORD closed the door behind them.[e]

[17]The flood remained on the earth for forty days. The waters rose, lifted the ark, and it rode high above the earth. [18]The waters rose and spread out over the earth. The ark floated on the surface of the waters. [19]The waters rose even higher over the earth; they covered all of the highest mountains under the sky. [20]The waters rose twenty-three feet high, covering the mountains. [21]Every creature took its last breath: the things crawling on the ground, birds, livestock, wild animals, everything swarming on the ground, and every human being. [22]Everything on dry land with life's breath in its nostrils died. [23]God wiped away every living thing that was on the fertile land—from human beings to livestock to crawling things to birds in the sky. They were wiped off the earth. Only Noah and those with him in the ark

6:14 Ex 2:3; Mt 24:38; Heb 11:7; 1Pt 3:20
6:15 Dt 3:11
6:16 Dt 3:11
6:17 Gn 6:7, Gn 6:13; 2Pt 2:5
6:18 Gn 7:7, Gn 9:9, Gn 17:7
6:19 Gn 7:2, Gn 7:9, Gn 7:15
6:20 Gn 7:3
6:22 Gn 7:5; Ex 40:16; Heb 11:7
7:1 Gn 6:9; Mt 24:38; Heb 11:7; 1Pt 3:20; 2Pt 2:5
7:2 Gn 8:20; Lv 11:1
7:3 Gn 6:20
7:4 Gn 6:7, Gn 6:13, Gn 7:10, Gn 7:12, Gn 7:17
7:5 Gn 6:22, Gn 7:9; Heb 11:7
7:6 Gn 5:32, Gn 8:13
7:7 Gn 6:18, Gn 7:13
7:8 Gn 6:19-20, Gn 7:2
7:9 Gn 7:5
7:10 Gn 7:4
7:11 Gn 8:2; Is 24:18; Mal 3:10
7:13 Gn 5:32, Gn 6:10, Gn 6:18, Gn 9:18
7:16 Gn 7:2-3
7:17 Gn 7:4; Gn 7:12
7:20 Gn 8:4; 2Pt 3:6
7:21 Gn 6:7, Gn 6:13, Gn 6:17, Gn 7:4
7:22 Gn 2:7
7:23 Mt 24:39; Lk 17:27; Heb 11:7; 1Pt 3:20; 2Pt 2:5

[a]Or *ark of gopher wood*, an unknown species of tree [b]Or *window* [c]Heb uncertain [d]LXX; MT *every bird, every winged thing* [e]Heb lacks *the door.*

were left. [24]The waters rose over the earth for one hundred fifty days.

8 God remembered Noah, all those alive, and all the animals with him in the ark. God sent a wind over the earth so that the waters receded. [2]The springs of the deep sea and the skies[f] closed up. The skies held back the rain. [3]The waters receded gradually from the earth. After one hundred fifty days, the waters decreased; [4]and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day, the ark came to rest on the Ararat mountains. [5]The waters decreased gradually until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the mountain peaks appeared.

[6]After forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made. [7]He sent out a raven, and it flew back and forth until the waters over the entire earth had dried up. [8]Then he sent out a dove to see if the waters on all of the fertile land had subsided, [9]but the dove found no place to set its foot. It returned to him in the ark since waters still covered the entire earth. Noah stretched out his hand, took it, and brought it back into the ark. [10]He waited seven more days and sent the dove out from the ark again. [11]The dove came back to him in the evening, grasping a torn olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the waters were subsiding from the earth. [12]He waited seven more days and sent out the dove, but it didn't come back to him again. [13]In Noah's six hundred first year, on the first day of the first month, the waters dried up from the earth. Noah removed the ark's hatch and saw that the surface of the fertile land had dried up. [14]In the second month, on the seventeenth day, the earth was dry.

[15]God spoke to Noah, [16]"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you. [17]Bring out with you all the animals of every kind—birds, livestock, everything crawling on the ground—so that they may populate the earth, be fertile, and multiply on the earth." [18]So Noah went out of the ark with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives. [19]All the animals, all the livestock,[g] all the birds, and everything crawling on the ground, came out of the ark by their families.

8:1 Gn 19:29, Gn 30:22; Ex 2:24, Ex 14:21; 1Sm 1:19
8:4 Gn 7:11; 2Ki 19:37; Is 37:38; Jer 51:27
8:6 Gn 6:16
8:7 Dt 14:14; 1Ki 17:4; Ps 147:9
8:8 Gn 8:10; Mt 10:16
8:10 Gn 8:12
8:12 Gn 8:10
8:13 Gn 7:6, Gn 7:11
8:16 Gn 7:1, Gn 7:13
8:20 Gn 7:2, Gn 12:7, Gn 13:18, Gn 22:9, Gn 35:7
8:21 Gn 6:5, Gn 9:11; Lv 1:9; Is 54:9; Ro 1:21
9:1 Gn 1:22, Gn 1:28
9:2 Gn 1:26; Jas 3:7
9:3 Gn 1:29
9:4 Lv 3:17, Lv 17:10; Dt 12:16, Dt 12:23; Ac 15:20
9:5 Ex 21:12, Ex 21:28
9:6 Gn 1:26-27, Gn 5:1; Ex 21:12; Lv 24:17

God's promise for the earth

[20]Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of the clean large animals and some of the clean birds, and placed entirely burned offerings on the altar. [21]The LORD smelled the pleasing scent, and the LORD thought to himself, I will not curse the fertile land anymore because of human beings since the ideas of the human mind are evil from their youth. I will never again destroy every living thing as I have done.

[22]As long as the earth exists,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and hot,
summer and autumn,
day and night
will not cease.

God's covenant with all life

9 God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fertile, multiply, and fill the earth. [2]All of the animals on the earth will fear you and dread you—all the birds in the skies, everything crawling on the ground, and all of the sea's fish. They are in your power. [3]Everything that lives and moves will be your food. Just as I gave you the green grasses, I now give you everything. [4]However, you must not eat meat with its life, its blood, in it.

[5]I will surely demand your blood
for a human life,
from every living thing I will
demand it.
From humans, from a man
for his brother,
I will demand something
for a human life.
[6]Whoever sheds human blood,
by a human his blood will be shed;
for in the divine image
God made human beings.

[f]*Or the windows of the skies* [g]LXX; MT lacks *all the livestock.*

7 As for you, be fertile and multiply.
Populate the earth and multiply in
it." 8 God said to Noah and to his sons
with him, 9 "I am now setting up my
covenant with you, with your descen-
dants, 10 and with every living being
with you—with the birds, with the
large animals, and with all the animals
of the earth, leaving the ark with you.[h]
11 I will set up my covenant with you so
that never again will all life be cut off
by floodwaters. There will never again
be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 God said, "This is the symbol of the
covenant that I am drawing up between
me and you and every living thing with
you, on behalf of every future gen-
eration. 13 I have placed my bow in the
clouds; it will be the symbol of the cove-
nant between me and the earth. 14 When
I bring clouds over the earth and the
bow appears in the clouds, 15 I will re-
member the covenant between me and
you and every living being among all
the creatures. Floodwaters will never
again destroy all creatures. 16 The bow
will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it
I will remember the enduring covenant
between God and every living being of
all the earth's creatures." 17 God said to
Noah, "This is the symbol of the cove-
nant that I have set up between me and
all creatures on earth."

Shem's blessing and Canaan's curse

18 Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Ja-
pheth came out of the ark. Now Ham
was Canaan's father. 19 These were
Noah's three sons, and from them the
whole earth was populated. 20 Noah, a
farmer, made a new start and planted a
vineyard. 21 He drank some of the wine,
became drunk, and took off his clothes
in his tent. 22 Ham, Canaan's father,
saw his father naked and told his two
brothers who were outside. 23 Shem
and Japheth took a robe, threw it over
their shoulders, walked backward, and
covered their naked father without
looking at him because they turned
away. 24 When Noah woke up from his
wine, he discovered what his youngest
son had done to him. 25 He said,

"Cursed be Canaan:
the lowest servant
he will be for his brothers."

26 He also said,

"Bless the LORD,
the God of Shem;
Canaan will be his servant.
27 May God give space[i] to Japheth;
he will live in Shem's tents,
and Canaan will be his servant."

28 After the flood, Noah lived 350
years. 29 In all, Noah lived 950 years;
then he died.

Noah's descendants

10 These are the descendants of
Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and
Japheth, to whom children were born
after the flood. 2 Japheth's sons: Gomer,
Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech,
and Tiras. 3 Gomer's sons: Ashkenaz,
Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 Javan's
sons: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and
Rodanim.[j] 5 From these the island-
nations were divided into their own
countries, each according to their lan-
guages and their clans within their
nations.

6 Ham's sons: Cush, Egypt, Put, and
Canaan. 7 Cush's sons: Seba, Havilah,
Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. Raa-
mah's sons: Sheba and Dedan. 8 Cush
fathered Nimrod, the first great war-
rior on earth. 9 The LORD saw him as
a great hunter, and so it is said, "Like
Nimrod, whom the LORD saw as a
great hunter." 10 The most important
cities in his kingdom were Babel,
Erech, Accad, and Calneh in the land
of Shinar. 11 Asshur left that land and
built Nineveh, Rehoboth City, Calah,
12 and Resen, the great city between
Nineveh and Calah. 13 Egypt fathered
Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naph-
tuhim, 14 Pathrusim, Casluhim, and
Caphtorim,[k] from which the Philis-
tines came.

9:7 Gn 1:28, Gn 9:1
9:9 Gn 6:18
9:11 Gn 8:21; Is 54:9
9:12 Gn 17:11
9:19 Gn 5:32, Gn 10:32; 1Ch 1:4
9:20 Gn 4:2, Gn 5:29
9:21 Prv 20:1
9:22 Gn 9:25, Gn 10:6, Gn 10:15; Hab 2:15
9:23 Gn 9:27
9:24 Gn 9:25
9:25 Dt 27:16; Josh 9:23
9:26 Gn 14:20
9:27 Gn 10:2
10:2 1Ch 1:5; Is 66:19; Eze 38:2
10:8 1Ch 1:10; Mi 5:6
10:9 Gn 25:27
10:10 Gn 11:2, Gn 11:9, Gn 14:1; Is 10:9, Is 11:11
10:11 2Ki 19:36; Mi 5:6; Na 1:1
10:12 Gn 10:11
10:13 Gn 10:6; 1Ch 1:11
10:14 Dt 2:23; 1Ch 1:12; Jer 47:4; Am 9:7

[h] LXX; MT includes *for all the animals of the earth.* [i] Heb sounds like *Japheth.* [j] LXX, Sam, 1 Chron 1:7; MT *Dodanim*
[k] Or *Casluhim, from which the Philistines set out, and Caphtorim*

15 Canaan fathered Sidon his oldest son, and Heth, 16 the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, 17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, 18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. After this the Canaanite clans were dispersed. 19 The Canaanite boundary extends from Sidon by way of Gerar to Gaza and by way of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim to Lasha. 20 These are Ham's sons according to their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

21 Children were also born to Shem the father of all Eber's children and Japheth's older brother.

22 Shem's sons: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. 23 Aram's sons: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. 24 Arpachshad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber. 25 To Eber were born two sons: The first was named Peleg,[l] because during his lifetime the earth was divided. His brother's name was Joktan. 26 Joktan fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba, 29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All of these were Joktan's sons. 30 Their settlements extended from Mesha by way of Sephar, the eastern mountains. 31 These are Shem's sons according to their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

32 These are the clans of Noah's sons according to their generations and their nations. From them the earth's nations branched out after the flood.

Origin of languages and cultures

11 All people[m] on the earth had one language and the same words. 2 When they traveled east,[n] they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them hard." They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. 4 They said, "Come, let's build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be dispersed over all the earth."

5 Then the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. 6 And the LORD said, "There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. 7 Come, let's go down and mix up their language there so they won't understand each other's language." 8 Then the LORD dispersed them from there over all of the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 Therefore, it is named Babel, because there the LORD mixed up[o] the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD dispersed them over all the earth.

Shem's descendants

10 These are Shem's descendants.

When Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arpachshad, two years after the flood. 11 After Arpachshad was born, Shem lived 500 years; he had other sons and daughters.

12 When Arpachshad was 35 years old, he became the father of Shelah. 13 After Shelah was born, Arpachshad lived 403 years; he had other sons and daughters.

14 When Shelah was 30 years old, he became the father of Eber. 15 After Eber was born, Shelah lived 403 years; he had other sons and daughters.

16 When Eber was 34 years old, he became the father of Peleg. 17 After Peleg was born, Eber lived 430 years; he had other sons and daughters.

18 When Peleg was 30 years old, he became the father of Reu. 19 After Reu was born, Peleg lived 209 years; he had other sons and daughters.

20 When Reu was 32 years old, he became the father of Serug. 21 After

10:15 Gn 23:3, Gn 27:46, Gn 49:32; 1Ch 1:13
10:16 Gn 10:15, Gn 15:16; Dt 7:1; 1Ch 1:13-14
10:17 Gn 34:2
10:20 Gn 10:5-6, Gn 10:31, Gn 11:1
10:21 Gn 11:10
10:25 Gn 11:16; 1Ch 1:19
10:31 Gn 10:5, Gn 10:20
10:32 Gn 9:19, Gn 10:1
11:1 Gn 11:6
11:2 Gn 10:10, Gn 14:1; Is 11:11; Dn 1:2; Zec 5:11
11:3 Gn 14:10; Ex 1:14, Ex 2:3, Ex 5:7; Is 9:10
11:4 Dt 1:28, Dt 9:1
11:5 Gn 18:21; Ex 3:8, Ex 19:11
11:6 Gn 11:1
11:7 Gn 1:26, Gn 11:5, Gn 42:23; Dt 28:49; Jer 5:15
11:8 Dt 32:8; Lk 1:51
11:9 Gn 10:10
11:10 Gn 10:21-22; 1Ch 1:17; Lk 3:36
11:11 Gn 5:4, Gn 11:10
11:12 Gn 10:24, Gn 11:13; 1Ch 1:18, 1Ch 1:24; Lk 3:35
11:13 Gn 11:12
11:14 Gn 10:21, Gn 10:24, Gn 11:15; 1Ch 1:19, 1Ch 1:25
11:15 Gn 11:14
11:16 Gn 10:25; 1Ch 1:19
11:17 Gn 11:16
11:18 Lk 3:35
11:19 Gn 11:18
11:20 Gn 11:21; 1Ch 1:26; Lk 3:35
11:21 Gn 11:20

[l] Or *separation* [m] Heb lacks *people.* [n] Or *from the east* [o] Heb *balal*, wordplay on *Babel*

Serug was born, Reu lived 207 years; he had other sons and daughters.

22When Serug was 30 years old, he became the father of Nahor. 23After Nahor was born, Serug lived 200 years; he had other sons and daughters.

24When Nahor was 29 years old, he became the father of Terah. 25After Terah was born, Nahor lived 119 years; he had other sons and daughters.

26When Terah was 70 years old, he became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27These are Terah's descendants. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran became the father of Lot. 28Haran died while with his father Terah in his native land,[p] in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29Abram and Nahor both married; Abram's wife was Sarai, and Nahor's wife was Milcah the daughter of Haran, father of both Milcah and Iscah. 30Sarai was unable to have children. 31Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (son of Haran), and his son Abram's wife, Sarai his daughter-in-law. They left Ur of the Chaldeans for the land of Canaan, and arriving at Haran, they settled there. 32Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran.

Abram's family moves to Canaan

12 The LORD said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

3I will bless those who bless you,
those who curse you I will curse;
all the families of earth
will be blessed because of you."[q]

4Abram left just as the LORD told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. 5Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, 6Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. 7The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I give this land to your descendants," so Abram built an altar there to the LORD who appeared to him. 8From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and worshipped in the LORD's name. 9Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

Abram and Sarai visit Egypt

10When a famine struck the land, Abram went down toward Egypt to live as an immigrant since the famine was so severe in the land. 11Just before he arrived in Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know you are a good-looking woman. 12When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife,' and they will kill me but let you live. 13So tell them you are my sister so that they will treat me well for your sake, and I will survive because of you."

14When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw how beautiful his wife was. 15When Pharaoh's princes saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's household. 16Things went well for Abram because of her: he acquired flocks, cattle, male donkeys, men servants, women servants, female donkeys, and camels. 17Then the LORD struck Pharaoh and his household with severe plagues because of Abram's wife Sarai. 18So Pharaoh summoned Abram and said, "What's this you've done to me? Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? 19Why did you say, 'She's my sister,' so that I made her my wife?

11:22 1Ch 1:26
11:23 Gn 11:22
11:24 Josh 24:2
11:25 Gn 11:22, Gn 11:24; 1Ch 1:26
11:26 Josh 24:2; 1Ch 1:26
11:27 Gn 11:31, Gn 12:4, Gn 13:1, Gn 14:12, Gn 19:1
11:28 Gn 11:27, Gn 11:31, Gn 15:7; Neh 9:7
11:29 Gn 17:15, Gn 22:20, Gn 22:23, Gn 24:15
11:31 Gn 11:27-28, Gn 12:4; Josh 24:2; Neh 9:7
11:32 Josh 24:2
12:1 Gn 15:7; Neh 9:7; Ac 7:3; Heb 11:8
12:2 Gn 18:18, Gn 22:17, Gn 46:3; Dt 26:5
12:3 Gn 18:18, Gn 22:18, Gn 27:29; Nm 24:9; Ga 3:8
12:4 Gn 11:27, Gn 11:31
12:5 Gn 11:31, Gn 14:14
12:6 Gn 13:7, Gn 33:18, Gn 35:4; Dt 11:30; Jgs 7:1
12:7 Gn 8:20, Gn 13:15, Gn 13:18, Gn 17:1, Gn 18:1
12:10 Gn 26:1, Gn 43:1; Ru 1:1; 2Sa 21:1
12:11 Gn 24:16, Gn 26:7, Gn 29:17
12:12 Gn 20:11
12:13 Gn 20:2, Gn 26:7
12:15 Gn 20:2
12:16 Gn 13:2, Gn 20:14, Gn 30:43, Gn 32:5; Job 1:3
12:17 Gn 20:18; 1Ch 16:21; Ps 105:14
12:18 Gn 20:9, Gn 26:10, Gn 31:26

[p] Or *birthplace* [q] Or *will bless themselves because of you;* or *will find a blessing because of you*

Now, here's your wife. Take her and go!" [20]Pharaoh gave his men orders concerning Abram, and they expelled him with his wife and everything he had.

Abram and Lot separate

13 Abram went up from Egypt toward the arid southern plain with his wife, with everything he had, and with Lot. [2]Abram was very wealthy in livestock, silver, and gold. [3]Abram traveled, making and breaking camp, from the arid southen plain to Bethel and to the sacred place there, where he had first pitched his tent between Bethel and Ai, [4]that is, to the place at which he had earlier built the altar. There he worshipped in the LORD's name. [5]Now Lot, who traveled with Abram, also had flocks, cattle, and tents. [6]They had so many possessions between them that the land couldn't support both of them. They could no longer live together. [7]Conflicts broke out between those herding Abram's livestock and those herding Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land.

[8]Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have disputes between me and you and between our herders since we are relatives. [9]Isn't the whole land in front of you? Let's separate. If you go north, I will go south; and if you go south, I will go north." [10]Lot looked up and saw the entire Jordan Valley. All of it was well irrigated, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as far as Zoar (this was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah). [11]So Lot chose for himself the entire Jordan Valley. Lot set out toward the east, and they separated from each other. [12]Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot settled near the cities of the valley and pitched his tent close to Sodom. [13]The citizens of Sodom were very evil and sinful against the LORD.

[14]After Lot separated from him, the LORD said to Abram, "From the place where you are standing, look up and gaze to the north, south, east, and west, [15]because all the land that you see I give you and your descendants forever. [16]I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth. If someone could count the bits of dust on the earth, then they could also count your descendants. [17]Stand up and walk around through the length and breadth of the land because I am giving it to you." [18]So Abram packed his tent and went and settled by the oaks of Mamre in Hebron. There he built an altar to the LORD.

13:1 Gn 12:9

13:2 Gn 24:35; Job 1:3; Prv 10:22

13:5 Gn 11:27, Gn 12:4–5, Gn 13:2, Gn 25:27

13:6 Gn 12:5, Gn 36:7

13:7 Gn 12:6, Gn 15:20, Gn 26:20

13:8 Prv 15:18

13:9 Gn 20:15, Gn 34:10

13:10 Gn 2:8, Gn 14:2, Gn 19:22, Gn 19:24; Dt 34:3

13:11 Gn 11:27, Gn 11:31, Gn 12:4, Gn 13:1, Gn 13:10

13:12 Gn 13:10, Gn 14:12, Gn 19:1, Gn 19:29

13:13 Gn 18:20, Gn 19:4; Is 3:9; Eze 16:49; 2Pt 2:7

13:14 Gn 12:1, Gn 13:10, Gn 15:18, Gn 28:14; Dt 3:27

13:15 Gn 12:7, Gn 17:8

13:16 Gn 15:5, Gn 22:17, Gn 28:14; Nm 23:10; 1Ki 3:8

13:17 Gn 13:15; Nm 13:17

14:1 Gn 10:10, Gn 10:22, Gn 11:2; Is 11:11

14:2 Gn 10:19, Gn 13:10, Gn 19:22; Dt 29:23; Hos 11:8

14:3 Gn 14:8, Gn 14:10; Nm 34:12; Dt 3:17; Josh 3:16

14:10 Gn 11:3, Gn 19:17, Gn 19:30

Abram rescues Lot

14 While Amraphel was king of Shinar, Ellasar's King Arioch, Elam's King Chedorlaomer, and Goiim's King Tidal [2]declared war on Sodom's King Bera, Gomorrah's King Birsha, Admah's King Shinab, Zeboiim's King Shemeber, and the king of Bela, that is, Zoar. [3]These latter kings formed an alliance in the Siddim Valley (that is, the Dead Sea[r]). [4]For twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they revolted. [5]In the fourteenth year, Chedorlaomer and the kings of his alliance came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashterothkarnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, [6]and the Horites in the mountains of Seir as far as El-paran near the desert. [7]Then they turned back, came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked the territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who lived in Hazazon-tamar.

[8]Then the kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Bera (that is, Zoar) took up battle positions in the Siddim Valley [9]against King Chedorlaomer of Elam, King Tidal of Goiim, King Amraphel of Shinar, and King Arioch of Ellasar, four kings against five.

[10]Now the Siddim Valley was filled with tar pits. When the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah retreated, they fell into them; and the rest fled to the mountains. [11]They took everything

[r]Or *Salt Sea*

from Sodom and Gomorrah, including its food supplies, and left. 12They also took Lot, Abram's nephew who lived in Sodom, and everything he owned, and took off. 13When a survivor arrived, he told Abram the Hebrew, who lived near the oaks of the Amorite Mamre, who was the brother of Eshcol and Aner, Abram's treaty partners.

14When Abram heard that his relative had been captured, he took all of the loyal men born in his household, three hundred eighteen, and went after them as far as Dan. 15During the night, he and his servants divided themselves up against them, attacked, and chased them to Hobah, north of Damascus. 16He brought back all of the looted property, together with his relative Lot and Lot's property, wives, and people.

Abram blessed by Melchizedek

17After Abram returned from his attack on Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom came out to the Shaveh Valley (that is, the King's Valley) to meet him. 18Now Melchizedek the king of Salem and the priest of El Elyon[s] had brought bread and wine, 19and he blessed him,

"Bless Abram by El Elyon,
creator of heaven and earth;
20bless El Elyon,
who gave you the victory
over your enemies."

Abram gave Melchizedek one-tenth of everything. 21Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and take the property for yourself."

22But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I promised the LORD, El Elyon, creator of heaven and earth, 23that I wouldn't take even a thread or a sandal strap from anything that was yours so that you couldn't say, 'I'm the one who made Abram rich.' 24The only exception is that the young men may keep whatever they have taken to eat, and the men who went with me—Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre—may keep their share."

14:13 Gn 13:18, Gn 14:24, Gn 40:15
14:14 Gn 12:5, Gn 17:27; Dt 34:1; Jgs 18:29; Ecc 2:7
14:15 Gn 15:2; Jgs 7:16
14:16 Gn 14:11-12; 1Sa 30:8, 1Sa 30:18-19
14:18 Ps 76:2, Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6, Heb 5:10, Heb 7:1
14:19 Gn 14:22; Mt 11:25; Heb 7:6-7
14:20 Gn 28:22; Lv 27:30; Heb 7:4
14:22 Gn 14:19; Dn 12:7; Rev 10:5
14:23 2Ki 5:16; Est 9:15
14:24 Gn 14:13
15:1 Gn 26:24, Gn 46:2; Dt 33:29; Ps 58:11, Ps 84:11
15:3 Gn 14:14
15:4 Gn 17:16, Ga 4:28
15:5 Gn 22:17, Gn 26:4; Dt 1:10; Ro 4:18; Heb 11:12
15:6 Ps 106:31; Ro 4:3, Ro 4:20; Ga 3:6; Jas 2:23
15:7 Gn 11:28, Gn 11:31, Gn 12:1, Gn 13:15; Neh 9:7
15:8 Jgs 6:17; 2Ki 20:8; Lk 1:18
15:9 Lv 1:14, Lv 5:7, Lv 12:8, Lv 14:22; Nm 19:2
15:10 Lv 1:17; Jer 34:18
15:11 Dt 28:26
15:12 Gn 2:21; 1Sa 26:12; Job 4:13
15:13 Ex 1:11, Ex 12:40; Ac 7:6-7; Ga 3:17
15:14 Gn 15:13; Ex 3:21, Ex 3:22, Ex 6:6, Ex 7:1
15:15 Gn 25:8, Gn 35:29; 1Ch 29:28; Job 5:26, Job 42:17
15:16 Gn 10:16, Gn 15:13, Gn 48:21; 1Ki 21:26; Mt 23:32

God's covenant with Abram

15 After these events, the LORD's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector.[t] Your reward will be very great."

2But Abram said, "LORD God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus."[u] 3He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

4The LORD's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." 5Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." 6Abram trusted the LORD, and the LORD recognized Abram's high moral character.

7He said to Abram, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession."

8But Abram said, "LORD God, how do I know that I will actually possess it?"

9He said, "Bring me a three-year-old female calf, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon." 10He took all of these animals, split them in half, and laid the halves facing each other, but he didn't split the birds. 11When vultures swooped down on the carcasses, Abram waved them off. 12After the sun set, Abram slept deeply. A terrifying and deep darkness settled over him.

13Then the LORD said to Abram, "Have no doubt that your descendants will live as immigrants in a land that isn't their own, where they will be oppressed slaves for four hundred years. 14But after I punish the nation they serve, they will leave it with great wealth. 15As for you, you will join your ancestors in peace and be buried after a good long life. 16The fourth genera-

[s]Or *God Most High* [t]Or *shield* or *benefactor* [u]Heb uncertain

tion will return here since the Amorites' wrongdoing won't have reached its peak until then."

17 After the sun had set and darkness had deepened, a smoking vessel with a fiery flame passed between the split-open animals. 18 That day the LORD cut a covenant with Abram: "To your descendants I give this land, from Egypt's river to the great Euphrates, 19 together with the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Hagar and the Ishmaelites' origins

16 Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to have children. Since she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar, 2 Sarai said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from giving birth, so go to my servant. Maybe she will provide me with children." Abram did just as Sarai said. 3 After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took her Egyptian servant Hagar and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when she realized that she was pregnant, she no longer respected her mistress. 5 Sarai said to Abram, "This harassment is your fault. I allowed you to embrace my servant, but when she realized she was pregnant, I lost her respect. Let the LORD decide who is right, you or me."

6 Abram said to Sarai, "Since she's your servant, do whatever you wish to her." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she ran away from Sarai.

7 The LORD's messenger found Hagar at a spring in the desert, the spring on the road to Shur, 8 and said, "Hagar! Sarai's servant! Where did you come from and where are you going?"

She said, "From Sarai my mistress. I'm running away."

15:17 Jer 34:18-19
15:18 Gn 2:14, Gn 12:7, Gn 17:8; Dt 1:7; Josh 1:4
15:19 Nm 24:21
15:20 Gn 14:5; Ex 3:8
15:21 Ex 3:8, Ex 3:17, Ex 23:23, Ex 34:11; Dt 7:1
16:1 Gn 11:30, Gn 12:16, Gn 21:9
16:2 Gn 30:3, Gn 30:9
16:3 Gn 12:4-5
16:4 1Sa 1:6
16:5 Gn 31:53; 1Sa 24:12
16:6 Gn 16:5
16:7 Gn 20:1, Gn 21:17, Gn 22:11, Gn 25:18, 1Sa 15:7
16:8 Gn 3:9, Gn 16:1
16:9 1Pt 2:18
16:10 Gn 17:20
16:11 Gn 17:19, Gn 29:32; Ex 2:24, Ex 3:7; Mt 1:21
16:12 Gn 25:18; Job 39:5
16:13 Gn 32:30; Ps 139:1
16:14 Gn 14:7, Gn 24:62, Gn 25:11
17:1 Gn 6:9, Gn 12:1, Gn 12:7; Dt 18:13; Mt 5:48
17:2 Gn 12:2, Gn 13:16, Gn 15:18
17:3 Gn 17:17
17:4 Ro 4:11
17:5 Gn 17:15, Gn 32:28; Neh 9:7; Ro 4:17
17:6 Gn 17:16, Gn 35:11
17:7 Gn 26:24; Lv 26:12; Heb 11:16
17:8 Gn 12:7, Gn 13:15; Ex 6:4; Ps 105:11

9 The LORD's messenger said to her, "Go back to your mistress. Put up with her harsh treatment of you." 10 The LORD's messenger also said to her,

"I will give you many children,
so many they can't be counted!"

11 The LORD's messenger said to her,

"You are now pregnant
and will give birth to a son.
You will name him Ishmael[v]
because the LORD has heard
about your harsh treatment.
12 He will be a wild mule of a man;
he will fight everyone,
and they will fight him.
He will live at odds
with all his relatives."[w]

13 Hagar named the LORD who spoke to her, "You are El Roi"[x] because she said, "Can I still see after he saw me?"[y] 14 Therefore, that well is called Beer-lahai-roi;[z] it's the well between Kadesh and Bered. 15 Hagar gave birth to a son for Abram, and Abram named him Ishmael. 16 Abram was 86 years old when Hagar gave birth to Ishmael for Abram.

God's covenant with Abraham

17 When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai.[a] Walk with me and be trustworthy. 2 I will make a covenant between us and I will give you many, many descendants." 3 Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, 4 "But me, my covenant is with you; you will be the ancestor of many nations. 5 And because I have made you the ancestor of many nations, your name will no longer be Abram[b] but Abraham.[c] 6 I will make you very fertile. I will produce nations from you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will set up my covenant with you and your descendants after you in every generation as an enduring covenant. I will be your God and your descendants' God after you. 8 I will give you and your descendants the land in which you are immigrants, the whole

[v] Or *God hears* [w] Or *he will live at odds with all his kin; or he will reside near all his relatives* [x] Or *God who sees* or *God whom I've seen* [y] Heb uncertain; or *Have I really seen God and survived?* [z] Or *the Well of the Living One who sees me* or *whom I've seen* [a] Or *God Almighty* or *God of the Mountain* [b] Or *exalted ancestor* [c] Or *ancestor of a multitude*

land of Canaan, as an enduring possession. And I will be their God."

9 God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants in every generation. 10 This is my covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Circumcise every male. 11 You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it will be a symbol of the covenant between us. 12 On the eighth day after birth, every male in every generation must be circumcised, including those who are not your own children: those born in your household and those purchased with silver from foreigners. 13 Be sure you circumcise those born in your household and those purchased with your silver. Your flesh will embody my covenant as an enduring covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male whose flesh of his foreskin remains uncircumcised will be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant."

15 God said to Abraham, "As for your wife Sarai, you will no longer call her Sarai. Her name will now be Sarah. 16 I will bless her and even give you a son from her. I will bless her so that she will become nations, and kings of peoples will come from her."

17 Abraham fell on his face and laughed. He said to himself, Can a 100-year-old man become a father, or a 99-year-old woman have a child? 18 To God Abraham said, "If only you would accept Ishmael!"

19 But God said, "No, your wife Sarah will give birth to a son for you, and you will name him Isaac.[d] I will set up my covenant with him and with his descendants after him as an enduring covenant. 20 As for Ishmael, I've heard your request. I will bless him and make him fertile and give him many, many descendants. He will be the ancestor of twelve tribal leaders, and I will make a great nation of him. 21 But I will set up my covenant with Isaac, who will be born to Sarah at this time next year." 22 When God finished speaking to him, God ascended, leaving Abraham alone.

17:9 Ex 19:5
17:10 Ac 7:8
17:11 Ac 7:8; Ro 4:11
17:12 Gn 21:4; Lv 12:3; Lk 1:59; Phi 3:5
17:13 Ex 12:44
17:14 Ex 4:24
17:15 Gn 17:5
17:16 Gn 17:6, Gn 18:10
17:17 Gn 17:3, Gn 18:12, Gn 21:6, Gn 21:7; Ro 4:19
17:18 Gn 21:11
17:19 Gn 17:21, Gn 18:10, Gn 21:2, Gn 21:3
17:20 Gn 16:10, Gn 21:13, Gn 21:18, Gn 25:12, Gn 25:16
17:21 Gn 17:19, Gn 18:10, Gn 18:14, Gn 21:2
17:22 Gn 18:33, Gn 35:13
17:26 Gn 22:3, Gn 22:4
17:27 Gn 14:14
18:1 Gn 12:7, Gn 13:18, Gn 14:13, Gn 17:1
18:2 Gn 18:22, Gn 19:1, Gn 43:28; Josh 5:13; Heb 13:2
18:3 Gn 33:5
18:4 Gn 19:2, Gn 24:32, Gn 43:24; 2Sa 11:8; Lk 7:44
18:5 Jgs 6:18, Jgs 13:15, Jgs 19:5; Ps 104:15
18:6 1Sa 28:24
18:7 1Sa 28:24; Am 6:4; Lk 15:23
18:8 Dt 32:14; Jgs 4:19, Jgs 5:25; 2Sa 17:29; Is 7:15
18:9 Gn 24:67
18:10 Gn 17:19, Gn 17:21, Gn 21:2; 2Ki 4:16; Ro 9:9

23 Abraham took his son Ishmael, all those born in his household, and all those purchased with his silver—that is, every male in Abraham's household—and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that same day, just as God had told him to do. 24 Abraham was 99 years old when he circumcised the flesh of his foreskin, 25 and his son Ishmael was 13 years old when the flesh of his foreskin was circumcised. 26 That same day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. 27 All the men of his household, those born in his household and those purchased with silver from foreigners, were circumcised with him.

Isaac's birth announced

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. 2 He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. 3 He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

6 So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs[e] of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" 7 Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

9 They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

10 Then one of the men said, "I will

[d] Or *he laughs* [e] One seah is seven and a half quarts.

definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. [11]Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. [12]So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

[13]The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' [14]Is anything too difficult for the LORD? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

[15]Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened.

But he said, "No, you laughed."

Abraham pleads for Sodom

[16]The men got up from there and went over to look down on Sodom. Abraham was walking along with them to send them off [17]when the LORD said, "Will I keep from Abraham what I'm about to do? [18]Abraham will certainly become a great populous nation, and all the earth's nations will be blessed because of him. [19]I have formed a relationship with him so that he will oversee his children and his household after him. And they will keep to the LORD's path, being moral and just so that the LORD can do for Abraham everything he said he would." [20]Then the LORD said, "The cries of injustice from Sodom and Gomorrah are countless, and their sin is very serious! [21]I will go down now to examine the cries of injustice that have reached me. Have they really done all this? If not, I want to know."

[22]The men turned away and walked toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing in front of the LORD.[f] [23]Abraham approached and said, "Will you really sweep away the innocent[g] with the guilty?[h] [24]What if there are fifty innocent people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not save the place for the sake of the fifty innocent people in it? [25]It's not like you to do this, killing the innocent with the guilty as if there were no difference. It's not like you! Will the judge of all the earth not act justly?"

[26]The LORD said, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will save it because of them."

[27]Abraham responded, "Since I've already decided to speak with my Lord, even though I'm just soil and ash, [28]what if there are five fewer innocent people than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city over just five?"

The LORD said, "If I find forty-five there, I won't destroy it."

[29]Once again Abraham spoke, "What if forty are there?"

The LORD said, "For the sake of forty, I will do nothing."

[30]He said, "Don't be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak. What if thirty are there?"

The LORD said, "I won't do it if I find thirty there."

[31]Abraham said, "Since I've already decided to speak with my Lord, what if twenty are there?"

The LORD said, "I won't do it, for the sake of twenty."

[32]Abraham said, "Don't be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak just once more. What if there are ten?"

And the LORD said, "I will not destroy it because of those ten." [33]When the LORD finished speaking with Abraham, he left; but Abraham stayed there in that place.

Lot leaves Sodom

19 The two messengers entered Sodom in the evening. Lot, who was sitting at the gate of Sodom, saw them, got up to greet them, and bowed low. [2]He said, "Come to your servant's house, spend the night, and wash your feet. Then you can get up early and go on your way."

But they said, "No, we will spend the night in the town square." [3]He pleaded earnestly with them, so they went with him and entered his house. He made a

18:11 Gn 17:17; Lk 1:18; Ro 4:19; Heb 11:11

18:12 Gn 17:17, Gn 20:2, Gn 21:6; Lk 1:18; 1Pt 3:6

18:13 Gn 17:17, Gn 21:3, Gn 21:6

18:14 Gn 18:10; Job 42:2; Jer 32:17, Jer 32:27; Mt 19:26

18:16 Gn 18:2, Gn 18:22

18:17 Gn 18:33; Ps 25:14; Am 3:7

18:18 Gn 12:3, Gn 22:18; Ac 3:25; Ga 3:8

18:19 Gn 17:9; Dt 6:7; Josh 24:15

18:20 Gn 13:13, Gn 19:13; Is 3:9

18:21 Gn 11:5, Gn 11:7; Ex 3:8

18:22 Gn 18:1, Gn 18:16, Gn 19:1, Gn 19:27; Ps 106:23

18:23 Gn 20:4; Nm 16:22; 2Sa 24:17; Ps 11:4

18:24 Jer 5:1

18:25 Dt 32:4; Job 8:3; Ps 58:11, Ps 94:2; Ro 3:6

18:26 Is 65:8; Jer 5:1

18:27 Gn 2:7

18:28 Gn 18:26

18:30 Gn 18:32, Gn 44:18

18:32 Gn 18:30; Jgs 6:39

18:33 Gn 17:22

19:1 Gn 18:2, Gn 18:22

19:2 Gn 18:4; Lk 7:44

19:3 Gn 18:6; Jgs 6:19; 1Sa 28:24

[f] Some ancient manuscripts read *but the LORD remained standing in front of Abraham.* [g] Or *righteous* [h] Or *wicked*

big meal for them, even baking unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 Before they went to bed, the men
of the city of Sodom—everyone from
the youngest to the oldest—sur-
rounded the house 5 and called to Lot,
"Where are the men who arrived to-
night? Bring them out to us so that we
may know them intimately."

6 Lot went out toward the entrance,
closed the door behind him, 7 and said,
"My brothers, don't do such an evil
thing. 8 I've got two daughters who are
virgins. Let me bring them out to you,
and you may do to them whatever you
wish. But don't do anything to these
men because they are now under the
protection of my roof."

9 They said, "Get out of the way!"
And they continued, "Does this im-
migrant want to judge us? Now we
will hurt you more than we will hurt
them." They pushed Lot back and came
close to breaking down the door. 10 The
men inside reached out and pulled Lot
back into the house with them and
slammed the door. 11 Then the messen-
gers blinded the men near the entrance
of the house, from the youngest to the
oldest, so that they groped around try-
ing to find the entrance.

12 The men said to Lot, "Who's still
with you here? Take away from this
place your sons-in-law, your sons, your
daughters, and everyone else you have
in the city 13 because we are about to
destroy this place. The LORD has found
the cries of injustice so serious that the
LORD sent us to destroy it."

14 Lot went to speak to his sons-
in-law, married to his daughters, and
said, "Get up and get out of this place
because the LORD is about to destroy
the city." But his sons-in-law thought
he was joking.

15 When dawn broke, the messengers
urged Lot, "Get up and take your wife
and your two daughters who are here so
that you are not swept away because of
the evil in this city." 16 He hesitated, but
because the LORD intended to save him,

[i] Or *small*

19:4 Gn 13:13
19:5 Lv 18:22; Jgs 19:22; Ro 1:24, Ro 1:27; Jud 1:7
19:6 Jgs 19:23
19:7 Lv 18:22
19:8 Jgs 19:24
19:9 Gn 13:12; Ex 2:14
19:10 Gn 19:1
19:11 Dt 28:28; 2Ki 6:18; Ac 13:11
19:12 2Pt 2:7
19:13 Gn 18:20; 1Ch 21:15
19:14 Nm 16:21; Rev 18:4
19:15 Rev 18:4
19:16 Ex 34:6; Is 63:9; 2Co 1:3; Ti 3:5; 2Pt 2:7
19:17 Gn 13:10, Gn 19:26; 1Ki 19:3; Mt 24:16
19:19 Gn 6:8, Gn 18:3
19:20 Gn 19:30
19:21 Job 42:9
19:22 Gn 13:10, Gn 14:2; Is 15:5
19:23 Gn 11:27, Gn 11:31, Gn 12:4, Gn 13:1, Gn 13:10
19:24 Dt 29:23; Job 18:15; Ps 11:6; Is 13:19; Lk 17:29
19:25 Gn 19:24; Ps 107:34
19:26 Gn 19:17; Lk 17:32
19:27 Gn 18:22
19:28 Rev 9:2, Rev 18:9
19:29 Gn 8:1; 2Pt 2:7
19:30 Gn 13:10, Gn 19:17, Gn 19:19
19:31 Gn 16:2, Gn 38:8

the men grabbed him, his wife, and two daughters by the hand, took him out, and left him outside the city.

17 After getting them out, the men
said, "Save your lives! Don't look back!
And don't stay in the valley. Escape
to the mountains so that you are not
swept away."

18 But Lot said to them, "No, my
lords, please. 19 You've done me a favor
and have been so kind to save my life.
But I can't escape to the mountains
since the catastrophe might overtake
me there and I'd die. 20 This city here is
close enough to flee to, and it's small.
It's small, right? Let me escape there,
and my life will be saved."

21 He said to Lot, "I'll do this for you as
well; I won't overthrow the city that you
have described. 22 Hurry! Escape to it! I
can't do anything until you get there."
That is why the name of the city is Zoar.[i]

Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed

23 As the sun rose over the earth, Lot
arrived in Zoar; 24 and the LORD rained
down burning asphalt from the skies
onto Sodom and Gomorrah. 25 The
LORD destroyed these cities, the entire
valley, everyone who lived in the cities,
and all of the fertile land's vegetation.
26 When Lot's wife looked back, she
turned into a pillar of salt.

27 Abraham set out early for the
place where he had stood with the
LORD, 28 and looked out over Sodom
and Gomorrah and over all the land of
the valley. He saw the smoke from the
land rise like the smoke from a kiln.

Origin of Moab and Ammon

29 When God destroyed the cities in
the valley, God remembered Abraham
and sent Lot away from the disaster
that overtook the cities in which Lot
had lived. 30 Since Lot had become
fearful of living in Zoar, he and his two
daughters headed up from Zoar and
settled in the mountains where he and
his two daughters lived in a cave. 31 The
older daughter said to the younger,

"Our father is old, and there are no men in the land to sleep with us as is the custom everywhere. 32Come on, let's give our father wine to drink, lie down with him, and we'll have children from our father." 33That night they served their father wine, and the older daughter went in and lay down with her father, without him noticing when she lay down or got up. 34The next day the older daughter said to the younger, "Since I lay down with our father last night, let's serve him wine tonight too, and you go in and lie down with him so that we will both have children from our father." 35They served their father wine that night also, and the younger daughter lay down with him, without him knowing when she lay down or got up. 36Both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. 37The older daughter gave birth to a son and named him Moab. He is the ancestor of today's Moabites. 38The younger daughter also gave birth to a son and named him Ben-ammi.[j] He is the ancestor of today's Ammonites.

Abraham and Sarah visit Gerar

20 Abraham traveled from there toward the land of the arid southern plain, and he settled as an immigrant in Gerar, between Kadesh and Shur. 2Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She's my sister." So King Abimelech of Gerar took her into his household.

3But God appeared to Abimelech that night in a dream and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of this woman you have taken. She is a married woman."

4Now Abimelech hadn't gone near her, and he said, "Lord, will you really put an innocent nation to death? 5Didn't he say to me, 'She's my sister,' and didn't she—even she—say, 'He's my brother'? My intentions were pure, and I acted innocently when I did this."

6God said to him in the dream, "I know that your intentions were pure when you did this. In fact, I kept you from sinning against me. That's why I didn't allow you to touch her. 7Now return the man's wife. He's a prophet; he will pray for you so you may live. But if you don't return her, know that you and everyone with you will die!"

8Abimelech got up early in the morning and summoned all of his servants. When he told them everything that had happened, the men were terrified. 9Then Abimelech summoned Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? What sin did I commit against you that you have brought this terrible sin to me and my kingdom, by doing to me something that simply isn't done?" 10Abimelech said to Abraham, "What were you thinking when you did this thing?"

11Abraham said, "I thought to myself, No one reveres God here and they will kill me to get my wife. 12She is, truthfully, my sister—my father's daughter but not my mother's daughter—and she's now my wife. 13When God led me away from my father's household, I said to her, 'This is the loyalty I expect from you: in each place we visit, tell them, "He is my brother."'"

14Abimelech took flocks, cattle, male servants, and female servants, and gave them to Abraham; and Abimelech returned his wife Sarah. 15Abimelech said, "My land is here available to you. Live wherever you wish." 16To Sarah, he said, "I've given your brother one thousand pieces of silver. It means that neither you nor anyone with you has done anything wrong. Everything has been set right." 17Abraham prayed to God; and God restored Abimelech, his wife, and his women servants to health, and they were able to have children. 18Because of the incident with Abraham's wife Sarah, the LORD had kept all of the women in Abimelech's household from having children.

Isaac's birth

21 The LORD was attentive to Sarah just as he had said, and the LORD

19:32 Gn 9:21; Lv 18:7; Prv 23:31; Hab 2:15
19:37 Dt 2:9
19:38 Dt 2:19
20:1 Gn 14:7, Gn 16:7, Gn 18:1, Gn 26:1, Gn 26:6
20:2 Gn 12:11, Gn 12:13, Gn 12:15, Gn 26:7
20:3 Gn 12:17, Gn 20:7, Gn 31:24; Job 33:15; Ps 105:14
20:4 Gn 18:23
20:5 Ps 7:8, Ps 25:21, Ps 26:6
20:6 1Sa 25:26, 1Sa 25:34; Ps 51:4
20:11 Gn 12:12, Gn 26:7; Neh 5:15; Prv 16:6
20:12 Gn 11:29, Gn 12:13
20:14 Gn 12:16, Gn 20:2
20:17 Jas 5:16
20:18 Gn 12:17
21:1 Gn 18:10, Gn 18:14; 1Sa 2:21

[j] Or *son of my people*

carried out just what he had promised her. 2She became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. 3Abraham named his son—the one Sarah bore him—Isaac.[k] 4Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old just as God had commanded him. 5Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. 6Sarah said, "God has given me laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me."[l] 7She said, "Who could have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse sons? But now I've given birth to a son when he was old!"

Hagar and Ishmael evicted

8The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. 9Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. 10So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac."

11This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. 12God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. 13But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." 14Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. 15Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. 16She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept.

17God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. 18Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." 19Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. 20God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. 21He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

21:2 Gn 17:21, Gn 18:10, Gn 18:14; Ga 4:22; Heb 11:11
21:3 Gn 17:19, Gn 21:6
21:5 Gn 17:17
21:6 Gn 17:17, Gn 18:12-13, Gn 21:3; Is 54:1
21:8 1Sa 1:22
21:9 Gn 16:1, Gn 16:4, Gn 16:15; Ga 4:29
21:10 Gn 25:5-6; Ga 4:30
21:11 Gn 17:18
21:12 Ro 9:7; Heb 11:18
21:13 Gn 16:10, Gn 17:20, Gn 21:18, Gn 25:12
21:14 Gn 22:3
21:15 Gn 21:14
21:16 Gn 27:38; 1Ki 3:26; Is 49:15; Jer 6:26; Am 8:10
21:17 Ex 3:7
21:18 Gn 17:20, Gn 21:13, Gn 25:12
21:19 Nm 22:31; 2Ki 6:17
21:20 Gn 27:3, Gn 28:15, Gn 39:2, Gn 39:21
21:21 Gn 24:4; Nm 10:12
21:22 Gn 20:2, Gn 21:32, Gn 26:26, Gn 26:28
21:30 Gn 26:18, Gn 31:48
21:31 Gn 21:14, Gn 26:33

Abraham's treaty with the Philistines

22At that time Abimelech, and Phicol commander of his forces, said to Abraham, "God is with you in everything that you do. 23So give me your word under God that you won't cheat me, my children, or my descendants. Just as I have treated you fairly, so you must treat me and the land in which you are an immigrant."

24Abraham said, "I give you my word." 25Then Abraham complained to Abimelech about a well that Abimelech's servants had seized.

26Abimelech said, "I don't know who has done this, and you didn't tell me. I didn't even hear about it until today." 27Abraham took flocks and cattle, gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them drew up a treaty.[m] 28Abraham set aside, by themselves, seven female lambs from the flock. 29So Abimelech said to Abraham, "What are these seven lambs you've set apart?"

30Abraham said, "These seven lambs that you take from me will attest that I dug this well." 31Therefore, the name of that place is Beer-sheba[n] because there they gave each other their word. 32After they drew up a treaty[o] at Beer-sheba, Abimelech, and Phicol commander of his forces, returned to the land of the Philistines. 33Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in

[k]Or *he laughs* [l]Or *God has made a joke of me. Everyone who hears about it will laugh at me.* [m]Or *covenant* [n]Or *Well of seven;* or *Well of giving one's word* [o]Or *covenant*

Beer-sheba, and he worshipped there in the name of the LORD, El Olam.[p] [34]Abraham lived as an immigrant in the Philistines' land for a long time.

Binding of Isaac

22 After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"

Abraham answered, "I'm here."

[2]God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you."

[3]Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.

[4]On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. [5]Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you."

[6]Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. [7]Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?"

Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."

Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"

[8]Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it,[q] my son." The two of them walked on together.

[9]They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. [10]Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. [11]But the LORD's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

[12]The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." [13]Abraham looked up and saw a single ram[r] caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. [14]Abraham named that place "the LORD sees."[s] That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the LORD is seen."[t]

[15]The LORD's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven a second time [16]and said, "I give my word as the LORD that because you did this and didn't hold back your son, your only son, [17]I will bless you richly and I will give you countless descendants, as many as the stars in the sky and as the grains of sand on the seashore. They will conquer their enemies' cities. [18]All the nations of the earth will be blessed because of your descendants, because you obeyed me." [19]After Abraham returned to the young men, they got up and went to Beer-sheba where Abraham lived.

Abraham's nephews in Syria

[20]After these events, Abraham was told: "Milcah has now also given birth to sons for your brother Nahor. [21]They are Uz his oldest son, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, [22]Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." [23]Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These are the eight Milcah bore for Nahor, Abraham's brother. [24]His secondary wife's name was Reumah, and she gave birth to Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

Sarah's death and burial site

23 Sarah lived to be 127 years old; this was how long she lived.

22:1 Gn 22:11; Dt 8:2, Dt 8:16; Heb 11:17; Jas 1:12
22:2 2Ch 3:1; Jn 3:16; Heb 11:17
22:3 Gn 21:14
22:4 Gn 22:13
22:5 2Sa 12:20
22:6 Jn 19:17
22:7 Gn 22:1
22:8 Gn 22:14; Jn 1:29
22:9 Gn 12:7, Gn 13:18, Gn 22:2; Heb 11:17; Jas 2:21
22:10 Heb 11:17; Jas 2:21
22:11 Gn 16:7, Gn 22:1
22:12 Jas 2:21
22:13 Gn 22:8
22:14 Gn 22:8
22:15 Gn 22:11
22:16 Ps 105:9; Is 45:23; Jer 22:5; Lk 1:73; Heb 6:13
22:17 Gn 15:5, Gn 24:60, Gn 26:4; Hos 1:10
22:18 Gn 12:3, Gn 18:18, Gn 26:5; Ac 3:25; Ga 3:8
22:19 Gn 21:31, Gn 22:5, Gn 28:10
23:1 Gn 17:15, Gn 17:17, Gn 18:12, Gn 20:2, Gn 21:6

[p]Or *the eternal God* [q]Or *God will see*; or *God will provide* [r]LXX, Sam, Syr, Tg; MT *a ram behind* [s]Or *the LORD is seen*; or *the LORD provides* [t]Or *the LORD sees*; or *on the LORD'S mountain, it will be provided*

[2]She died in Kiriath-arba, that is, in Hebron, in the land of Canaan; and Abraham cried out in grief and wept for Sarah. [3]After he got up from embracing his deceased wife, he spoke with the Hittites: [4]"I am an immigrant and a temporary resident with you. Give me some property for a burial plot among you so that I can bury my deceased wife near me."

[5]The Hittites responded to Abraham, [6]"Listen to us, sir. You are an eminent man of God among us. Bury your dead in one of our own select burial sites. None of us will keep our own burial plots from you to bury your dead."

[7]Abraham rose, bowed to the local citizens the Hittites, [8]and spoke with them: "If you yourselves allow me to bury my dead near me, listen to me and ask Ephron, Zohar's son, [9]to give me his own cave in Machpelah at the edge of his field. Let him give it to me for the full price, to be witnessed by you, as my own burial property."

[10]Now Ephron was a native Hittite. So Ephron the Hittite responded to Abraham publicly in order that the Hittites and everyone at his city's gate could hear: [11]"No, sir. Listen, I will give you the field, and I will give you the cave in it. In front of my people's witnesses, I will give it to you. Bury your dead!"

[12]Abraham bowed before the local citizens [13]and spoke to Ephron publicly in the presence of the local citizens: "If only you would accept my offer. I will give you the price of the field. Take it from me so that I can bury my dead there."

[14]Ephron responded to Abraham, [15]"Sir, what is four hundred shekels of silver between me and you for the land so that you can bury your dead?" [16]Abraham accepted Ephron's offer and weighed out for Ephron the silver he requested publicly before the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver at the current rate of exchange.

[17]So the field of Ephron in Machpelah near Mamre—the field and the cave in it, and all the trees within the field's boundaries—was officially transferred [18]to Abraham as his property in the presence of the Hittites and of everyone at his city's gate. [19]After this, Abraham buried his wife Sarah in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre, that is, Hebron, in the land of Canaan. [20]The field and the cave in it were officially transferred from the Hittites to Abraham as his burial property.

23:2 Gn 13:18, Gn 23:19; Josh 14:15
23:3 Gn 10:15, Gn 27:46
23:4 Gn 17:8; 1Ch 29:15; Ps 39:12, Ps 105:12; Heb 11:13
23:6 Gn 14:14
23:7 Gn 10:15, Gn 18:2, Gn 19:1, Gn 23:3, Gn 23:5
23:9 Gn 50:13
23:11 Gn 23:6; Ru 4:1, Ru 4:4, Ru 4:9, Ru 4:11
23:16 Gn 23:10; Jer 32:9, Jer 32:10; Zec 11:12
23:17 Gn 25:9, Gn 49:29-30, Gn 50:13; Ac 7:16
23:19 Gn 25:9, Gn 50:13
24:1 Gn 12:2, Gn 18:11, Gn 24:35; Ga 3:9
24:2 Gn 24:9, Gn 39:4, Gn 47:29
24:3 Gn 14:22, Gn 26:34, Gn 26:35, Gn 28:1; Dt 7:3
24:4 Gn 12:1
24:6 Gn 24:8
24:7 Gn 12:1; Ex 23:20
24:8 Gn 24:6; Josh 2:17
24:9 Gn 24:2
24:10 Dt 23:4; Jgs 3:8
24:11 Gn 24:13; Ex 2:16; 1Sa 9:11; Jn 4:7
24:12 Gn 24:27, Gn 24:42, Gn 24:48, Gn 26:24, Gn 28:13

Isaac marries Rebekah

24 As the days went by and Abraham became older, the LORD blessed Abraham in every way. [2]Abraham said to the oldest servant of his household, who was in charge of everything he owned, "Put your hand under my thigh. [3]By the LORD, God of heaven and earth, give me your word that you won't choose a wife for my son from the Canaanite women among whom I live. [4]Go to my land and my family and find a wife for my son Isaac there."

[5]The servant said to him, "What if the woman doesn't agree to come back with me to this land? Shouldn't I take your son back to the land you left?"

[6]Abraham said to him, "Be sure you don't take my son back there. [7]The LORD, God of heaven—who took me from my father's household and from my family's land, who spoke with me and who gave me his word, saying, 'I will give this land to your descendants'—he will send his messenger in front of you, and you will find a wife for my son there. [8]If the woman won't agree to come back with you, you will be free from this obligation to me. Only don't take my son back there." [9]So the servant put his hand under his master Abraham's thigh and gave him his word about this mission.

[10]The servant took ten of his master's camels and all of his master's best provisions, set out, and traveled to Nahor's city in Aram-naharaim. [11]He had the camels kneel down outside the city at the well in the evening, when women come out to draw water. [12]He said, "LORD, God of my master Abraham, make something good happen for me

today and be loyal to my master Abraham. [13]I will stand here by the spring while the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water. [14]When I say to a young woman, 'Hand me your water jar so I can drink,' and she says to me, 'Drink, and I will give your camels water too,' may she be the one you've selected for your servant Isaac. In this way I will know that you've been loyal to my master." [15]Even before he finished speaking, Rebekah—daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother—was coming out with a water jar on her shoulder. [16]The young woman was very beautiful, old enough to be married, and hadn't known a man intimately. She went down to the spring, filled her water jar, and came back up.

[17]The servant ran to meet her and said, "Give me a little sip of water from your jar."

[18]She said, "Drink, sir." Then she quickly lowered the water jar with her hands and gave him some water to drink. [19]When she finished giving him a drink, she said, "I'll draw some water for your camels too, till they've had enough to drink." [20]She emptied her water jar quickly into the watering trough, ran to the well again to draw water, and drew water for all of the camels. [21]The man stood gazing at her, wondering silently if the LORD had made his trip successful or not.

[22]As soon as the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold ring, weighing a half shekel,[u] and two gold bracelets for her arms, weighing ten shekels. [23]He said, "Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?"

[24]She responded, "I'm the daughter of Bethuel, who is the son of Milcah and Nahor." [25]She continued, "We have plenty of straw and feed for the camels, and a place to spend the night."

[26]The man bowed down and praised the LORD: [27]"Bless the LORD, God of my master Abraham, who hasn't given up his loyalty and his faithfulness to my master. The LORD has shown me the way to the household of my master's brother."

[28]The young woman ran and told her mother's household everything that had happened. [29]Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and Laban ran to the man outside by the spring. [30]When he had seen the ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he had heard his sister Rebekah say, "This is what the man said to me," he went to the man, who was still standing by the spring with his camels. [31]Laban said, "Come in, favored one of the LORD! Why are you standing outside? I've prepared the house and a place for the camels." [32]So the man entered the house. Then Laban unbridled the camels, provided straw and feed for them and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men with him, [33]and set out a meal for him.

But the man said, "I won't eat until I've said something."

Laban replied, "Say it."

[34]The man said, "I am Abraham's servant. [35]The LORD has richly blessed my master, has made him a great man, and has given him flocks, cattle, silver, gold, men servants, women servants, camels, and donkeys. [36]My master's wife Sarah gave birth to a son for my master in her old age, and he's given him everything he owns. [37]My master made me give him my word: 'Don't choose a wife for my son from the Canaanite women, in whose land I'm living. [38]No, instead, go to my father's household and to my relatives and choose a wife for my son.' [39]I said to my master, 'What if the woman won't come back with me?' [40]He said to me, 'The LORD, whom I've traveled with everywhere, will send his messenger with you and make your trip successful; and you will choose a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's household. [41]If you go to my relatives, you will be free from your obligation to me. Even if they provide

24:13 Gn 24:11, Gn 24:43; Ex 2:16

24:14 Gn 15:8; Jgs 6:17; 1Sa 14:10

24:15 Gn 11:27, Gn 11:29, Gn 22:20, Gn 22:23, Gn 24:45

24:16 Gn 12:11, Gn 26:7

24:17 1Ki 17:10; Jn 4:7

24:18 Gn 24:14

24:19 Gn 24:14

24:20 Gn 24:19; Ex 2:16

24:21 Gn 24:12

24:22 Gn 24:47; Ex 32:2; Eze 16:11-12

24:24 Gn 11:29, Gn 22:20, Gn 22:23, Gn 24:15, Gn 24:47

24:25 Jgs 19:19

24:26 Gn 22:5, Gn 24:48, Gn 24:52; Ex 4:31, Ex 12:27

24:27 Gn 24:12, Gn 24:48, Gn 32:10; Ps 98:3; Lk 1:68

24:28 Gn 29:12

24:29 Gn 28:2, Gn 29:5

24:31 Gn 26:29; Ru 3:10; Ps 115:15

24:32 Gn 18:4, Gn 19:2, Gn 43:24; Jgs 19:21; Lk 7:44

24:33 Lk 24:29, Lk 24:30

24:34 Gn 24:2

24:35 Gn 12:16, Gn 13:2, Gn 24:1

24:36 Gn 21:1, Gn 25:5

24:37 Gn 24:2-3

24:39 Gn 24:5

24:40 Gn 5:22, Gn 17:1, Gn 24:7; Ex 23:20

24:41 Gn 24:8

[u]Heb *beqa*

no one for you, you will be free from your obligation to me.'

42 "Today I arrived at the spring, and I said, 'LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you wish to make the trip I'm taking successful, 43 when I'm standing by the spring and the young woman who comes out to draw water and to whom I say, "Please give me a little drink of water from your jar," 44 and she responds to me, "Drink, and I will draw water for your camels too," may she be the woman the LORD has selected for my master's son.' 45 Before I finished saying this to myself, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder and went down to the spring to draw water. And I said to her, 'Please give me something to drink.' 46 She immediately lowered her water jar and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels something to drink too.' So I drank and she also gave water to the camels. 47 Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son whom Milcah bore him.' I put a ring in her nose and bracelets on her arms. 48 I bowed and worshipped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who led me in the right direction to choose the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. 49 Now if you're loyal and faithful to my master, tell me. If not, tell me so I will know where I stand either way."

50 Laban and Bethuel both responded, "This is all the LORD's doing. We have nothing to say about it. 51 Here is Rebekah, right in front of you. Take her and go. She will be the wife of your master's son, just as the LORD said." 52 When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed low before the LORD. 53 The servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and clothing and gave them to Rebekah. To her brother and to her mother he gave the finest gifts. 54 He and the men with him ate and drank and spent the night.

24:42 Gn 24:12
24:43 Gn 24:13-14
24:44 Gn 24:14
24:45 Gn 24:15; 1Sa 1:13
24:46 Gn 24:18
24:47 Gn 24:22, Gn 24:24; Eze 16:11
24:48 Gn 24:26-27, Gn 24:52
24:49 Gn 47:29; Josh 2:14
24:50 Gn 31:24, Gn 31:29; Ps 118:23
24:51 Gn 24:15
24:52 Gn 24:26, Gn 24:48
24:53 Gn 24:22; Ex 3:22, Ex 12:35
24:54 Gn 24:56, Gn 24:59
24:55 Jgs 19:4
24:57 Gn 24:58
24:58 Gn 24:57
24:59 Gn 35:8
24:60 Gn 17:16, Gn 22:17
24:61 Gn 24:59, Gn 24:64
24:62 Gn 12:9, Gn 16:14, Gn 25:11
24:63 Ps 1:2, Ps 77:12, Ps 119:15, Ps 143:5
24:64 Gn 22:3, Gn 24:61, Gn 31:17
24:65 Gn 38:14
24:67 Gn 18:9, Gn 23:1, Gn 25:20
25:1 1Ch 1:32, 1Ch 1:33

When they got up in the morning, the servant said, "See me off to my master."

55 Her brother and mother said, "Let the young woman stay with us not more than ten days, and after that she may go."

56 But he said to them, "Don't delay me. The LORD has made my trip successful. See me off so that I can go to my master."

57 They said, "Summon the young woman, and let's ask her opinion." 58 They called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?"

She said, "I will go."

59 So they sent off their sister Rebekah, her nurse, Abraham's servant, and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah, saying to her,

"May you, our sister, become
thousands of ten thousand;
may your children possess
their enemies' cities."

61 Rebekah and her young women got up, mounted the camels, and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

62 Now Isaac had come from the region of [v] Beer-lahai-roi and had settled in the arid southern plain. 63 One evening, Isaac went out to inspect the pasture, [w] and while staring he saw camels approaching. 64 Rebekah stared at Isaac. She got down from the camel 65 and said to the servant, "Who is this man walking through the pasture to meet us?"

The servant said, "He's my master." So she took her headscarf and covered herself. 66 The servant told Isaac everything that had happened. 67 Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent. He married Rebekah and loved her. So Isaac found comfort after his mother's death.

Abraham and Keturah's children

25 Abraham married another wife, named Keturah. 2 The children she bore him were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

[v] Heb uncertain; LXX *through the desert of* [w] Heb uncertain; possibly *to walk around in the pasture* or *to meditate in the pasture*

[3]Jokshan became the father of Sheba and Dedan. Dedan's sons were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. [4]Midian's sons were Ephah, Epher, Enoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All of these were Keturah's sons. [5]Abraham gave everything he owned to Isaac. [6]To the sons of Abraham's secondary wives, Abraham gave gifts and, while he was still living, sent them away from his son Isaac to land in the east.

Abraham's death

[7]Abraham lived to the age of 175. [8]Abraham took his last breath and died after a good long life, a content old man, and he was placed with his ancestors. [9]His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave in Machpelah, which is in the field of Zohar's son Ephron the Hittite, near Mamre. [10]Thus Abraham and his wife Sarah were both buried in the field Abraham had purchased from the Hittites. [11]After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, and Isaac lived in Beer-lahai-roi.

Ishmael's descendants

[12]These are the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore for Abraham. [13]These are the names of Ishmael's sons, by their names and according to their birth order: Nebaioth, Ishmael's oldest son; Kedar; Adbeel; Mibsam; [14]Mishma; Dumah; Massa; [15]Hadad; Tema; Jetur; Naphish; and Kedemah. [16]These are Ishmael's sons. These are their names by their villages and their settlements: twelve tribal leaders according to their tribes. [17]Ishmael lived to the age of 137. He took his last breath and died, and was placed with his ancestors. [18]He established camps[x] from Havilah to Shur, which is near Egypt on the road to Assyria. He died[y] among all of his brothers.

Jacob and Esau are born

[19]These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham became the father of Isaac. [20]Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean and the sister of Laban the Aramean, from Paddan-aram. [21]Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, since she was unable to have children. The LORD was moved by his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. [22]But the boys pushed against each other inside of her, and she said, "If this is what it's like, why did it happen to me?"[z]

So she went to ask the LORD. [23]And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb;
two different peoples will emerge
from your body.
One people will be stronger
than the other;
the older will serve the younger."

[24]When she reached the end of her pregnancy, she discovered that she had twins. [25]The first came out red all over, clothed with hair, and she named him Esau. [26]Immediately afterward, his brother came out gripping Esau's heel, and she named him Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when they were born.

Jacob acquires the oldest son's rights

[27]When the young men grew up, Esau became an outdoorsman who knew how to hunt, and Jacob became a quiet man who stayed at home. [28]Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. [29]Once when Jacob was boiling stew, Esau came in from the field hungry [30]and said to Jacob, "I'm starving! Let me devour some of this red stuff." That's why his name is Edom.[a]

[31]Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright[b] today."

[32]Esau said, "Since I'm going to die anyway, what good is my birthright to me?"

[33]Jacob said, "Give me your word today." And he did. He sold his birthright to Jacob. [34]So Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew. He ate, drank, got up, and left, showing just how little he thought of his birthright.

25:5 Gn 21:10, Gn 24:36
25:6 Gn 21:10, Gn 21:14; Jgs 6:3
25:7 Gn 12:4
25:8 Gn 15:15, Gn 25:17, Gn 35:29, Gn 49:33
25:9 Gn 23:17, Gn 35:29, Gn 49:29-30, Gn 50:13
25:10 Gn 23:16, Gn 49:31
25:13 Gn 28:9, Gn 36:3; 1Ch 1:29; Is 60:7
25:17 Gn 25:8
25:21 Gn 11:30; 1Ch 5:20; 2Ch 33:13; Ezr 8:23; Ro 9:10
25:22 1Sa 9:9, 1Sa 10:22
25:23 Gn 27:29, Gn 27:40, Gn 48:19; Ro 9:11
25:24 Gn 38:27
25:25 Gn 27:11
25:26 Gn 25:20, Gn 27:36; Hos 12:3
25:27 Gn 10:9, Gn 27:3, Gn 27:5; Heb 11:9
25:28 Gn 27:4, Gn 27:6, Gn 27:19
25:29 Gn 25:33; 2Ki 4:38
25:30 Gn 36:1
25:31 Dt 21:16; Heb 12:16
25:32 Gn 25:33; Heb 12:16
25:33 Gn 25:29, Gn 27:36; Heb 12:16
25:34 2Sa 17:28, 2Sa 23:11; Eze 4:9; Heb 12:16

[x]LXX; MT *they established camps* [y]Or *He fell* [z]Heb uncertain [a]Or *red* [b]Or *oldest son's rights*

Isaac and Rebekah visit Gerar

26 When a famine gripped the land, a different one from the first famine that occurred in Abraham's time, Isaac set out toward Gerar and toward King Abimelech of the Philistines. [2]The LORD appeared to him and said, "Don't go down to Egypt but settle temporarily in the land that I will show you. [3]Stay in this land as an immigrant, and I will be with you and bless you because I will give all of these lands to you and your descendants. I will keep my word, which I gave to your father Abraham. [4]I will give you as many descendants as the stars in the sky, and I will give your descendants all of these lands. All of the nations of the earth will be blessed because of your descendants. [5]I will do this because Abraham obeyed me and kept my orders, my commandments, my statutes, and my instructions."

[6]So Isaac lived in Gerar. [7]When the men who lived there asked about his wife, he said, "She's my sister," because he was afraid to say, "my wife," thinking, The men who live there will kill me for Rebekah because she's very beautiful. [8]After Isaac had lived there for some time, the Philistines' King Abimelech looked out his window and saw Isaac laughing together with his wife Rebekah.

[9]So Abimelech summoned Isaac and said, "She's your wife, isn't she? How could you say, 'She's my sister'?"

Isaac responded, "Because I thought that I might be killed because of her."

[10]Abimelech said, "What are you trying to do to us? Before long, one of the people would have slept with your wife; and you would have made us guilty."
[11]Abimelech gave orders to all of the people, "Anyone who touches this man or his wife will be put to death!"

Isaac's treaty with the Philistines

[12]Isaac planted grain in that land and reaped one hundred shearim[c] that year because the LORD had blessed him. [13]Isaac grew richer and richer until he was extremely wealthy. [14]He had livestock, both flocks and cattle, and many servants. As a result, the Philistines envied him. [15]The Philistines closed up and filled with dirt all of the wells that his father's servants had dug during his father Abraham's lifetime. [16]Abimelech said to Isaac, "Move away from us because you have become too powerful among us."

[17]So Isaac moved away from there, camped in the valley of Gerar, and lived there. [18]Isaac dug out again the wells that were dug during the lifetime of his father Abraham. The Philistines had closed them up after Abraham's death. Isaac gave them the same names his father had given them. [19]Isaac's servants dug wells in the valley and found a well there with fresh water. [20]Isaac's shepherds argued with Gerar's shepherds, each claiming, "This is our water." So Isaac named the well Esek[d] because they quarreled with him. [21]They dug another well and argued about it too, so he named it Sitnah.[e] [22]He left there and dug another well, but they didn't argue about it, so he named it Rehoboth[f] and said, "Now the LORD has made an open space for us and has made us fertile in the land."

[23]Then he went up from Gerar to Beer-sheba. [24]The LORD appeared to him that night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Don't be afraid because I am with you. I will bless you, and I will give you many children for my servant Abraham's sake."
[25]So Isaac built an altar there and worshipped in the LORD's name. Isaac pitched his tent there, and his servants dug a well.

[26]But Abimelech set out toward him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his ally and Phicol the commander of his forces.
[27]Isaac said to him, "Why have you come after me? You resented me and sent me away from you."

[28]They said, "We now see that the

26:1 Gn 12:10, Gn 20:1-2, Gn 21:34
26:2 Gn 12:1, Gn 12:7, Gn 17:1, Gn 18:1, Gn 26:24
26:3 Gn 12:7, Gn 13:15, Gn 20:1, Gn 22:16, Gn 26:24
26:4 Gn 12:3, Gn 15:5, Gn 22:17-18; Ga 3:8
26:5 Gn 18:19, Gn 22:18
26:6 Gn 20:1
26:7 Gn 12:13, Gn 20:2, Gn 24:16
26:9 Gn 26:10
26:10 Gn 12:18, Gn 20:9
26:11 Ps 105:15
26:12 Gn 26:3
26:15 Gn 21:25, Gn 21:30
26:18 Gn 21:30
26:20 Gn 13:7, Gn 21:25
26:22 Gn 17:6
26:24 Gn 15:1, Gn 17:7, Gn 24:12, Gn 26:2-3

[c]An unknown measure of grain [d]Or *quarrel* [e]Or *accusation* [f]Or *open spaces*

LORD was with you. We propose that there be a formal agreement between us and that we draw up a treaty[g] with you: [29]you must not treat us badly since we haven't harmed you and since we have treated you well at all times. Then we will send you away peacefully, for you are now blessed by the LORD."
[30]Isaac prepared a banquet for them, and they ate and drank. [31]They got up early in the morning, and they gave each other their word. Isaac sent them off, and they left peacefully.

[32]That day Isaac's servants informed him about the well that they had been digging and said to him, "We found water." [33]He called it Shibah;[h] therefore, the city's name has been Beer-sheba[i] until today.

Esau's wives

[34]When Esau was 40 years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. [35]They made life very difficult for Isaac and Rebekah.

Jacob acquires his father's blessing

27 When Isaac had grown old and his eyesight was failing, he summoned his older son Esau and said to him, "My son?"

And Esau said, "I'm here."

[2]He said, "I'm old and don't know when I will die. [3]So now, take your hunting gear, your bow and quiver of arrows, go out to the field, and hunt game for me. [4]Make me the delicious food that I love and bring it to me so I can eat. Then I can bless you before I die."

[5]Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau went out to the field to hunt game to bring back, [6]Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I just heard your father saying to your brother Esau, [7]'Bring me some game and make me some delicious food so I can eat, and I will bless you in the LORD's presence before I die.' [8]Now, my son, listen to me, to what I'm telling you to do. [9]Go to the flock and get me two healthy young goats so I can prepare them as the delicious food your father loves. [10]You can bring it to your father, he will eat, and then he will bless you before he dies."

[11]Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, "My brother Esau is a hairy man, but I have smooth skin. [12]What if my father touches me and thinks I'm making fun of him? I will be cursed instead of blessed."

[13]His mother said to him, "Your curse will be on me, my son. Just listen to me: go and get them for me." [14]So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother made the delicious food that his father loved. [15]Rebekah took her older son Esau's favorite clothes that were in the house with her, and she put them on her younger son Jacob. [16]On his arms and smooth neck she put the hide of young goats, [17]and the delicious food and the bread she had made she put into her son's hands.

[18]Jacob went to his father and said, "My father."

And he said, "I'm here. Who are you, my son?"

[19]Jacob said to his father, "I'm Esau your oldest son. I've made what you asked me to. Sit up and eat some of the game so you can bless me."

[20]Isaac said to his son, "How could you find this so quickly, my son?"

He said, "The LORD your God led me right to it."[j]

[21]Isaac said to Jacob, "Come here and let me touch you, my son. Are you my son Esau or not?" [22]So Jacob approached his father Isaac, and Isaac touched him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the arms are Esau's arms." [23]Isaac didn't recognize him because his arms were hairy like Esau's arms, so he blessed him.

[24]Isaac said, "Are you really my son Esau?"

And he said, "I am."

26:31 Gn 21:23, Gn 21:31
27:1 Gn 25:25, Gn 48:10; 1Sa 3:2
27:2 Gn 47:29; 1Sa 20:3; Ecc 9:10; Is 38:1
27:9 1Sa 16:20; Prv 31:15
27:15 Gn 27:27
27:19 Gn 27:4
27:20 Gn 24:12; Ex 20:7
27:21 Gn 27:12

[g]Or *covenant* [h]Or *giving one's word* or *seven* [i]Or *Well of giving one's word* or *Well of seven* [j]Or *made something good happen for me*

25 Isaac said, "Bring some food here
and let me eat some of my son's game
so I can bless you." Jacob put it before
him and he ate, and he brought him
wine and he drank. 26 His father Isaac
said to him, "Come here and kiss me,
my son." 27 So he came close and kissed
him. When Isaac smelled the scent of
his clothes, he blessed him,

"See, the scent of my son
is like the scent of the field
that the LORD has blessed.
28 May God give you
showers from the sky,
olive oil from the earth,
plenty of grain and new wine.
29 May the nations serve you,
may peoples bow down to you.
Be the most powerful man
among your brothers,
and may your mother's sons
bow down to you.
Those who curse you will be cursed,
and those who bless you
will be blessed."

Esau receives a secondary blessing

30 After Isaac had finished blessing
Jacob, and just as Jacob left his father
Isaac, his brother Esau came back from
his hunt. 31 He too made some delicious
food, brought it to his father, and said,
"Let my father sit up and eat from his
son's game so that you may bless me."

32 His father Isaac said to him, "Who
are you?"

And he said, "I'm your son, your old-
est son, Esau."

33 Isaac was so shocked that he
trembled violently. He said, "Who
was the hunter just here with game?
He brought me food, and I ate all of it
before you came. I blessed him, and he
will stay blessed!"

34 When Esau heard what his father
said, he let out a loud agonizing cry
and wept bitterly. He said to his father,
"Bless me! Me too, my father!"

35 Isaac said, "Your brother has al-
ready come deceitfully and has taken
your blessing."

27:25 Gn 27:4

27:27 Heb 11:20

27:28 Gn 27:39; Dt 7:13, Dt 33:13, Dt 33:28; Jl 2:19

27:29 Gn 12:3, Gn 25:23, Gn 27:37, Gn 49:8; Nm 24:9

27:33 Gn 27:5, Gn 27:30, Gn 27:35, Gn 28:1, Gn 28:3

27:36 Gn 25:26, Gn 25:33

27:37 Gn 25:23, Gn 27:28-29; 2Sa 8:14

27:39 Gn 27:28, Gn 36:6; Heb 11:20

27:40 Gn 25:23; 2Sa 8:14; 2Ki 8:20

27:41 Gn 37:4, Gn 50:10; Obad 1:10

27:42 Gn 27:41, Gn 32:3, Gn 32:11, Gn 33:4

27:43 Gn 11:31, Gn 24:29, Gn 27:8

27:44 Gn 31:38

27:45 Gn 27:35

27:46 Gn 10:15, Gn 23:3, Gn 26:34-35, Gn 28:8

36 Esau said, "Isn't this why he's
called Jacob? He's taken me[k] twice
now: he took my birthright, and now
he's taken my blessing." He continued,
"Haven't you saved a blessing for me?"

37 Isaac replied to Esau, "I've already
made him more powerful than you, and
I've made all of his brothers his servants.
I've made him strong with grain and
wine. What can I do for you, my son?"

38 Esau said to his father, "Do you
really have only one blessing, Father?
Bless me too, my father!" And Esau
wept loudly.

39 His father Isaac responded and said
to him,

"Now, you will make a home
far away from the olive groves
of the earth,
far away from the showers
of the sky above.
40 You will live by your sword;
you will serve your brother.
But when you grow restless,[l]
you will tear away his harness
from your neck."

Jacob sent away for protection

41 Esau was furious at Jacob because
his father had blessed him, and Esau
said to himself, When the period of
mourning for the death of my father is
over, I will kill my brother.

42 Rebekah was told what her older
son Esau was planning, so she sum-
moned her younger son Jacob and said
to him, "Esau your brother is planning
revenge. He plans to kill you. 43 So now,
my son, listen to me: Get up and escape
to my brother Laban in Haran. 44 Live
with him for a short while until your
brother's rage subsides, 45 until your
brother's anger at you goes away and
he forgets what you did to him. Then
I will send for you and bring you back
from there. Why should I suffer the
loss of both of you on one day?"

46 Rebekah then said to Isaac, "I
really loathe these Hittite women.
If Jacob marries one of the Hittite
women, like the women of this land,
why should I go on living?"

[k] Heb *ya'acob*, a wordplay on Jacob [l] Heb uncertain

28 So Isaac summoned Jacob, blessed him, and gave him these orders: "Don't marry a Canaanite woman. 2 Get up and go to Paddan-aram, to the household of Bethuel, your mother's father, and once there, marry one of the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. 3 God Almighty[m] will bless you, make you fertile, and give you many descendants so that you will become a large group of peoples. 4 He will give you and your descendants Abraham's blessing so that you will own the land in which you are now immigrants, the land God gave to Abraham." 5 So Isaac sent Jacob off, and he traveled to Paddan-aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean and brother of Rebekah, Jacob and Esau's mother.

6 Esau understood that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him to Paddan-aram to marry a woman from there. He recognized that, when Isaac blessed Jacob, he had ordered him, "Don't marry a Canaanite woman," 7 and that Jacob had listened to his father and mother and gone to Paddan-aram. 8 Esau realized that his father Isaac considered Canaanite women unacceptable. 9 So he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath daughter of Abraham's son Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth, in addition to his other wives.

Jacob's dream at Bethel

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. 11 He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. 12 He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. 13 Suddenly the LORD was standing on it[n] and saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. 15 I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you."

16 When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The LORD is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. 17 He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven. 18 After Jacob got up early in the morning, he took the stone that he had put near his head, set it up as a sacred pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He named that sacred place Bethel,[o] though Luz was the city's original name. 20 Jacob made a solemn promise: "If God is with me and protects me on this trip I'm taking, and gives me bread to eat and clothes to wear, 21 and I return safely to my father's household, then the LORD will be my God. 22 This stone that I've set up as a sacred pillar will be God's house, and of everything you give me I will give a tenth back to you."

Jacob meets Rachel

29 Jacob got to his feet and set out for the land of the easterners. 2 He saw a well in the field in front of him, near which three flocks of sheep were lying down. That well was their source for water because the flocks drank from that well. A huge stone covered the well's opening. 3 When all of the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the well's opening, water the sheep, and return the stone to its place at the well's opening. 4 Jacob said to them, "Where are you from, my brothers?"

They said, "We're from Haran."

5 Then he said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?"

They said, "We know him."

28:1 Gn 24:3

28:2 Gn 22:23, Gn 24:15, Gn 24:24, Gn 24:29, Gn 25:20

28:3 Gn 17:1, Gn 17:6, Gn 35:11

28:4 Gn 12:2, Gn 17:8

28:5 Gn 25:20, Gn 28:2

28:7 Gn 27:43, Gn 28:6, Gn 29:1, Gn 47:30

28:10 Gn 11:31

28:11 Gn 28:18

28:12 Nm 12:6; Jn 1:51

28:13 Gn 26:24, Gn 35:1, Gn 35:12, Gn 48:3

28:14 Gn 12:3, Gn 13:14, Gn 13:16, Gn 18:18, Gn 26:4

28:15 Gn 31:3; Dt 31:6; Ps 121:5

28:16 Josh 5:15; 1Ki 3:15

28:17 Gn 28:22

28:18 Gn 31:13, Gn 31:45, Gn 35:14; 1Sa 7:12

28:19 Gn 35:6, Gn 48:3; Josh 16:2; Jgs 1:23

28:20 Gn 31:13; Jgs 11:30; 2Sa 15:8; 1Ti 6:8

28:21 Gn 28:20; Ex 15:2; Dt 26:17; Jgs 11:31

29:1 Gn 25:6, Gn 25:26, Gn 27:6; Nm 23:7; Jgs 6:3

[m] Heb *El Shaddai* or *God of the Mountain* [n] Or *beside it* or *beside him* [o] Or *God's house*

[6]He said to them, "Is he well?"

They said, "He's fine. In fact, this is his daughter Rachel now, coming with the flock."

[7]He said to them, "It's now only the middle of the day. It's not time yet to gather the animals. Water the flock, and then go, put them out to pasture."

[8]They said to him, "We can't until all the herds are gathered, and then we[p] roll the stone away from the well's opening and water the flock."

[9]While he was still talking to them, Rachel came with her father's flock since she was its shepherd. [10]When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his uncle, and the flock of Laban, Jacob came up, rolled the stone from the well's opening, and watered the flock of his uncle Laban. [11]Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. [12]Jacob told Rachel that he was related to her father and that he was Rebekah's son. She then ran to tell her father. [13]When Laban heard about Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him. Laban embraced him, kissed him, and invited him into his house, where Jacob recounted to Laban everything that had happened. [14]Laban said to him, "Yes, you are my flesh and blood."

Jacob marries Leah and Rachel

After Jacob had stayed with Laban for a month, [15]Laban said to Jacob, "You shouldn't have to work for free just because you are my relative. Tell me what you would like to be paid."

[16]Now Laban had two daughters: the older was named Leah and the younger Rachel. [17]Leah had delicate eyes,[q] but Rachel had a beautiful figure and was good-looking. [18]Jacob loved Rachel and said, "I will work for you for seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter."

[19]Laban said, "I'd rather give her to you than to another man. Stay with me."

[20]Jacob worked for Rachel for seven years, but it seemed like a few days because he loved her. [21]Jacob said to Laban, "The time has come. Give me my wife so that I may sleep with her." [22]So Laban invited all the people of that place and prepared a banquet. [23]However, in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he slept with her. [24]Laban had given his servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah as her servant. [25]In the morning, there she was—Leah! Jacob said to Laban, "What have you done to me? Didn't I work for you to have Rachel? Why did you betray me?"

[26]Laban said, "Where we live, we don't give the younger woman before the oldest. [27]Complete the celebratory week with this woman. Then I will give[r] you this other woman too for your work, if you work for me seven more years." [28]So that is what Jacob did. He completed the celebratory week with this woman, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife. [29]Laban had given his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her servant. [30]Jacob slept with Rachel, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He worked for Laban seven more years.

Jacob's sons are born

[31]When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, he opened her womb; but Rachel was unable to have children. [32]Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben[s] because she said, "The LORD saw my harsh treatment, and now my husband will love me." [33]She became pregnant again and gave birth to a son. She said, "The LORD heard that I was unloved, so he gave me this son too," and she named him Simeon.[t] [34]She became pregnant again and gave birth to a son. She said, "Now, this time my husband will embrace me,[u] since I have given birth to three sons for him." So she named him Levi.[v] [35]She became pregnant again and gave birth to a son. She said, "This time I will praise the LORD."

29:9 Ex 2:16-17
29:10 Ex 2:17
29:11 Gn 29:13, Gn 33:4, Gn 45:14
29:12 Gn 24:28-29
29:13 Gn 24:29
29:14 Gn 2:23, Gn 37:27; Jgs 9:2; 2Sa 5:1; 2Sa 19:12
29:15 Gn 29:12, Gn 30:28, Gn 31:7, Gn 31:41
29:17 Gn 12:11
29:18 Hos 12:12
29:20 Gn 29:18, Gn 29:30; Song 8:7; Hos 12:12
29:21 Jgs 15:1
29:23 Gn 29:16, Gn 29:30
29:28 Gn 4:19, Gn 29:16
29:32 Gn 37:21, Gn 49:3
29:33 Gn 34:25, Gn 49:5
29:34 Gn 35:23, Gn 49:5; Nm 18:2
29:35 Gn 38:1, Gn 46:12, Gn 49:8; Mt 1:2

[p]Or *they* [q]Heb uncertain; perhaps *Leah had poor eyesight* [r]LXX, Sam, Syr, Tg, Vulg; MT *we will give* [s]Or *see, a son* [t]Sounds like the Heb verb *hear* [u]Or *be connected to me* [v]Sounds like the Heb verb *embrace*, or *connect*

So she named him Judah.[w] Then she stopped bearing children.

30 When Rachel realized that she could bear Jacob no children, Rachel became jealous of her sister and said to Jacob, "Give me children! If you don't, I may as well be dead."

[2]Jacob was angry at Rachel and said, "Do you think I'm God? God alone has kept you from giving birth!"

[3]She said, "Here's my servant Bilhah. Sleep with her, and she will give birth for me. Because of her, I will also have children." [4]So Rachel gave her servant Bilhah to Jacob as his wife, and he slept with her. [5]Bilhah became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Jacob. [6]Rachel said, "God has judged in my favor, heard my voice, and given me a son." So she named him Dan.[x] [7]Rachel's servant Bilhah became pregnant again and gave birth to a second son for Jacob. [8]Rachel said, "I've competed fiercely with my sister, and now I've won." So she named him Naphtali.[y]

[9]When Leah realized that she had stopped bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as his wife. [10]Leah's servant Zilpah gave birth to a son for Jacob, [11]and Leah said, "What good luck!" So she named him Gad.[z] [12]Leah's servant Zilpah gave birth to a second son for Jacob, [13]and Leah said, "I'm happy now because women call me happy." So she named him Asher.[a]

[14]During the wheat harvest, Reuben found some erotic herbs[b] in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Rachel said to Leah, "Give me your son's erotic herbs."

[15]Leah replied, "Isn't it enough that you've taken my husband? Now you want to take my son's erotic herbs too?"

Rachel said, "For your son's erotic herbs, Jacob[c] may sleep with you tonight."

[16]When Jacob came back from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must sleep with me because I've paid for you with my son's erotic herbs." So he slept with her that night.

[17]God responded to Leah. She became pregnant and gave birth to a fifth son for Jacob. [18]Leah said, "God gave me what I paid for, what I deserved for giving my servant to my husband." So she named him Issachar.[d] [19]Leah became pregnant again and gave birth to a sixth son for Jacob, [20]and she said, "God has given me a wonderful gift. Now my husband will honor me since I've borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.[e] [21]After this, she gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.

[22]Then God remembered Rachel, responded to her, and let her conceive. [23]She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, "God has taken away my shame." [24]She named him Joseph,[f] saying to herself, May the LORD give me another son.

God blesses Jacob and Laban

[25]After Rachel gave birth to Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me off so that I can go to my own place and my own country. [26]Give me my wives and children whom I've worked for, and I will go. You know the work I've done for you."

[27]Laban said to him, "Do me this favor. I've discovered by a divine sign that the LORD has blessed me because of you, [28]so name your price and I will pay it."

[29]Jacob said to him, "You know how I've worked for you, and how well your livestock have done with me. [30]While in my care, what little you had has multiplied a great deal. The LORD blessed you wherever I took your livestock.[g] Now, when will I be able to work for my own household too?"

[31]Laban said, "What will I pay you?"

Jacob said, "Don't pay me anything. If you will do this for me, I will take care of your flock again, and keep a

30:1 Gn 29:31
30:2 Gn 16:2, Gn 50:19; 2Ki 5:7
30:3 Gn 16:2, Gn 29:29, Gn 50:23
30:8 Gn 35:25, Gn 49:21
30:14 Song 7:13
30:15 Gn 29:30, Gn 30:1, Gn 30:22; Nm 16:9, Nm 16:13
30:16 Gn 30:14
30:20 Gn 35:23, Gn 46:14, Gn 49:13

[w]Sounds like the Heb verb *praise* [x]Or *he judged* [y]Or *my competition* or *my wrestling* [z]Or *good fortune* [a]Or *happy* [b]Or *mandrakes* [c]Or *he* [d]Or *there is payment* [e]Or *honor* [f]Or *he adds* [g]Or *them*

portion.[h] [32]I will go through the entire flock today, taking out all of the speckled and spotted sheep, all of the black male lambs, and all of the spotted and speckled female goats. That will be my price. [33]I will be completely honest with you: when you come to check on our agreement, every female goat with me that isn't speckled or spotted and every male lamb with me that isn't black will be considered stolen."

[34]Laban said, "All right; let's do it." [35]However, on that very day Laban took out the striped and spotted male goats and all of the speckled and spotted female goats—any with some white in it—and all of the black male lambs, and gave them to his sons. [36]He put a three-day trip between himself and Jacob, while Jacob was watching the rest of Laban's flock.

[37]Then Jacob took new branches from poplar, almond, and plane trees; and he peeled white stripes on them, exposing the branches' white color. [38]He set the branches that he had peeled near the watering troughs so that they were in front of the flock when they drank, because they often mated when they came to drink. [39]When the flock mated in front of the branches, they gave birth to striped, speckled, and spotted young. [40]Jacob sorted out the lambs, turning the flock to face the striped and black ones in Laban's flock but keeping his flock separate, setting them apart from Laban's flock. [41]Whenever the strongest of the flock mated, Jacob put the branches in front of them near the watering troughs so that they mated near the branches. [42]But he didn't put branches up for the weakest of the flock. So the weakest became Laban's and the strongest Jacob's. [43]The man Jacob became very, very rich: he owned large flocks, female and male servants, camels, and donkeys.

Jacob's household leaves Laban

31 Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob took everything our father owned and from it he produced all of this wealth." [2]And Jacob saw that Laban no longer liked him as much as he used to.

[3]Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your ancestors and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

[4]So Jacob sent for Rachel and Leah and summoned them into the field where his flock was. [5]He said to them, "I am aware that your father no longer likes me as much as he used to. But my father's God has been with me. [6]You know that I've worked for your father as hard as I could. [7]But your father cheated me and changed my payment ten times. Yet God didn't let him harm me. [8]If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your payment,' the whole flock gave birth to speckled young. And if he said, 'The striped ones will be your payment,' the whole flock gave birth to striped young. [9]God took away your father's livestock and gave them to me. [10]When the flocks were mating, I looked up and saw in a dream that the male goats that mounted the flock were striped, speckled, and spotted. [11]In the dream, God's messenger said to me, 'Jacob!' and I said, 'I'm here.' [12]He said, 'Look up and watch all the striped, speckled, and spotted male goats mounting the flock. I've seen everything that Laban is doing to you. [13]I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a sacred pillar and where you made a solemn promise to me. Now, get up and leave this country and go back to the land of your relatives.'"

[14]Rachel and Leah answered him, "Is there any share or inheritance left for us in our father's household? [15]Doesn't he think of us as foreigners since he sold us and has even used up the payment he received for us? [16]All of the wealth God took from our father belongs to us and our children. Now, do everything God told you to do."

[17]So Jacob got up, put his sons and wives on the camels, [18]and set out

[h]Heb uncertain

30:37 Eze 31:8
30:38 Ex 2:16
30:41 Gn 30:37
30:42 Gn 31:1, Gn 31:43
30:43 Gn 12:16, Gn 13:2, Gn 24:35, Gn 26:13-14
31:2 Gn 4:5, Gn 30:27, Gn 31:5
31:5 Gn 21:22, Gn 31:2, Gn 31:29, Gn 31:42, Gn 31:53
31:7 Gn 31:41; Nm 14:22; Zec 8:23
31:10 Gn 28:12, Gn 30:39
31:11 Gn 16:7, Gn 22:1
31:12 Ex 3:7
31:13 Gn 28:18, Gn 28:20, Gn 31:3, Gn 32:9
31:15 Gn 29:20, Gn 29:27

with all of his livestock and all of his possessions that he had acquired[i] in Paddan-aram in order to return to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.
19 Now, while Laban was out shearing his sheep, Rachel stole the household's divine images that belonged to her father. 20 Moreover, Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not sending word to him that he was leaving. 21 So Jacob and his entire household left. He got up, crossed the river, and set out directly for the mountains of Gilead.

22 Three days later, Laban found out that Jacob had gone, 23 so Laban took his brothers with him, chased Jacob for seven days, and caught up with him in the mountains of Gilead. 24 That night, God appeared to Laban the Aramean in a dream and said, "Be careful and don't say anything hastily to Jacob one way or the other."

25 Laban reached Jacob after Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountains. So Laban and his brothers also pitched theirs in the mountains of Gilead. 26 Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done? You have deceived me and taken off with my daughters as if they were prisoners of war. 27 Why did you leave secretly, deceiving me, and not letting me know? I would've sent you off with a celebration, with songs and tambourines and harps. 28 You didn't even let me kiss my sons and my daughters good-bye. Now you've acted like a fool, 29 and I have the power to punish you. However, your father's God told me yesterday, 'Be careful and don't say anything hastily to Jacob one way or the other.' 30 You've rushed off now because you missed your father's household so much, but why did you steal my gods?"

31 Jacob responded to Laban, "I was afraid and convinced myself that you would take your daughters away from me. 32 Whomever you find with your divine images won't live. Identify whatever I have that is yours, in front of your brothers, and take it." Jacob didn't know that Rachel had stolen them. 33 Laban went into Jacob's tent, Leah's tent, and her two servants' tent and didn't find them.

So he left Leah's tent and went into Rachel's. 34 Now Rachel had taken the divine images and put them into the camel's saddlebag and sat on them. Laban felt around in the whole tent but couldn't find them. 35 Rachel said to her father, "Sir, don't be angry with me because I can't get up for you; I'm having my period." He searched but couldn't find the divine images.

36 Jacob was angry and complained to Laban, "What have I done wrong and what's my crime that you've tracked me down like this? 37 You've now felt through all of my baggage, and what have you found from your household's belongings? Put it in front of our relatives, and let them decide between us. 38 For these twenty years I've been with you, your female sheep and goats haven't miscarried, and I haven't eaten your flock's rams. 39 When animals were killed, I didn't bring them to you but took the loss myself. You demanded compensation from me for any animals poached during the day or night. 40 The dry heat consumed me during the day, and the frost at night; I couldn't sleep. 41 I've now spent twenty years in your household. I worked for fourteen years for your two daughters and for six years for your flock, and you changed my pay ten times. 42 If the God of my father—the God of Abraham and the awesome one of Isaac—hadn't been with me, you'd have no doubt sent me away without anything. God saw my harsh treatment and my hard work and reprimanded you yesterday."

Jacob and Laban's treaty

43 Laban responded and told Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks. Everything you see is mine. But what can I do now about my daughters and about their sons?

31:19 Gn 31:30, Gn 31:34; Jgs 17:5; 1Sa 19:13; Hos 3:4
31:27 Gn 4:21; Ex 15:20; 1Sa 10:5; Is 24:8
31:29 Gn 31:24, Gn 31:42, Gn 31:53
31:32 Gn 31:19, Gn 44:9
31:36 Gn 29:21, Gn 30:2, Gn 34:7, Gn 49:7
31:38 Gn 30:27
31:39 Ex 22:13
31:40 Neh 4:21; Jer 36:30; Lk 2:8
31:41 Gn 31:7
31:42 Gn 31:53

[i] LXX; MT includes *he had acquired, the livestock in his possession.*

44 Come, let's make a covenant, you and
me, and let something be our witness."[j]
45 So Jacob took a stone, set it up as a
sacred pillar, 46 and said to his relatives,
"Gather stones." So they took stones,
made a mound, and ate there near
the mound. 47 Laban called it Jegar-
sahadutha,[k] but Jacob called it Galeed.[l]
48 Laban said, "This mound is our
witness today," and, therefore, he too
named it Galeed. 49 He also named it
Mizpah,[m] because he said, "The LORD
will observe both of us when we are sep-
arated from each other. 50 If you treat
my daughters badly and if you marry
other women, though we aren't there,
know that God observed our witness."
51 Laban said to Jacob, "Here is this
mound and here is the sacred pillar that
I've set up for us. 52 This mound and the
sacred pillar are witnesses that I won't
travel beyond this mound and that you
won't travel beyond this mound and this
pillar to do harm. 53 The God of Abraham
and the God of Nahor[n] will keep order
between us." So Jacob gave his word in
the name of the awesome one of his fa-
ther Isaac. 54 Jacob offered a sacrifice on
the mountain, and invited his relatives
to a meal. They ate together and spent
the night on the mountain. 55[o] Laban got
up early in the morning, kissed his sons
and daughters, blessed them, and left to
go back to his own place.

Jacob prepares to meet Esau

32 Jacob went on his way, and
God's messengers approached
him. 2 When Jacob saw them, he said,
"This is God's camp," and he named
that sacred place Mahanaim.[p] 3 Jacob
sent messengers ahead of him to his
brother Esau, toward the land of Seir,
the open country of Edom. 4 He gave
them these orders: "Say this to my
master Esau. This is the message of
your servant Jacob: 'I've lived as an im-
migrant with Laban, where I've stayed
till now. 5 I own cattle, donkeys, flocks,
men servants, and women servants.
I'm sending this message to my master
now to ask that he[q] be kind.'"
6 The messengers returned to Jacob
and said, "We went out to your brother
Esau, and he's coming to meet you
with four hundred men."
7 Jacob was terrified and felt
trapped, so he divided the people with
him, and the flocks, cattle, and camels,
into two camps. 8 He thought, If Esau
meets the first camp and attacks it, at
least one camp will be left to escape.
9 Jacob said, "LORD, God of my fa-
ther Abraham, God of my father Isaac,
who said to me, 'Go back to your coun-
try and your relatives, and I'll make sure
things go well for you,' 10 I don't deserve
how loyal and truthful you've been to
your servant. I went away across the
Jordan with just my staff, but now I've
become two camps. 11 Save me from my
brother Esau! I'm afraid he will come
and kill me, the mothers, and their chil-
dren. 12 You were the one who told me,
'I will make sure things go well for you,
and I will make your descendants like
the sand of the sea, so many you won't
be able to count them.'"
13 Jacob spent that night there. From
what he had acquired, he set aside a gift
for his brother Esau: 14 two hundred fe-
male goats and twenty male goats, two
hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty
nursing camels with their young, forty
cows and ten bulls, and twenty female
donkeys and ten male donkeys. 16 He
separated these herds and gave them to
his servants. He said to them, "Go ahead
of me and put some distance between
each of the herds." 17 He ordered the first
group, "When my brother Esau meets
you and asks you, 'Who are you with?
Where are you going? And whose herds
are these in front of you?' 18 say, 'They
are your servant Jacob's, a gift sent to
my master Esau. And Jacob is actually
right behind us.'" 19 He also ordered
the second group, the third group, and
everybody following the herds, "Say ex-
actly the same thing to Esau when you

31:44 Gn 26:28
31:45 Gn 28:18, Gn 31:46; 1Sa 7:12
31:46 Gn 31:45, Gn 31:54
31:47 Gn 31:48
31:48 Gn 31:47; Josh 24:27
31:49 Jgs 10:17, Jgs 11:29
31:53 Gn 16:5, Gn 31:42
32:1 Gn 32:2; 2Ki 6:16; Ps 34:7, Ps 91:11
32:2 Josh 5:14, Josh 21:38; 2Sa 2:8, 2Sa 17:24, 2Sa 17:27
32:3 Gn 14:6, Gn 33:14, Gn 36:8–9; Dt 2:5
32:5 Gn 12:16, Gn 30:43, Gn 33:8, Gn 33:15
32:7 Gn 35:3
32:10 Gn 24:27
32:11 Gn 27:41; 1Sa 12:10; Ps 59:1-2
32:14 1Sa 25:2

[j] Or *testimony* [k] Or *mound of witness* (Aram) [l] Or *mound of witness* [m] Or *observation* [n] LXX; MT includes *their father's God.* [o] 32:1 in Heb [p] Or *two camps* [q] Or *you*

find him. 20 Say also, 'Your servant Jacob is right behind us.'" Jacob thought, I may be able to pacify Esau with the gift I'm sending ahead. When I meet him, perhaps he will be kind to me. 21 So Jacob sent the gift ahead of him, but he spent that night in the camp.

Jacob wrestles with God

22 Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. 23 He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. 24 But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. 25 When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. 26 The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

27 He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." 28 Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel,[r] because you struggled with God and with men and won."

29 Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. 30 Jacob named the place Peniel,[s] "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." 31 The sun rose as Jacob passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh. 32 Therefore, Israelites don't eat the tendon attached to the thigh muscle to this day, because he grabbed Jacob's thigh muscle at the tendon.

Esau forgives Jacob

33 Jacob looked up and saw Esau approaching with four hundred men. Jacob divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two women servants. 2 He put the servants and their children first, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3 He himself went in front of them and bowed to the ground seven times as he was approaching his brother. 4 But Esau ran to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, kissed him, and they wept. 5 Esau looked up and saw the women and children and said, "Who are these with you?"

Jacob said, "The children that God generously gave your servant." 6 The women servants and their children came forward and bowed down. 7 Then Leah and her servants also came forward and bowed, and afterward Joseph and Rachel came forward and bowed.

8 Esau said, "What's the meaning of this entire group of animals that I met?"

Jacob said, "To ask for my master's kindness."

9 Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what's yours."

10 Jacob said, "No, please, do me the kindness of accepting my gift. Seeing your face is like seeing God's face, since you've accepted me so warmly. 11 Take this present that I've brought because God has been generous to me, and I have everything I need." So Jacob persuaded him, and he took it.

12 Esau said, "Let's break camp and set out, and I'll go with you."

13 But Jacob said to him, "My master knows that the children aren't strong and that I am responsible for the nursing flocks and cattle. If I push them hard for even one day, all of the flocks will die. 14 My master, go on ahead of your servant, but I've got to take it easy, going only as fast as the animals in front of me and the children are able to go, until I meet you in Seir."

15 Esau said, "Let me leave some of my people with you."

But Jacob said, "Why should you do this since my master has already been so kind to me?" 16 That day Esau returned on the road to Seir, 17 but Jacob traveled to Succoth. He built a house for himself but made temporary shelters for his animals; therefore, he named the place Succoth.[t]

32:22 Dt 2:37, Dt 3:16; Josh 12:2
32:24 Hos 12:3
32:25 Gn 32:32
32:26 Hos 12:4; Lk 18:1
32:27 Gn 25:26
32:28 Gn 17:5, Gn 35:10; 2Ki 17:34
32:29 Gn 35:9; Jgs 13:17, Jgs 13:18
32:30 Gn 16:13; Ex 24:10; Jgs 13:22
32:31 Jgs 8:8; 1Ki 12:25
32:32 Gn 32:25
33:3 Gn 18:2, Gn 42:6, Gn 43:26
33:4 Gn 45:14-15; Lk 15:20
33:8 Gn 32:5
33:10 Gn 32:30
33:11 1Sa 25:27; 2Ki 5:23

[r] Or *God struggles* or *one who struggles with God* [s] Or *face of God* [t] Or *temporary shelters*

Dinah and the conflict at Shechem

[18]Jacob arrived safely at the city of Shechem in the land of Canaan on his trip from Paddan-aram, and he camped in front of the city. [19]He bought the section of the field where he pitched his tent from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred qesitahs.[u] [20]Then he set up an altar there and named it El Elohe Israel.[v]

34 Dinah, the daughter whom Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to meet the women of that country. [2]When Shechem the son of the Hivite Hamor and the country's prince saw her, he took her, slept with her, and humiliated her. [3]He was drawn to Dinah, Jacob's daughter. He loved the young woman and tried to win her heart. [4]Shechem said to his father Hamor, "Get this girl for me as my wife." [5]Now Jacob heard that Shechem defiled his daughter Dinah; but his sons were with the animals in the countryside, so he decided to keep quiet until they got back. [6]Meanwhile, Hamor, Shechem's father, went out to Jacob to speak with him. [7]Just then, Jacob's sons got back from the countryside. When they heard what had happened, they were outraged and very angry, because Shechem had disgraced Israel by sleeping with Jacob's daughter. Such things are simply not done.

[8]Hamor said to them, "My son Shechem's heart is set on your daughter. Please let him marry her. [9]Arrange marriages with us: give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves. [10]Live with us. The land is available to you: settle down, travel through it, and buy property in it."

[11]Shechem said to Dinah's father and brothers, "If you approve of me, tell me what you want, and I will give it to you. [12]Make the bride price and marriage gifts as large as you like, and I will pay whatever you tell me. Then let me marry the young woman."

[13]Jacob's sons responded deviously

[u]A monetary weight [v]Or *El, God of Israel*

33:18 Gn 12:6, Gn 25:20; Josh 24:1; Jgs 9:1

33:19 Gn 34:2; Josh 24:32; Jgs 9:28; Jn 4:5; Ac 7:16

33:20 Gn 8:20, Gn 13:18, Gn 35:1, Gn 35:7

34:1 Gn 30:21

34:2 Gn 33:19

34:3 Is 40:2

34:5 Gn 34:13, Gn 34:27, Gn 34:30, Gn 35:22

34:7 Dt 22:21; Jgs 20:6; 2Sa 13:12

34:25 Gn 29:33-34, Gn 49:5, Gn 49:7; Josh 5:8

34:26 Gn 33:19, Gn 34:3, Gn 34:6, Gn 34:20, Gn 49:6

34:27 Gn 34:5, Gn 34:13

34:29 Nm 31:9

to Shechem and his father Hamor because Shechem defiled their sister Dinah. [14]They said to them, "We can't do this, allowing our sisters to marry uncircumcised men, because it's disgraceful to us. [15]We can only agree to do this if you circumcise every male as we do. [16]Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves. We will live with you and be one people. [17]But if you don't listen to us and become circumcised, we will take our daughter and leave."

[18]Their idea seemed like a good one to Hamor and Hamor's son Shechem. [19]The young man didn't waste any time doing this because he liked Jacob's daughter so much. He was more respected than anyone else in his father's household. [20]Hamor and his son Shechem went to their city's gate and spoke to the men of their city: [21]"These men want peace with us. Let them live in the land and travel through it; there's plenty of land for them. We will marry their daughters and give them our daughters. [22]But the men will agree to live with us and become one people only if we circumcise every male just as they do. [23]Their livestock, their property, and all of their animals—won't they be ours? Let's agree with them and let them live with us." [24]Everyone at the city gate agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem, so every able-bodied male in the city was circumcised.

[25]On the third day, when they were still in pain, two of Jacob's sons and Dinah's brothers Simeon and Levi took their swords, came into the city, which suspected nothing, and killed every male. [26]They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with their swords, took Dinah from Shechem's household, and left. [27]When Jacob's other sons discovered the dead, they looted the city that had defiled their sister. [28]They took their flocks, their cattle, and their donkeys, whether in the city or in the fields nearby. [29]They carried off their prop-

erty, their children, and their wives. They looted the entire place. 30 Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You've put me in danger by making me offensive to those who live here in the land, to the Canaanites and the Perizzites. I have only a few men. They may join forces, attack me, and destroy me, me and my household."

31 They said, "But didn't he treat our sister like a prostitute?"

Jacob establishes worship at Bethel

35 God said to Jacob, "Get up, go to Bethel, and live there. Build an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you ran away from your brother Esau."

2 Jacob said to his household and to everyone who was with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you. Clean yourselves and change your clothes. 3 Then let's rise and go up to Bethel so that I can build an altar there to the God who answered me when I was in trouble and who has been with me wherever I've gone." 4 So they gave Jacob all of the foreign gods they had, as well as the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the terebinth at Shechem. 5 When they set out, God made all of the surrounding cities fearful so that they didn't pursue Jacob's sons. 6 Jacob and all of the people with him arrived in Luz, otherwise known as Bethel, in the land of Canaan. 7 He built an altar there and named the place El-bethel,[w] because God had revealed himself to him there when he ran away from his brother. 8 Rebekah's nurse Deborah died and was buried at Bethel under the oak, and Jacob named it Allon-bacuth.[x]

9 God appeared to Jacob again, while he was on his way back from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 10 God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but your name will be Jacob no longer. No, your name will be Israel." And he named him Israel. 11 God said to him, "I am El Shaddai.[y] Be fertile and multiply. A nation, even a large group of nations, will come from you; kings will descend from your own children. 12 The land I gave to Abraham and to Isaac, I give to you; and I will give the land to your descendants after you." 13 Then God ascended, leaving him alone in the place where he spoke to him. 14 So Jacob set up a sacred pillar, a stone pillar, at the place God spoke to him. He poured an offering of wine on it and then poured oil over it. 15 Jacob named the place Bethel where God spoke to him.

34:30 Ex 5:21; Josh 7:25; 1Sa 13:4, 1Sa 27:12; 2Sa 10:6

35:1 Gn 31:3, Gn 35:7

35:4 Josh 24:26; Jgs 9:6

35:6 Gn 28:19

35:7 Gn 8:20, Gn 28:13, Gn 35:1, Gn 35:3

35:8 Gn 24:59

35:9 Gn 32:29

35:10 Gn 17:5, Gn 32:28; 1Ki 18:31; 2Ki 17:34

35:16 Gn 3:16, Gn 35:19, Gn 48:7; Ru 4:11; Mi 5:2

35:18 Gn 35:24, Gn 49:27

35:19 Gn 48:7; Ru 4:11; Mi 5:2

35:20 1Sa 10:2

35:21 Mi 4:8

35:22 Gn 46:8, Gn 49:4; Ex 1:1; 1Ch 5:1

Benjamin's birth and Rachel's death

16 They left Bethel, and when they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into hard labor. 17 During her difficult labor, the midwife said to her, "Don't be afraid. You have another son." 18 As her life faded away, just before she died, she named him Ben-oni,[z] but his father named him Benjamin.[a] 19 Rachel died and was buried near the road to Ephrath, that is, Bethlehem. 20 Jacob set up a pillar on her grave. It's the pillar on Rachel's tomb that's still there today. 21 Israel continued his trip and pitched his tent farther on near the tower of Eder.

Jacob's family

22 While Israel stayed in that place, Reuben went and slept with Bilhah his father's secondary wife, and Israel heard about it.

Jacob had twelve sons. 23 The sons of Leah were Reuben, Jacob's oldest son, and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. 24 The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. 25 The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant, were Dan and Naphtali. 26 The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant, were Gad and Asher. These were Jacob's sons born to him in Paddan-aram.

[w] Or *God of Bethel* [x] Or *oak of weeping* [y] Or *God Almighty* or *God of the Mountain* [z] Or *my suffering son*
[a] Or *right-hand son* or *strong son*

Isaac's death

[27]Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, that is, Kiriath-arba. This is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac lived as immigrants. [28]At the age of 180 years, [29]Isaac took his last breath and died. He was buried with his ancestors after a long, satisfying life. His sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Esau's descendants

36 These are the descendants of Esau, that is, Edom. [2]Esau married Canaanite women: Adah the daughter of the Hittite Elon; Oholibamah the daughter of Anah son of the Hittite Zibeon,[b] [3]and Basmath the daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth. [4]Adah gave birth to Eliphaz for Esau, Basemath gave birth to Reuel, [5]and Oholibamah gave birth to Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are Esau's sons born to him in the land of Canaan.

[6]Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and everyone in his household, and his livestock, all of his animals, and all of the property he had acquired in the land of Canaan; and he moved away from the land of Canaan[c] and from his brother Jacob. [7]They had so many possessions that they couldn't live together. The land where they lived as immigrants couldn't support all of their livestock. [8]So Esau, that is, Edom, lived in the mountains of Seir.

[9]These are the descendants of Esau, the ancestor of Edom, which lies in the mountains of Seir. [10]These are the names of Edom's sons: Eliphaz son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel son of Esau's wife Basemath. [11]Eliphaz's sons were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. [12]Timna was the secondary wife of Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she gave birth to Amalek for Eliphaz. These are the sons of Esau's wife Adah. [13]These are Reuel's sons: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These are the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

35:29 Gn 15:15, Gn 25:8-9, Gn 49:31

36:11 Gn 36:15, Gn 36:16; 1Ch 1:36; Eze 25:13; Am 1:12

36:15 Gn 36:11; Ex 15:15

[14]These are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, Zibeon's son:[d] she gave birth to Esau, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

[15]These are the tribal chiefs from Esau's sons. The sons of Eliphaz, Esau's oldest son: Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, [16]Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek. These are the tribal chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; they are Adah's sons. [17]These are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, and Chief Mizzah. These are the tribal chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom; they are the sons of Esau's wife Basemath. [18]These are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: Chief Jeush, Chief Jalam, and Chief Korah. They are the tribal chiefs of Esau's wife Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. [19]These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their tribal chiefs.

[20]These are the sons of Seir, the Horite, who live in the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, [21]Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These are the Horite tribal chiefs, Seir's sons, in the land of Edom. [22]Lotan's sons are Hori and Heman, and Lotan's sister was Timna. [23]These are Shobal's sons: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. [24]These are Zibeon's sons: Aiah and Anah. Anah is the one who found water[e] in the desert while pasturing his father Zibeon's donkeys.

[25]These are Anah's children: Dishon and Anah's daughter Oholibamah. [26]These are Dishon's[f] sons: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. [27]These are Ezer's sons: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. [28]These are Dishan's sons: Uz and Aran. [29]These are the Horite tribal chiefs: Chiefs Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, [30]Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These are the Horite tribal chiefs, listed ac-

[b]LXX, Sam, Syr; MT *daughter* [c]LXX, Sam; MT *to a land* [d]LXX, Sam, Syr; MT *daughter* [e]Syr; Heb uncertain [f]Sam, Syr; MT *Dishan's*

cording to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

31These are the kings who ruled in the land of Edom before a king ruled over the Israelites. 32Bela, Beor's son, ruled in Edom; his city's name was Dinhabah. 33After Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah became king. 34After Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites became king. 35After Husham died, Hadad, Bedad's son who defeated Midian in the countryside of Moab, became king; his city's name was Avith. 36After Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah became king. 37After Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on the river became king. 38After Shaul died, Baal-hanan, Achbor's son, became king. 39After Baal-hanan, Achbor's son, died, Hadar became king; his city's name was Pau and his wife's name was Mehetabel the daughter of Matred and granddaughter of Me-zahab.

40These are the names of Esau's tribal chiefs according to their families, their locations, and their names: Chief Timna, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth, 41Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, 42Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar, 43Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These are Edom's tribal chiefs according to their settlements in the land they possessed. This is Esau, the ancestor of the Edomites.

Joseph dreams of power

37 Jacob lived in the land of Canaan where his father was an immigrant. 2This is the account of Jacob's descendants. Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. 3Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long robe.[g] 4When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him and couldn't even talk nicely to him.

5Joseph had a dream and told it to his brothers, which made them hate him even more. 6He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had. 7When we were binding stalks of grain in the field, my stalk got up and stood upright, while your stalks gathered around it and bowed down to my stalk."

8His brothers said to him, "Will you really be our king and rule over us?" So they hated him even more because of the dreams he told them.

9Then Joseph had another dream and described it to his brothers: "I've just dreamed again, and this time the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

10When he described it to his father and brothers, his father scolded him and said to him, "What kind of dreams have you dreamed? Am I and your mother and your brothers supposed to come and bow down to the ground in front of you?" 11His brothers were jealous of him, but his father took careful note of the matter.

Joseph's brothers take revenge

12Joseph's brothers went to tend their father's flocks near Shechem. 13Israel said to Joseph, "Aren't your brothers tending the sheep near Shechem? Come, I'll send you to them."

And he said, "I'm ready."

14Jacob said to him, "Go! Find out how your brothers are and how the flock is, and report back to me."

So Jacob sent him from the Hebron Valley. When he approached Shechem, 15a man found him wandering in the field and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

16Joseph said, "I'm looking for my brothers. Tell me, where are they tending the sheep?"

36:42 1Ch 1:53

37:1 Gn 17:8, Gn 28:4

37:2 Gn 35:25-26, Gn 41:46

37:4 Gn 27:41; 1Sa 17:28

37:7 Gn 42:6, Gn 42:9, Gn 43:26, Gn 43:28, Gn 44:14

37:9 Gn 37:7

37:10 Gn 27:29

37:14 Gn 13:18, Gn 35:27; 1Sa 17:18

[g] LXX, Vulg; Heb uncertain

17 The man said, "They left here. I
heard them saying, 'Let's go to Do-
than.'" So Joseph went after his broth-
ers and found them in Dothan.

18 They saw Joseph in the distance
before he got close to them, and they
plotted to kill him. 19 The brothers said
to each other, "Here comes the big
dreamer. 20 Come on now, let's kill him
and throw him into one of the cisterns,
and we'll say a wild animal devoured
him. Then we will see what becomes of
his dreams!"

21 When Reuben heard what they
said, he saved him from them, tell-
ing them, "Let's not take his life."
22 Reuben said to them, "Don't spill
his blood! Throw him into this desert
cistern, but don't lay a hand on him."
He intended to save Joseph from them
and take him back to his father.

23 When Joseph reached his broth-
ers, they stripped off Joseph's long
robe, 24 took him, and threw him into
the cistern, an empty cistern with no
water in it. 25 When they sat down to
eat, they looked up and saw a caravan
of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead,
with camels carrying sweet resin, me-
dicinal resin, and fragrant resin on
their way down to Egypt. 26 Judah said
to his brothers, "What do we gain if
we kill our brother and hide his blood?
27 Come on, let's sell him to the Ishma-
elites. Let's not harm him because he's
our brother; he's family." His brothers
agreed. 28 When some Midianite trad-
ers passed by, they pulled Joseph up
out of the cistern. They sold him to the
Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver,
and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

29 When Reuben returned to the cis-
tern and found that Joseph wasn't in it,
he tore his clothes. 30 Then he returned
to his brothers and said, "The boy's
gone! And I—where can I go now?"

31 His brothers took Joseph's robe,
slaughtered a male goat, and dipped
the robe in the blood. 32 They took the
long robe, brought it to their father,
and said, "We found this. See if it's your
son's robe or not."

[h] Sam, Tg; MT *he*

37:18 Ps 31:13, Ps 37:12, Ps 37:32; Mk 14:1; Ac 23:12

37:19 Gn 28:12, Gn 37:20

37:20 Gn 37:33

37:22 Gn 37:29

37:23 Gn 37:3

37:25 Gn 37:28, Gn 39:1, Gn 43:11; Jer 8:22, Jer 46:11

37:28 Gn 37:36, Gn 39:1, Gn 45:4; Ps 105:17; Ac 7:9

37:29 Gn 37:34, Gn 44:13; Nm 14:6; Job 1:20

37:33 Gn 37:20, Gn 44:28

37:35 Gn 42:38, Gn 44:29, Gn 44:31; Job 2:11; Jer 31:15

37:36 Gn 37:28, Gn 39:1, Gn 41:10

38:1 Josh 15:35; 1Sa 22:1; Mi 1:15

38:4 Gn 38:8, Gn 46:12; Nm 26:19; 1Ch 2:3

38:5 Gn 38:11, Gn 38:26, Gn 46:12; Nm 26:20; 1Ch 4:21

38:6 Gn 38:3, Gn 38:7, Gn 38:11, Gn 38:13, Gn 46:12

38:9 Dt 25:6

38:12 Gn 31:19, Gn 38:1-2; Josh 15:10; Jgs 14:1

33 He recognized it and said, "It's
my son's robe! A wild animal has de-
voured him. Joseph must have been
torn to pieces!" 34 Then Jacob tore his
clothes, put a simple mourning cloth
around his waist, and mourned for his
son for many days. 35 All of his sons
and daughters got up to comfort him,
but he refused to be comforted, telling
them, "I'll go to my grave mourning
for my son." And Joseph's father wept
for him. 36 Meanwhile the Midianites
had sold Joseph to the Egyptians, to
Potiphar, Pharaoh's chief officer, com-
mander of the royal guard.

Tamar's place in Judah's family

38 At that time, Judah moved
away from his brothers and set-
tled near an Adullamite named Hirah.
2 There Judah saw the daughter of a
Canaanite whose name was Shua, and
he married her. After he slept with her,
3 she became pregnant and gave birth
to a son, whom she[h] named Er. 4 She
became pregnant again, gave birth to a
son, and named him Onan. 5 Then she
gave birth to one more son and named
him Shelah. She was in Chezib when
she gave birth to him.

6 Judah married his oldest son Er to
a woman named Tamar. 7 But the LORD
considered Judah's oldest son Er im-
moral, and the LORD put him to death.
8 Judah said to Onan, "Go to your broth-
er's wife, do your duty as her brother-
in-law, and provide children for your
brother." 9 Onan knew the children
wouldn't be his so when he slept with
his brother's wife, he wasted his semen
on the ground, so he wouldn't give his
brother children. 10 The LORD consid-
ered what he did as wrong and put him
to death too. 11 Judah said to Tamar his
daughter-in-law, "Stay as a widow in
your father's household until my son
Shelah grows up." He thought Shelah
would die like his brothers had. So
Tamar went and lived in her father's
household.

12 After a long time, Judah's wife the

daughter of Shua died. Then, after a period of mourning, he and his neighbor Hirah the Adullamite went up to Timnah, to those who were shearing his sheep. 13 Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is now on his way up to Timnah to shear his sheep." 14 So Tamar took off the clothing she wore as a widow, covered herself with a veil, put on makeup,[i] and sat down at the entrance to Enaim on the road to Timnah, since she realized that although Shelah had already grown up, she hadn't been given to him as a wife.

15 Judah saw her and thought she was a prostitute because she had covered her face. 16 He turned to her beside the road and said, "Let me sleep with you," because he didn't know she was his daughter-in-law.

She said, "What will you give me for sleeping with you?"

17 He said, "I will give you a kid goat from my flock."

She said, "Only if you give me some deposit, as security to guarantee that you will send it."

18 He said, "What kind of deposit should I give you?"

And she said, "Your seal, its cord, and the staff in your hand." He gave these to her, slept with her, and she became pregnant by him.

19 Then she got up, left, and took off her veil, dressing once again in the clothing she wore as a widow. 20 Judah sent the kid goat with his neighbor the Adullamite so he could take back the deposits from the woman, but he couldn't find her. 21 He asked the locals of that place, "Where's the consecrated worker[j] who was at Enaim on the road?"

But they said, "There's no consecrated worker here."

22 So he went back to Judah and said, "I couldn't find her. The locals even said, 'There's no holy woman here.'"

23 Judah said, "Let her keep everything so we aren't laughed at. I did send this kid goat, but you couldn't find her."

24 About three months later, Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has become a prostitute and is now pregnant because of it."

And Judah said, "Bring her out so that she may be burned."

25 When she was brought out, she sent this message to her father-in-law, "I'm pregnant by the man who owns these things. See if you recognize whose seal, cord, and staff these are."

26 Judah recognized them and said, "She's more righteous than I am, because I didn't allow her to marry my son Shelah." Judah never knew her intimately again.

27 When she gave birth, she discovered she had twins in her womb. 28 At birth, one boy put out his hand, and the midwife took it and tied a red thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." 29 As soon as he pulled his hand back, his brother came out, and she said, "You've burst out on your own." So he was named Perez.[k] 30 Afterward, his brother with the red thread on his hand came out, and he was named Zerah.[l]

Joseph's rise and betrayal

39 When Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, Potiphar, Pharaoh's chief officer, the commander of the royal guard and an Egyptian, purchased him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. 2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man and served in his Egyptian master's household. 3 His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made everything he did successful. 4 Potiphar thought highly of Joseph, and Joseph became his assistant; he appointed Joseph head of his household and put everything he had under Joseph's supervision. 5 From the time he appointed Joseph head of his household and of everything he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's household because of Joseph. The LORD blessed everything he had, both in the household

38:13 Gn 31:19
38:14 Gn 24:65, Gn 38:11, Gn 38:19, Gn 38:26
38:15 Jgs 11:1, Jgs 16:1
38:16 Lv 18:15; 2Sa 13:11; Eze 16:33
38:17 Gn 38:20; Jgs 15:1
38:18 Gn 38:25; Jer 22:24; Hg 2:23
38:19 Gn 38:14; 2Sa 14:2
38:20 Gn 38:1
38:24 Lv 20:14, Lv 21:9
38:25 Gn 37:32, Gn 38:18
38:26 Gn 38:11, Gn 38:14; 1Sa 24:17
38:27 Gn 25:24
38:28 Gn 35:17
38:29 Gn 46:12; Nm 26:20; Ru 4:12; 1Ch 2:4; Mt 1:3
38:30 Gn 46:12; 1Ch 2:4
39:1 Gn 37:25, Gn 37:28, Gn 37:36; Ps 105:17
39:2 Gn 21:22, Gn 39:21, Gn 39:23; Ac 7:9
39:3 Gn 21:22, Gn 39:23; 2Ch 26:5; Ps 1:3
39:4 Gn 18:3, Gn 19:19, Gn 24:2, Gn 39:8, Gn 39:21
39:5 Gn 30:27; Dt 28:3; 2Sa 6:11

[i] Or *perfumed herself* or *wrapped herself up* [j] Traditionally *cultic prostitute* [k] Or *bursting out* [l] Or *dawn*

and in the field. 6So he handed over everything he had to Joseph and didn't pay attention to anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome.

7Some time later, his master's wife became attracted to Joseph and said, "Sleep with me."

8He refused and said to his master's wife, "With me here, my master doesn't pay attention to anything in his household; he's put everything he has under my supervision. 9No one is greater than I am in this household, and he hasn't denied me anything except you, since you are his wife. How could I do this terrible thing and sin against God?" 10Every single day she tried to convince him, but he wouldn't agree to sleep with her or even to be with her.

11One day when Joseph arrived at the house to do his work, none of the household's men were there. 12She grabbed his garment, saying, "Lie down with me." But he left his garment in her hands and ran outside. 13When she realized that he had left his garment in her hands and run outside, 14she summoned the men of her house and said to them, "Look, my husband brought us a Hebrew to ridicule us. He came to me to lie down with me, but I screamed. 15When he heard me raise my voice and scream, he left his garment with me and ran outside." 16She kept his garment with her until Joseph's master came home, 17and she told him the same thing: "The Hebrew slave whom you brought to us, to ridicule me, came to me; 18but when I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment with me and ran outside."

19When Joseph's master heard the thing that his wife told him, "This is what your servant did to me," he was incensed. 20Joseph's master took him and threw him in jail, the place where the king's prisoners were held. While he was in jail, 21the LORD was with Joseph and remained loyal to him. He caused the jail's commander to think highly of Joseph. 22The jail's commander put all of the prisoners in the jail under Joseph's supervision, and he was the one who determined everything that happened there. 23The jail's commander paid no attention to anything under Joseph's supervision, because the LORD was with him and made everything he did successful.

39:6 Gn 29:17; 1Sa 16:12
39:7 2Sa 13:11; Job 31:1; Prv 2:16, Prv 7:15
39:8 Gn 39:4; Prv 6:23
39:9 Gn 42:18; 2Sa 12:13; Ps 51:4
39:12 Prv 7:13
39:14 Gn 14:13, Gn 40:15
39:15 Gn 39:12
39:17 Ex 20:16, Ex 23:1
39:19 Prv 6:34
39:20 Gn 40:3, Gn 40:15, Gn 41:14; Ps 105:18
39:23 Gn 39:2, Gn 39:3
40:4 Gn 30:24, Gn 33:2, Gn 37:2, Gn 37:28, Gn 37:36
40:7 Neh 2:2
40:8 Gn 41:15-16; Dn 2:28, Dn 2:47

Joseph interprets dreams in prison

40 Some time later, both the wine steward and the baker for Egypt's king offended their master, the king of Egypt. 2Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief wine steward and the chief baker, 3and he put them under arrest with the commander of the royal guard in the same jail where Joseph was imprisoned. 4The commander of the royal guard assigned Joseph to assist them. After they had been under arrest for some time, 5both of them—the wine steward and the baker for Egypt's king who were imprisoned in the jail—had dreams one night, and each man's dream had its own meaning. 6When Joseph met them in the morning, he saw that they were upset. 7He asked the officers of Pharaoh who were under arrest with him in his master's house, "Why do you look so distressed today?"

8They answered, "We've both had dreams, but there's no one to interpret them."

Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations belong to God? Describe your dreams to me."

9The chief wine steward described his dream to Joseph: "In my dream there was a vine right in front of me, 10and on the vine were three branches. When it budded, its blossoms appeared, and its clusters ripened into grapes. 11Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, so I took the grapes, crushed them into Pharaoh's cup, and put the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

12Joseph said to him, "This is the dream's interpretation: The three

branches are three days. 13After three days, Pharaoh will give you an audience and return you to your position. You will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just the way things were before when you were his wine steward. 14But please, remember me when you are doing well and be loyal to me. Put in a good word for me to Pharaoh, so he sets me free from this prison. 15I was stolen from the land of the Hebrews, and here too I've done nothing to be thrown into this dungeon."

16When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "It was the same for me. In my dream, there were three baskets of white bread[m] on my head. 17In the basket on top there were baked goods for Pharaoh's food, but birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

18Joseph responded, "This is the dream's interpretation: The three baskets are three days. 19After three days, Pharaoh will give you an audience and will hang you from a tree where birds will peck your flesh from you."

20The third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a party for all of his servants. Before all of his servants, he gave an audience to the chief wine steward and the chief baker. 21He returned the chief wine steward to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. 22But the chief baker he hanged, just as Joseph had said would happen when he interpreted their dreams for them. 23But the chief wine steward didn't remember Joseph; he forgot all about him.

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams

41 Two years later, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing near the Nile. 2In front of him, seven healthy-looking, fattened cows climbed up out of the Nile and grazed on the reeds. 3Just then, seven other cows, terrible-looking and scrawny, climbed up out of the Nile after them and stood beside them on the bank of the Nile. 4The terrible-looking, scrawny cows devoured the seven healthy-looking, fattened cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. 5He went back to sleep and had a second dream, in which seven ears of grain, full and healthy, grew on a single stalk. 6Just then, seven ears of grain, scrawny and scorched by the east wind, sprouted after them, 7and the scrawny ears swallowed up the full and well-formed ears. Then Pharaoh woke up and realized it was a dream. 8In the morning, he was disturbed and summoned all of Egypt's religious experts[n] and all of its advisors. Pharaoh described his dreams[o] to them, but they couldn't interpret them for Pharaoh.

9Then the chief wine steward spoke to Pharaoh: "Today I've just remembered my mistake. 10Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker under arrest with the commander of the royal guard. 11We both dreamed one night, he and I, and each of our dreams had its own interpretation. 12A young Hebrew man, a servant of the commander of the royal guard, was with us. We described our dreams to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us, giving us an interpretation for each dream. 13His interpretations came true exactly: Pharaoh restored me to my position but hanged him."

14So Pharaoh summoned Joseph, and they quickly brought him from the dungeon. He shaved, changed clothes, and appeared before Pharaoh. 15Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, but no one could interpret it. Then I heard that when you hear a dream, you can interpret it."

16Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It's not me. God will give Pharaoh a favorable response."

17So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile. 18In front of me, seven fattened, stout cows climbed up out of the Nile and grazed on the reeds. 19Just then, seven other cows, weak and frail

40:14 Gn 41:9; Josh 2:12; 1Sa 20:14; 1Ki 2:7
40:15 Gn 14:13, Gn 39:20; 2Co 11:22
40:20 Gn 40:13, Gn 40:19; Mt 14:6; Mk 6:21
40:22 Gn 40:19
40:23 Ecc 9:15
41:1 Gn 40:5, Gn 41:17; Ex 1:22
41:9 Gn 40:14
41:17 Gn 41:1

[m]Heb uncertain [n]Or *magicians* [o]Sam; MT *dream*

and thin, climbed up after them. I've never seen such awful cows in all the land of Egypt. 20Then the thin, frail cows devoured the first seven, fattened cows. 21But after they swallowed them whole, no one would have known it. They looked just as bad as they had before. Then I woke up. 22I went to sleep again[p], and saw in my dream seven full and healthy ears of grain growing on one stalk. 23Just then, seven hard and thin ears of grain, scorched by the east wind, sprouted after them, 24and the thin ears swallowed up the healthy ears. I told the religious experts,[q] but they couldn't explain it to me."

25Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh has actually had one dream. God has announced to Pharaoh what he is about to do. 26The seven healthy cows are seven years, and the seven healthy ears of grain are seven years. It's actually one dream. 27The seven thin and frail cows, climbing up after them, are seven years. The seven thin ears of grain, scorched by the east wind, are seven years of famine. 28It's just as I told Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. 29Seven years of great abundance are now coming throughout the entire land of Egypt. 30After them, seven years of famine will appear, and all of the abundance in the land of Egypt will be forgotten. The famine will devastate the land. 31No one will remember the abundance in the land because the famine that follows will be so very severe. 32The dream occurred to Pharaoh twice because God has determined to do it, and God will make it happen soon.

Joseph's rise to power

33"Now Pharaoh should find an intelligent, wise man and give him authority over the land of Egypt. 34Then Pharaoh should appoint administrators over the land and take one-fifth of all the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. 35During the good years that are coming, they should collect all such food and store the grain under Pharaoh's control, protecting the food in the cities. 36This food will be reserved for the seven years of famine to follow in the land of Egypt so that the land won't be ravaged by the famine."

37This advice seemed wise to Pharaoh and all his servants, 38and Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man with more God-given gifts[r] than this one?" 39Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, no one is as intelligent and wise as you are. 40You will be in charge of my kingdom,[s] and all my people will obey[t] your command. Only as the enthroned king will I be greater than you." 41Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Know this: I've given you authority over the entire land of Egypt." 42Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, he dressed him in linen clothes, and he put a gold necklace around his neck. 43He put Joseph on the chariot of his second-in-command, and everyone in front of him cried out, "Attention!"[u] So Pharaoh installed him over the entire land of Egypt. 44Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh; no one will do anything or go anywhere in all the land of Egypt without your permission." 45Pharaoh renamed Joseph, Zaphenath-paneah, and married him to Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of Heliopolis.[v]

Then Joseph assumed control of the land of Egypt. 46Joseph was 30 years old when he began to serve Pharaoh, Egypt's king, when he left Pharaoh's court and traveled through the entire land of Egypt. 47During the seven years of abundance, the land produced plentifully. 48He collected all of the food during the seven years of abundance[w] in the land of Egypt, and stored the

41:22 Gn 41:5
41:25 Gn 40:12; Dn 2:28, Dn 2:45
41:29 Gn 41:47
41:32 Gn 41:25, Gn 41:28; Nm 23:19; Is 14:24, Is 46:10
41:33 Gn 41:39; Dt 1:13
41:38 Nm 27:18; Dn 4:8, Dn 4:18, Dn 5:11, Dn 5:14
41:39 Gn 41:16, Gn 41:33
41:40 Ps 105:21; Ac 7:10
41:42 Est 3:10, Est 8:2; Eze 16:11; Dn 5:7, Dn 5:29
41:43 Gn 45:8, Gn 46:29; Est 6:9
41:44 Ps 105:22
41:45 Gn 41:50, Gn 46:20; Eze 30:17

[p]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT lacks *I went to sleep again.* [q]Or *magicians* [r]Or *like this one, in whom is the spirit of God* [s]Or *house* [t]LXX; Heb uncertain, perhaps *submit themselves to your command* [u]An Egyptian loanword similar to the Heb word *kneel* [v]Heb *On* [w]LXX; MT lacks *of abundance.*

food in cities. In each city, he stored the food from the fields surrounding it. 49 Joseph amassed grain like the sand of the sea. There was so much that he stopped trying to measure it because it was beyond measuring. 50 Before the years of famine arrived, Asenath the daughter of Potiphera, priest of Heliopolis,[x] gave birth to two sons for Joseph. 51 Joseph named the oldest son Manasseh,[y] "because," he said, "God has helped me forget all of my troubles and everyone in my father's household." 52 He named the second Ephraim,[z] "because," he said, "God has given me children in the land where I've been treated harshly."

53 The seven years of abundance in the land of Egypt came to an end, 54 and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. The famine struck every country, but the entire land of Egypt had bread. 55 When the famine ravaged the entire land of Egypt and the people pleaded to Pharaoh for bread, Pharaoh said to all of the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. Do whatever he tells you." 56 The famine covered every part of the land, and Joseph opened all of the granaries[a] and sold grain to the Egyptians. In the land of Egypt, the famine became more and more severe. 57 Every country came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because in every country the famine had also become more severe.

Joseph's brothers arrive in Egypt

42 When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why are you staring blankly at each other? 2 I've just heard that there's grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us so that we can survive and not starve to death." 3 So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. 4 However, Jacob didn't send Joseph's brother Benjamin along with his brothers because he thought something bad might happen to him. 5 Israel's sons came to buy grain with others who also came since the famine had spread to the land of Canaan.

6 As for Joseph, he was the land's governor, and he was the one selling grain to all the land's people. When Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him, their faces to the ground. 7 When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he acted like he didn't know them. He spoke to them with a harsh tone and said, "Where have you come from?"

And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

8 Joseph recognized his brothers, but they didn't recognize him. 9 Joseph remembered the dreams he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies. You've come to look for the country's weaknesses."

10 They said to him, "No, Master. Your servants have just come to buy food. 11 We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants aren't spies."

12 He said to them, "No. You've come to look for the country's weaknesses."

13 They said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, sons of one man in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, but one is gone."

14 Joseph said to them, "It's just as I've said to you. You are spies! 15 But here is how to prove yourselves: As Pharaoh lives, you won't leave here until your youngest brother arrives. 16 Send one of you to get your brother, but the rest of you will stay in prison. We will find out if your words are true. If not, as Pharaoh lives, you are certainly spies."

Joseph's brothers return to Canaan

17 He put them all in prison for three days. 18 On the third day, Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I'm a God-fearing man. 19 If you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay in prison, and the rest of you, go, take grain back to those in your households who are hungry. 20 But bring your youngest brother back to me so that

41:49 Gn 22:17, Gn 41:54; Jgs 7:12; 1Sa 13:5; Ps 78:27
41:50 Gn 41:45, Gn 46:20, Gn 48:5
41:51 Gn 48:5, Gn 48:14
41:52 Gn 48:5, Gn 49:22
41:54 Gn 41:30; Ps 105:16; Ac 7:11
41:55 Gn 41:41
41:56 Gn 42:6, Gn 47:14
41:57 Gn 41:54, Gn 41:56, Gn 42:5
42:1 Ac 7:12
42:2 Gn 43:2, Gn 43:8
42:5 Gn 41:57
42:9 Gn 42:16, Gn 42:30; Josh 2:1
42:15 Gn 42:16, Gn 43:3; 1Sa 17:55
42:16 Gn 42:15

[x] Heb *On* [y] Or *making forget* [z] Sounds like *has given me children.* [a] LXX, Syr; MT *what was in them*

your words will prove true and you won't die."

So they prepared to do this. [21]The brothers said to each other, "We are clearly guilty for what we did to our brother when we saw his life in danger and when he begged us for mercy, but we didn't listen. That's why we're in this danger now."

[22]Reuben responded to them, "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't do anything wrong to the boy'? But you wouldn't listen. So now this is payback for his death." [23]They didn't know that Joseph was listening to them because they were using an interpreter. [24]He stepped away from them and wept. When he returned, he spoke with them again. Then he took Simeon from them and tied him up in front of them.

[25]Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to put back each man's silver into his own sack, and to give them provisions for their trip, and it was done. [26]They loaded their grain onto their donkeys, and they set out. [27]When they stopped to spend the night, one of them opened his sack to feed his donkey, and he saw his silver at the top of his sack. [28]He said to his brothers, "My silver's been returned. It's right here in my sack." Their hearts stopped. Terrified, they said to each other, "What has God done to us?"

[29]When they got back to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they described to him everything that had happened to them: [30]"The man, the country's governor, spoke to us with a harsh tone and accused us of being spies in the country. [31]We told him, 'We're honest men, not spies. [32]We are twelve brothers, all our father's sons. One of us is gone, but the youngest is right now with our father in the land of Canaan.' [33]The man, the country's governor, told us, 'This is how I will know you are honest men: Leave one of your brothers with me, take grain for those in your households who are hungry, and go. [34]But bring back your youngest brother to me. Then I will know that you are not spies but honest men. I will give your brother back to you, and you may travel throughout the country.'"

42:21 Gn 37:26, Gn 45:3; Hos 5:15

42:22 Gn 9:5, Gn 37:21; 1Ki 2:32; 2Ch 24:22

42:24 Gn 34:25, Gn 43:23, Gn 43:30, Gn 45:14, Gn 49:5

42:36 Gn 43:14

42:38 Gn 37:33, Gn 37:35, Gn 42:4, Gn 44:29, Gn 44:31

[35]When they opened their sacks, each man found a pouch of his silver in his sack. When they and their father saw their pouches of silver, they were afraid. [36]Their father Jacob said to them, "You've taken my children from me. Joseph's gone. Simeon's gone. And you are taking Benjamin. All this can't really be happening to me!"

[37]Reuben said to his father, "You may put both of my sons to death if I don't bring him back to you. Make him my responsibility, and I will make sure he returns to you."

[38]But Jacob said to him, "My son won't go down with you because his brother's dead and he's been left all alone. If anything were to happen to him on the trip you are taking, you would send me—old as I am—to my grave in grief."

Joseph's brothers return with Benjamin

43 The famine was severe in the land, [2]and when they had eaten all the grain that they brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go back and buy us a little food."

[3]Judah said to him, "The man was absolutely serious when he said, 'You may not see me again without your brother with you.' [4]If you agree to send our brother with us, then we will go down and buy you food. [5]But if you don't agree to send him, then we can't go down because the man said to us, 'You may not see me again without your brother with you.'"

[6]Israel said, "Why have you caused me such pain by telling the man you had another brother?"

[7]They said, "The man asked us pointedly about our family: 'Is your father still alive? Do you have a brother?' So we told him just what we've said. How were we to know he'd say, 'Bring your brother down here'?"

[8]Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the young man with me. Let's get ready to leave so that we can stay alive and not die—we, you, and our children. [9]I will guarantee his safety; you can hold me responsible. If I don't bring him back to you and place him here in front of you, it will be my fault forever. [10]If we hadn't waited so long, we would've returned twice by now."

[11]Their father Israel said to them, "If it has to be, then do this. Take in your bags some of the land's choice produce, and bring it down to the man as a gift: a little medicinal resin, a little honey, gum, resin, pistachios, and almonds. [12]Take twice as much silver with you, and take back the silver returned in the top of your sacks. It might have been a mistake. [13]And take your brother, get ready, and go back to the man. [14]May God Almighty[b] make the man compassionate toward you so that he may send back our other brother and Benjamin with you. But me, if I'm left childless, then I'm left childless."

[15]So the men took this gift. They took twice as much silver with them, together with Benjamin. They left, traveled down to Egypt, and received an audience with Joseph. [16]When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the manager of his household, "Bring the men to the house and slaughter an animal and prepare it because the men will have dinner with me at noon." [17]The man did as Joseph told him and brought the men to Joseph's house.

[18]When they were brought to Joseph's house, the men were frightened and said, "We've been brought here because of the silver put back in our sacks on our first trip so he can overpower us, capture us, make slaves of us, and take our donkeys."

[19]They approached the man who was Joseph's household manager and spoke to him at the house's entrance: [20]"Please, Master, we came down the first time just to buy food, [21]but when we stopped to spend the night and opened our sacks, there was the exact amount of each man's silver at the top of his sack. We've brought it back with us, [22]and we've brought down with us additional silver to buy food. We don't know who put our silver in our sacks."

[23]He said, "You are fine. Don't be afraid. Your God and your father's God must have hidden a treasure in your sacks. I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

[24]The manager brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water to wash their feet and feed for their donkeys. [25]They prepared the gift, anticipating Joseph's arrival at noon, since they had heard that they would have a meal there. [26]When Joseph came into the house, they presented him the gift they had brought with them into the house, and they bowed low in front of him. [27]He asked them how they were and said, "How is your elderly father, about whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

[28]They said, "Your servant our father is fine. He's still alive." And they bowed down again with deep respect.

[29]Joseph looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his own mother's son, and he said, "Is this your youngest brother whom you told me about? God be gracious to you, my son." [30]Joseph's feelings for his brother were so strong he was about to weep, so he rushed to another room and wept there. [31]He washed his face, came back, pulled himself together, and said, "Set out the dinner." [32]So they set out his food by himself, their food by themselves, and the Egyptians' who ate with him by themselves because Egyptians don't allow themselves to eat with Hebrews; the Egyptians think it beneath their dignity. [33]They were seated in front of him from the oldest to the youngest in their exact birth order, and the men looked at each other with amazement. [34]Portions of food from Joseph's table were brought to them, but

43:9 Gn 42:37, Gn 44:32; Phm 1:18

43:14 Gn 17:1, Gn 42:36; Neh 1:11

43:16 Gn 44:1

43:23 Gn 42:24, Gn 42:28, Gn 42:36

43:30 Gn 42:24, Gn 46:29; 1Ki 3:26

43:34 Gn 45:22

[b]Heb *El Shaddai* or *God of the Mountain*

Benjamin's portion was five times as large as theirs. So they drank together and were at ease.

Joseph tests his brothers

44 Joseph gave commands to his household manager: "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they'll hold, and put each man's silver at the top of his sack. [2]Put my cup, the silver cup, on top of the youngest brother's sack, together with the silver for his grain." So he did just as Joseph told him to do.

[3]At dawn, the men and their donkeys were sent off. [4]They had left the city but hadn't gone far when Joseph said to his household manager, "Get ready, go after the men and catch up with them! Ask them, 'Why have you repaid hospitality with ingratitude?[c] [5]Isn't this the cup[d] my master drinks from and uses to discover God's plans?[e] What you've done is despicable.'"

[6]When he caught up to them, he repeated these words. [7]They replied, "Why does my master talk to us like this? Your servants would never do such a thing. [8]The silver that we found at the top of our sacks, we've just brought back to you from the land of Canaan. We didn't steal silver or gold from your master's house. [9]Whoever of your servants is found with it will be put to death, and we'll be my master's slaves."

[10]He said, "Fine. We'll do just as you've said. Whoever is found with it will be my slave, and the rest of you will go free." [11]Everyone quickly lowered their sacks down to the ground and each opened his sack. [12]He searched the oldest first and the youngest last, and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. [13]At this, they tore their clothing. Then everyone loaded their donkeys, and they returned to the city.

[14]When Judah and his brothers arrived at Joseph's house, he was still there, and they fell to the ground in front of him. [15]Joseph said to them, "What's this you've done? Didn't you know someone like me can discover God's plans?"[f]

[16]Judah replied, "What can we say to my master? What words can we use? How can we prove we are innocent? God has found your servants guilty. We are now your slaves, all of us, including the one found with the cup."

[17]Joseph said, "I'd never do such a thing. Only the man found with the cup will be my slave. As for the rest of you, you are free to go back to your father."

Judah appeals for Benjamin

[18]Judah approached him and said, "Please, my master, allow your servant to say something to my master without getting angry with your servant since you are like Pharaoh himself. [19]My master asked his servants, 'Do you have a father or brother?' [20]And we said to my master, 'Yes, we have an elderly father and a young brother, born when he was old. His brother is dead and he's his mother's only child. But his father loves him.' [21]You told your servants, 'Bring him down to me so I can see him.' [22]And we said to my master, 'The young man can't leave his father. If he leaves, his father will die.' [23]You said to your servants, 'If your youngest brother doesn't come down with you, you'll never see my face again.'

[24]"When we went back to my father your servant, we told him what you said. [25]Our father told us, 'Go back and buy for us a little food.' [26]But we said, 'We can't go down. We will go down only if our youngest brother is with us. We won't be able to gain an audience with the man without our youngest brother with us.' [27]Your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife gave birth to two sons for me. [28]One disappeared and I said, "He must have been torn up by a wild animal," and I haven't seen him since. [29]And if you take this one from me too, some-

44:2 Gn 30:24, Gn 33:2, Gn 37:2, Gn 37:28, Gn 39:2

44:4 Gn 43:16; Ps 35:12; Prv 17:13

44:5 Gn 30:27, Gn 44:15

[c]LXX adds *Why have you stolen my silver cup?* [d]Syr; MT lacks *cup.* [e]Or *uses for divination* [f]Or *can practice divination*

thing terrible will happen to him, and you will send me—old as I am—to my grave in despair.' 30When I now go back to your servant my father without the young man—whose life is so bound up with his—31and when he sees that the young man isn't with us,[g] he will die, and your servants will have sent our father your servant—old as he is—to his grave in grief. 32I, your servant, guaranteed the young man's safety to my father, telling him, 'If I don't bring him back to you, it will be my fault forever.' 33Now, please let your servant stay as your slave instead of the young man so that he can go back with his brothers. 34How can I go back to my father without the young man? I couldn't bear to see how badly my father would be hurt."

Joseph reveals his identity

45 Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, "Everyone, leave now!" So no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. 2He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh's household heard him. 3Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm Joseph! Is my father really still alive?" His brothers couldn't respond because they were terrified before him.

4Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me," and they moved closer. He said, "I'm your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. 5Now, don't be upset and don't be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. 6We've already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. 7God sent me before you to make sure you'd survive[h] and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. 8You didn't send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

9"Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: 'God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don't delay. 10You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. 11I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won't starve, since the famine will still last five years.' 12You and my brother Benjamin have seen with your own eyes that I'm speaking to you. 13Tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you've seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." 14He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. 15He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

Joseph's brothers return for Jacob

16When Pharaoh's household heard the message "Joseph's brothers have arrived," both Pharaoh and his servants were pleased. 17Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Give your brothers these instructions: Load your pack animals and go back to the land of Canaan. 18Get your father and your households and come back to me. Let me provide you with good things from the land of Egypt so that you may eat the land's best food. 19Give them these instructions too: Take wagons from the land of Egypt for your children and wives, and pick up your father and come back. 20Don't worry about your possessions because you will have good things from the entire land of Egypt."

21So Israel's sons did that. Joseph gave them wagons as Pharaoh instructed, and he gave them provisions for the road. 22To all of them he gave a change of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothing. 23To his father he sent ten male donkeys carrying goods from Egypt, ten female

45:2 Gn 42:24, Gn 45:14, Gn 45:16, Gn 46:29; Ac 7:13
45:5 Gn 45:7-8, Gn 50:20; Ps 105:17
45:6 Ex 34:21
45:7 Gn 45:5
45:8 Gn 41:41, Gn 45:5; Jgs 17:10
45:9 Gn 46:29, Gn 47:12; Ac 7:14

[g] Sam, LXX; MT lacks *with us.* [h] Or *survive on earth*

donkeys carrying grain and bread, and rations for his father for the road. [24]He sent his brothers off; and as they were leaving, he told them, "Don't be worried about the trip."[i]

[25]So they left Egypt and returned to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. [26]They announced to him, "Joseph's still alive! He's actually ruler of all the land of Egypt!" Jacob's heart nearly failed, and he didn't believe them.

[27]When they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the wagons Joseph had sent to carry him, Jacob recovered. [28]Then Israel said, "This is too much! My son Joseph is still alive! Let me go and see him before I die."

Jacob's household moves to Egypt

46 Israel packed up everything he owned and traveled to Beer-sheba. There he offered sacrifices to his father Isaac's God. [2]God said to Israel in a vision at night, "Jacob! Jacob!" and he said, "I'm here." [3]He said, "I am El,[j] your father's God. Don't be afraid to go down to Egypt because I will make a great nation of you there. [4]I will go down to Egypt with you, and I promise to bring you out again. Joseph will close your eyes when you die." [5]Then Jacob left Beer-sheba. Israel's sons put their father Jacob, their children, and their wives on the wagons Pharaoh had sent to carry him. [6]They took their livestock and their possessions that they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and arrived in Egypt, Jacob and all of his children with him. [7]His sons and grandsons, his daughters and his granddaughters—all of his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

[8]These are the names of the Israelites who went to Egypt, including Jacob and his sons. Jacob's oldest son was Reuben. [9]Reuben's sons were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. [10]Simeon's sons were Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, whose mother was a Canaanite. [11]Levi's sons were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. [12]Judah's sons were Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah. Er and Onan both died in the land of Canaan. Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul. [13]Issachar's sons were Tola, Puvah, Iob, and Shimron. [14]Zebulun's sons were Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. [15]These are the sons Leah bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram. Her daughter was Dinah. All of these persons, including his sons and daughters, totaled 33.

[16]Gad's sons were Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. [17]Asher's sons were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah. Beriah's sons were Heber and Malchiel. [18]These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah. She bore these to Jacob, a total of 16 persons.

[19]The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. [20]To Joseph, in the land of Egypt, were born Manasseh and Ephraim. Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of Heliopolis,[k] bore them to him. [21]Benjamin's sons were Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. [22]These are Rachel's sons who were born to Jacob, a total of 14 persons.

[23]Dan's son[l] was Hushim. [24]Naphtali's sons were Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. [25]These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel. She bore these to Jacob, a total of 7 persons. [26]All of the persons going to Egypt with Jacob—his own children, excluding Jacob's sons' wives—totaled 66 persons. [27]Joseph's sons born to him in Egypt were 2 persons. Thus, all of the persons in Jacob's household going to Egypt totaled 70.

[28]Israel had sent Judah ahead to Joseph so that Joseph could explain the way to Goshen. Then they arrived in

45:24 Ps 133:1

46:3 Gn 12:2, Gn 26:2, Gn 28:13; Ex 1:7; Dt 26:5

46:4 Gn 28:15, Gn 48:21, Gn 50:1, Gn 50:24; Ex 3:8

46:8 Gn 29:32; Ex 1:1, Ex 6:14; Nm 26:4

46:11 Ex 6:16; Nm 3:17, Nm 26:57; 1Ch 6:1

46:20 Gn 41:45, Gn 41:50; Nm 26:28

46:26 Ex 1:5

46:27 Ex 1:5; Dt 10:22; Ac 7:14

[i]Or *Don't quarrel during the trip.* [j]Or *God* [k]Heb *On* [l]Or *sons*

the land of Goshen. [29]Joseph hitched up his chariot and went to meet his father Israel in Goshen. When he arrived, he threw his arms around his neck and wept, embracing him for a long time. [30]Israel said to Joseph, "I can die now after seeing your face. You are really still alive!"

Jacob's household settles in Egypt

[31]Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "Let me go up and inform Pharaoh and tell him, 'My brothers and my father's household who were in the land of Canaan have arrived. [32]The men are shepherds, because they own livestock. They've brought with them their flocks and herds and everything they own.' [33]When Pharaoh summons you and says, 'What do you do?' [34]say, 'Your servants have owned livestock since we were young, both we and our ancestors,' so that you will be able to settle in the land of Goshen, since Egyptians think all shepherds are beneath their dignity."

47 Joseph went to inform Pharaoh and said, "My father and brothers with their flocks, herds, and everything they own have come from the land of Canaan and are now in the land of Goshen." [2]From all of his brothers, he selected five men and presented them before Pharaoh.

[3]Pharaoh said to Joseph's brothers, "What do you do?"

They said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we and our ancestors." [4]They continued, "We've come to the land as immigrants because the famine is so severe in the land of Canaan that there are no more pastures for your servants' flocks. Please allow your servants to settle in the land of Goshen."

[5]Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since your father and brothers have arrived, [6]the land of Egypt is available to you. Settle your father and brothers in the land's best location. Let them live in the land of Goshen. And if you know capable men among them, put them in charge of my own livestock."

[7]Joseph brought his father Jacob and gave him an audience with Pharaoh. Jacob blessed Pharaoh, [8]and Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are you?"

[9]Jacob said to Pharaoh, "I've been a traveler for 130 years. My years have been few and difficult. They don't come close to the years my ancestors lived during their travels." [10]Jacob blessed Pharaoh and left Pharaoh's presence. [11]Joseph settled his father and brothers and gave them property in the land of Egypt, in the best location in the land of Rameses, just as Pharaoh had ordered. [12]Joseph provided food for his father, his brothers, and his father's entire household, in proportion to the number of children.

Joseph centralizes power in Egypt

[13]There was no food in the land because the famine was so severe. The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan dried up from the famine. [14]Joseph collected all of the silver to be found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain, which people came to buy, and he deposited it in Pharaoh's treasury. [15]The silver from the land of Egypt and from the land of Canaan had been spent, and all of the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes, just because the silver is gone?"

[16]Joseph said, "Give me your livestock, and I will give you food for your livestock if the silver is gone." [17]So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food for the horses, flocks, cattle, and donkeys. He got them through that year with food in exchange for all of their livestock.

[18]When that year was over, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We can't hide from my master that the silver is spent and that we've given the livestock to my master. All that's left for my master is our corpses and our farmland. [19]Why should we die

46:29 Gn 41:43, Gn 45:14
47:9 Gn 25:7; 1Ch 29:15; Job 14:1; Ps 39:12; Heb 11:9
47:14 Gn 41:56
47:15 Gn 47:19
47:16 Gn 47:15
47:19 Neh 5:2

before your eyes, we and our farmland too? Buy us and our farms for food, and we and our farms will be under Pharaoh's control. Give us seed so that we can stay alive and not die, and so that our farmland won't become unproductive." [20]So Joseph bought all of Egypt's farmland for Pharaoh because every Egyptian sold his field when the famine worsened. So the land became Pharaoh's. [21]He moved the people to the cities[m] from one end of Egypt to the other. [22]However, he didn't buy the farmland of the priests because Pharaoh allowed the priests a subsidy, and they were able to eat from the subsidy Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they didn't have to sell their farmland.

[23]Joseph said to the people, "Since I've now purchased you and your farmland for Pharaoh, here's seed for you. Plant the seed on the land. [24]When the crop comes in, you must give one-fifth to Pharaoh. You may keep four-fifths for yourselves, for planting fields, and for feeding yourselves, those in your households, and your children."

[25]The people said, "You've saved our lives. If you wish, we will be Pharaoh's slaves." [26]So Joseph made a law that still exists today: Pharaoh receives one-fifth from Egypt's farmland. Only the priests' farmland didn't become Pharaoh's.

Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh

[27]Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. They settled in it, had many children, and became numerous. [28]After Jacob had lived in the land of Egypt for seventeen years, and after he had lived a total of 147 years, [29]Israel's death approached. He summoned his son Joseph and said to him, "If you would be so kind, lay your hand under my thigh, and be loyal and true to me. Don't bury me in Egypt. [30]When I lie down with my fathers, carry me from Egypt and bury me in their grave."

47:25 Gn 33:15, Gn 41:45, Gn 47:19
47:29 Gn 24:2, Gn 24:49, Gn 50:25; Dt 31:14; 1Ki 2:1
47:31 Gn 21:23, Gn 24:3, Gn 50:25; 1Ki 1:47; Heb 11:21
48:3 Gn 17:1, Gn 28:13, Gn 28:19, Gn 35:6, Gn 35:9
48:4 Gn 17:8
48:5 Gn 41:50, Gn 41:51, Gn 41:52; Josh 14:4; 1Ch 5:1
48:7 Gn 35:16, Gn 35:19; 1Sa 10:2; Mi 5:2
48:9 Gn 27:4, Gn 33:5; Heb 11:21
48:10 Gn 27:1, Gn 27:27
48:11 Gn 45:26
48:13 Gn 48:14

Joseph said, "I will do just as you say."

[31]Israel said, "Give me your word!" and Joseph gave his word. Then Israel slumped down at the head of the bed.

48 After this happened, Joseph was told,[n] "Your father is getting weaker," so he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him. [2]When Jacob was informed,[o] "Your son Joseph is here now," he[p] pulled himself together and sat up in bed. [3]Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty[q] appeared to me in Luz in the land of Canaan. He blessed me [4]and said to me, 'I am about to give you many children, to increase your numbers, and to make you a large group of peoples. I will give this land to your descendants following you as an enduring possession.' [5]Now, your two sons born to you in the land of Egypt before I arrived in Egypt are my own. Ephraim and Manasseh are just like Reuben and Simeon to me. [6]Your family who is born to you after them are yours, but their inheritance will be determined under their brothers' names. [7]When I came back from Paddan-aram,[r] Rachel died, to my sorrow, on the road in the land of Canaan, with some distance yet to go to Ephrathah, so I buried her there near the road to Ephrathah,[s] which is Bethlehem."

[8]When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?"

[9]Joseph told his father, "They're my sons, whom God gave me here."

Israel said, "Bring them to me and I will bless them." [10]Because Israel's eyesight had failed from old age and he wasn't able to see, Joseph brought them close to him, and he kissed and embraced them.

[11]Israel said to Joseph, "I didn't expect I'd see your face, but now God has shown me your children too." [12]Then Joseph took them from Israel's knees, and he bowed low with his face to the ground. [13]Joseph took both of them, Ephraim in his right hand at

[m]Sam, LXX *he made the people slaves* [n]LXX, Syr, Tg, Vulg; MT *he told* [o]LXX; MT *he informed* [p]Heb *Israel* [q]Heb *El Shaddai* or *God of the Mountain* [r]Sam, LXX, Syr; MT lacks *aram.* [s]Sam; MT *Ephrath*

Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand at Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him. [14]But Israel put out his right hand and placed it on the head of Ephraim, the younger one, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands because Manasseh was the oldest son. [15]He blessed them[t] and said,

"May the God before whom
my fathers
Abraham and Isaac walked,
may the God who was my shepherd
from the beginning until this day,
[16]may the divine messenger
who protected me from all harm,
bless the young men.
Through them may my name be
kept alive
and the names of my fathers
Abraham and Isaac.
May they grow into a great
multitude
throughout the land."

[17]When Joseph saw that his father had placed his right hand on Ephraim's head, he was upset and grasped his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. [18]Joseph said to his father, "No, my father! This is the oldest son. Put your right hand on his head."

[19]But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He'll become a people too, and he'll also be great. But his younger brother will be greater than he will, and his descendants will become many nations." [20]Israel blessed them that day, saying,

"Through you, Israel will pronounce
blessings, saying,
'May God make you
like Ephraim and Manasseh.'"

So Israel put Ephraim before Manasseh. [21]Then Israel said to Joseph, "I'm about to die. God will be with you and return you to the land of your fathers. [22]I'm giving you one portion more than to your brothers,[u] a portion that I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow."

48:14 Gn 41:51, Gn 48:5
48:15 Gn 17:1, Gn 48:16, Gn 49:24; Ps 23:1
48:16 Ex 23:20
48:17 Gn 48:14
48:19 Gn 25:23; Dt 33:17
48:22 Josh 24:32; Jn 4:5
49:1 Nm 24:14; Dt 31:29; Jer 23:20; Dn 2:28, Dn 10:14
49:2 Ps 34:11
49:3 Gn 29:32; Dt 21:17; 1Ch 5:1
49:4 Gn 35:22; 1Ch 5:1
49:5 Gn 29:33-34, Gn 34:25, Gn 46:10
49:6 Gn 34:26
49:7 Josh 19:1, Josh 21:1
49:8 Gn 27:29, Gn 29:35; 1Ch 5:2
49:9 Nm 23:24, Nm 24:9; Hos 5:14; Mi 5:8; Rev 5:5

Jacob reveals his sons' destinies

49 Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Gather around so that I can tell you what will happen to you in the coming days.

[2]Assemble yourselves and listen,
sons of Jacob;
listen to Israel your father.

[3]Reuben, you are my oldest son,
my strength and my first
contender,[v]
superior in status and superior
in might.
[4]As wild as the waters,
you won't endure,
for you went up to your
father's bed,
you went up[w] and violated
my couch.

[5]Simeon and Levi are brothers,
weapons of violence their stock
in trade.
[6]May I myself never enter
their council.
May my honor never be linked
to their group;
for when they were angry,
they killed men,
and whenever they wished,
they maimed oxen.
[7]Cursed be their anger;
it is violent,
their rage; it is relentless.
I'll divide them up within Jacob
and disperse them within Israel.

[8]Judah, you are the one
your brothers will honor;
your hand will be
on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons will bow
down to you.
[9]Judah is a lion's cub;
from the prey, my son,
you rise up.
He lies down and crouches
like a lion;
like a lioness—
who dares disturb him?

[t]LXX; MT *Joseph* [u]Heb uncertain [v]Or *first of my power* [w]LXX; MT *he went up*

10 The scepter won't depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff
from among his banners.[x]
Gifts will be brought to him;
people will obey him.
11 He ties his male donkey to the vine,
the colt of his female donkey
to the vine's branches.
He washes his clothes in wine,
his garments in the blood
of grapes.
12 His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

13 Zebulun will live at the seashore;
he'll live at the harbor of ships,
his border will be at Sidon.

14 Issachar is a sturdy donkey,
bedding down
beside the village hearths.[y]
15 He saw that a resting place was good
and that the land was pleasant.
He lowered his shoulder to haul loads
and joined the work gangs.

16 Dan[z] will settle disputes
for his people,
as one of Israel's tribes.
17 Dan will be a snake on the road,
a serpent on the path,
biting a horse's heels,
so its rider falls backward.

18 I long for your victory, LORD.

19 Gad[a] will be attacked by attackers,
but he'll attack their back.

20 Asher[b] grows fine foods,
and he will supply the king's
delicacies.

21 Naphtali is a wild doe
that gives birth to beautiful fawns.[c]

22 Joseph is a young bull,[d]
a young bull by a spring,
who strides with oxen.[e]

49:10 Nm 24:17; Ps 60:7, Ps 72:8; Is 42:1, Is 49:6

49:11 Dt 32:14; 2Ki 18:32

49:12 Prv 23:29

49:13 Gn 30:20, Dt 33:18-19; Josh 19:10

49:14 Gn 30:18; Dt 33:18; Josh 19:17; Jgs 5:16; 1Ch 12:32

49:15 Gn 49:14; Eze 29:18

49:16 Gn 30:6, Gn 49:17; Dt 33:22

49:17 Gn 49:16

49:18 Ps 25:5, Ps 40:1, Ps 119:166, Ps 119:174; Is 25:9

49:19 Gn 30:11; Dt 33:20; 1Ch 5:11

49:20 Gn 30:13, Gn 35:26; Dt 33:24-25

49:21 Gn 30:8; Dt 33:23

49:22 Gn 41:52; Dt 33:13; Josh 17:14

49:23 Gn 37:24

49:24 Job 29:20; Ps 80:1, Ps 132:2, Ps 132:5; Is 1:24

49:25 Gn 17:1

49:26 Dt 33:15-16; Hab 3:6

49:27 Gn 35:18; Jgs 20:21

49:28 Gn 35:22

49:29 Gn 25:8-9, Gn 47:30, Gn 49:30, Gn 50:13

49:30 Gn 11:31, Gn 12:5, Gn 13:12, Gn 23:8, Gn 49:29

49:31 Gn 23:19, Gn 25:9, Gn 35:29

23 They attacked him fiercely
and fired arrows;
the archers attacked him
furiously.
24 But his bow stayed strong,
and his forearms were nimble,[f]
by the hands
of the strong one of Jacob,
by the name of the shepherd,
the rock of Israel,
25 by God, your father,
who supports you,
by the Almighty[g]
who blesses you
with blessings
from the skies above
and blessings
from the deep sea below,
blessings from breasts
and womb.
26 The blessings of your father exceed
the blessings
of the eternal mountains,[h]
the wealth of the everlasting hills.
May they all rest on Joseph's head,
on the forehead of the one
set apart from his brothers.

27 Benjamin is a wolf who hunts:
in the morning he devours
the prey;
in the evening he divides
the plunder."

28 These are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them. He blessed them by giving each man his own particular blessing.

Jacob's death and burial

29 Jacob ordered them, "I am soon to join my people. Bury me with my ancestors in the cave that's in the field of Ephron the Hittite; 30 in the cave that's in the field of Machpelah near Mamre in the land of Canaan that Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite as a burial property. 31 That is where Abraham and his wife Sarah are buried,

[x] Sam; MT *his feet* [y] Or *stubbornly lying beneath its saddlebags* [z] Or *he judges, or settles disputes* [a] Or *he attacks or good fortune* [b] LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *from Asher* [c] Or *who gives beautiful words* [d] Heb uncertain [e] Heb uncertain [f] Heb uncertain; or *flexible* [g] Heb *Shaddai* or *the Mountain One* [h] LXX; Heb uncertain

and where Isaac and his wife Rebekah are buried, and where I buried Leah. 32It is the field and the cave in it that belonged to the Hittites." 33After he finished giving orders to his sons, he put his feet up on the bed, took his last breath, and joined his people.

50 Joseph fell across his father's body, wept over him, and kissed him. 2Joseph then ordered the physicians in his service to embalm his father, and the physicians embalmed Israel. 3They mourned for him forty days because that is the period required for embalming. Then the Egyptians mourned him for seventy days. 4After the period of mourning had passed, Joseph spoke to Pharaoh's household: "If you approve my request, give Pharaoh this message: 5My father made me promise, telling me, 'I'm about to die. You must bury me in the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan.' Now, let me leave and let me bury my father, and then I will return."

6Pharaoh replied, "Go, bury your father as you promised."

7So Joseph left to bury his father. All of Pharaoh's servants went with him, together with the elder statesmen in his household and all of the elder statesmen in the land of Egypt, 8Joseph's entire household, his brothers, and his father's household. Only the children, flocks, and cattle remained in the land of Goshen. 9Even chariots and horsemen went with him; it was a huge collection of people. 10When they arrived at the threshing floor of Atad on the other side of the Jordan River, they observed a solemn, deeply sorrowful period of mourning. He grieved seven days for his father.

11When the Canaanites who lived in the land saw the observance of grief on Atad's threshing floor, they said, "This is a solemn observance of grief by the Egyptians." Therefore, its name is Abel-mizraim.[i] It is on the other side of the Jordan River. 12Israel's sons did for him just as he had ordered. 13His sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre, which Abraham had purchased as burial property from Ephron the Hittite. 14Then[j] Joseph returned to Egypt, he, his brothers, and everyone who left with him to bury his father.

50:1 Gn 46:4
50:3 Gn 50:10; Nm 20:29; Dt 34:8
50:11 Gn 50:10
50:19 Gn 30:2, Gn 45:5
50:20 Gn 45:5
50:22 Ex 1:5
50:23 Gn 30:3; Nm 32:39; Josh 17:1; Job 42:16
50:24 Gn 26:3, Gn 28:13, Gn 35:12, Gn 48:21; Ex 3:16

Joseph and his brothers in Egypt

15When Joseph's brothers realized that their father was now dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us, and wants to pay us back seriously for all of the terrible things we did to him?" 16So they approached[k] Joseph and said, "Your father gave orders before he died, telling us, 17'This is what you should say to Joseph. "Please, forgive your brothers' sins and misdeeds, for they did terrible things to you. Now, please forgive the sins of the servants of your father's God."'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18His brothers wept[l] too, fell down in front of him, and said, "We're here as your slaves."

19But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I God? 20You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he's doing today. 21Now, don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." So he put them at ease and spoke reassuringly to them.

22Thus Joseph lived in Egypt, he and his father's household. Joseph lived 110 years 23and saw Ephraim's grandchildren. The children of Machir, Manasseh's son, were also born on Joseph's knees. 24Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm about to die. God will certainly take care of you and bring you out of this land to the land he promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

[i]Or *the Egyptians' observance of grief* [j]LXX; MT includes *after he buried his father.* [k]LXX, Syr; MT *they commanded*
[l]Or *came*

[25]Joseph made Israel's sons promise, "When God takes care of you, you must bring up my bones out of here." [26]Joseph died when he was 110 years old. They embalmed him and placed him in a coffin in Egypt.

50:26 Gn 50:2

EXODUS

These are the names of the Israelites who came to Egypt with Jacob along with their households: [2]Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, [3]Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, [4]Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. [5]The total number in Jacob's family was seventy. Joseph was already in Egypt. [6]Eventually, Joseph, his brothers, and everyone in his generation died. [7]But the Israelites were fertile and became populous. They multiplied and grew dramatically, filling the whole land.

1:1 Gn 35:23, Gn 46:8; 1Ch 2:1
1:2 Gn 29:33, Gn 35:22-23; 1Ch 2:1
1:5 Gn 46:26-27; Dt 10:22
1:8 Ac 7:18
1:9 Ps 105:24
1:10 Ps 83:3, Ps 105:25; Ac 7:19
1:11 Gn 15:13, Gn 47:11; Ex 2:11, Ex 3:7, Ex 5:4
1:12 Ex 1:7; Nm 22:3; Jer 24:5
1:13 Gn 15:13
1:14 Ex 2:23, Ex 6:9; Nm 20:15; Dt 26:6; Ac 7:19
1:15 Gn 35:17
1:16 Ex 1:22; Ac 7:19
1:17 Gn 42:18; Ex 1:21; Prv 16:6; Dn 3:16; Ac 5:29
1:19 Josh 2:4; 2Sa 17:20
1:20 Prv 11:18; Ecc 8:12; Is 3:10; Heb 6:10
1:22 Gn 41:1; Ex 1:16; Ac 7:19
2:1 Ex 6:16, Ex 6:20; Nm 26:59; 1Ch 6:1

Israel is oppressed

[8]Now a new king came to power in Egypt who didn't know Joseph. [9]He said to his people, "The Israelite people are now larger in number and stronger than we are. [10]Come on, let's be smart and deal with them. Otherwise, they will only grow in number. And if war breaks out, they will join our enemies, fight against us, and then escape from the land." [11]As a result, the Egyptians put foremen of forced work gangs over the Israelites to harass them with hard work. They had to build storage cities named Pithom and Rameses for Pharaoh. [12]But the more they were oppressed, the more they grew and spread, so much so that the Egyptians started to look at the Israelites with disgust and dread. [13]So the Egyptians enslaved the Israelites. [14]They made their lives miserable with hard labor, making mortar and bricks, doing field work, and by forcing them to do all kinds of other cruel work.

[15]The king of Egypt spoke to two Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah: [16]"When you are helping the Hebrew women give birth and you see the baby being born, if it's a boy, kill him. But if it's a girl, you can let her live." [17]Now the two midwives respected God so they didn't obey the Egyptian king's order. Instead, they let the baby boys live.

[18]So the king of Egypt called the two midwives and said to them, "Why are you doing this? Why are you letting the baby boys live?"

[19]The two midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because Hebrew women aren't like Egyptian women. They're much stronger and give birth before any midwives can get to them." [20]So God treated the midwives well, and the people kept on multiplying and became very strong. [21]And because the midwives respected God, God gave them households of their own.

[22]Then Pharaoh gave an order to all his people: "Throw every baby boy born to the Hebrews into the Nile River, but you can let all the girls live."

Moses' birth

2 Now a man from Levi's household married a Levite woman. [2]The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. [3]When she couldn't hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. [4]The baby's older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

[5]Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and

she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. 6When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children."

7Then the baby's sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

8Pharaoh's daughter agreed, "Yes, do that." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I'll pay you for your work." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I pulled him out[a] of the water."

Moses runs away to Midian

11One day after Moses had become an adult, he went out among his people and he saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12He looked around to make sure no one else was there. Then he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13When Moses went out the next day, he saw two Hebrew men fighting with each other. Moses said to the one who had started the fight, "Why are you abusing your fellow Hebrew?"

14He replied, "Who made you a boss or judge over us? Are you planning to kill me like you killed the Egyptian?"

Then Moses was afraid when he realized: They obviously know what I did. 15When Pharaoh heard about it, he tried to kill Moses.

But Moses ran away from Pharaoh and settled down in the land of Midian. One day Moses was sitting by a well. 16Now there was a Midianite priest who had seven daughters. The daughters came to draw water and fill the troughs so that their father's flock could drink. 17But some shepherds came along and rudely chased them away. Moses got up, rescued the women, and gave their flock water to drink.

18When they went back home to their father Reuel,[b] he asked, "How were you able to come back home so soon today?"

19They replied, "An Egyptian man rescued us from a bunch of shepherds. Afterward, he even helped us draw water to let the flock drink."

20Reuel said to his daughters, "So where is he? Why did you leave this man? Invite him to eat a meal with us."

21Moses agreed to come and live with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses as his wife. 22She gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, "because," he said, "I've been an immigrant[c] living in a foreign land."

23A long time passed, and the Egyptian king died. The Israelites were still groaning because of their hard work. They cried out, and their cry to be rescued from the hard work rose up to God. 24God heard their cry of grief, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25God looked at the Israelites, and God understood.

Moses at the burning bush

3 Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro,[d] Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. 2The LORD's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. 3Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up.

4When the LORD saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "I'm here."

5Then the LORD said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground."

2:10 Ac 7:21; Heb 11:24
2:11 Ex 1:11, Ex 5:4; Ac 7:23; Heb 11:24
2:12 Ac 7:24
2:13 Ac 7:26
2:14 Gn 13:8, Gn 19:9; Ex 2:10, Ex 3:3; Ac 7:35
2:15 Gn 24:11, Gn 29:2; Ac 7:29; Heb 11:27
2:16 Gn 24:11, Gn 24:13, Gn 24:19; Ex 3:1; 1Sa 9:11
2:17 Gn 29:10
2:18 Ex 3:1, Ex 4:18, Ex 18:1, Ex 18:12; Nm 10:29
2:20 Gn 19:2; Job 31:32
2:21 Ex 4:25, Ex 18:2; Nm 12:1
2:22 Ex 18:3; Ac 7:29; Heb 11:13-14
2:23 Ex 3:7, Ex 3:9; Dt 26:7; Jas 5:4
2:24 Gn 28:13; Ex 6:5; 2Ki 13:23; Ps 105:8, Ps 105:42
3:1 Ex 4:27, Ex 17:6, Ex 18:5, Ex 24:13; 1Ki 19:8
3:2 Gn 16:7; Ex 3:4; Dt 33:16; Mk 12:26; Ac 7:30
3:3 Ex 2:10, Ex 2:14, Ex 3:11, Ex 6:1; Ac 7:31
3:4 Ex 19:3; Lv 1:1
3:5 Gn 28:17; Ex 19:12; Josh 5:15; Ecc 5:1; Ac 7:33

[a]Heb *mashah* sounds like Moses *(moshe)*. [b]Also called Jethro [c]Heb *ger* sounds like *Gershom*. [d]Also called Reuel

6 He continued, "I am the God of your
father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and
Jacob's God." Moses hid his face be-
cause he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the LORD said, "I've clearly
seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've
heard their cry of injustice because of
their slave masters. I know about their
pain. 8 I've come down to rescue them
from the Egyptians in order to take
them out of that land and bring them
to a good and broad land, a land that's
full of milk and honey, a place where
the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amor-
ites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the
Jebusites all live. 9 Now the Israelites'
cries of injustice have reached me. I've
seen just how much the Egyptians have
oppressed them. 10 So get going. I'm
sending you to Pharaoh to bring my
people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I
to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Isra-
elites out of Egypt?"

12 God said, "I'll be with you. And
this will show you that I'm the one who
sent you. After you bring the people
out of Egypt, you will come back here
and worship God on this mountain."

God's special name

13 But Moses said to God, "If I now
come to the Israelites and say to them,
'The God of your ancestors has sent
me to you,' they are going to ask me,
'What's this God's name?' What am I
supposed to say to them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I Am Who I
Am.[e] So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has
sent me to you.'" 15 God continued, "Say
to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of
your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's
God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to
you.' This is my name forever; this is
how all generations will remember me.

16 "Go and get Israel's elders together
and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of
your ancestors, the God of Abraham,
of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared
to me. The LORD said, "I've been pay-
ing close attention to you and to what
has been done to you in Egypt. 17 I've
decided to take you away from the ha-
rassment in Egypt to the land of the
Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amo-
rites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and
the Jebusites, a land full of milk and
honey." 18 They will accept what you say
to them. Then you and Israel's elders
will go to Egypt's king and say to him,
"The LORD, the Hebrews' God, has met
with us. So now let us go on a three-
day journey into the desert so that we
can offer sacrifices to the LORD our
God." 19 However, I know that Egypt's
king won't let you go unless he's forced
to do it. 20 So I'll use my strength and
hit Egypt with dramatic displays of my
power. After that, he'll let you go.

21 "I'll make it so that when you leave
Egypt, the Egyptians will be kind to you
and you won't go away empty-handed.
22 Every woman will ask her neighbor
along with the immigrant in her house-
hold for their silver and their gold jew-
elry as well as their clothing. Then you
will put it on your sons and daughters,
and you will rob the Egyptians.'"

Signs of power

4 Then Moses replied, "But what if
they don't believe me or pay atten-
tion to me? They might say to me, 'The
LORD didn't appear to you!'"

2 The LORD said to him, "What's that
in your hand?"

Moses replied, "A shepherd's rod."

3 The LORD said, "Throw it down on
the ground." So Moses threw it on the
ground, and it turned into a snake.
Moses jumped back from it. 4 Then the
LORD said to Moses, "Reach out and
grab the snake by the tail." So Moses
reached out and grabbed it, and it
turned back into a rod in his hand.
5 "Do this so that they will believe that
the LORD, the God of their ancestors,
Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Ja-
cob's God has in fact appeared to you."

6 Again, the LORD said to Moses, "Put
your hand inside your coat." So Moses
put his hand inside his coat. When he

3:6 Gn 28:13; Ex 4:5; Mt 22:32; Mk 12:26; Lk 20:37

3:7 Ex 2:23; Neh 9:9; Ps 106:44; Is 63:9

3:8 Ex 3:17, Ex 13:5, Ex 33:3; Lv 20:24; Nm 13:27

3:10 Ps 105:26; Mi 6:4

3:11 Ex 4:10, Ex 6:12; 1Sa 18:18; 2Sa 7:18; Is 6:5

3:13 Gn 32:28-29; Ex 3:14, Ex 15:3; Nm 16:28

3:14 Jn 8:58; Heb 13:8; Rev 4:8

3:15 Ex 3:6; Ps 102:12, Ps 135:13; Hos 12:5

3:16 Gn 50:24; Ex 4:29, Ex 4:31

3:17 Gn 46:4; Ex 3:8

3:18 Ex 4:31, Ex 5:1, Ex 5:3, Ex 8:27

3:19 Ex 5:2, Ex 6:1, Ex 10:1

3:21 Ex 11:2-3, Ex 12:36; Ps 106:46

3:22 Gn 15:14; Ex 11:2, Ex 12:35; Eze 39:10

4:1 Ex 3:1, Ex 3:11, Ex 3:18, Ex 4:10, Ex 6:12

4:2 Ex 4:17, Ex 4:20

4:3 Ex 7:10

4:4 Ex 4:3, Ex 4:30, Ex 7:10, Ex 8:8, Ex 9:29

4:5 Ex 3:6, Ex 3:15, Ex 19:9

4:6 Ex 4:7; Nm 12:10; 2Ki 5:27

[e] Or *I Will Be Who I Will Be.*

took his hand out, his hand had a skin disease flaky like snow. 7Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your coat." So Moses put his hand back inside his coat. When he took it back out again, the skin of his hand had returned to normal. 8"If they won't believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second sign. 9If they won't believe even these two signs or pay attention to you, then take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on dry ground. The water that you take from the Nile will turn into blood on the dry ground."

10But Moses said to the LORD, "My Lord, I've never been able to speak well, not yesterday, not the day before, and certainly not now since you've been talking to your servant. I have a slow mouth and a thick tongue."

11Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives people the ability to speak? Who's responsible for making them unable to speak or hard of hearing, sighted or blind? Isn't it I, the LORD? 12Now go! I'll help you speak, and I'll teach you what you should say."

13But Moses said, "Please, my Lord, just send someone else."

14Then the LORD got angry at Moses and said, "What about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak very well. He's on his way out to meet you now, and he's looking forward to seeing you. 15Speak to him and tell him what he's supposed to say. I'll help both of you speak, and I'll teach both of you what to do. 16Aaron will speak for you to the people. He'll be a spokesperson for you, and you will be like God for him. 17Take this shepherd's rod with you too so that you can do the signs."

Moses goes back to Egypt

18Moses went back to his father-in-law Jethro and said to him, "Please let me go back to my family in Egypt and see whether or not they are still living."

Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

19The LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt because everyone there who wanted to kill you has died." 20So Moses took his wife and his children, put them on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. Moses also carried the shepherd's rod from God in his hand.

21The LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, make sure that you appear before Pharaoh and do all the amazing acts that I've given you the power to do. But I'll make him stubborn so that he won't let the people go. 22Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my oldest son. 23I said to you, "Let my son go so he could worship me." But you refused to let him go. As a result, now I'm going to kill your oldest son.'"

24During their journey, as they camped overnight, the LORD met Moses[f] and tried to kill him. 25But Zipporah took a sharp-edged flint stone and cut off her son's foreskin. Then she touched Moses' genitals[g] with it, and she said, "You are my bridegroom because of bloodshed." 26So the LORD let him alone. At that time, she announced, "A bridegroom because of bloodshed by circumcision."

27The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the desert to meet Moses." So he went, and Aaron met him at God's mountain and greeted him with a kiss. 28Moses told Aaron what the LORD had said about his mission and all the signs that the LORD had told him to do. 29Then Moses and Aaron called together all the Israelite elders. 30Aaron told them everything that the LORD had told to Moses, and he performed the signs in front of the people. 31The people believed. When they heard that the LORD had paid attention to the Israelites and had seen their oppression, they bowed down and worshipped.

First meeting with Pharaoh

5 Afterward, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says: 'Let my

4:7 Ex 4:6; 2Ki 5:14; Mt 8:3
4:8 Ex 4:30
4:9 Ex 7:19
4:10 Ex 3:11, Ex 4:1, Ex 6:12; Jer 1:6
4:11 Ps 94:9, Ps 146:8; Lk 1:20, Lk 1:64
4:12 Ex 4:15; Is 50:4; Mt 10:19; Lk 12:12, Lk 21:15
4:13 Ex 4:1, Ex 4:10; Jer 1:6
4:14 Ex 4:27
4:17 Ex 4:2, Ex 4:20, Ex 7:9, Ex 7:19, Ex 8:16
4:20 Ex 17:9; Nm 20:9
4:21 Ex 7:3, Ex 7:13, Ex 9:12, Ex 9:35; Josh 11:20
4:22 Is 63:16; Jer 31:9; Hos 11:1; Ro 9:4
4:23 Ex 5:1, Ex 7:16, Ex 11:5, Ex 12:29; Ps 135:8
4:24 Gn 17:14, Gn 42:27; Nm 22:22
4:25 Ex 2:21; Josh 5:2, Josh 5:3
4:27 Ex 3:1, Ex 4:14, Ex 18:5, Ex 24:13
5:1 Ex 10:9

[f]Or *him* [g]Or *his feet*

people go so that they can hold a festival for me in the desert.'"

[2]But Pharaoh said, "Who is this LORD whom I'm supposed to obey by letting Israel go? I don't know this LORD, and I certainly won't let Israel go."

[3]Then they said, "The Hebrews' God has appeared to us. Let us go on a three-day journey into the desert so we can offer sacrifices to the LORD our God. Otherwise, the LORD will give us a deadly disease or violence."

[4]The king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why are you making the people slack off from their work? Do the hard work yourselves!" [5]Pharaoh continued, "The land's people are now numerous. Yet you want them to stop their hard work?"

[6]On the very same day Pharaoh commanded the people's slave masters and supervisors, [7]"Don't supply the people with the straw they need to make bricks like you did before. Let them go out and gather the straw for themselves. [8]But still make sure that they produce the same number of bricks as they made before. Don't reduce the number! They are weak and lazy, and that's why they cry, 'Let's go and offer sacrifices to our God.' [9]Make the men's work so hard that it's all they can do, and they can't focus on these empty lies."

[10]So the people's slave masters and supervisors came out and spoke to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says, 'I'm not giving you straw anymore. [11]Go and get the straw on your own, wherever you can find it. But your work won't be reduced at all.'" [12]So the people spread out all through the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. [13]The slave masters drove them hard and said, "Make sure you make the same daily quota as when you had the straw." [14]The Israelite supervisors, whom Pharaoh's slave masters had set over them, were also beaten and asked, "Why didn't you produce the same number of bricks yesterday and today as you did before?"

5:2 Ex 3:19; Job 21:15
5:6 Ex 1:11, Ex 5:10, Ex 5:14-15, Ex 5:19
5:8 Ex 5:18
5:9 Dt 26:6; Eph 5:6
5:17 Ex 5:8
6:1 Ex 3:19-20, Ex 11:1, Ex 12:31, Ex 12:33
6:2 Ex 3:14-15
6:3 Gn 17:1, Gn 48:3; Ex 3:15; Ps 68:4, Ps 83:18
6:6 Ex 7:4, Ex 15:13; Dt 26:8; 1Ch 17:21; Ps 136:11

[15]Then the Israelite supervisors came and pleaded to Pharaoh, "Why do you treat your servants like this? [16]No straw is supplied to your servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks!' Look at how your servants are being beaten! Your own people are to blame!"

[17]Pharaoh replied, "You are lazy bums, nothing but lazy bums. That's why you say, 'Let us go and offer sacrifices to the LORD.' [18]Go and get back to work! No straw will be given to you, but you still need to make the same number of bricks."

[19]The Israelite supervisors saw how impossible their situation was when they were commanded, "Don't reduce your daily quota of bricks." [20]When they left Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them. [21]The supervisors said to them, "Let the LORD see and judge what you've done! You've made us stink in the opinion of Pharaoh and his servants. You've given them a reason to kill us."

[22]Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, "My Lord, why have you abused this people? Why did you send me for this? [23]Ever since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has abused this people. And you've done absolutely nothing to rescue your people."

God reassures Moses

6 The LORD replied to Moses, "Now you will see what I'll do to Pharaoh. In fact, he'll be so eager to let them go that he'll drive them out of his land by force."

[2]God also said to Moses: "I am the LORD. [3]I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty,[h] but I didn't reveal myself to them by my name 'The LORD.' [4]I also set up my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan where they lived as immigrants. [5]I've also heard the cry of grief of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have turned into slaves, and I've remembered my covenant. [6]Therefore, say to the Israelites, 'I am the LORD.

[h]Heb *El Shaddai* or *God of the Mountain*

I'll bring you out from Egyptian forced labor. I'll rescue you from your slavery to them. I'll set you free with great power and with momentous events of justice. 7I'll take you as my people, and I'll be your God. You will know that I, the LORD, am your God, who has freed you from Egyptian forced labor. 8I'll bring you into the land that I promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I'll give it to you as your possession. I am the LORD.'" 9Moses told this to the Israelites. But they didn't listen to Moses, because of their complete exhaustion and their hard labor.

10Then the LORD said to Moses, 11"Go and tell Pharaoh, Egypt's king, to let the Israelites out of his land."

12But Moses said to the LORD, "The Israelites haven't even listened to me. How can I expect Pharaoh to listen to me, especially since I'm not a very good speaker?" 13Nevertheless, the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron about the Israelites and Pharaoh, Egypt's king, giving them orders to let the Israelites go from the land of Egypt.

Family line of Moses and Aaron

14These were the leaders of their households.

The descendants of Reuben, Israel's oldest son: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

These were Reuben's clans. 15The Simeonites: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, a Canaanite woman's son. These were Simeon's clans.

16These were the Levites' names by their generations: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. Levi lived 137 years. 17The Gershonites: Libni and Shimei and their clans. 18The Kohathites: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. Kohath lived 133 years. 19The Merarites: Mahli and Mushi. These were the Levite clans by their generations.

20Amram married Jochebed, his father's sister. She gave birth to Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years. 21The Izharites: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri. 22The Uzzielites: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri. 23Aaron married Elisheba, Amminadab's daughter and Nahshon's sister. She gave birth to Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 24The Korahites: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These were the Korahite clans. 25Aaron's son Eleazar married one of Putiel's daughters. She gave birth to Phinehas. These were the leaders of Levite households by their clans.

26It was this same Aaron and Moses whom the LORD commanded, "Bring the Israelites out of the land of Egypt in military formation." 27It was also this same Moses and Aaron who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

28At the time the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29the LORD said to him, "I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh, Egypt's king, everything that I've said to you."

30But Moses replied to the LORD, "Look, I'm not a very good speaker. How is Pharaoh ever going to listen to me?"

7 The LORD said to Moses, "See, I've made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. 2You will say everything that I command you, and your brother Aaron will tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites out of his land. 3But I'll make Pharaoh stubborn, and I'll perform many of my signs and amazing acts in the land of Egypt. 4When Pharaoh refuses to listen to you, then I'll act against Egypt and I'll bring my people the Israelites out of the land of Egypt in military formation by momentous events of justice. 5The Egyptians will come to know that I am the LORD, when I act against Egypt and bring the Israelites out from among them." 6Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them. 7Moses was 80 years old and Aaron was 83 when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Turning rods into snakes

8The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 9"When Pharaoh says to you, 'Do one of your amazing acts,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your shepherd's rod and

6:9 Ex 2:23

6:11 Ex 6:29

6:12 Ex 4:1, Ex 4:10, Ex 6:30; Jer 1:6

6:16 Gn 46:11; Nm 3:17, Nm 26:57; 1Ch 6:1, 1Ch 6:16

6:23 Lv 10:1; Nm 1:7, Nm 2:3, Nm 3:2; 1Ch 2:10

6:24 Ex 6:21; Nm 16:1; 1Ch 6:22-23, 1Ch 6:37

6:25 Nm 25:7, Nm 31:6; Josh 22:13, Josh 24:33; Jgs 20:28

6:29 Ex 6:2, Ex 6:11. Ex 7:2

7:1 Ex 4:16

7:3 Ex 4:21, Ex 11:9; Ac 7:36

7:9 Ex 4:2; Is 7:11; Jn 2:18, Jn 6:30

throw it down in front of Pharaoh, and it will turn into a cobra.'"[i]

[10]So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw down his shepherd's rod in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it turned into a cobra. [11]Then Pharaoh called together his wise men and wizards, and Egypt's religious experts[j] did the same thing by using their secret knowledge. [12]Each one threw down his rod, and they turned into cobras. But then Aaron's rod swallowed up each of their rods. [13]However, Pharaoh remained stubborn. He wouldn't listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Water into blood

[14]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh is stubborn. He still refuses to let the people go. [15]Go to Pharaoh in the morning. As he is going out to the water, make sure you stand at the bank of the Nile River so you will run into him. Bring along the shepherd's rod that turned into a snake. [16]Say to him, The LORD, the Hebrews' God, has sent me to you with this message: Let my people go so that they can worship me in the desert. Up to now you still haven't listened. [17]This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD. I'm now going to hit the water of the Nile River with this rod in my hand, and it will turn into blood. [18]The fish in the Nile are going to die, the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians won't be able to drink water from the Nile." [19]The LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your shepherd's rod and stretch out your hand over Egypt's waters—over their rivers, their canals, their marshes, and all their bodies of water—so that they turn into blood. There will be blood all over the land of Egypt, even in wooden and stone containers.'"

[20]Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded. He raised the shepherd's rod and hit the water in the Nile in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. [21]The fish in the Nile died, and the Nile began to stink so that the Egyptians couldn't drink water from the Nile. There was blood all over the land of Egypt. [22]But the Egyptian religious experts did the same thing with their secret knowledge. As a result, Pharaoh remained stubborn, and he wouldn't listen to them, just as the LORD had said. [23]Pharaoh turned and went back to his palace. He wasn't impressed even by this. [24]Meanwhile, all the Egyptians had to dig for drinking water along the banks of the Nile River, because they couldn't drink the water of the Nile itself. [25]Seven days went by after the LORD had struck the Nile River.

Invasion of frogs

8 [k]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and tell him: This is what the LORD says: Let my people go so that they can worship me. [2]If you refuse to let them go, then I'll send a plague of frogs over your whole country. [3]The Nile will overflow with frogs. They'll get into your palace, into your bedroom and onto your bed, into your officials' houses, and among all your people, and even into your ovens and bread pans. [4]The frogs will crawl up on you, your people, and all your officials." [5]And[l] the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your shepherd's rod over the rivers, the canals, and the marshes, and make the frogs crawl up all over the land of Egypt.'" [6]So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt. The frogs crawled up and covered the land of Egypt. [7]However, the Egyptian religious experts were able to do the same thing by their secret knowledge. They too made frogs crawl up onto the land of Egypt.

[8]Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "If you pray to the LORD to get rid of the frogs from me and my people, then I'll let the people

7:10 Ex 4:3, Ex 7:9
7:11 Gn 41:8; Ex 7:22, Ex 8:7, Ex 8:18; 2Ti 3:8
7:12 Ex 4:14, Ex 4:30, Ex 5:20, Ex 6:20, Ex 7:1
7:13 Ex 4:21, Ex 7:3, Ex 8:15, Ex 10:20, Ex 10:27
7:14 Ex 8:15, Ex 10:1, Ex 10:20, Ex 10:27
7:16 Ex 3:18, Ex 5:1, Ex 5:3, Ex 9:1, Ex 9:13
7:17 Ex 4:9, Ex 7:5
7:19 Ex 8:5-6, Ex 8:16, Ex 10:12, Ex 14:21
7:20 Ex 17:5; Ps 78:44, Ps 105:29
7:21 Ex 7:18, Ex 7:24
7:22 Ex 7:3, Ex 7:11, Ex 7:13, Ex 8:7
8:1 Ex 3:18, Ex 5:1
8:2 Ex 9:2; Ps 78:45, Ps 105:30; Rev 16:13
8:7 Ex 7:11, Ex 7:22; Mt 24:24

[i]Or *serpent* [j]Or *magicians* [k]7:26 in Heb [l]8:1 in Heb

go so that they can offer sacrifices to the LORD."

[9]Moses said to Pharaoh, "Have it your way. When should I pray for you and your officials and your people to remove the frogs from your houses, courtyards, and fields? They'll stay only in the Nile."

[10]Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow!"

Moses said, "Just as you say! That way you will know that there is no one like the LORD our God. [11]The frogs will leave you, your houses, your officials, and your people. They'll stay only in the Nile." [12]After Moses and Aaron had left Pharaoh, Moses cried out to the LORD about the frogs that the LORD had brought on Pharaoh. [13]The LORD did as Moses asked. The frogs died inside the houses, out in the yards, and in the fields. [14]They gathered them together in big piles, and the land began to stink. [15]But when Pharaoh saw that the disaster was over, he became stubborn again and wouldn't listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Swarming lice

[16]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your shepherd's rod and hit the land's dirt so that lice[m] appear in the whole land of Egypt.'" [17]They did this. Aaron stretched out his hand with his shepherd's rod, hit the land's dirt, and lice appeared on both people and animals. All the land's dirt turned into lice throughout the whole land of Egypt.

[18]The religious experts[n] tried to produce lice by their secret knowledge, but they weren't able to do it. There were lice on people and animals. [19]The religious experts said to Pharaoh, "This is something only God could do!" But Pharaoh was stubborn, and he wouldn't listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Insects fill Egypt

[20]The LORD said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes out to the water. Say to him, This is what the LORD says: Let my people go so that they can worship me. [21]If you refuse to let my people go, I'll send swarms of insects[o] on you, your officials, your people, and your houses. All Egyptian houses will be filled with swarms of insects and also the ground that they cover. [22]But on that day I'll set apart the land of Goshen, where my people live. No swarms of insects will come there so you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land. [23]I'll put a barrier between my people and your people. This sign will happen tomorrow." [24]The LORD did this. Great swarms of insects came into the houses of Pharaoh and his officials and into the whole land of Egypt. The land was ruined by the insects.

[25]Then Pharaoh called in Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, offer sacrifices to your God within the land."

[26]Moses replied, "It wouldn't be right to do that, because the sacrifices that we offer to the LORD our God will offend Egyptians. If we openly offer sacrifices that offend Egyptians, won't they stone us to death? [27]We need to go for a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God as he has ordered us."

[28]So Pharaoh said, "I'll let you go to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the desert, provided you don't go too far away and you pray for me."

[29]Moses said, "I'll leave you now, and I'll pray to the LORD. Tomorrow the swarms of insects will leave Pharaoh, his officials, and his people. Just don't let Pharaoh lie to us again and not let the people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD."

[30]So Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. [31]The LORD did as Moses asked and removed the swarms of insects from Pharaoh, from his officials, and from his people. Not one insect remained. [32]But Pharaoh was stubborn once again, and he wouldn't let the people go.

8:18 Ex 7:11, Ex 8:7, Ex 9:11
8:19 Ps 8:3; Lk 11:20
8:21 Ps 78:45, Ps 105:31
8:22 Ex 7:17, Ex 9:4, Ex 9:6, Ex 9:26, Ex 11:7
8:23 Ex 9:4
8:25 Ex 8:8, Ex 9:27, Ex 10:16, Ex 12:31
8:26 Gn 43:32, Gn 46:34
8:27 Ex 3:18
8:28 Ex 8:8, Ex 8:15, Ex 8:29, Ex 8:32, Ex 9:28
8:29 Ex 8:8, Ex 8:15
8:32 Ex 4:21, Ex 8:15

[m]Heb uncertain [n]Or *magicians* [o]Heb uncertain

Animals sick and dying

9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, This is what the LORD, the Hebrews' God, says: Let my people go so that they can worship me. [2]If you refuse to let them go and you continue to hold them back, [3]the LORD will send a very deadly disease on your livestock in the field: on horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, and flocks. [4]But the LORD will distinguish Israel's livestock from Egypt's livestock so that not one that belongs to the Israelites will die." [5]The LORD set a time and said, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this in the land." [6]And the next day the LORD did it. All of the Egyptian livestock died, but not one animal that belonged to the Israelites died. [7]Pharaoh asked around and found out that not one of Israel's livestock had died. But Pharaoh was stubborn, and he wouldn't let the people go.

Skin sores and blisters

[8]Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of ashes from a furnace and have Moses throw it up in the air in front of Pharaoh. [9]The ashes will turn to soot over the whole land of Egypt. It will cause skin sores that will break out in blisters on people and animals in the whole land of Egypt." [10]So they took ashes from the furnace, and they stood in front of Pharaoh. Moses threw the ash up in the air, and it caused skin sores and blisters to break out on people and animals. [11]The religious experts[p] couldn't stand up to Moses because of the skin sores, because there were skin sores on the religious experts as well as on all the Egyptians. [12]But the LORD made Pharaoh stubborn, and Pharaoh wouldn't listen to them, just as the LORD had said to Moses.

Hail and thunder

[13]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh. Say to him, This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go so that they can worship me. [14]This time I'm going to send all my plagues on you, your officials, and your people so that you will know that there is no one like me in the whole world. [15]By now I could have used my power to strike you and your people with a deadly disease so that you would have disappeared from the earth. [16]But I've left you standing for this reason: in order to show you my power and in order to make my name known in the whole world. [17]You are still abusing your power against my people, and you refuse to let them go. [18]Tomorrow at this time I'll cause the heaviest hail to fall on Egypt that has ever fallen from the day Egypt was founded until now. [19]So bring under shelter your livestock and all that belongs to you that is out in the open. Every person or animal that is out in the open field and isn't brought inside will die when the hail rains down on them." [20]Some of Pharaoh's officials who took the LORD's word seriously rushed to bring their servants and livestock inside for shelter. [21]Others who didn't take the LORD's word to heart left their servants and livestock out in the open field.

[22]The LORD said to Moses, "Raise your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall on the whole land of Egypt, on people and animals and all the grain in the fields in the land of Egypt." [23]Then Moses raised his shepherd's rod toward the sky, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning struck the earth. The LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. [24]The hail and the lightning flashing in the middle of the hail were so severe that there had been nothing like it in the entire land of Egypt since it first became a nation. [25]The hail beat down everything that was in the open field throughout the entire land of Egypt, both people and animals. The hail also beat down all the grain in the fields, and it shattered every tree out

9:3 Ex 7:4; 1Sa 5:6; Ps 78:50; Ac 13:11
9:10 Dt 28:27
9:11 Ex 7:11
9:12 Ex 4:21
9:16 Ex 14:17; Prv 16:4; Ro 9:17, Ro 9:22
9:21 Ex 7:23
9:23 Josh 10:11; Ps 18:13; Rev 8:7
9:25 Ps 78:47, Ps 105:33

[p]Or *magicians*

in the field. 26The only place where hail didn't fall was in the land of Goshen where the Israelites lived.

27Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said to them, "This time I've sinned. The LORD is right, and I and my people are wrong. 28Pray to the LORD! Enough of God's thunder and hail! I'm going to let you go. You don't need to stay here any longer."

29Moses said to him, "As soon as I've left the city, I'll spread out my hands to the LORD. Then the thunder and the hail will stop and won't return so that you will know that the earth belongs to the LORD. 30But I know that you and your officials still don't take the LORD God seriously." (31Now the flax and the barley were destroyed, because the barley had ears of grain and the flax had buds. 32But both durum and emmer wheat weren't ruined, because they hadn't come up.) 33Moses left Pharaoh and the city, and spread out his hands to the LORD. Then the thunder and the hail stopped, and the rain stopped pouring down on the earth. 34But when Pharaoh saw that the rain, hail, and thunder had stopped, he sinned again. Pharaoh and his officials became stubborn. 35Because of his stubbornness, Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, just as the LORD had told Moses.

Invasion of locusts

10 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh. I've made him and his officials stubborn so that I can show them my signs 2and so that you can tell your children and grandchildren how I overpowered the Egyptians with the signs I did among them. You will know that I am the LORD."

3So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "This is what the LORD, the Hebrews' God, says: How long will you refuse to respect me? Let my people go so that they can worship me. 4Otherwise, if you refuse to let my people go, I'm going to bring locusts into your country tomorrow. 5They will cover the landscape so that you won't be able to see the ground. They will eat the last bit of vegetation that was left after the hail. They will eat all your trees growing in the fields. 6The locusts will fill your houses and all your officials' houses and all the Egyptians' houses. Your parents and even your grandparents have never seen anything like it during their entire lifetimes in this fertile land." Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh.

7Pharaoh's officials said to him, "How long will this man trap us in a corner like this? Let the people go so that they can worship the LORD their God. Don't you get it? Egypt is being destroyed!"

8So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go! Worship the LORD your God! But who exactly is going with you?"

9Moses said, "We'll go with our young and old, with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we all must observe the LORD's festival."

10Pharaoh said to them, "Yes, the LORD will be with you, all right, especially if I let your children go with you! Obviously, you are plotting some evil scheme. 11No way! Only your men can go and worship the LORD, because that's what you asked for." Then Pharaoh had them chased out of his presence.

12Then the LORD said to Moses: "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt so that the locusts will swarm over the land of Egypt and eat all of the land's grain and everything that the hail left." 13So Moses stretched out his shepherd's rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD made an east wind blow over the land all that day and all that night. When morning came, the east wind had carried in the locusts. 14The locusts swarmed over the whole land of Egypt and settled on the whole country. Such a huge swarming of locusts had never happened before and would never happen ever again. 15They covered the whole landscape so that

9:28 Ex 8:8, Ex 8:28, Ex 10:17; Ac 8:24
9:29 1Ki 8:22; Ps 24:1, Ps 143:6; Is 1:15; 1Co 10:26
9:32 Jgs 6:11; Is 28:25
9:35 Ex 4:21
10:1 Ex 4:21
10:2 Ex 13:8, Ex 13:14; Dt 4:9; Ps 78:5; Jl 1:3
10:6 Ex 8:3, Ex 8:21
10:10 Ex 10:24
10:11 Ex 10:28

the land turned black with them. They ate all of the land's grain and all of the orchards' fruit that the hail had left. Nothing green was left in any orchard or in any grain field in the whole land of Egypt.

16 Pharaoh called urgently for Moses and Aaron and said, "I've sinned against the LORD your God and against you. 17 Please forgive my sin this time. Pray to the LORD your God just to take this deathly disaster away from me."

18 So Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. 19 The LORD turned the wind into a very strong west wind that lifted the locusts and drove them into the Reed Sea.[q] Not a single locust was left in the whole country of Egypt. 20 But the LORD made Pharaoh stubborn so that he wouldn't let the Israelites go.

Darkness covers Egypt

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Raise your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over the land of Egypt, a darkness that you can feel." 22 So Moses raised his hand toward the sky, and an intense darkness fell on the whole land of Egypt for three days. 23 People couldn't see each other, and they couldn't go anywhere for three days. But the Israelites all had light where they lived.

24 Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Go! Worship the LORD! Only your flocks and herds need to stay behind. Even your children can go with you."

25 But Moses said, "You need to let us have sacrifices and entirely burned offerings to present to the LORD our God. 26 So our livestock must go with us. Not one animal can be left behind. We'll need some of them for worshipping the LORD our God. We won't know which to use to worship the LORD until we get there."

27 But the LORD made Pharaoh stubborn so that he wasn't willing to let them go. 28 Pharaoh said to him, "Get out of here! Make sure you never see my face again, because the next time you see my face you will die."

29 Moses said, "You've said it! I'll never see your face again!"

10:21 Ex 9:22, Ex 10:22; Ps 105:28
10:22 Ps 105:28
10:24 Ex 8:8, Ex 10:8, Ex 10:10
10:25 Ex 39:1, Ex 40:1
10:28 Ex 10:11
11:1 Ex 6:1, Ex 12:31
11:2 Ex 3:22, Ex 12:35, Ex 12:36
11:4 Ex 12:29; Job 34:20
11:5 Ex 4:23, Ex 12:12, Ex 12:29, Ex 13:15; Mt 24:41
11:7 Ex 8:22, Ex 9:4
12:1 Ex 4:14, Ex 5:20, Ex 6:20, Ex 7:1, Ex 7:7
12:2 Ex 13:4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18; Dt 16:1

God announces the final disaster

11 The LORD said to Moses, "I'll bring one more disaster on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he'll let you go from here. In fact, when he lets you go, he'll eagerly chase you out of here. 2 Tell every man to ask his neighbor and every woman to ask her neighbor for all their silver and gold jewelry." 3 The LORD made sure that the Egyptians were kind to the Hebrew people. In addition, Pharaoh's officials and the Egyptian people even came to honor Moses as a great and important man in the land.

4 Moses said, "This is what the LORD says: At midnight I'll go throughout Egypt. 5 Every oldest child in the land of Egypt will die, from the oldest child of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the oldest child of the servant woman by the millstones, and all the first offspring of the animals. 6 Then a terrible cry of agony will echo through the whole land of Egypt unlike any heard before or that ever will be again. 7 But as for the Israelites, not even a dog will growl at them, at the people, or at their animals. By this, you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. 8 Then all your officials will come down to me, bow to me, and say, 'Get out, you and all your followers!' After that I'll leave." Then Moses, furious, left Pharaoh.

9 The LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh won't listen to you so that I can perform even more amazing acts in the land of Egypt." 10 Now Moses and Aaron did all these amazing acts in front of Pharaoh, but the LORD made Pharaoh stubborn so that he didn't let the Israelites go from his land.

First Passover

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This

[q] Or *Red Sea*

month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you.[r]
[3]Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. [4]If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. [5]Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. [6]You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. [7]They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. [8]That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. [9]Don't eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. [10]Don't let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. [11]This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the LORD. [12]I'll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I'll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I'll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. [13]The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I'll pass over[s] you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

[14]"This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the LORD. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time. [15]You will eat unleavened bread for seven days. On the first day you must remove yeast from your houses because anyone who eats leavened bread anytime during those seven days will be cut off from Israel. [16]The first day and the seventh day will be a holy occasion for you. No work at all should be done on those days, except for preparing the food that everyone is going to eat. That is the only work you may do. [17]You should observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because on this precise day I brought you out of the land of Egypt in military formation. You should observe this day in every generation as a regulation for all time. [18]In the first month, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day, you should eat unleavened bread. [19]For seven days no yeast should be found in your houses because whoever eats leavened bread will be cut off from the Israelite community, whether the person is an immigrant or a native of the land. [20]You should not eat anything made with yeast in all your settlements. You should eat only unleavened bread."

[21]Then Moses called together all of Israel's elders and said to them, "Go pick out one of the flock for your families, and slaughter the Passover lamb. [22]Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood that is in the bowl, and touch the beam above the door and the two doorposts with the blood in the bowl. None of you should go out the door of your house until morning. [23]When the LORD comes by to strike down the Egyptians and sees the blood on the beam above the door and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door. He won't let the destroyer enter your houses to strike you down. [24]You should observe this ritual as a regulation for all time for you and your children. [25]When you enter the land that the LORD has promised to give you, be sure that you observe this ritual. [26]And when your children ask you, 'What does this ritual mean to you?' [27]you will say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, for the

12:3 Ex 12:6; 1Co 5:7
12:5 Heb 9:14; 1Pt 1:19
12:6 Ex 16:12; Lv 23:5
12:7 Ex 12:22; Heb 11:28
12:8 Ex 13:3, Ex 34:25; Nm 9:11; Dt 16:3; 1Co 5:8
12:9 Dt 16:7
12:10 Ex 23:18, Ex 29:34, Ex 34:25; Dt 16:4
12:11 Ex 12:27; Lk 12:35; 1Co 5:7
12:12 Ex 6:2, Ex 11:4, Ex 11:5; Nm 33:4; Is 19:1
12:13 Gn 17:11; Ex 12:23; Heb 11:28
12:14 Ex 12:17, Ex 12:24, Ex 13:9-10
12:15 Gn 17:14, Ex 12:19, Ex 13:6, Ex 23:15; Dt 16:3
12:16 Lv 23:7-8; Nm 28:18, Nm 28:25
12:17 Ex 12:14, Ex 12:41, Ex 13:3
12:18 Ex 12:2; Lv 23:5; Nm 28:16
12:19 Ex 12:15
12:21 Ex 3:16, Ex 12:3
12:22 Ex 12:7; Lv 14:6; Nm 19:18; Ps 51:7; Heb 9:19
12:23 Ex 12:12-13; 1Co 10:10; Heb 11:28; Rev 7:3
12:27 Ex 4:31, Ex 12:11, Ex 13:8

[r]March–April; cf Exod 13:4 [s]Heb verb of the noun *Passover*

LORD passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. When he struck down the Egyptians, he spared our houses.'" The people then bowed down and worshipped. [28]The Israelites went and did exactly what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron to do.

Death of Egypt's oldest children

[29]At midnight the LORD struck down all the first offspring in the land of Egypt, from the oldest child of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the oldest child of the prisoner in jail, and all the first offspring of the animals. [30]When Pharaoh, all his officials, and all the Egyptians got up that night, a terrible cry of agony rang out across Egypt because every house had someone in it who had died. [31]Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron that night and said, "Get up! Get away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go! Worship the LORD, as you said! [32]You can even take your flocks and herds, as you asked. Just go! And bring a blessing on me as well!"

Israel set free

[33]The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the land because they thought, We'll all be dead. [34]So the people picked up their bread dough before the yeast made it rise, with their bread pans wrapped in their robes on their shoulders. [35]The Israelites did as Moses had told them and asked the Egyptians for their silver and gold jewelry as well as their clothing. [36]The LORD made sure that the Egyptians were kind to the people so that they let them have whatever they asked for. And so they robbed the Egyptians.

[37]The Israelites traveled from Rameses to Succoth. They numbered about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. [38]A diverse crowd also went up with them along with a huge number of livestock, both flocks and herds. [39]They baked unleavened cakes from the dough they had brought out of Egypt. The dough didn't rise because they were driven out of Egypt and they couldn't wait. In fact, they didn't have time to prepare any food for themselves.

[40]The length of time that the Israelites had lived in Egypt was four hundred thirty years. [41]At the end of four hundred thirty years, on that precise day, all the LORD's people in military formation left the land of Egypt. [42]For the LORD, that was a night of intent watching, to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For all Israelites in every generation, this same night is a time of intent watching to honor the LORD.

Instructions for observing Passover

[43]The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: This is the regulation for the Passover. No foreigner may eat it. [44]However, any slave who has been bought may eat it after he's been circumcised. [45]No temporary foreign resident or day laborer may eat it. [46]It should be eaten in one house. You shouldn't take any of the meat outside the house, and you shouldn't break the bones. [47]The whole Israelite community should observe it. [48]If an immigrant who lives with you wants to observe the Passover to the LORD, then he and all his males should be circumcised. Then he may join in observing it. He should be regarded as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat it. [49]There will be one Instruction for the native and for the immigrant who lives with you.

[50]All the Israelites did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. [51]On that precise day, the LORD brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt in military formation.

13 The LORD said to Moses: [2]Dedicate to me all your oldest children. Each first offspring from any Israelite womb belongs to me, whether human or animal.

Unleavened bread

[3]Moses said to the people, "Remember this day which is the day that you came out of Egypt, out of the place

12:29 Ex 4:23, Ex 11:4-5; Ps 78:51, Ps 105:36

12:30 Ex 11:6, Ex 12:29

12:34 Ex 8:3

12:35 Ex 3:21-22, Ex 11:2-3; Ps 105:37

12:36 Ex 3:22, Ex 11:3; Ps 105:37

12:37 Gn 47:11; Ex 38:26; Nm 2:32, Nm 33:3, Nm 33:5

12:38 Nm 11:4

12:40 Gn 15:13; Ac 7:6; Ga 3:17

12:41 Gn 15:13, Ex 3:10, Ex 6:26, Ex 12:40, Ex 12:51

12:42 Dt 16:1

12:43 Ex 12:48; Nm 9:14

12:44 Gn 17:12-13

12:45 Lv 22:10

12:46 Nm 9:12; Ps 34:20; Jn 19:36

12:47 Ex 12:3, Ex 12:6; Lv 4:13

12:48 Nm 9:14

13:1 Ex 6:10, Ex 7:1, Ex 8:1, Ex 9:1, Ex 10:1

13:2 Ex 13:12, Ex 22:29; Lv 27:26; Nm 3:13; Dt 15:19

13:3 Ex 6:1, Ex 12:8, Ex 12:42, Ex 13:14; Dt 16:3

you were slaves, because the LORD acted with power to bring you out of there. No leavened bread may be eaten. 4Today, in the month of Abib,[t] you are going to leave. 5The LORD will bring you to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. It is the land that the LORD promised your ancestors to give to you, a land full of milk and honey. You should perform this ritual in this month. 6You must eat unleavened bread for seven days. The seventh day is a festival to the LORD. 7Only unleavened bread should be eaten for seven days. No leavened bread and no yeast should be seen among you in your whole country. 8You should explain to your child on that day, 'It's because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

9"It will be a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead so that you will often discuss the LORD's instruction, for the LORD brought you out of Egypt with great power. 10So you should follow this regulation at its appointed time every year.

Dedication of Israel's oldest offspring

11"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you as promised to you and your ancestors, 12you should set aside for the LORD whatever comes out of the womb first. All of the first males born to your animal belong to the LORD. 13But every first male donkey you should ransom with a sheep. If you don't ransom it, you must break its neck. You should ransom every oldest male among your children. 14When in the future your child asks you, 'What does this mean?' you should answer, 'The LORD brought us with great power out of Egypt, out of the place we were slaves. 15When Pharaoh refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the oldest offspring in the land of Egypt, from the oldest sons to the oldest male animals. That is why I offer to the LORD as a sacrifice every male that first comes out of the womb. But I ransom my oldest sons.' 16It will be a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the LORD brought us out of Egypt with great power."

13:6 Ex 12:15
13:18 Ex 14:2; Josh 1:14
13:19 Gn 50:25; Josh 24:32; Ac 7:16; Heb 11:22
13:20 Ex 12:37; Nm 33:6
13:21 Ex 14:19; Dt 1:33; Neh 9:12, Neh 9:19; Ps 78:14
13:22 Ex 40:38; Neh 9:19
14:1 Ex 7:1, Ex 8:1, Ex 9:1, Ex 10:1, Ex 11:1
14:4 Ex 4:21, Ex 7:5, Ex 14:8, Ex 14:17-18

God leads the way

17When Pharaoh let the people go, God didn't lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, even though that was the shorter route. God thought, If the people have to fight and face war, they will run back to Egypt. 18So God led the people by the roundabout way of the Reed Sea[u] desert. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt ready for battle. 19Moses took with him Joseph's bones just as Joseph had made Israel's sons promise when he said to them, "When God takes care of you, you must carry my bones out of here with you." 20They set out from Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. 21The LORD went in front of them during the day in a column of cloud to guide them and at night in a column of lightning to give them light. This way they could travel during the day and at night. 22The column of cloud during the day and the column of lightning at night never left its place in front of the people.

Israel crossing the sea

14 Then the LORD said to Moses: 2Tell the Israelites to turn back and set up camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea in front of Baal-zephon. You should set up camp in front of it by the sea. 3Pharaoh will think to himself, The Israelites are lost and confused in the land. The desert has trapped them. 4I'll make Pharaoh stubborn, and he'll chase them. I'll gain honor at the expense of Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD. And they did exactly that.

5When Egypt's king was told that the people had run away, Pharaoh and his

[t]March–April, named Nisan after the exile [u]Or *Red Sea*

officials changed their minds about the people. They said, "What have we done, letting Israel go free from their slavery to us?" 6So he sent for his chariot and took his army with him. 7He took six hundred elite chariots and all of Egypt's other chariots with captains on all of them. 8The LORD made Pharaoh, Egypt's king, stubborn, and he chased the Israelites, who were leaving confidently. 9The Egyptians, including all of Pharaoh's horse-drawn chariots, his cavalry, and his army, chased them and caught up with them as they were camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth in front of Baal-zephon.

10As Pharaoh drew closer, the Israelites looked back and saw the Egyptians marching toward them. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the LORD. 11They said to Moses, "Weren't there enough graves in Egypt that you took us away to die in the desert? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt like this? 12Didn't we tell you the same thing in Egypt? 'Leave us alone! Let us work for the Egyptians!' It would have been better for us to work for the Egyptians than to die in the desert."

13But Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand your ground, and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never ever see again. 14The LORD will fight for you. You just keep still."

15Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to get moving. 16As for you, lift your shepherd's rod, stretch out your hand over the sea, and split it in two so that the Israelites can go into the sea on dry ground. 17But me, I'll make the Egyptians stubborn so that they will go in after them, and I'll gain honor at the expense of Pharaoh, all his army, his chariots, and his cavalry. 18The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I gain honor at the expense of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his cavalry."

14:8 Ex 14:4; Nm 33:3; Ac 13:17

14:9 Ex 14:2, Ex 15:9; Josh 24:6

14:11 Ex 15:24, Ex 16:2, Ex 17:3; Nm 11:1, Nm 21:5

14:12 Ex 5:21

14:13 Ex 14:30; 2Ch 20:15, 2Ch 20:17; Is 41:10, Is 41:13

14:14 Ex 14:25; Dt 1:30, Dt 3:22; 2Ch 20:29; Neh 4:20

14:15 Ex 3:11, Ex 4:1, Ex 4:10, Ex 5:22; Josh 7:10

14:16 Ex 4:17, Ex 7:19

14:17 Ex 4:21, Ex 14:4, Ex 14:8, Ex 14:18

14:18 Ex 7:5, Ex 14:4

14:19 Ex 13:21, Ex 23:20; Is 63:9

14:20 Ex 14:19

14:21 Ex 14:16, Ex 15:8; Josh 4:23; Ps 66:6; Is 63:12

14:22 Ex 14:29, Ex 15:8, Ex 15:19; Ps 66:6, Ps 78:13

14:23 Ex 14:17

14:24 Ex 13:21, Ex 14:25; Jgs 7:19; 1Sa 11:11

14:25 Ex 14:14

14:26 Ex 14:16

14:27 Ex 15:1; Josh 4:18; Ps 78:53

14:28 Ex 9:7, Ex 14:23, Ex 15:19; Neh 9:11; Ps 78:53

14:29 Ex 14:22

14:30 Ps 106:8, Ps 106:10

14:31 Ex 4:31, Ex 19:9; Ps 106:12; Jn 2:11, Jn 11:45

19God's messenger, who had been in front of Israel's camp, moved and went behind them. The column of cloud moved from the front and took its place behind them. 20It stood between Egypt's camp and Israel's camp. The cloud remained there, and when darkness fell it lit up the night. They didn't come near each other all night.

21Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD pushed the sea back by a strong east wind all night, turning the sea into dry land. The waters were split into two. 22The Israelites walked into the sea on dry ground. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. 23The Egyptians chased them and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry. 24As morning approached, the LORD looked down on the Egyptian camp from the column of lightning and cloud and threw the Egyptian camp into a panic. 25The LORD jammed their chariot wheels so that they wouldn't turn easily. The Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites, because the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!"

26Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the water comes back and covers the Egyptians, their chariots, and their cavalry." 27So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. At daybreak, the sea returned to its normal depth. The Egyptians were driving toward it, and the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28The waters returned and covered the chariots and the cavalry, Pharaoh's entire army that had followed them into the sea. Not one of them remained. 29The Israelites, however, walked on dry ground through the sea. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left.

30The LORD rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31Israel saw the amazing power of the LORD against the Egyptians. The people were in awe

of the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Moses' victory song

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

I will sing to the LORD,
for an overflowing victory!
Horse and rider he threw
into the sea!
2 The LORD is my strength
and my power;[v]
he has become my salvation.
This is my God, whom I will praise,
the God of my ancestors,
whom I will acclaim.
3 The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army he
hurled into the sea;
his elite captains were sunk
in the Reed Sea.[w]
5 The deep sea covered them;
they sank into the deep waters
like a stone.
6 Your strong hand, LORD,
is dominant in power;
your strong hand, LORD,
shatters the enemy!
7 With your great surge
you overthrow your opponents;
you send out your hot anger;
it burns them up like straw.
8 With the breath of your nostrils
the waters swelled up,
the floods surged up
in a great wave;
the deep waters foamed
in the depths of the sea.
9 The enemy said, "I'll pursue,
I'll overtake,
I'll divide the spoils of war.
I'll be overfilled with them.
I'll draw my sword;
my hand will destroy them."
10 You blew with your wind;
the sea covered over them.
They sank like lead
in the towering waters.

15:1 Ex 15:21; Nm 21:17; Jgs 5:1; Ps 106:12; Rev 15:3

15:2 Ps 18:1-2, Ps 99:5, Ps 118:14; Is 12:2

15:4 Ex 14:7, Ex 14:28

15:5 Ex 14:28, Ex 15:10; Neh 9:11

15:6 Ps 17:7, Ps 118:15, Ps 118:16

15:9 Ex 14:5, Ex 14:9; Jgs 5:30; Is 53:12; Lk 11:22

15:10 Ex 15:5

15:11 Ex 8:10; Dt 3:24; 1Sa 2:2; Is 6:3; Rev 4:8

15:16 Ps 74:2

15:17 Ex 23:20, Ps 44:2, Ps 78:54, Ps 80:8, Ps 132:13

15:19 Ex 14:22-23, Ex 14:28-29

15:20 Ex 2:4; Nm 26:59; Jgs 11:34; 1Sa 18:6; Ps 150:4

15:21 Ex 15:1, Ex 15:20; 1Sa 18:7

11 Who is like you among the gods,
LORD?
Who is like you,
foremost in holiness,
worthy of highest praise,
doing awesome deeds?
12 You raised your strong hand;
earth swallowed them up.

13 With your great loyalty
you led the people you rescued;
with your power you guided them
to your sanctuary.
14 The peoples heard,
they shook in terror;
horror grabbed hold
of Philistia's inhabitants.
15 Then Edom's tribal chiefs were
terrified;
panic grabbed hold of Moab's
rulers;
all of Canaan's inhabitants
melted in fear.
16 Terror and fear came over them;
because of your great power,
they were as still as a stone
until your people, LORD,
passed by,
until the people you made your
own passed by.
17 You brought them in and planted
them on your own mountain,
the place, LORD,
that you made your home,
the sanctuary, LORD,
that your hand created.
18 The LORD will rule forever and
always.

19 When Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea over them. But the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Miriam's victory song

20 Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her playing tambourines and dancing. 21 Miriam sang the refrain back to them:

[v] *Or song* [w] *Or Red Sea*

Sing to the LORD,
for an overflowing victory!
Horse and rider he threw
into the sea!

Turning bitter water sweet

22 Then Moses had Israel leave the
Reed Sea[x] and go out into the Shur
desert. They traveled for three days in
the desert and found no water. 23 When
they came to Marah, they couldn't
drink Marah's water because it was
bitter. That's why it was called Marah.[y]
24 The people complained against
Moses, "What will we drink?" 25 Moses
cried out to the LORD, and the LORD
pointed out a tree to him. He threw it
into the water, and the water became
sweet.

The LORD made a regulation and
a ruling there, and there he tested
them. 26 The LORD said, "If you are
careful to obey the LORD your God,
do what God thinks is right, pay at-
tention to his commandments, and
keep all of his regulations, then I won't
bring on you any of the diseases that
I brought on the Egyptians. I am the
LORD who heals you."

27 Then they came to Elim, where
there were twelve springs of water and
seventy palm trees. They camped there
by the water.

Wilderness food: manna and quail

16 The whole Israelite community
set out from Elim and came to
the Sin desert, which is located be-
tween Elim and Sinai. They set out on
the fifteenth day of the second month[z]
after they had left the land of Egypt.
2 The whole Israelite community com-
plained against Moses and Aaron in
the desert. 3 The Israelites said to them,
"Oh, how we wish that the LORD had
just put us to death while we were still
in the land of Egypt. There we could sit
by the pots cooking meat and eat our
fill of bread. Instead, you've brought
us out into this desert to starve this
whole assembly to death."

15:22 Gn 16:7, Gn 20:1, Gn 25:18; Ex 17:1; 1Sa 15:7

15:23 Nm 33:8; Ru 1:20

15:24 Ex 14:11, Ex 16:2, Ex 17:3; Nm 11:1, Nm 21:5

15:25 Ex 14:10, Ex 16:4; Jgs 3:4; 2Ki 2:21

15:26 Ex 19:5, Ex 23:25; Dt 7:12, Dt 7:15; Ps 103:3

15:27 Nm 33:9

16:1 Ex 17:1; Nm 33:11

16:2 Ex 14:11, Ex 15:24, Ex 17:3; Nm 21:5; 1Co 10:10

16:3 Ex 17:3; Nm 11:4-5, Nm 14:2, Nm 20:3

16:4 Ex 15:25; Dt 8:2; Neh 9:15; Ps 78:24; Jn 6:31

16:6 Ex 6:6-7, Ex 12:51, Ex 16:12; Nm 16:28

16:7 Ex 16:10, Ex 40:34; Nm 16:11

16:8 1Sa 8:7; Lk 10:16; Ro 13:2; 1Th 4:8

16:10 Ex 13:21, Ex 16:7; Nm 12:5, Nm 16:42

16:11 Jn 6:32

16:12 Ex 6:7, Ex 16:7-8

16:13 Nm 11:9, Nm 11:31; Ps 78:27-28, Ps 105:40

16:14 Ex 16:31; Nm 11:7; Neh 9:15; Ps 78:24, Ps 105:40

16:15 Ex 16:4; Neh 9:15; Jn 6:31

16:16 Ex 16:32, Ex 16:36

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I'm
going to make bread rain down from
the sky for you. The people will go
out each day and gather just enough
for that day. In this way, I'll test them
to see whether or not they follow my
Instruction. 5 On the sixth day, when
they measure out what they have col-
lected, it will be twice as much as they
collected on other days." 6 So Moses
and Aaron said to all the Israelites,
"This evening you will know that it was
the LORD who brought you out of the
land of Egypt. 7 And in the morning you
will see the LORD's glorious presence,
because your complaints against the
LORD have been heard. Who are we?
Why blame us?" 8 Moses continued,
"The LORD will give you meat to eat
in the evening and your fill of bread in
the morning because the LORD heard
the complaints you made against him.
Who are we? Your complaints aren't
against us but against the LORD."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to
the whole Israelite community, 'Come
near to the LORD, because he's heard
your complaints.'" 10 As Aaron spoke
to the whole Israelite community, they
turned to look toward the desert, and
just then the glorious presence of the
LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 The LORD spoke to Moses, 12 "I've
heard the complaints of the Israelites.
Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat
meat. And in the morning you will
have your fill of bread. Then you will
know that I am the LORD your God.'"

13 In the evening a flock of quail flew
down and covered the camp. And in
the morning there was a layer of dew
all around the camp. 14 When the layer
of dew lifted, there on the desert sur-
face were thin flakes, as thin as frost
on the ground. 15 When the Israelites
saw it, they said to each other, "What[a]
is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the
bread that the LORD has given you to
eat. 16 This is what the LORD has com-
manded: 'Collect as much of it as each

[x] Or *Red Sea* [y] Or *bitter* [z] April–May, Iyar [a] Heb *man* (= *What?*); cf Exod 16:31

of you can eat, one omer[b] per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.'" [17]The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. [18]But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat. [19]Moses said to them, "Don't keep any of it until morning." [20]But they didn't listen to Moses. Some kept part of it until morning, but it became infested with worms and stank. Moses got angry with them. [21]Every morning they gathered it, as much as each person could eat. But when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

[22]On the sixth day the people collected twice as much food as usual, two omers per person. All the chiefs of the community came and told Moses. [23]He said to them, "This is what the LORD has said, 'Tomorrow is a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. But you can set aside and keep all the leftovers until the next morning.'" [24]So they set the leftovers aside until morning, as Moses had commanded. They didn't stink or become infested with worms. [25]The next day Moses said, "Eat it today, because today is a Sabbath to the LORD. Today you won't find it out in the field. [26]Six days you will gather it. But on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be nothing to gather."

[27]On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather bread, but they found nothing. [28]The LORD said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to obey my commandments and instructions? [29]Look! The LORD has given you the Sabbath. Therefore, on the sixth day he gives you enough food for two days. Each of you should stay where you are and not leave your place on the seventh day." [30]So the people rested on the seventh day.

16:18 2Co 8:15
16:19 Ex 12:10, Ex 16:20, Ex 23:18
16:20 Ex 16:19, Ex 16:24
16:22 Ex 16:5, Ex 34:31
16:23 Gn 2:3; Ex 20:8
16:24 Ex 16:20
16:25 Ex 16:23; Neh 9:14
16:26 Ex 20:9
16:28 Ex 10:3; Nm 14:11; Ps 78:10, Ps 106:13
16:31 Ex 16:14-15; Nm 11:7
16:32 Ex 13:3
16:33 Ex 16:4, Ex 16:34; Heb 9:4; Rev 2:17
16:34 Ex 25:16, Ex 25:21, Ex 27:21; Nm 17:10
16:35 Josh 5:12; Neh 9:21
16:36 Ex 16:16; Lv 5:11, Lv 6:20
17:1 Ex 16:1, Ex 17:8, Ex 19:2; Nm 33:12, Nm 33:14
17:4 Nm 14:10; 1Sa 30:6; Jn 8:59
17:6 Ex 3:1; Nm 20:11; Dt 8:15; Ps 78:15; 1Co 10:4

[31]The Israelite people called it manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and tasted like honey wafers. [32]Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Let an omer of it be kept safe for future generations so that they can see the food that I used to feed you in the desert when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

[33]Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar, and put one full omer of manna in it. Then set it in the LORD's presence, where it should be kept safe for future generations." [34]Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses, and he put it in front of the covenant document for safekeeping. [35]The Israelites ate manna for forty years, until they came to a livable land. They ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. ([36]An omer[c] is one-tenth of an ephah.)

Water from a rock

17 The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the LORD commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. [2]The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the LORD?"

[3]But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

[4]So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

[5]The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. [6]I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be

[b]Two quarts [c]Two quarts

able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. 7He called the place Massah[d] and Meribah,[e] because the Israelites argued with and tested the LORD, asking, "Is the LORD really with us or not?"

Israel defeats Amalek

8Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. 9Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I'll stand on top of the hill with the shepherd's rod of God in my hand." 10So Joshua did as Moses told him. He fought with Amalek while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel would start winning the battle. Whenever Moses lowered his hand, Amalek would start winning. 12But Moses' hands grew tired. So they took a stone and put it under Moses so he could sit down on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on each side of him so that his hands remained steady until sunset. 13So Joshua defeated Amalek and his army with the sword.

14Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this as a reminder on the scroll and read it to Joshua: I will completely wipe out the memory of Amalek under the sky."

15Moses built an altar there and called it, "The LORD is my banner." 16He said, "The power of the LORD'S banner![f] The LORD is at war with Amalek in every generation."

Sharing the burden of leadership

18 Jethro, Midian's priest and Moses' father-in-law, heard about everything that God had done for Moses and for God's people Israel, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2Moses' father-in-law Jethro took with him Zipporah, Moses' wife whom he had sent away, 3along with her two sons. One was named Gershom because he said, "I have been an immigrant[g] living in a foreign land." 4The other was named Eliezer[h] because he said, "The God of my ancestors was my helper who rescued me from Pharaoh's sword." 5Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought Moses' sons and wife back to him in the desert where he had set up camp at God's mountain. 6He sent word to Moses: "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you along with your wife and her two sons." 7Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down and kissed him. They asked each other how they were doing, and then they went into the tent. 8Moses then told his father-in-law everything that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians on Israel's behalf, all the difficulty they had on their journey, and how the LORD had rescued them. 9Jethro was glad about all the good things that the LORD had done for Israel in saving them from the Egyptians' power.

10Jethro said, "Bless the LORD who rescued you from the Egyptians' power and from Pharaoh's power, who rescued the people from Egypt's oppressive power. 11Now I know that the LORD is greater than all the gods, because of what happened when the Egyptians plotted against them." 12Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought an entirely burned offering and sacrifices to God. Aaron came with all of Israel's elders to eat a meal with Moses' father-in-law in God's presence.

13The next day Moses sat as a judge for the people, while the people stood around Moses from morning until evening. 14When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What's this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people are standing around you from morning until evening?"

15Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. 16When a conflict arises between them, they come to me and

17:8 Gn 36:12; Ex 17:1; Nm 24:20; Dt 25:17; 1Sa 15:2
17:9 Ex 4:20, Ex 24:13, Ex 32:17, Ex 33:11; Nm 11:28
17:10 Ex 17:9, Ex 17:12, Ex 24:14
17:11 1Ti 2:8
17:12 Ex 4:14, Ex 5:20, Ex 6:20, Ex 17:10, Ex 24:14
17:13 Ex 17:8
17:14 Ex 34:27; Dt 25:19
17:15 Gn 8:20, Gn 22:14, Gn 33:20; Ex 24:4
17:16 Ex 17:14
18:1 Ex 2:16, Ex 2:18, Ex 3:1
18:3 Ex 2:22, Ex 4:20; Ac 7:29
18:4 1Ch 23:15, 1Ch 23:17
18:13 Ex 18:26; Nm 11:16, Nm 11:24; Jgs 5:10
18:15 Nm 27:5
18:16 Ex 24:14

[d]Or *test* [e]Or *argument* [f]Heb uncertain [g]Heb *ger* sounds like *Gershom*. [h]Or *my God is a helper.*

I judge between the two of them. I also teach them God's regulations and instructions."

17Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing isn't good. 18You will end up totally wearing yourself out, both you and these people who are with you. The work is too difficult for you. You can't do it alone. 19Now listen to me and let me give you some advice. And may God be with you! Your role should be to represent the people before God. You should bring their disputes before God yourself. 20Explain the regulations and instructions to them. Let them know the way they are supposed to go and the things they are supposed to do. 21But you should also look among all the people for capable persons who respect God. They should be trustworthy and not corrupt. Set these persons over the people as officers of groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. 22Let them sit as judges for the people at all times. They should bring every major dispute to you, but they should decide all of the minor cases themselves. This will be much easier for you, and they will share your load. 23If you do this and God directs you, then you will be able to endure. And all these people will be able to go back to their homes much happier."

24Moses listened to his father-in-law's suggestions and did everything that he had said. 25Moses chose capable persons from all Israel and set them as leaders over the people, as officers over groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. 26They acted as judges for the people at all times. They would refer the hard cases to Moses, but all of the minor cases they decided themselves. 27Then Moses said goodbye to his father-in-law, and Jethro went back to his own country.

Arrival at Mount Sinai

19 On exactly the third-month anniversary of the Israelites' leaving the land of Egypt, they came into the Sinai desert. 2They traveled from Rephidim, came into the Sinai desert, and set up camp there. Israel camped there in front of the mountain 3while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him from the mountain, "This is what you should say to Jacob's household and declare to the Israelites: 4You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I lifted you up on eagles' wings and brought you to me. 5So now, if you faithfully obey me and stay true to my covenant, you will be my most precious possession out of all the peoples, since the whole earth belongs to me. 6You will be a kingdom of priests for me and a holy nation. These are the words you should say to the Israelites."

7So Moses came down, called together the people's elders, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. 8The people all responded with one voice: "Everything that the LORD has said we will do." Moses reported to the LORD what the people said.

Preparing for a divine encounter

9Then the LORD said to Moses, "I'm about to come to you in a thick cloud in order that the people will hear me talking with you so that they will always trust you."

Moses told the LORD what the people said, 10and the LORD said to Moses: "Go to the people and take today and tomorrow to make them holy. Have them wash their clothes. 11Be ready for the third day, because on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai for all the people to see. 12Set up a fence for the people all around and tell them, 'Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch any part of it.' Anyone who even touches the mountain must be put to death. 13No one should touch anyone who has touched it, or they must be either stoned to death or shot with arrows. Whether an animal or a human being, they must not be allowed to live. Only

18:18 Nm 11:14, Nm 11:17; Dt 1:9, Dt 1:12
18:19 Ex 3:12; Nm 27:5
18:20 Dt 1:18, Dt 4:1, Dt 4:5, Dt 5:1; Ps 143:8
18:21 Ex 18:25; Dt 1:13, Dt 1:15, Dt 16:18-19
18:22 Lv 24:11; Nm 11:17; Dt 1:17, Dt 17:8
18:23 Ex 18:18
18:25 Ex 18:21; Dt 1:15
19:1 Ex 12:6, Ex 16:1; Nm 1:1, Nm 33:15; 1Ki 6:1
19:5 Ex 9:29; Dt 7:6, Dt 10:14, Dt 26:18; Job 41:11
19:6 Dt 26:19; 1Pt 2:5, 1Pt 2:9; Rev 1:6, Rev 5:10
19:8 Ex 24:3, Ex 24:7; Dt 5:27, Dt 26:17
19:9 Ex 14:31, Ex 19:16, Ex 24:15-16; Dt 4:11
19:10 Gn 35:2; Ex 19:14; Lv 11:44
19:11 Ex 19:16, Ex 19:20
19:12 Heb 12:20
19:13 Heb 12:20

when the ram's horn sounds may they go up on the mountain."

14So Moses went down the mountain to the people. He made sure the people were holy and that they washed their clothes. 15He told the men, "Prepare yourselves for three days. Don't go near a woman."

16When morning dawned on the third day, there was thunder, lightning, and a thick cloud on the mountain, and a very loud blast of a horn. All the people in the camp shook with fear. 17Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their place at the foot of the mountain. 18Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the LORD had come down on it with lightning. The smoke went up like the smoke of a hot furnace, while the whole mountain shook violently. 19The blasts of the horn grew louder and louder. Moses would speak, and God would answer him with thunder. 20The LORD came down on Mount Sinai to the top of the mountain. The LORD called Moses to come up to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. 21The LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people not to break through to try to see the LORD, or many of them will fall dead. 22Even the priests who come near to the LORD must keep themselves holy, or the LORD will break loose against them."

23Moses said to the LORD, "The people aren't allowed to come up on Mount Sinai because you warned us and said, 'Set up a fence around the mountain to keep it holy.'"

24The LORD said to him, "Go down, and bring Aaron back up with you. But the priests and the people must not break through and come up to the LORD. Otherwise, the LORD will break loose against them." 25So Moses went down to the people and told them.

The Ten Commandments

20 Then God spoke all these words:
2I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3You must have no other gods before[i] me.

4Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. 5Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the LORD your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. 6But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation[j] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7Do not use the LORD your God's name as if it were of no significance; the LORD won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

8Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. 9Six days you may work and do all your tasks, 10but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. 11Because the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13Do not kill.[k]

14Do not commit adultery.

15Do not steal.

16Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

17Do not desire your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

19:14 Ex 19:10
19:15 1Sa 21:4-5; 1Co 7:5
19:16 Ex 19:9, Ex 20:18; Heb 12:18-19, Heb 12:21
19:17 Dt 4:10-11
19:18 Gn 19:28; Ex 3:2, Ex 24:17; Dt 4:11; Ps 68:8
19:19 Ps 81:7
19:20 Ex 19:3, Ex 19:11
19:21 1Sa 6:19
19:22 Ex 19:24, Ex 24:5; Lv 10:3
20:1 Ex 19:3, Ex 34:28; Dt 5:4, Dt 5:7, Dt 5:22
20:2 Ex 13:3; Ps 81:10
20:3 Dt 6:14; Jer 25:6, Jer 35:15
20:4 Ex 34:17; Lv 26:1; Dt 27:15
20:5 Ex 23:24, Ex 34:7, Ex 34:14; Nm 14:18; Dt 4:24
20:6 Dt 7:9
20:7 Lv 19:12; Jas 5:12
20:8 Ex 31:13; Lv 19:3, Lv 19:30, Lv 26:2
20:9 Ex 23:12, Ex 34:21, Ex 35:2; Lv 23:3; Lk 13:14
20:10 Ex 23:12; Dt 5:14
20:11 Gn 1:1, Gn 2:2-3; Ex 31:17
20:12 Lv 19:3; Mt 15:4, Mt 19:19; Lk 18:20; Eph 6:2
20:13 Gn 9:6; Mt 5:21, Mt 19:18; Ro 13:9; Jas 2:11
20:14 Lv 18:20, Lv 20:10; Mt 5:27; Ro 13:9
20:15 Lv 19:11, Lv 19:13; Mt 19:18; Ro 13:9; Eph 4:28
20:16 Ex 23:1, Ex 23:7; Lv 19:11, Lv 19:16; Mt 19:18
20:17 Mi 2:2; Mt 5:28; Lk 12:15; Ro 7:7; Eph 5:3

[i]Or *besides* [j]Or *to thousands* [k]Or *murder*

18When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking, the people shook with fear and stood at a distance. 19They said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we'll listen. But don't let God speak to us, or we'll die."

20Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and to make sure you are always in awe of God so that you don't sin." 21The people stood at a distance while Moses approached the thick darkness in which God was present.

Instructions about worship

22The LORD said to Moses: "Say this to the Israelites: You saw for yourselves how I spoke with you from heaven. 23Don't make alongside me gods of silver or gold for yourselves. 24Make for me an altar from fertile soil on which to sacrifice your entirely burned offerings, your well-being sacrifices, your sheep, and your oxen. I will come to you and bless you in every place where I make sure my name is remembered. 25But if you do make for me an altar from stones, don't build it with chiseled stone since using your chisel on the stone will make it impure. 26Don't climb onto my altar using steps: then your genitals won't be exposed by doing so."

Instructions about slaves

21 These are the case laws that you should set before them:

2When you buy a male Hebrew slave, he will serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he will go free without any payment. 3If he came in single, he will leave single. If he came in married, then his wife will leave with him. 4If his master gave him a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, the wife and her children will belong to her master. He will leave single. 5However, if the slave clearly states, "I love my master, my wife, and my children, and I don't want to go free," 6then his master will bring him before God. He will bring him to the door or the doorpost. There his master will pierce his ear with a pointed tool, and he will serve him as his slave for life.

7When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shouldn't be set free in the same way as male slaves are set free. 8If she doesn't please her master who chose her for himself, then her master must let her be bought back by her family. He has no right to sell her to a foreign people since he has treated her unfairly. 9If he assigns her to his son, he must give her the rights of a daughter. 10If he takes another woman for himself, he may not reduce her food, clothing, or marital rights. 11If he doesn't do these three things for her, she will go free without any payment, for no money.

Instructions about human violence

12Anyone who hits and kills someone should be put to death. 13If the killing wasn't on purpose but an accident allowed by God, then I will designate a place to which the killer can run away. 14But if someone plots and kills another person on purpose, you should remove the killer from my altar and put him to death.

15Anyone who violently hits their father or mother should be put to death.

16Anyone who kidnaps a person, whether they have been sold or are still being held, should be put to death.

17Anyone who curses their father or mother should be put to death.

18When two people are fighting and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist so that he is in bed for a while but doesn't die—19if he recovers and is able to walk around outside with a cane, then the one who hit him shouldn't be punished, except to pay for the loss of time from work and to pay for his full recovery.

20When a slave owner hits a male or female slave with a rod and the slave dies immediately, the owner should be punished. 21But if the slave gets up after a day or two, the slave owner

20:18 Ex 19:16, Ex 19:18; Heb 12:18
20:19 Dt 5:5
20:20 Gn 22:1; Dt 13:3; Prv 16:6
20:21 Dt 5:22; 1Ki 8:12; Ps 18:9, Ps 97:2
20:22 Dt 4:36; Neh 9:13
20:23 Ex 20:3
20:24 Dt 12:5, Dt 16:6, Dt 16:11, Dt 26:2; 2Ch 6:6
21:2 Lv 25:39; Dt 15:12; Jer 34:14; Mt 18:25
21:6 Dt 15:17; Ps 40:6
21:10 1Co 7:3
21:12 Gn 9:6; Lv 24:17; Nm 35:16, Nm 35:30; Dt 19:11
21:13 Nm 35:11, Nm 35:22; Dt 19:2; Josh 20:2
21:15 Dt 21:18; Prv 19:26, Prv 30:11, Prv 30:17
21:17 Lv 20:9; Prv 20:20, Prv 30:11; Mt 15:4; Mk 7:10
21:18 Ex 21:22
21:19 Zec 8:4
21:21 Gn 37:28; Ex 21:20; Lv 25:44-46

shouldn't be punished because the slave is the owner's property.

[22]When people who are fighting injure a pregnant woman so that she has a miscarriage but no other injury occurs, then the guilty party will be fined what the woman's husband demands, as negotiated with the judges. [23]If there is further injury, then you will give a life for a life, [24]an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, [25]a burn for a burn, a bruise for a bruise, a wound for a wound.

[26]When a slave owner hits and blinds the eye of a male or female slave, he should let the slave go free on account of the eye. [27]If he knocks out a tooth of a male or female slave, he should let the slave go free on account of the tooth.

Instructions about animals and property

[28]When an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox should be stoned to death, and the meat of the ox shouldn't be eaten. But the owner of the ox shouldn't be punished. [29]However, if the ox had gored people in the past and its owner had been warned but didn't watch out for it, and the ox ends up killing a man or a woman, then the ox should be stoned to death, and its owner should also be put to death. [30]If the owner has to pay compensation instead, he must pay the agreed amount to save his life. [31]If the ox gores a boy or a girl, this same case law applies to the owner. [32]If the ox gores a male or female slave, the owner will pay thirty silver shekels to the slave's owner, and the ox will be stoned to death.

[33]When someone leaves a pit open or digs a pit and doesn't cover it and an ox or a donkey falls into the pit, [34]the owner of the pit must make good on the loss. He should pay money to the ox's owner, but he may keep the dead animal.

[35]When someone's ox hurts someone else's ox and it dies, then they should sell the live ox and divide its price. They should also divide the dead animal between them. [36]But if the ox was known for goring in the past and its owner hadn't watched out for it, the owner must make good the loss, an ox for an ox, but may keep the dead animal.

21:22 Ex 21:18, Ex 21:30; Dt 22:18-19
21:23 Dt 19:21
21:24 Lv 24:20; Dt 19:21; Mt 5:38
21:28 Gn 9:5; Ex 21:32
21:29 Gn 9:6; Dt 21:1
21:36 Lv 24:18
22:1 Lv 6:1; 2Sa 12:6; Prv 6:31; Lk 19:8
22:2 Jer 2:34; Mt 6:19, Mt 24:43
22:8 Ex 21:6
22:9 Dt 25:1

22 When[l] someone steals an ox or a sheep and then slaughters or sells it, the thief must pay back five oxen for the one ox or four sheep for the one sheep.

[2m]If the thief is caught breaking in and is beaten and dies, the one who killed him won't be guilty of bloodshed. [3]However, if this happens in broad daylight, then the one who killed him is guilty of bloodshed. For his part, the thief must make good on what he stole. If he has nothing, he must be sold to pay for his theft. [4]If an animal (whether ox, donkey, or sheep) is found alive in the thief's possession, he must pay back double.

[5]When someone lets an animal loose to eat in another person's field and causes the field or vineyard to be stripped of its crop, the owner must pay them back with the best from his own field or vineyard.

[6]When someone starts a fire and it catches in thorns and then spreads to someone else's stacked grain, standing grain, or a whole field, the one who started the fire must fully repay the loss.

[7]When someone entrusts money or other items to another person to keep safe and they are stolen from the other person's house and the thief is caught, the thief must pay back double. [8]If the thief isn't caught, the owner of the house should be brought before God to determine whether or not the owner stole the other's property.

[9]When any dispute of ownership over an ox, donkey, sheep, piece of clothing, or any other loss arises in which someone claims, "This is mine," the cases of both parties should come

[l]21:37 in Heb [m]22:1 in Heb

before God. The one whom God finds at fault must pay double to the other.

[10]When someone gives a donkey, ox, sheep, or any other animal to another person to keep safe, and the animal dies or is injured or taken and no one saw what happened, [11]the person should swear a solemn pledge before the LORD in the presence of the owner that he didn't touch the other's property. The owner must accept that, and no payment needs to be made. [12]But if the animal was stolen, the person must make full payment to its owner. [13]If the animal was attacked and ripped apart and its torn body is brought as evidence, no payment needs to be made.

[14]When someone borrows an animal from another and it is injured or dies while the owner isn't present, full payment must be made. [15]If the owner was present, no payment needs to be made. If the animal was hired, only the fee for hiring the animal is due.

Instructions about social and religious matters

[16]When a man seduces a young woman who isn't engaged to be married yet and he sleeps with her, he must marry her and pay the bride-price for her. [17]But if her father absolutely refuses to let them marry, he must still pay the same amount as the bride-price for young women.

[18]Don't allow a female sorcerer to live.

[19]Anyone who has sexual relations with an animal should be put to death.

[20]Anyone who offers sacrifices to any god, other than the LORD alone, should be destroyed.

[21]Don't mistreat or oppress an immigrant, because you were once immigrants in the land of Egypt. [22]Don't treat any widow or orphan badly. [23]If you do treat them badly and they cry out to me, you can be sure that I'll hear their cry. [24]I'll be furious, and I'll kill you with the sword. Then your wives will be widows, and your children will be orphans.

[25]If you lend money to my people who are poor among you, don't be a creditor and charge them interest. [26]If you take a piece of clothing from someone as a security deposit, you should return it before the sun goes down. [27]His clothing may well be his only blanket to cover himself. What else will that person have to sleep in? And if he cries out to me, I'll listen, because I'm compassionate.

[28]Don't say a curse against God, and don't curse your people's chief.

[29]Don't delay offering the produce of your vineyards and winepresses. Give me your oldest son. [30]Do the same with your oxen and with your sheep. They should stay with their mother for seven days. On the eighth day, you should give them to me.

[31]You are holy people to me. Don't eat any meat killed by wild animals out in the field. Throw it to the dogs instead.

23 Don't spread false rumors. Don't plot with evil people to act as a lying witness. [2]Don't take sides with important people to do wrong. When you act as a witness, don't stretch the truth to favor important people. [3]But don't privilege unimportant people in their lawsuits either.

[4]When you happen to come upon your enemy's ox or donkey that has wandered off, you should bring it back to them.

[5]When you see a donkey that belongs to someone who hates you and it's lying down under its load and you are inclined not to help set it free, you must help set it free.

[6]Don't undermine the justice that your poor deserve in their lawsuits. [7]Stay away from making a false charge. Don't put an innocent person who is in the right to death, because I will not consider innocent those who do such evil. [8]Don't take a bribe, because a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of those who are in the right.

[9]Don't oppress an immigrant. You know what it's like to be an immigrant, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt.

22:12 Gn 31:39

22:18 Lv 19:31, Lv 20:6, Lv 20:27; Dt 18:10; 1Sa 28:3

22:19 Lv 18:23, Lv 20:15-16; Dt 27:21

22:20 Ex 34:15; Nm 25:2; Dt 17:2; Josh 23:16

22:21 Ex 23:9; Lv 19:33; Dt 10:19; Jer 7:6; Zec 7:10

22:22 Dt 24:17, Dt 27:19; Prv 23:10; Is 1:17; Jas 1:27

22:23 Dt 15:9; Job 34:28; Ps 10:17; Lk 18:7; Jas 5:4

22:24 Ps 69:24, Ps 90:11, Ps 109:9; Jer 15:8; Lam 5:3

22:25 Lv 25:35; Dt 23:20; Neh 5:7; Ps 15:5; Eze 18:8

22:27 Ex 22:23, Ex 34:6

22:28 Ecc 10:20; Ac 23:5; Jud 1:8

22:29 Ex 13:2, Ex 13:12, Ex 23:19; Dt 18:4; Prv 3:9

22:31 Ex 19:6; Lv 17:15, Lv 19:2, Lv 22:8; Eze 4:14

23:1 Ex 20:16; Dt 5:20, Dt 19:16; Ps 35:11, Ps 101:5

23:2 Ex 23:3, Ex 23:6; Dt 1:17; Prv 1:15, Prv 4:14

23:3 Ex 23:6; Lv 19:15; Dt 1:17

23:4 Dt 22:1; Prv 25:21; Mt 5:44; Ro 12:20

23:5 Dt 22:4; Ro 12:20

23:6 Ex 23:2-3; Dt 27:19

23:7 Ex 20:16, Ex 23:1, Ex 34:7; Dt 25:1; Eph 4:25

23:8 Dt 16:19; 1Sa 8:3; Ps 26:10; Prv 17:23; Is 5:23

23:9 Ex 22:21; Lv 19:33; Dt 10:19, Dt 24:14, Dt 27:19

Sabbaths and festivals

10 For six years you should plant crops
on your land and gather in its produce.
11 But in the seventh year you should
leave it alone and undisturbed so that
the poor among your people may eat.
What they leave behind, the wild ani-
mals may eat. You should do the same
with your vineyard and your olive trees.
12 Do your work in six days. But on
the seventh day you should rest so that
your ox and donkey may rest, and even
the child of your female slave and the
immigrant may be refreshed.
13 Be careful to obey everything that
I have said to you. Don't call on the
names of other gods. Don't even men-
tion them.
14 You should observe a festival for
me three times a year. 15 Observe the
Festival of Unleavened Bread, as I com-
manded you. Eat unleavened bread for
seven days at the appointed time in the
month of Abib,[n] because it was in that
month that you came out of Egypt.
No one should appear before me
empty-handed. 16 Observe the Harvest
Festival for the early produce of your
crops that you planted in the field, and
the Gathering Festival at the end of
the year, when you gather your crop
of fruit from the field. 17 All your males
should appear three times a year be-
fore the LORD God.
18 Don't offer the blood of my sacri-
fice with anything leavened. Don't let
the fat of my festival offering be left
over until the morning.
19 Bring the best of your land's early
produce to the LORD your God's temple.
Don't boil a young goat in its moth-
er's milk.

God's promise: messenger and land

20 I'm about to send a messenger in
front of you to guard you on your way
and to bring you to the place that I've
made ready. 21 Pay attention to him and
do as he says. Don't rebel against him. He
won't forgive the things you do wrong
because I[o] am with him. 22 But if you lis-
ten carefully to what he says and do all
that I say, then I'll be an enemy to your
enemies and fight those fighting you.
23 When my messenger goes in front
of you and brings you to the Amo-
rites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the
Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jeb-
usites, and I wipe them out, 24 don't
bow down to their gods, worship
them, or do what they do. Instead, you
should completely destroy them and
smash their sacred stone pillars to bits.
25 If you worship the LORD your God,
the LORD will bless your bread and
your water. I'll take sickness away from
you, 26 and no woman will miscarry or
be infertile in your land. I'll let you live
a full, long life. 27 My terrifying reputa-
tion will precede you, and I'll throw all
the people that you meet into a panic.
I'll make all your enemies turn their
backs to you. 28 I'll send insect swarms
in front of you and drive out the Hi-
vites, the Canaanites, and the Hit-
tites before you. 29 I won't drive them
out before you in a single year so the
land won't be abandoned and the wild
animals won't multiply around you.
30 I'll drive them out before you little
by little, until your numbers grow and
you eventually possess the land. 31 I'll
set your borders from the Reed Sea[p] to
the Philistine Sea and from the desert
to the River. I'll hand the inhabitants
of the land over to you, and you will
drive them out before you. 32 Don't
make any covenants with them or
their gods. 33 Don't allow them to live
in your land, or else they will lead you
to sin against me. If you worship their
gods, it will become a dangerous trap
for you.

Covenant at Sinai

24 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Come up to the LORD, you and
Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy
of Israel's elders, and worship from a
distance. 2 Only Moses may come near
to the LORD. The others shouldn't

23:11 Lv 19:9-10, Lv 25:3, Lv 25:4, Lv 25:6
23:13 Dt 4:9; Josh 23:7; Ps 16:4; Hos 2:17; 1Ti 4:16
23:14 Ex 23:17, Ex 34:23; Dt 16:16
23:15 Ex 13:4, Ex 34:18, Ex 34:20
23:16 Ex 34:22; Lv 23:34; Nm 28:26
23:17 Ex 23:14, Ex 34:23; Dt 16:16
23:20 Ex 14:19, Ex 32:34, Ex 33:2; Ps 91:11; Is 63:9
23:21 Josh 24:19; Ps 78:40, Ps 78:56
23:22 Gn 12:3; Dt 30:7
23:23 Ex 3:8, Ex 3:17, Ex 23:20; Josh 24:8
23:24 Ex 20:5, Ex 34:13; Nm 33:52; Dt 7:5, Dt 7:25
23:26 Dt 4:40, Dt 7:14; Job 5:26; Ps 55:23
24:1 Ex 6:23, Ex 19:24, Ex 24:9, Ex 28:1; Nm 11:16
24:2 Ex 20:21

[n] March–April, named Nisan after the exile [o] Or *my name* [p] Or *Red Sea*

come near, while the people shouldn't come up with him at all."

[3]Moses came and told the people all the LORD's words and all the case laws. All the people answered in unison, "Everything that the LORD has said we will do." [4]Moses then wrote down all the LORD's words. He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve sacred stone pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. [5]He appointed certain young Israelite men to offer entirely burned offerings and slaughter oxen as well-being sacrifices to the LORD. [6]Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls. The other half of the blood he threw against the altar. [7]Then he took the covenant scroll and read it out loud for the people to hear. They responded, "Everything that the LORD has said we will do, and we will obey."

[8]Moses then took the blood and threw it over the people. Moses said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD now makes with you on the basis of all these words."

Covenant meal with God

[9]Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel went up, [10]and they saw Israel's God. Under God's feet there was what looked like a floor of lapis-lazuli tiles, dazzlingly pure like the sky. [11]God didn't harm the Israelite leaders, though they looked at God, and they ate and drank.

[12]The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them."

[13]So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God's mountain. [14]Moses had said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them."

[15]Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. [16]The LORD's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from the cloud. [17]To the Israelites, the LORD's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. [18]Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

24:3 Ex 19:8, Ex 21:1, Ex 24:7; Dt 5:27
24:4 Gn 28:18; Ex 17:14-15, Ex 34:27; Dt 31:9
24:6 Heb 9:18
24:7 Ex 24:3
24:8 Mt 26:28; Heb 9:19-20; 1Pt 1:2
24:10 Ex 33:23; Is 6:1; Eze 1:26, Eze 10:1; Jn 1:18
24:12 Ex 31:18, Ex 32:15, Ex 34:1; Dt 5:22
24:15 Ex 19:9, Ex 19:16; Mt 17:5
24:17 Ex 3:2, Ex 19:18; Dt 4:24; Heb 12:18, Heb 12:29
24:18 Ex 34:28; Dt 9:9, Dt 9:18, Dt 9:25, Dt 10:10
25:1 Ex 35:4
25:2 Ex 35:5, Ex 35:21; 1Ch 29:5, 1Ch 29:9; Ezr 2:68
25:4 Ex 26:1, Ex 28:5
25:8 Ex 29:45, Ex 36:1; 1Ki 6:13; 2Co 6:16; Heb 9:1
25:9 Ex 25:40, Ex 26:30; 1Ch 28:11; Ac 7:44; Heb 8:5
25:10 Ex 37:1; Dt 10:1; Heb 9:4
25:11 Ex 25:24, Ex 30:3, Ex 37:2
25:12 Ex 25:26, Ex 37:3
25:17 Ex 37:6; Ro 3:25; Heb 4:16

Gifts offered for the dwelling

25 The LORD said to Moses: [2]Tell the Israelites to collect gift offerings for me. Receive my gift offerings from everyone who freely wants to give. [3]These are the gift offerings that you should receive from them: gold, silver, and copper; [4]blue, purple, and deep red yarns; fine linen; goats' hair; [5]rams' skins dyed red; beaded leather;[q] acacia wood; [6]oil for the lamps; spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet-smelling incense; [7]gemstones; and gems for setting in the priest's vest[r] and chest piece. [8]They should make me a sanctuary so I can be present among them. [9]You should follow the blueprints that I will show you for the dwelling and for all its equipment.

Instructions for building the chest containing the covenant

[10]Have them make an acacia-wood chest. It should be forty-five inches long, twenty-seven inches wide, and twenty-seven inches high. [11]Cover it with pure gold, inside and out, and make a gold molding all around it. [12]Cast four gold rings for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on one side and two rings on the other. [13]Make acacia-wood poles and cover them with gold. [14]Then put the poles into the rings on the chest's sides and use them to carry the chest. [15]The poles should stay in the chest's rings. They shouldn't be taken out of them. [16]Put the covenant document that I will give you into the chest.

[17]Then make a cover of pure gold,

[q]Or *dolphin skins* [r]Heb *ephod*

forty-five inches long and twenty-seven inches wide. [18]Make two winged heavenly creatures of hammered gold, one for each end of the cover. [19]Put one winged heavenly creature at one end and one winged heavenly creature at the other. Place the winged heavenly creatures at the cover's two ends. [20]The heavenly creatures should have their wings spread out above, shielding the cover with their wings. The winged heavenly creatures should face each other toward the cover's center. [21]Put the gold cover on top of the chest and put the covenant document that I will give you inside the chest. [22]There I will meet with you. From there above the cover, from between the two winged heavenly creatures that are on top of the chest containing the covenant, I will deliver to you all that I command you concerning the Israelites.

Instructions for the table

[23]Make an acacia-wood table, three feet long, eighteen inches wide, and twenty-seven inches high. [24]Cover it with pure gold and make a gold molding all around it. [25]Make a frame around it that is four inches wide and a gold molding around the frame. [26]Make four gold rings for the table. Fasten the rings to the four corners at its four legs. [27]The rings that house the poles used for carrying the table should be close to the frame. [28]Make the poles from acacia wood and cover them with gold. The table should be carried with these poles. [29]Make its plates, dishes, jars, and bowls for pouring drink offerings. Make them of pure gold. [30]Set the bread of the presence on the table so it is always in front of me.

Instructions for the lampstand

[31]Make a lampstand of pure hammered gold. The lampstand's base, branches, cups, flowers, and petals should all be attached to it. [32]It should have six branches growing out from its sides, three branches on one side of the lampstand and three branches on the other side of the lampstand. [33]One branch will have three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with a flower and petals, and the next branch will also have three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with a flower and petals. So it will be for the six branches that grow out of the lampstand. [34]In addition, on the lampstand itself there will be four cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with its flower and petals. [35]There will be a flower attached under the first pair of branches, a flower attached under the next pair of branches, and a flower attached under the last pair of branches. So it will be for the six branches that grow out of the lampstand. [36]Their flowers and their branches will be permanently attached to it. The whole lampstand should be one piece of pure hammered gold. [37]Make its seven lamps and set up its lamps so that they direct their light in front of the lampstand. [38]You should also make its tongs and fire pans out of pure gold. [39]All these items should be made from pure gold weighing one kikkar. [40]See to it that you make them according to the blueprint for them that you were shown on the mountain.

25:18 Ex 37:7; 1Ki 6:23; Heb 9:5
25:21 Ex 25:16, Ex 26:34, Ex 40:20
25:22 Ex 29:42-43, Ex 30:6; Lv 16:2; Nm 7:89
25:23 Ex 37:10, Ex 40:22; Nm 3:31; 1Ki 7:48; Heb 9:2
25:24 Ex 25:11
25:31 Ex 31:8, Ex 37:17; 1Ki 7:49; Zec 4:2; Rev 1:12
25:37 Ex 30:8; Nm 8:2; 2Ch 13:11
25:40 Ex 25:9, Ex 26:30; Nm 8:4; Ac 7:44; Heb 8:5
26:1 Ex 36:8
26:2 Ex 26:8

Instructions for building the dwelling

26 Make the dwelling with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and blue, purple, and deep red yarns. Work figures of winged heavenly creatures into their design. [2]Each curtain should be forty-two feet long and each curtain six feet wide. All the curtains should be the same size. [3]Five curtains will be joined to each other as one set, while the other five curtains will be joined together as a second set. [4]Make loops of blue thread on the edge of the outer curtain in the first set. Do the same on the edge of the outer curtain in the second set. [5]Make fifty loops on the one curtain in the first set and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set. The loops should be opposite each other. [6]Then make fifty gold

clasps. Join the curtains to each other with the clasps so that the dwelling becomes one whole structure.

7You should also make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the dwelling. Make eleven curtains. 8Each curtain should be forty-five feet long and each curtain six feet wide. The eleven curtains should all be the same size. 9Join five of the curtains together, and join the six other curtains together. Double over the sixth curtain at the front of the tent. 10Make fifty loops on the edge of the outer curtain in one set and fifty loops on the edge of the outer curtain in the second set.

11Make fifty copper clasps. Put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together so that it becomes one whole structure. 12The extra cloth that is left over from the tent curtains, that is, the half curtain that remains, should hang over the back of the dwelling. 13Eighteen inches on one side and eighteen inches on the other side of the leftover length of the tent's curtains will hang over the two sides of the dwelling to cover it. 14Then for the tent, make a covering of rams' skins dyed red and an outer covering of beaded leather.[s]

15Make acacia-wood boards to stand upright as a frame for the dwelling. 16Each board will be fifteen feet long and twenty-seven inches wide. 17Put two pegs on each board for joining them to each other. Do this for all the dwelling's boards. 18Make twenty boards for the dwelling's southern side. 19Then make forty silver bases to go under the twenty boards. There will be two bases under the first board for its two pegs, two bases under the next board for its two pegs, and so on. 20For the dwelling's other side on the north, make twenty boards 21and their forty silver bases, two bases under the first board, two bases under the next board, and so on. 22For the back of the dwelling on the west, make six boards. 23Make two additional boards for the dwelling's rear corners. 24They should be spread out at the bottom but joined together at the top with one ring. In this way, these two boards will form the two corners. 25And so there will be eight boards with their sixteen silver bases, two bases under the first board, two bases under the next board, and so on.

26You should also make acacia-wood bars: five for the boards on one side of the dwelling, 27five bars for the boards on the other side of the dwelling, and five bars for the boards on the back wall of the dwelling on the west. 28The middle bar, halfway up the boards, should run from one end to the other. 29Cover the boards with gold. Make gold rings to house the bars. Cover the bars with gold. 30Then set up the dwelling according to the plan for it that you were shown on the mountain.

31Make a veil of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and of fine twisted linen. Work figures of winged heavenly creatures into its design. 32Hang it on four acacia-wood posts covered in gold. They should have gold hooks and stand on four silver bases. 33Hang the veil under the clasps, and put the chest containing the covenant there behind the veil. The veil will separate for you the holy from the holiest space. 34Place the gold cover on the chest containing the covenant in the holiest space. 35Place the table outside the veil, and set the lampstand opposite the table by the south wall of the dwelling. Place the table by the north wall.

36Make a screen for the tent's entrance of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and of fine twisted linen, decorated with needlework. 37Make five acacia-wood posts for the screen. Cover the posts with gold. Their hooks should be gold. Cast five copper bases for the posts.

Instructions for the altar

27 Make an acacia-wood altar. The altar should be square, seven and a half feet long and seven and a

26:7 Ex 36:14
26:8 Ex 26:2
26:26 Ex 36:31
26:31 Ex 26:1, Ex 36:35; 2Ch 3:14; Mt 27:51; Heb 9:3
26:33 Ex 40:21; Heb 9:2-3
26:35 Ex 25:31, Ex 40:22, Ex 40:24; Heb 9:2
26:37 Ex 36:38
27:1 Ex 38:1; 2Ch 4:1; Eze 43:13; Heb 13:10

[s] Or *dolphin skin*

half feet wide. It should be four and a half feet high. 2Make horns for the altar and attach them to it, one horn on each of its four corners. Cover it with copper. 3Make pails for removing its ashes and its shovels, bowls, meat forks, and trays. Make all its equipment out of copper. 4Make for the altar a grate made of copper mesh. Make four copper rings for each of the four corners of the mesh. 5Slide the mesh underneath the bottom edge of the altar and then extend the mesh halfway up to the middle of the altar. 6Make acacia-wood poles for the altar and cover them with copper. 7Put the poles through the rings so that the poles will be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried. 8Make the altar with planks but hollow inside. All these should be made just as you were shown on the mountain.

Instructions for the dwelling's courtyard

9You should also set up the dwelling's courtyard. The courtyard's south side should have drapes of fine twisted linen stretching one hundred fifty feet on that side, 10with twenty posts, twenty copper bases, and silver hooks and bands for the posts. 11Likewise along the north side the drapes should stretch one hundred fifty feet, with twenty posts, twenty copper bases, and silver hooks and bands for the posts. 12The courtyard's width on the west side should consist of seventy-five feet of drapes with their ten posts and their ten bases. 13The courtyard's width on the front, facing east should be seventy-five feet. 14There should be twenty-two and a half feet of drapes on one side with three posts and three bases for them. 15There should be twenty-two and a half feet of drapes on the other side with three posts and three bases for them. 16For the gate into the courtyard there will be a screen thirty feet long, made of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and of fine twisted linen, decorated with needlework. It will have four posts with their four bases. 17All the posts around the courtyard will have silver bands, silver hooks, and copper bases. 18The courtyard will be one hundred fifty feet long and seventy-five feet wide. Its walls' height will be seven and a half feet of fine twisted linen and its copper bases. 19All the dwelling's equipment for any use and all its tent pegs and all the courtyard's tent pegs will be made of copper.

27:20 Ex 25:6, Ex 27:21; Lv 24:2-3
28:1 Ex 6:23, Ex 24:1, Ex 24:9, Ex 29:1; Heb 5:4
28:2 Ex 29:5, Ex 29:29, Ex 31:10, Ex 39:1; Lv 8:7
28:3 Ex 31:3, Ex 31:6, Ex 36:1
28:4 Ex 28:15, Ex 28:31, Ex 28:39, Ex 39:28; Lv 8:7
28:5 Ex 25:3-4
28:6 Ex 25:7, Ex 26:1, Ex 39:2

Olive oil for the lampstand

20You must require the Israelites to bring you pure oil of crushed olives for the light so that the lamp may be set up to burn continually. 21In the meeting tent, outside the veil that hangs in front of the covenant document, Aaron and his sons will tend the lamp from evening to morning in the LORD's presence. It will be a permanent regulation for the Israelites in every generation.

Instructions for the priests' clothing

28 Summon to you your brother Aaron and his sons from among the Israelites to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, and Eleazar and Ithamar. 2Make holy clothing that will give honor and dignity to your brother Aaron. 3Tell all who are skilled, to whom I have given special abilities, to make clothing for Aaron for his dedication to serve me as a priest. 4These are the articles of clothing that they should make: a chest pendant, a vest, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban, and a sash. When they make this holy clothing for your brother Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests, 5they should use gold, blue, purple, and deep red yarns and fine linen.

Priest's ornamental vest

6They should make the vest of gold, of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and of fine twisted linen with embroidered designs. 7The vest will have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges so

that they may be joined together. 8The vest's belt should be attached to it and made in the same way of gold, of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and fine twisted linen. 9Take two gemstones and engrave on them the names of Israel's sons, 10six names on one stone and the other six names on the other stone, in the order of their birth. 11Like a gem cutter who engraves official seals, you will engrave the two stones with the names of Israel's sons. Mount them in gold settings. 12Attach the two stones to the vest's shoulder pieces as stones of reminder for the Israelites. Aaron will carry into the LORD's presence their names on his two shoulders as a reminder. 13Then make gold settings 14along with two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords. Attach the corded chains to the gold settings.

Priest's chest pendant used for making decisions

15Make an embroidered chest pendant used for making decisions. Make it in the style of the vest, using gold, blue and purple and deep red yarns, and fine twisted linen. 16It will be square and doubled, nine inches long and nine inches wide. 17Set in it four rows of gemstone settings. The first row will be a row of carnelian, topaz, and emerald stones. 18The second row will be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a moonstone. 19The third row will be a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst. 20The fourth row will be a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. Their settings will be made of decorative gold. 21There will be twelve stones with names corresponding to the names of Israel's sons. They will be engraved like official seals, each with its name for the twelve tribes.

22Make chains of pure gold twisted like cords for the chest pendant. 23Make two gold rings for the chest pendant and attach the two rings to the two edges of the chest pendant. 24Attach the two gold cords to the two rings at the edges of the chest pendant. 25Then fasten the two ends of the cords to the two settings, which you should attach to the vest's two front shoulder pieces. 26Make two gold rings and attach them to the two ends of the chest pendant on its inside edge facing the vest. 27Make two gold rings and fasten them on the front of the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the vest, at its seam just above the vest's belt. 28The chest pendant should be held in place by a blue cord binding its rings to the vest's rings so that the chest pendant rests on the vest's belt and won't come loose from the vest. 29In this way, Aaron will carry the names of Israel's sons on the chest pendant for making decisions over his heart when he goes into the sanctuary as a reminder before the LORD at all times. 30Put into the chest pendant used for making decisions the Urim and the Thummim, so they will be over Aaron's heart when he goes into the LORD's presence. In this way, Aaron will carry the means to make decisions for the Israelites over his heart when in the LORD's presence at all times.

Instructions for other priestly clothing

31You will make the robe for the vest all of blue. 32The opening for the head should be in the middle of it. The opening should be reinforced by a woven binding, a strong border so that it doesn't tear. 33On its lower hem add pomegranates made of blue, purple, and deep red yarns all around the lower hem, with gold bells between the pomegranates all around it. 34A gold bell and a pomegranate should alternate all around the lower hem of the robe. 35Aaron will wear the robe when he ministers as a priest. Its sound will be heard when he goes into the sanctuary in the LORD's presence and when he comes out, so that he will not die.

36Make a flower ornament of pure gold and engrave on it like an official seal: "Holy to the LORD." 37You should fasten it on the turban with a blue cord. It should be on the front of the turban. 38It will be on Aaron's forehead, and

28:8 Ex 28:27, Ex 29:5; Lv 8:7
28:12 Ex 28:29; Nm 31:54; Josh 4:7
28:14 Ex 39:15; 1Ki 7:17; 2Ch 4:12
28:15 Ex 25:7, Ex 39:8; Lv 8:8
28:16 Ex 39:9; 1Sa 17:4
28:17 Ex 39:10; Job 28:19; Eze 28:13; Rev 21:19-20
28:18 Ex 39:11; Jer 17:1; Eze 1:26, Eze 27:16, Eze 28:13
28:19 Is 54:12; Rev 21:20
28:20 Eze 1:16, Eze 10:9; Dn 10:6
28:21 Ex 28:9, Ex 28:11, Ex 39:14; Josh 4:8; Rev 21:12
28:27 Ex 28:8
28:28 Ex 28:37, Ex 39:21, Ex 39:31; Nm 15:38
28:29 Ex 28:12, Ex 28:30
28:33 Ex 39:24
28:35 Lv 16:2
28:36 Ex 28:11, Ex 39:30; Lv 8:9; Zec 14:20
28:37 Ex 28:28, Ex 39:31; Nm 15:38
28:38 Lv 10:17; Nm 18:1; Eze 4:4

Aaron will take on himself any guilt connected with the holy offerings that the Israelites give as their sacred donations. It will always be on his forehead so that the people may be remembered favorably in the LORD's presence.

39 Weave the tunic out of fine linen. Make the turban out of fine linen. Make a sash decorated with needlework. 40 For Aaron's sons, you should also make tunics, sashes, and turbans to mark their honor and dignity. 41 Put these garments on your brother Aaron and on his sons with him. Anoint them with oil, ordain them, and make them holy to serve me as priests. 42 You should also make linen undergarments for them to cover their naked skin from their hips to their thighs. 43 Aaron and his sons should wear this clothing when they go into the meeting tent or when they approach the altar to minister as priests in the sanctuary. Otherwise, they will bring guilt on themselves and die. This will be a permanent regulation for him and for his descendants after him.

Instructions for the priests' ordination

29 Now this is what you should do to make them holy in order to serve me as priests. Take a young bull and two flawless rams. 2 Take unleavened bread, unleavened flatbread made with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil. Make them out of high-quality wheat flour. 3 Put them all in one basket and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams. 4 Present Aaron and his sons at the entrance to the meeting tent and wash them with water. 5 Then take the priestly clothes and put them on Aaron: the tunic, the vest's robe, the vest itself, and the chest pendant. Put the vest on him with the vest's belt. 6 Set the turban on his head and place the holy crown on the turban. 7 Take the anointing oil and pour it on his head to anoint him. 8 Then present his sons and put the tunics on them. 9 Tighten the sashes on them, on both Aaron and his sons. Wrap the turbans on their heads. It will be a permanent regulation that the duties of priesthood belong to them. In this way, you will ordain Aaron and his sons.

10 Present the bull at the front of the meeting tent. Aaron and his sons will lay their hands on the bull's head. 11 Then slaughter the bull in the LORD's presence at the meeting tent's entrance. 12 Take some of the bull's blood and smear it on the altar's horns with your finger. Pour out the rest of the blood at the altar's base. 13 Then take all the fat that covers the inner organs, the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys along with the fat that is on them, and burn them up in smoke on the altar. 14 Burn the rest of the meat of the bull, its hide, and the intestines with their contents with a fire outside the camp. It is a purification offering.

15 Choose one of the rams, and have Aaron and his sons lay their hands on the ram's head. 16 Then slaughter the ram. Take its blood and throw it against all the altar's sides. 17 Cut up the ram into parts. Wash its inner organs and legs, and put them together with its parts and its head. 18 Then turn the entire ram into smoke by burning it on the altar. It is an entirely burned offering for the LORD, a soothing smell, a food gift for the LORD.

19 Take the second ram, and have Aaron and his sons lay their hands on the ram's head. 20 Slaughter the ram. Take some of its blood and smear it on the right earlobes of Aaron and his sons, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. Throw the rest of the blood against all the altar's sides. 21 Then take some of the blood on the altar and some of the anointing oil and sprinkle them on Aaron and on his clothes and on his sons and on his sons' clothes. In this way, Aaron, his sons, and all their priestly garments will be holy.

22 Take the fatty parts of the ram: the fat tail, the fat around the inner organs, the lobe of the liver, the two

28:40 Ex 28:2, Ex 28:4, Ex 29:9, Ex 39:27, Ex 39:41

28:42 Ex 39:28; Lv 6:10, Lv 16:4; Eze 44:18

28:43 Ex 27:21

29:1 Ex 28:1

29:3 Lv 8:2

29:4 Ex 40:12; Lv 8:6, Lv 14:8; Heb 10:22

29:5 Ex 28:2, Ex 28:8; Lv 8:7

29:6 Ex 28:36; Lv 8:9

29:7 Ex 28:41, Ex 30:25; Lv 21:10; Nm 35:25; Ps 133:2

29:9 Ex 27:21, Ex 28:40-41; Nm 3:10, Nm 18:7

29:12 Ex 27:2; Lv 4:7, Lv 4:18, Lv 4:25, Lv 8:15

29:13 Lv 3:3-4, Lv 7:3; Is 43:24

29:14 Lv 4:11-12, Lv 4:21, Lv 16:27; Heb 13:11

29:22 Ex 29:13; Lv 8:25

kidneys with the fat around them, and the right thigh (because it is a ram for ordination). 23Add one loaf of bread, one flatbread made with oil, and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread that was presented to the LORD. 24Place all of these in the hands of Aaron and his sons, and lift them as an uplifted offering in the LORD's presence. 25Then take them from their hands and turn them into smoke by burning them on the altar with the entirely burned offering as a soothing smell in the LORD's presence. It is a food gift for the LORD.

26Take the breast of the ram for Aaron's ordination and lift it as an uplifted offering in the LORD's presence. It will be your portion. 27Make holy the breast that was lifted for the uplifted offering and the thigh that was raised for the gift offering from the ram for the ordination. They belong to Aaron and his sons. 28Those parts will be given to Aaron and his sons from the Israelites as a permanent provision, because they are a gift offering. They will be a gift offering from the Israelites, their gift offering to the LORD from their well-being sacrifices.

29Aaron's holy clothes should be passed on to his sons after him. His sons should be anointed in them and ordained in them. 30The son who is priest in his place should wear them seven days when he comes into the meeting tent to minister in the sanctuary.

31Take the ram for the ordination and boil its meat in a holy place. 32Aaron and his sons will eat the ram's meat and the bread that is in the basket at the meeting tent's entrance. 33They alone should eat the food that was used to purify them, to ordain them, and to make them holy. No one else should eat it because it is holy. 34If any meat for the ordination or any of the bread is left over until morning, then you should burn the leftovers with fire. It shouldn't be eaten because it's holy.

35Treat Aaron and his sons just as I have commanded you. Ordain them for seven days. 36Every day you should offer a bull as a purification offering for reconciliation. You should remove the sin from the altar through a ritual of reconciliation, and you should anoint the altar to make it holy. 37Seven days you should perform the ritual of reconciliation for the altar and make it holy. In this way, the altar will become most holy, and whatever touches the altar will also become holy.

Instructions for daily entirely burned offerings

38Now this is what you should offer on the altar: two one-year-old lambs regularly every day. 39Offer one lamb in the morning and offer the other lamb at twilight. 40With the first lamb, add one-tenth of a measure of the high-quality flour mixed with a quarter of a hin[t] of oil from crushed olives and a quarter of a hin of wine for a drink offering. 41With the second lamb offered at twilight, again include a grain offering and its drink offering as in the morning as a soothing smell, a gift offering for the LORD. 42This should be the regular entirely burned offering in every generation at the meeting tent's entrance in the LORD's presence. There I will meet with you, and there I will speak to you. 43I will meet with the Israelites there, and it will be made holy by my glorious presence. 44I will make the meeting tent and the altar holy. Likewise, I will make Aaron and his sons holy to serve me as priests. 45I will be at home among the Israelites, and I will be their God. 46They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt so that I could make a home among them. I am the LORD their God.

Instructions for the incense altar

30 Make an acacia-wood altar for burning incense. 2The altar should be square, eighteen inches long and eighteen inches wide. It should

29:36 Ex 30:26, Ex 40:10; Nm 7:1
29:38 Nm 28:3; 1Ch 16:40; Dn 12:11
29:39 Eze 46:13
29:40 Gn 35:14; Lv 23:13; Nm 15:4-5, Nm 28:5
29:41 Ex 29:40, Ex 30:9, Ex 40:29; Ps 141:2; Dn 9:21
29:42 Ex 25:22
29:43 Ex 40:34; 1Ki 8:11; 2Ch 5:14
29:44 Ex 28:1, Ex 29:9; Lv 21:15, Lv 22:9, Lv 22:16
29:45 Ex 25:8; Lv 26:12; Zec 2:10; 2Co 6:16; Rev 21:3
30:1 Ex 37:25, Ex 40:5; Lv 4:7; Rev 8:3
30:2 Ex 27:2

[t]One hin is approximately one gallon.

be three feet high. Its horns should be permanently attached. 3Cover the altar with pure gold, including its top, all its sides, and its horns. You should also make a gold molding all around it. 4Make two gold rings and attach them under the molding on two opposite sides of the altar. They will house the poles used to carry the altar. 5Make acacia-wood poles and cover them with gold. 6Place the incense altar in front of the veil that hangs before the chest containing the covenant, in front of the cover that is on top of the covenant document where I will meet with you. 7Aaron will burn sweet-smelling incense on the incense altar every morning when he takes care of the lamps. 8And again when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he will burn incense. It should be a regular incense offering in the LORD's presence in every generation. 9Don't offer the wrong incense on the altar or an entirely burned offering or a grain offering. Don't pour a drink offering on it. 10Once a year Aaron should perform a ritual of reconciliation on its horns with the blood of the purification offering for reconciliation. Once a year in every generation he should perform a ritual of reconciliation at the altar. It is most holy to the LORD.

Census and compensation

11The LORD spoke to Moses: 12When you take a census of the Israelites to count them, each of them should pay compensation for their life to the LORD when they are counted. Then no plague will descend on them when they are counted. 13Every one who is counted should pay a half shekel according to the official shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs). The half shekel is a gift offering to the LORD. 14Every one who is counted, from 20 years old and above, should present a gift offering to the LORD. 15When you bring this gift offering to the LORD to pay compensation for your lives, the rich shouldn't give more and the poor shouldn't give less than the half shekel. 16Take the compensation money from the Israelites and use it to support the service of the meeting tent. It will serve for the Israelites as a reminder in the LORD's presence of the compensation paid for your lives.

30:3 Ex 25:11
30:4 Ex 25.12, Ex 25:27
30:5 Ex 25:13
30:6 Ex 25:22, Ex 26:34, Ex 40:5, Ex 40:26; Nm 7:89
30:7 Ex 40:27; 1Sa 2:28; 1Ch 23:13; 2Ch 2:4
30:8 Ex 27:21, Ex 30:7; Nm 8:3
30:9 Lv 10:1
30:20 Ex 28:43
30:23 Is 43:24; Jer 6:20; Eze 27:19
30:24 Ex 29:40; Ps 45:8; Eze 27:19
30:25 Ex 29:7, Ex 30:35, Ex 37:29; 1Ch 9:30; 2Ch 16:14
30:26 Ex 40:9; Lv 8:10; Nm 7:1
30:27 Ex 30:26, Ex 40:9; Lv 4:7
30:28 Ex 40:11; Lv 8:11
30:29 Ex 29:37
30:30 Ex 28:41, Ex 29:7; Lv 8:12, Lv 8:30
30:32 Ex 30:25, Ex 30:37

Instructions for the washbasin

17The LORD spoke to Moses: 18Make a copper basin for washing along with its copper stand. Put it between the meeting tent and the altar, and put water in it. 19Aaron and his sons will use it to wash their hands and their feet. 20When they go into the meeting tent or approach the altar to minister and to offer a food gift to the LORD, they must wash with water so that they don't die. 21They must wash their hands and their feet so that they don't die. This will be a permanent regulation for them, for Aaron and his descendants in every generation.

Instructions for oil and incense

22The LORD spoke to Moses: 23Now take for yourself high-quality spices: five hundred weight of solid myrrh; half as much of sweet-smelling cinnamon, that is, two hundred fifty; two hundred fifty weight of sweet-smelling cane; 24five hundred of cassia—measured by the sanctuary shekel—and a hin[u] of olive oil. 25Prepare a holy anointing oil, blending them like a skilled perfume maker to produce the holy anointing oil. 26Use it to anoint the meeting tent, the chest containing the covenant, 27the table and all its equipment, the lampstand and its equipment, the incense altar, 28the altar for entirely burned offerings and all its equipment, and the washbasin with its stand. 29Make them holy so that they may be perfectly holy. Whatever touches them will become holy. 30Then anoint Aaron and his sons and make them holy to serve me as priests. 31Say to the Israelites: This will be my holy anointing oil in every generation. 32Don't allow anyone else to

[u]One hin is approximately one gallon.

use this oil. Don't make another oil like it by using the same formula. This oil is holy, and you should regard it as holy. 33Whoever blends an oil like it or whoever uses the oil on someone else will be cut off from the people.

34The LORD said to Moses: Take an equal amount of each of these spices: gum resin, onycha, galbanum, and pure frankincense. 35Like a skilled perfume maker, carefully blend them together and make incense, seasoned with salt, pure and holy. 36Beat some of it into a fine powder and put part of it in front of the covenant document in the meeting tent where I will meet with you. You should regard it as perfectly holy. 37When you make incense according to this formula, you shouldn't make any of it for your own use. You should regard it as holy to the LORD. 38Whoever makes incense with this same formula to enjoy its fragrance will be cut off from the people.

Construction leaders: Bezalel and Oholiab

31 The LORD spoke to Moses: 2Look, I have chosen Bezalel, Uri's son and Hur's grandson from the tribe of Judah. 3I have filled him with the divine spirit, with skill, ability, and knowledge for every kind of work. 4He will be able to create designs; do metalwork in gold, silver, and copper; 5cut stones for setting; carve wood; and do every kind of work. 6I have also appointed with him Oholiab, Ahisamach's son from the tribe of Dan. To all who are skillful, I have given the skill to make everything that I have commanded you: 7the meeting tent, the chest containing the covenant, the cover that is on top of it, all the tent's furnishings, 8the table and its equipment, the pure lampstand with all its equipment, the incense altar, 9the altar for entirely burned offerings with all its equipment, the washbasin with its stand, 10the woven clothing, the holy clothes for Aaron the priest and for his sons for their service as priests, 11the anointing oil, and the sweet-smelling incense for the sanctuary. They will do just as I have commanded you.

30:33 Gn 17:14; Ex 12:15, Ex 30:38; Lv 7:20, Lv 17:9

30:34 Ex 3:6, Ex 25:6, Ex 30:7, Ex 37:29; Lv 5:11

30:38 Ex 30:33

31:1 Ex 35:30

31:2 Ex 35:30, Ex 36:1, Ex 37:1, Ex 38:22; 1Ch 2:20

31:3 Ex 28:3, Ex 35:31; 1Ki 7:14; 1Co 12:4

31:4 2Ch 2:7

31:5 1Ki 6:18

31:6 Ex 28:3, Ex 35:34-35, Ex 36:1, Ex 38:23

31:13 Ex 20:8, Ex 31:17; Lv 20:8; Eze 20:12, Eze 20:20

31:18 Ex 24:12, Ex 32:15-16, Ex 34:1; Dt 4:13

32:1 Ex 13:21, Ex 24:18, Ex 32:23; Ac 7:40

32:2 Jgs 8:24

32:3 Ex 32:2

32:4 Ex 32:8; Dt 9:16; 1Ki 12:28; Neh 9:18; Ps 106:19

Instructions for keeping the Sabbath

12The LORD said to Moses: 13Tell the Israelites: "Be sure to keep my sabbaths, because the Sabbath is a sign between me and you in every generation so you will know that I am the LORD who makes you holy. 14Keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who violates the Sabbath will be put to death. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath, that person will be cut off from the people. 15Do your work for six days. But the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest that is holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day will be put to death. 16The Israelites should keep the Sabbath. They should observe the Sabbath in every generation as a covenant for all time. 17It is a sign forever between me and the Israelites that in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day the LORD rested and was refreshed."

18When God finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, God gave him the two covenant tablets, the stone tablets written by God's finger.

Worshipping the gold bull calf

32 The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods[v] who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him."

2Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." 3So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4He collected them and tied them

[v]Or *a god*

up in a cloth.[w] Then he made a metal
image of a bull calf, and the people
declared, "These are your gods, Israel,
who brought you up out of the land of
Egypt!"

5When Aaron saw this, he built an
altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron
announced, "Tomorrow will be a festi-
val to the LORD!" 6They got up early the
next day and offered up entirely burned
offerings and brought well-being sacri-
fices. The people sat down to eat and
drink and then got up to celebrate.

7The LORD spoke to Moses: "Hurry
up and go down! Your people, whom
you brought up out of the land of
Egypt, are ruining everything!
8They've already abandoned the path
that I commanded. They have made a
metal bull calf for themselves. They've
bowed down to it and offered sacri-
fices to it and declared, 'These are your
gods, Israel, who brought you up out
of the land of Egypt!'" 9The LORD said
to Moses, "I've been watching these
people, and I've seen how stubborn
they are. 10Now leave me alone! Let my
fury burn and devour them. Then I'll
make a great nation out of you."

11But Moses pleaded with the LORD
his God, "LORD, why does your fury
burn against your own people, whom
you brought out of the land of Egypt
with great power and amazing force?
12Why should the Egyptians say, 'He
had an evil plan to take the people
out and kill them in the mountains
and so wipe them off the earth'? Calm
down your fierce anger. Change your
mind about doing terrible things to
your own people. 13Remember Abra-
ham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,
whom you yourself promised, 'I'll
make your descendants as many as the
stars in the sky. And I've promised to
give your descendants this whole land
to possess for all time.'" 14Then the
LORD changed his mind about the ter-
rible things he said he would do to his
people.

15Moses then turned around and

32:5 2Ki 10:20

32:6 Nm 25:2; Jgs 16:23; Ac 7:41; 1Co 10:7

32:7 Ex 32:11, Ex 33:1; Dt 9:12; Hos 9:9

32:9 Ex 33:3, Ex 33:5, Ex 34:9; Dt 9:6; Ac 7:51

32:10 Ex 22:24; Nm 14:12, Nm 16:21, Nm 16:45; Dt 9:14

32:11 Dt 9:18, Dt 9:26; Ps 106:23

32:15 Ex 24:12, Ex 31:18, Ex 34:29; Dt 9:15

32:16 Ex 31:18, Ex 34:1, Ex 34:28; Dt 4:13

32:17 Ex 17:9, Ex 24:13, Ex 33:11

32:18 Ex 32:19

32:19 Ex 32:6; Dt 9:16, Dt 9:17

32:20 Dt 9:21

32:23 Ex 32:1

32:26 Nm 3:6, Nm 3:39; Dt 33:9-10; 2Sa 20:11

32:27 Nm 25:5; Dt 33:9

came down the mountain. He carried
the two covenant tablets in his hands.
The tablets were written on both
sides, front and back. 16The tablets
were God's own work. What was writ-
ten there was God's own writing in-
scribed on the tablets. 17When Joshua
heard the noise of the people as they
shouted, he said to Moses, "It sounds
like war in the camp."

18But Moses said,

"It isn't the sound of a victory song.
It isn't the sound of a song
of defeat.
The sound of party songs
is what I hear."

19When he got near the camp and
saw the bull calf and the dancing,
Moses was furious. He hurled the tab-
lets down and shattered them in pieces
at the foot of the mountain. 20He
took the calf that they had made and
burned it in a fire. Then he ground it
down to crushed powder, scattered it
on the water, and made the Israelites
drink it.

21Moses said to Aaron, "What did
these people do to you that you led
them to commit such a terrible sin?"

22Aaron replied, "Don't get angry
with me, sir. You know yourself that
these people are out of control.[x] 23They
said to me, 'Make us gods who can lead
us. As for this man Moses who brought
us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't
have a clue what has happened to him.'
24So I said to them, 'Whoever has gold,
take it off!' So they gave it to me, I threw
it into the fire, and out came this bull
calf!"

25Moses saw that the people were
out of control because Aaron had let
them get out of control, making them
an easy target for their enemies. 26So
Moses stood at the camp's gate and
said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side,
come to me!" All the Levites gathered
around him. 27Moses said to them,
"This is what the LORD, Israel's God,
says: Each of you, strap on your sword!
Go back and forth from one end of the

[w]Or *formed them into a mold* or *engraved them with a stylus* [x]Sam; MT *evil*

camp to the other. Each of you, kill your brother, your friend, and your neighbor!" [28]The Levites did as Moses commanded. About three thousand people were killed that day. [29]Moses said, "Today you've been ordained to the LORD, each one of you at the cost of a son or a brother. Today you've gained a special blessing for yourselves."

[30]The next day Moses said to the people, "You've committed a terrible sin. So now I will go up to the LORD. Maybe I can arrange reconciliation on account of your sin." [31]So Moses went back to the LORD and said, "Oh, what a terrible sin these people have committed! They made for themselves gods[y] of gold. [32]But now, please forgive their sin! And if not, then wipe me out of your scroll that you've written."

[33]But the LORD said to Moses, "The ones I'll wipe out of my scroll are those who sinned against me. [34]Now go and lead the people to the place I described to you. My messenger here will go in front of you. When the day of reckoning comes, I'll count their sin against them." [35]Then the LORD sent a plague on the people because of what they did with the bull calf that Aaron made.

The LORD: "I can't go"

33 The LORD said to Moses, "Go and leave this place, you and the people whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt. Go to the land I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, 'I'll give it to your descendants.' [2]I'll send a messenger before you. I'll drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [3]Go to this land full of milk and honey. But I won't go up with you because I would end up destroying you along the way since you are a stubborn people."

[4]When the people heard the bad news, they were sorry. No one put on any jewelry, [5]because the LORD had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stubborn people. If I were to go up with you even for a single moment, I would destroy you. So now take off your jewelry, while I figure out what to do with you.'" [6]So after leaving Mount Horeb the Israelites rid themselves of their jewelry.

Speaking with the LORD at the meeting tent

[7]Moses took the tent and pitched it outside the camp, far away from the camp. He called it the meeting tent. Everyone who wanted advice from the LORD would go out to the meeting tent outside the camp. [8]Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand at the entrance to their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. [9]When Moses entered the tent, the column of cloud would come down and stand at the tent's entrance while the LORD talked with Moses. [10]When all the people saw the column of cloud standing at the tent's entrance, they would all rise and then bow down at the entrances to their tents. [11]In this way the LORD used to speak to Moses face-to-face, like two people talking to each other. Then Moses would come back to the camp. But his young assistant Joshua, Nun's son, wouldn't leave the tent.

Moses pleads with God

[12]Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you've been telling me, 'Lead these people forward.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. Yet you've assured me, 'I know you by name and think highly of you.' [13]Now if you do think highly of me, show me your ways so that I may know you and so that you may really approve of me. Remember too that this nation is your people."

[14]The LORD replied, "I'll go myself, and I'll help you."

[15]Moses replied, "If you won't go yourself, don't make us leave here. [16]Because how will anyone know that we have your special approval, both I

32:28 Dt 33:9
32:29 Ex 28:41; Nm 25:11; Dt 13:6; Zec 13:3; Mt 10:37
32:30 1Sa 12:20
32:31 Ex 32:30; Dt 9:18
32:32 Nm 14:19; Ps 69:28; Dn 12:1; Ro 9:3; Phi 4:3
32:33 Ps 69:28; Rev 3:5
32:34 Ex 23:20
32:35 Ex 32:25
33:1 Gn 12:7; Ex 32:13
33:2 Ex 23:20, Ex 32:34, Ex 34:11
33:3 Ex 3:8, Ex 32:9, Ex 32:10
33:7 Dt 4:29; 2Sa 21:1
33:10 Ex 4:31, Ex 33:9
33:11 Ex 17:9, Ex 24:13, Ex 32:17; Nm 12:8; Dt 34:10
33:12 Gn 6:8; Ex 33:17
33:13 Dt 9:26, Dt 9:29; Ps 25:4, Ps 27:11, Ps 103:7
33:14 Josh 21:44, Josh 22:4; Is 63:9
33:15 Ex 33:3, Ex 33:14, Ex 34:9; Ps 80:3, Ps 80:7
33:16 Lv 20:24, Lv 20:26; Nm 14:14, Nm 23:9; Dt 4:34

[y]Or *a god*

and your people, unless you go with us? Only that distinguishes us, me and your people, from every other people on the earth."

17 The LORD said to Moses, "I'll do exactly what you've asked because you have my special approval, and I know you by name."

18 Moses said, "Please show me your glorious presence."

19 The LORD said, "I'll make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I'll proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD.' I will be kind to whomever I wish to be kind, and I will have compassion to whomever I wish to be compassionate. 20 But," the LORD said, "you can't see my face because no one can see me and live." 21 The LORD said, "Here is a place near me where you will stand beside the rock. 22 As my glorious presence passes by, I'll set you in a gap in the rock, and I'll cover you with my hand until I've passed by. 23 Then I'll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won't be visible."

A deeper revealing of God's character

34 The LORD said to Moses, "Cut two stone tablets like the first ones. I'll write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke into pieces. 2 Get ready in the morning and come up to Mount Sinai. Stand there on top of the mountain in front of me. 3 No one else can come up with you. Don't allow anyone even to be seen anywhere on the mountain. Don't even let sheep and cattle graze in front of the mountain." 4 So Moses cut two stone tablets like the first ones. He got up early in the morning and climbed up Mount Sinai, just as the LORD had commanded him. He carried the two stone tablets in his hands. 5 The LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him, and proclaimed the name, "The LORD." 6 The LORD passed in front of him and proclaimed:

33:17 Ex 33:12
33:18 Ex 33:20; 2Co 3:18; 1Ti 6:16; Rev 21:23
33:19 Ex 34:5-6, Ex 34:7; Ro 9:15
33:20 Dt 5:24; Is 6:5; Jn 1:18; 1Ti 6:16
33:21 Ps 18:2, Ps 62:7
33:22 Ps 91:1, Ps 91:4; Is 2:21, Is 49:2, Is 51:16
33:23 Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18; 1Ti 6:16
34:1 Ex 24:12, Ex 31:18, Ex 32:16, Ex 32:19; Dt 10:1
34:2 Ex 19:20
34:4 Ex 8:20, Ex 19:3, Ex 24:2, Ex 24:4, Ex 32:15
34:5 Ex 19:9, Ex 33:19; Nm 11:25
34:6 Nm 14:18; Neh 9:17; Ps 86:15, Ps 103:8; Jl 2:13
34:7 Ex 20:5-6; Dt 5:10; Job 10:14; Ps 103:3
34:8 Ex 4:31
34:9 Ex 32:9; Dt 32:9; Ps 28:9, Ps 33:12
34:14 Ex 20:3, Ex 20:5; Dt 4:24; Josh 24:19; Na 1:2
34:15 Ex 34:12

"The LORD! The LORD!
a God who is
compassionate and merciful,
very patient,
full of great loyalty and
faithfulness,
7 showing great loyalty
to a thousand generations,
forgiving every kind of sin
and rebellion,
yet by no means clearing
the guilty,
punishing for their parents' sins
their children
and their grandchildren,
as well as the third
and the fourth generation."

8 At once Moses bowed to the ground and worshipped. 9 He said, "If you approve of me, my Lord, please go along with us.[z] Although these are stubborn people, forgive our guilt and our sin and take us as your own possession."

Renewing the broken covenant

10 The LORD said: I now make a covenant. In front of all your people, I'll perform dramatic displays of power that have never been done before anywhere on earth or in any nation. All the people who are around you will see what the LORD does, because I will do an awesome thing with you.

11 Be sure to obey what I command you today. I'm about to drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 12 Be careful that you don't make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you are going, or it will become a dangerous trap for you. 13 You must tear down their altars, smash their sacred stone pillars, and cut down their sacred poles. 14 You must not bow down to another god, because the LORD is passionate: the LORD's name means "a passionate God." 15 Don't make a covenant with those who live in the land. When they prostitute themselves with

[z] LXX; MT adds *my Lord*.

their gods and sacrifice to their gods,
they may invite you and you may end
up eating some of the sacrifice. 16Then
you might go and choose their daugh-
ters as wives for your sons. And their
daughters who prostitute themselves
with their gods might lead your sons to
prostitute themselves with their gods.
17Don't make metal gods for your-
self.
18Observe the Festival of Unleav-
ened Bread. You should eat unleavened
bread for seven days, as I commanded
you, at the set time in the month of
Abib,[a] because it was in the month of
Abib that you came out of Egypt.
19Every first offspring is mine. That
includes all your male livestock, the
oldest offspring of cows and sheep.
20But a donkey's oldest offspring you
may ransom with a sheep. Or if you
don't ransom it, you must break its
neck. You should ransom all of your
oldest sons.

No one should appear before me
empty-handed.
21You should do your work for six
days, but on the seventh day you
should rest. Even during plowing or
harvesttime you should rest. 22You
should observe the Festival of Weeks,
for the early produce of the wheat
harvest, and the Gathering Festival at
the end of the year. 23All your males
should appear three times a year be-
fore the LORD God, Israel's God. 24I
will drive out nations before you and
extend your borders. No one will desire
and try to take your land if you go up
and appear before the LORD your God
three times a year.
25Don't slaughter the blood of
my sacrifice with anything leavened.
The sacrifice of the Passover Festival
shouldn't be left over until the morning.
26Bring the best of the early produce
of your farmland to the LORD your
God's temple.

Don't boil a young goat in its moth-
er's milk.
27The LORD said to Moses: "Write
down these words because by these
words I hereby make a covenant with
you and with Israel." 28Moses was
there with the LORD forty days and
forty nights. He didn't eat any bread
or drink any water. He wrote on the
tablets the words of the covenant, the
ten words.

Moses' brightly shining face

29Moses came down from Mount
Sinai. As he came down from the
mountain with the two covenant tab-
lets in his hand, Moses didn't realize
that the skin of his face shone brightly
because he had been talking with God.
30When Aaron and all the Israelites
saw the skin of Moses' face shining
brightly, they were afraid to come
near him. 31But Moses called them
closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of
the community came back to him, and
Moses spoke with them. 32After that,
all the Israelites came near as well, and
Moses commanded them everything
that the LORD had spoken with him on
Mount Sinai. 33When Moses finished
speaking with them, he put a veil over
his face. 34Whenever Moses went into
the LORD's presence to speak with him,
Moses would take the veil off until he
came out again. When Moses came
out and told the Israelites what he
had been commanded, 35the Israelites
would see that the skin of Moses' face
was shining brightly. So Moses would
put the veil on his face again until the
next time he went in to speak with
the LORD.

35 Moses gathered together the
whole Israelite community and
said to them: These are the things that
the LORD has commanded you to do:

Instructions for the Sabbath

2Do your work for six days, but the
seventh day should be holy to you, a
Sabbath of complete rest for the LORD.
Whoever does any work on the Sabbath
will be put to death. 3Don't start a fire in
any of your homes on the Sabbath day.

34:16 Dt 7:3, Dt 7:4; Ezr 9:2
34:19 Ex 13:2
34:20 Ex 13:13, Ex 13:15, Ex 23:15; Nm 18:15; Dt 16:16
34:28 Ex 24:18, Ex 31:18, Ex 32:16, Ex 34:1; Dt 4:13
34:29 Ex 32:15; 2Co 3:7, 2Co 3:13
34:30 2Co 3:7
34:31 Ex 3:15, Ex 16:22, Ex 24:1
34:32 Ex 21:1, Ex 24:4, Ex 34:27, Ex 35:1, Ex 35:4
34:33 2Co 3:13
34:34 2Co 3:16
34:35 Ex 34:29; 2Co 3:13
35:1 Ex 25:1, Ex 31:1, Ex 34:32
35:2 Ex 20:9, Ex 23:12, Ex 31:15, Ex 34:21; Lv 23:3
35:3 Ex 16:23

[a] March–April, named Nisan after the exile

Preparing to build the dwelling

4 Moses said to the whole Israelite
community, This is what the LORD has
commanded: 5 Collect gift offerings for
the LORD from all of you. Whoever
freely wants to give should bring the
LORD's gift offerings: gold, silver, and
copper; 6 blue, purple, and deep red
yarns; fine linen; goats' hair; 7 rams'
skins dyed red; beaded leather;[b] acacia
wood; 8 the oil for the light; spices for
the anointing oil and for the sweet-
smelling incense; 9 gemstones; and gems
for setting in the priest's vest[c] and in the
priest's chest pendant.

10 All of you who are skilled in crafts
should come forward and make every-
thing that the LORD has commanded:
11 the dwelling, its tent and its covering,
its clasps, its boards, its bars, its posts,
and its bases, 12 the chest with its poles
and its cover, the veil for a screen, 13 the
table with its poles and all its equip-
ment, the bread of the presence, 14 the
lampstand for light with its equipment
and its lamps, the oil for the light,
15 the incense altar with its poles, the
anointing oil and the sweet-smelling
incense, the entrance screen for the
dwelling's entrance, 16 the altar for en-
tirely burned offerings with its copper
grate, its poles, and all its equipment,
the washbasin with its stand, 17 the
courtyard's drapes, its posts, and its
bases, and the screen for the courtyard
gate, 18 the dwelling's tent pegs and the
courtyard's tent pegs, and their cords,
19 the woven clothing for ministering in
the sanctuary, and the holy clothes for
Aaron the priest and his sons for their
service as priests.

Gifts for building the dwelling

20 The whole Israelite community
left Moses. 21 Everyone who was ex-
cited and eager to participate brought
the LORD's gift offerings to be used
for building the meeting tent and
all its furnishings and for the holy
clothes. 22 Both men and women came
forward. Everyone who was eager to
participate brought pins, earrings,
rings, and necklaces, all sorts of gold
objects. Everyone raised an uplifted
offering of gold to the LORD. 23 And
everyone who had blue or purple or
deep red yarn or fine linen or goats'
hair or rams' skins dyed red or beaded
leather brought them. 24 Everyone
who could make a gift offering of sil-
ver or copper brought it as the LORD's
gift offering. Everyone who had acacia
wood that could be used in any kind
of building work brought it. 25 All the
skilled women spun cloth with their
hands, and brought what they had
spun in blue and purple and deep red
yarns and fine linen. 26 All the women
who were eager to use their skill spun
the goats' hair. 27 The chiefs brought
gemstones and gems to be set in the
priest's vest and the chest pendant,
28 spices and oil for light and for the
anointing oil, and for the sweet-
smelling incense. 29 All the Israelite
men and women who were eager to
contribute something for the work
that the LORD had commanded Moses
to do brought it as a spontaneous gift
to the LORD.

Moses introduces Bezalel and Oholiab

30 Then Moses said to the Israelites:
"Look, the LORD has chosen Bezalel,
Uri's son and Hur's grandson from the
tribe of Judah. 31 The LORD has filled
him with the divine spirit that will
give him skill, ability, and knowledge
for every kind of work. 32 He will be
able to create designs, do metalwork
in gold, silver, and copper, 33 cut stones
for setting, carve wood, do every kind
of creative work, 34 and have the ability
to teach others. Both he and Oholiab,
Ahisamach's son from the tribe of Dan,
35 have been given the skill to do every
kind of work done by a gem cutter or
a designer or a needleworker in blue,
purple, and deep red yarns and in fine
linen or a weaver or anyone else doing
work or creating designs.

35:17 Ex 27:9
35:23 Ex 25:4, Ex 25:5, Ex 35:6, Ex 35:7; Nm 19:2
35:27 1Ch 29:6
35:30 Ex 31:1, Ex 31:2, Ex 36:1, Ex 38:22
35:31 Ex 35:35; 2Ch 2:14; Is 11:2, Is 61:1

[b] Or *dolphin skins* [c] Heb *ephod*

36 "Let Bezalel, Oholiab, and every other skilled worker whom the LORD has given skill, ability, and knowledge for the work of building the sanctuary do all that the LORD has commanded."

[2]Moses then called together Bezalel, Oholiab, and every skilled person whom the LORD had given skill and who was eager to come and do the work. [3]Moses gave them all the gift offerings that the Israelites had contributed to the work on the sanctuary. They kept bringing him spontaneous gifts, morning after morning.

[4]Finally, all the skilled workers building the sanctuary left their work that they were doing one by one to come [5]and say to Moses, "The people are contributing way too much material for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do."

[6]So Moses issued a command that was proclaimed throughout the camp: "Every man and woman should stop making gift offerings for the sanctuary project." So the people stopped bringing anything more [7]because what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

Construction of the dwelling

[8]All the skilled workers made the dwelling out of ten curtains of fine twisted linen and blue, purple, and deep red yarns, with figures of winged heavenly creatures worked into their design. [9]Each curtain was forty-two feet long and six feet wide. All the curtains were the same size.

[10]They joined five of the curtains to each other and joined the other five curtains to each other. [11]They made loops of blue thread on the edge of the outer curtain of the first set. They did the same on the edge of the outer curtain of the second set. [12]They made fifty loops on the one curtain and fifty loops on the outer curtain that was in the second set. The loops were opposite each other. [13]They also made fifty gold clasps, and they used the clasps to join the curtains to each other so that the dwelling was one whole structure.

[14]They also made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the dwelling. They made eleven curtains. [15]Each curtain was forty-five feet long and each curtain six feet wide. All eleven curtains were the same size. [16]They joined five curtains together and the six other curtains together. [17]They made fifty loops on the edge of the outer curtain of the one set and fifty loops on the edge of the other set of curtains. [18]They made fifty copper clasps to join the tent together so that it would be one whole structure. [19]They also made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red and an outer covering of beaded leather.

[20]Then they made acacia-wood boards to stand upright as a frame for the dwelling. [21]Each board was fifteen feet long and twenty-seven inches wide. [22]Each board had two pegs for joining them to each other. They did this for all the dwelling's boards. [23]They made twenty boards for the dwelling's southern side. [24]They made forty silver bases under the twenty boards, with two bases under the first board for its two pegs, two bases under the next board for its two pegs, and so on. [25]For the dwelling's other side on the north, they made twenty boards [26]and forty silver bases, two bases under the first board, two bases under the next board, and so on. [27]For the back of the dwelling on the west, they made six boards. [28]They made two additional boards for the dwelling's rear corners. [29]They were spread out at the bottom but joined together at the top with one ring. In this way, these two boards formed the two corners. [30]And so there were eight boards with their sixteen silver bases, with two bases under every board.

[31]They also made acacia-wood bars: five for the boards on one side of the dwelling, [32]five bars for the boards on the other side of the dwelling, and five bars for the boards on the back wall of the dwelling on the west. [33]They made the middle bar, which was halfway up

36:1 Ex 28:3, Ex 31:2, Ex 31:6, Ex 35:30
36:2 Ex 31:6, Ex 35:21, Ex 35:26
36:8 Ex 26:1

the boards, run from one end to the other. 34They covered the boards with gold. They made gold rings to house the bars and covered the bars with gold.

35They made the veil of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and fine twisted linen, with figures of winged heavenly creatures worked into its design. 36They made for it four acacia-wood posts covered in gold with gold hooks and cast four silver bases for them. 37They made a screen for the entrance to the tent of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and fine twisted linen, decorated with needlework. 38They made its five posts with hooks. They covered their tops and bands with gold, but made their five bases out of copper.

Building the chest containing the covenant document

37 Bezalel made the chest of acacia wood. It was forty-five inches long, twenty-seven inches wide, and twenty-seven inches high. 2He covered the chest with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold molding all around it. 3He cast four gold rings for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on one side and two rings on the other. 4He made acacia-wood poles and covered them with gold. 5He put the poles into the rings on the chest's sides to use to carry the chest. 6He made a cover for the chest out of pure gold, forty-five inches long and twenty-seven inches wide. 7He made two winged heavenly creatures of hammered gold for the two ends of the cover, 8one winged heavenly creature at one end and one winged heavenly creature at the other. He placed the winged heavenly creatures at the cover's two ends. 9The winged heavenly creatures spread out their wings above, shielding the cover with their wings. The winged heavenly creatures faced each other toward the cover's center.

Constructing the table and lampstand

10He also made the table of acacia wood, three feet long, eighteen inches wide, and twenty-seven inches high. 11He covered it with pure gold and made a gold molding all around it. 12He made a frame around it that was four inches wide and gold molding around the frame. 13He made four gold rings for the table. He fastened the rings to the four corners at its four legs. 14The rings that housed the poles used for carrying the table were close to the frame. 15He made the poles used to carry the table out of acacia wood, and he covered them with gold. 16He made the containers of pure gold that were to be on the table: its plates, dishes, bowls, and jars for pouring drink offerings.

17He also made the lampstand of pure, hammered gold. The lampstand's base, branches, cups, flowers, and petals were all attached to it. 18It had six branches growing out from its sides, three branches on one side of the lampstand and three branches on the other side of the lampstand. 19One branch had three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with a flower and petals, and the next branch also had three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with a flower and petals. A total of six branches grew out of the lampstand. 20In addition, on the lampstand itself there were four cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with its flower and petals. 21There was a flower attached under the first pair of branches, a flower attached under the next pair of branches, and a flower attached under the last pair of branches. 22Their flowers and their branches were attached to it. The whole lampstand was one piece of pure hammered gold. 23He made its seven lamps and its tongs and its fire pans out of pure gold. 24He made the lampstand and all its equipment from pure gold weighing one kikkar.

Making the incense altar, incense, and oil

25He made the incense altar out of acacia wood. The altar was square, eighteen inches long by eighteen inches wide. It was three feet high, and its

37:1 Ex 25:10, Ex 31:2
37:2 Ex 25:11, Ex 37:11

horns were permanently attached. [26]He covered it with pure gold, including its top, all its sides, and its horns. He also made a gold molding all around it. [27]He made two gold rings, and he attached them under the molding on two opposite sides of the altar. They housed the poles used to carry it. [28]He made the poles of acacia wood, and he covered them with gold.

[29]He also made the holy anointing oil and the pure sweet-smelling incense like a skilled perfume maker.

Making the altar for entirely burned offerings

38 He made the altar for entirely burned offerings out of acacia wood. The altar was square, seven and a half feet long and seven and a half feet wide. It was four and a half feet high. [2]He made horns for it, one horn on each of its four corners. Its horns were attached to the altar, and he covered it with copper. [3]He made all the altar's equipment: the pails, the shovels, the bowls, the meat forks, and the trays. He made all its equipment out of copper. [4]He made a grate for the altar of copper mesh underneath its bottom edge and extending halfway up to the middle of the altar. [5]He made four rings for each of the four corners of the copper grate to house the poles. [6]He made the poles out of acacia wood, and he covered them with copper. [7]He put the poles through the rings so that the poles were on the two sides of the altar when it was carried. He made the altar with planks but hollow inside.

[8]He made the copper washbasin with its copper stand from the copper mirrors among the ranks of women assigned to the meeting tent's entrance.

Constructing the dwelling's plaza

[9]He also set up the courtyard. The courtyard's south side had drapes of fine twisted linen stretching one hundred fifty feet [10]with twenty posts, twenty copper bases, and silver hooks and bands for the posts. [11]Likewise the north side stretched one hundred fifty feet, with twenty posts, twenty copper bases, and silver hooks and bands for the posts. [12]On the west side the drapes stretched seventy-five feet, with their ten posts, their ten bases, and silver hooks and bands for the posts. [13]The front side facing east was seventy-five feet. [14]There were twenty-two and a half feet of drapes on one side with three posts and three bases for them. [15]Likewise, there were twenty-two and a half feet of drapes on the other side of the plaza's gate with three posts and three bases for them. [16]All the drapes around the courtyard were made of fine twisted linen. [17]The bases for the posts were made of copper, but the hooks for the posts and their bands were made of silver. The tops of the posts were covered with silver, and all the posts surrounding the courtyard had silver bands. [18]The screen for the gate into the courtyard was made with blue, purple, and deep red yarns and fine twisted linen, decorated with needlework. It was thirty feet long and, along the width of it, seven and a half feet high, corresponding to the courtyard's drapes. [19]It had four posts, their four copper bases, their silver hooks, and their tops and bands covered with silver. [20]All the tent pegs for the dwelling and for the courtyard all around were made of copper.

A listing of materials used

[21]These are the accounts of the dwelling, the covenant dwelling, that were recorded at Moses' instructions. They are the work of the Levites, under the direction of Ithamar, Aaron the priest's son. [22]Bezalel, Uri's son and Hur's grandson from the tribe of Judah, made everything that the LORD had commanded Moses to make. [23]Working with Bezalel was Oholiab, Ahisamach's son from the tribe of Dan, who was a gem cutter, a designer, and a needleworker in blue, purple, and deep red yarns and in fine linen.

38:8 Ex 30:18, Ex 40:7; 1Sa 2:22
38:18 Ex 27:16; 2Ch 3:14
38:21 Nm 1:50; 2Ch 24:6

[24]The total amount of the gold that was used for construction of the whole sanctuary, gold from the uplifted offerings, was twenty-nine kikkars and seven hundred thirty shekels in weight, measured by the sanctuary shekel. [25]The silver from the community census totaled one hundred kikkars and one thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels in weight, measured by the sanctuary shekel. [26]They gave a beqa per person (that is, half a shekel, measured by the sanctuary shekel) for everyone who was counted in the census, 20 years old and above, 603,550 men. [27]One hundred kikkars of silver were used to cast the bases for the sanctuary and the bases for the veil, one hundred bases from one hundred kikkars of silver, one kikkar for every base. [28]He used one thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels of silver[d] to make the hooks for the posts, cover their tops, and make bands for them. [29]The amount of copper from the uplifted offering was seventy kikkars and two thousand four hundred shekels in weight. [30]He used it to make the bases for the meeting tent's entrance, the copper altar, its copper grate, and all the altar's equipment, [31]the bases all around the courtyard, and the bases for the courtyard's gate, all the dwelling's tent pegs, and all the tent pegs used around the courtyard.

Making the priests' clothing

39 They used the blue, purple, and deep red yarns to make the woven clothing for those ministering as priests in the sanctuary. They made the holy clothes for Aaron as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[2]They made the vest[e] of gold, of blue, purple, and deep red yarns, and of fine twisted linen. [3]They beat out thin sheets of gold and cut them into threads to work into designs among the blue, purple, and deep red yarns and the fine linen. [4]They made shoulder pieces for it attached to its two edges so that they could be joined together. [5]The vest's belt was attached to it and made in the same way of gold, of blue, purple, and deep red yarns, and of fine twisted linen, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[6]They prepared the gemstones by mounting them in gold settings and engraving on them the names of Israel's sons, like an official seal is engraved. [7]The stones were attached to the vest's shoulder pieces as reminder stones for the Israelites, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[8]They made the embroidered chest pendant in the style of the vest, using gold, blue, purple, and deep red yarns, and fine twisted linen. [9]They made the chest pendant square and doubled, nine inches long and nine inches wide when doubled. [10]They set in it four rows of gemstones. The first row was a row of carnelian, topaz, and emerald stones. [11]The second row was a turquoise, a sapphire, and a moonstone. [12]The third row was a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst. [13]The fourth row was a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. The settings around them were decorative gold. [14]There were twelve stones with names corresponding to the names of Israel's sons. They were engraved like official seals, each with its name for the twelve tribes. [15]They made chains of pure gold, twisted like cords, for the chest pendant. [16]They made two gold settings and two gold rings. They attached the two rings to the two edges of the chest pendant. [17]They attached the two gold cords to the two rings at the edges of the chest pendant. [18]Then they fastened the two ends of the two cords to the two gold settings and attached them to the front of the vest's shoulder pieces. [19]They made two gold rings, and they attached them to the two edges of the chest pendant, on its inside edge facing the vest. [20]They made two gold rings and fastened them on the front of the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the vest, at its seam just above

38:24 Ex 30:13
38:26 Ex 12:37; Nm 1:46
39:1 Ex 28:2, Ex 31:10, Ex 35:19, Ex 35:23, Ex 39:41; Lv 8:13
39:6 Ex 28:9, Ex 28:11
39:14 Ex 28:11, Ex 28:21; Rev 21:12

[d]Heb lacks *shekels of silver.* [e]Heb *ephod*

the vest's belt. 21The chest pendant was held in place by a blue cord binding its rings to the vest's rings so that the chest pendant rested on the vest's belt and didn't come loose from the vest, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22They also made the vest's robe, woven completely in blue. 23The opening of the robe in the middle of it was reinforced with a strong border so that it didn't tear. 24On the robe's lower hem, they added pomegranates made of blue, purple, and deep red yarns and of fine twisted linen. 25They also made pure gold bells and sewed the bells between the pomegranates, all around the robe's lower hem, 26with a bell and a pomegranate alternating all around the lower hem of the robe that is used for ministering as a priest, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

27They also made the tunics woven out of fine linen for Aaron and his sons, 28the turban of fine linen, the decorated turbans of fine linen, the linen undergarments of fine twisted linen, 29the sashes of fine twisted linen, and of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, decorated with needlework, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30They made the flower ornament for the holy crown out of pure gold. Like the engraving on an official seal, they engraved on it the saying "Holy to the LORD." 31They fastened to it a blue cord to tie it to the top of the turban, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Completion of dwelling construction

32In this way all the work of the meeting tent dwelling was finished. The Israelites did everything just exactly as the LORD had commanded Moses. 33Then they brought to Moses the dwelling, the tent, and all its equipment:

its clasps, its boards, its bars, its posts, and its bases,

34the covering of rams' skins dyed red, the covering of beaded leather, and the veil for a screen,

39:30 Ex 28:36, Ex 29:6; Zec 14:20

40:2 Ex 12:2, Ex 26:30, Ex 40:17

40:3 Ex 26:33, Ex 40:21

35the chest containing the covenant with its poles and the cover,

36the table with all its equipment and the bread of the presence,

37the pure lampstand with its lamps set on it and all its equipment, and the oil for the light,

38the gold altar, the anointing oil, and the sweet-smelling incense,

the screen for the tent's entrance,

39the copper altar and its copper grate, its poles, and all its equipment,

the washbasin with its stand,

40the courtyard's drapes, its posts, and its bases,

the screen for the plaza's gate, its cords, and its tent pegs,

and all the other equipment for the service of the dwelling, for the meeting tent,

41the woven clothes for ministering as priests in the sanctuary, the holy clothes for the priest Aaron and the clothes for his sons to serve as priests.

42The Israelites did all of the work just as the LORD had commanded Moses. 43When Moses saw that they in fact had done all the work exactly as the LORD had commanded, Moses blessed them.

Moses sets up the dwelling

40 The LORD spoke to Moses: 2Set up the meeting tent dwelling on the first day of the first month.[f] 3Place the chest containing the covenant inside the dwelling. Hide the chest from view with the veil. 4Bring in the table and arrange its items. Bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. 5Place the gold altar for burning incense in front of the chest containing the covenant. Set up the screen at the dwelling's entrance. 6Put the altar for entirely burned offerings in front of the entrance to the meeting tent dwelling. 7Put the washbasin between the meeting tent and the altar and put water in it. 8Set up the courtyard all around. Hang up the screen at the courtyard gate. 9Then

[f] March–April, Abib

take the anointing oil and anoint the dwelling and everything in it. Make holy the dwelling and all its equipment, and it will be holy. [10]Anoint the altar for entirely burned offerings and all its equipment. Make the altar holy, and the altar will be most holy. [11]Anoint the washbasin with its stand and make it holy.

[12]Then bring Aaron and his sons to the meeting tent's entrance and wash them with water. [13]Dress Aaron in the holy clothes. Anoint him and make him holy so that he may serve me as priest. [14]Then bring his sons and dress them in tunics. [15]Anoint them like you anointed their father so that they may serve me as priests. Their anointing is to the priesthood for all time in every generation.

[16]Moses did everything exactly as the LORD had commanded him. [17]In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the dwelling was set up. [18]Moses set up the dwelling. He laid out its bases. He set up its boards, inserted its bars, and raised up its posts. [19]He spread the tent out over the dwelling, and he put the covering of the tent over it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. [20]He took the covenant document and placed it inside the chest. He put the poles on the chest, and he set the cover on top of the chest. [21]He brought the chest into the dwelling. He set up the veil as a screen to hide from view the chest containing the covenant, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. [22]He placed the table in the meeting tent, on the north side of the dwelling, outside the veil. [23]He set the bread in its proper place on the table in the LORD's presence, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. [24]He put the lampstand in the meeting tent, opposite the table on the south side of the dwelling. [25]He set up the lamps in the LORD's presence, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. [26]He put the gold altar in the meeting tent in front of the veil. [27]He burned sweet-smelling incense on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. [28]He also set up the screen at the entrance to the dwelling. [29]He placed the altar for entirely burned offerings at the entrance to the meeting tent dwelling. He offered the entirely burned offering and the grain offering on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. [30]He put the washbasin between the meeting tent and the altar, and put water in it for washing. [31]Moses, Aaron, and his sons used it to wash their hands and their feet. [32]Whenever they went into the meeting tent and whenever they approached the altar, they washed themselves, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. [33]He set up the courtyard around the dwelling and the altar, and he hung up the screen at the courtyard's gate.

40:10 Ex 29:36; Lv 8:11; Nm 7:1

40:12 Ex 29:4; Lv 8:6, Lv 16:26; Nm 19:7

40:13 Lv 8:12

40:18 2Ch 1:3

40:20 Ex 16:34, Ex 25:16, Ex 25:21, Ex 26:34, Ex 31:18; Heb 9:4

40:34 Lv 16:2; Nm 9:15; 1Ki 8:10; 2Ch 5:13; Is 6:4; Rev 15:8

40:36 Ex 13:21, Ex 14:19, Ex 16:10, Nm 9:17, Nm 10:11; Neh 9:19; Ps 78:14, Ps 105:39

God's presence fills the dwelling!

When Moses had finished all the work, [34]the cloud covered the meeting tent and the LORD's glorious presence filled the dwelling. [35]Moses couldn't enter the meeting tent because the cloud had settled on it, and the LORD's glorious presence filled the dwelling. [36]Whenever the cloud rose from the dwelling, the Israelites would set out on their journeys. [37]But if the cloud didn't rise, then they didn't set out until the day it rose. [38]The LORD's cloud stayed over the dwelling during the day, with lightning in it at night, clearly visible to the whole household of Israel at every stage of their journey.

LEVITICUS

1 Then the LORD called to Moses and said to him from the meeting tent,
2 Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When any of you present a livestock offering to the LORD, you can present it from either the herd or the flock.

2:1 Lv 2:15, Lv 2:16, Lv 6:14, Lv 9:17; Nm 15:4

2:5 Lv 6:21, Lv 7:9

The entirely burned offering

3 If the offering is an entirely burned offering from the herd, you must present a flawless male, bringing it to the meeting tent's entrance for its acceptance before the LORD. 4 You must press your hand on the head of the entirely burned offering so that it will be accepted for you, to make reconciliation for you. 5 Then you will slaughter the bull before the LORD. Aaron's sons the priests will present the blood and toss it against every side of the altar at the meeting tent's entrance. 6 Then the entirely burned offering will be skinned and cut up into pieces. 7 The sons of Aaron the priest[a] will light the altar and lay wood on the fire. 8 Then Aaron's sons the priests will arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat on the wood that is on the altar fire, 9 but the animal's insides and lower legs must be washed with water. The priest will then completely burn all of it on the altar as an entirely burned offering, a food gift[b] of soothing smell to the LORD.

10 If the offering is an entirely burned offering from the flock—whether sheep or goat—you must present a flawless male. 11 You must slaughter it on the north side of the altar before the LORD. Aaron's sons the priests will toss its blood against every side of the altar. 12 Once it has been cut into pieces, including the head and the fat, the priest will arrange these out on the wood that is on the altar fire, 13 but its insides and lower legs must be washed with water. Then the priest will present all of it and completely burn it on the altar. It is an entirely burned offering, a food gift of soothing smell to the LORD.

14 If the offering for the LORD is an entirely burned offering from the birds, you can present your offering from the doves or pigeons. 15 The priest will bring it to the altar. He will tear off its head and completely burn it on the altar. Its blood will be drained against the side of the altar. 16 Then the priest will remove its throat along with its contents[c] and throw it by the east side of the altar, into the place for the ashes. 17 He will then tear the bird open by its wings, without splitting it. The priest will completely burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the altar fire. It is an entirely burned offering, a food gift of soothing smell to the LORD.

The grain offering

2 When anyone presents a grain offering to the LORD, the offering must be of choice flour. They must pour oil on it and put frankincense on it, 2 then bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests. A priest will take a handful of its choice flour and oil, along with all of its frankincense, and will completely burn this token portion on the altar as a food gift of soothing smell to the LORD. 3 The rest of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons as a most holy portion from the LORD's food gifts.

4 When you present a grain offering baked in an oven, it must be of choice flour: unleavened flatbread mixed with oil or unleavened wafers spread with oil. 5 If your offering is grain prepared on a griddle, it must be of choice flour mixed with oil and it must be unleavened. 6 Crumble it into pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering. 7 If your

[a] Some Heb sources, Sam, LXX, Syr, and some Tg sources have *Aaron's sons, the priests*, as in 1:5, 8. [b] Or (here and throughout Leviticus) *offering by fire* (cf 3:11) [c] Heb uncertain

offering is grain prepared in a pan, it must be made of choice flour with oil. 8You will bring the grain offering made in one of these ways to the LORD, presenting it to the priest, who will then bring it to the altar. 9The priest will remove from the grain offering the token portion and completely burn it on the altar as a food gift of soothing smell to the LORD. 10The rest of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons as a most holy portion from the LORD's food gifts.

11No grain offering that you give to the LORD can be made with yeast. You must not completely burn any yeast or honey as a food gift for the LORD. 12You can present those as first-choice offerings to the LORD, but they must not be entirely burned up on the altar as a soothing smell.

13You must season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not omit the salt of your God's covenant from your grain offering. You must offer salt with all your offerings.

14If you present a grain offering to the LORD from the first produce, you must make such an offering from the crushed heads of newly ripe grain, roasted with fire. 15You must put oil and frankincense on it; it is a grain offering. 16The priest will completely burn the token portion—some of the crushed new grain and oil along with all of the frankincense—as a food gift for the LORD.

The well-being sacrifice

3 If the offering is a communal sacrifice of well-being,[d] the one who offers the herd animal—whether it is male or female—must present a flawless specimen before the LORD. 2You must press your hand on the head of the offering and slaughter it at the meeting tent's entrance. Aaron's sons the priests will toss the blood against every side of the altar. 3Then you can offer a food gift to the LORD from the communal sacrifice of well-being: the fat that covers and surrounds the insides; 4the two kidneys and the fat around them at the loins; and the lobe on the liver, which should be removed with the kidneys. 5Aaron's sons will completely burn all of this on the altar—along with the entirely burned offering on the wood that is on the altar fire—as a food gift of soothing smell to the LORD.

6If the offering for a communal sacrifice of well-being for the LORD is from the flock—whether it is male or female—you must present a flawless specimen. 7If you present a sheep as the offering, you must present it before the LORD. 8You must press your hand on the head of the offering and slaughter it before the meeting tent. Aaron's sons will toss the blood against every side of the altar. 9Then you may offer the fat from the communal sacrifice of well-being as a food gift for the LORD: the whole fat tail, which should be removed close to the tailbone; the fat that covers and surrounds the insides; 10the two kidneys and the fat around them at the loins; and the lobe on the liver, which should be removed with the kidneys. 11The priest will then completely burn all of this on the altar as food—as a food gift for the LORD.

12If the offering is a goat, you must present it before the LORD. 13You must press your hand on its head and slaughter it before the meeting tent. Aaron's sons will toss its blood against every side of the altar. 14Then you may present as your offering—a food gift for the LORD—the fat that covers and surrounds the insides; 15the two kidneys and the fat around them at the loins; and the lobe on the liver, which should be removed with the kidneys. 16The priest will then completely burn all of this on the altar as food—as a food gift for a soothing smell. All fat belongs to the LORD. 17This is a permanent rule for your future generations, wherever you live: you must not eat any fat or blood.

2:11 Lv 6:17
2:13 Nm 18:19; 2Ch 13:5; Eze 43:24; Mk 9:49
3:1 Lv 7:11, Lv 7:29, Lv 17:5, Lv 22:21
3:4 Ex 29:13; Lv 3:10, Lv 4:9
3:17 Gn 9:4; Lv 7:23, Lv 17:10; Dt 12:16; Ac 15:20

[d] Or *peace offering*

The purification offering

4 The LORD said to Moses, 2 Say to the Israelites: Do the following whenever someone sins unintentionally against any of the LORD's commands, doing something that shouldn't be done:

3 If it is the anointed priest who has sinned, making the people guilty of sin, he must present to the LORD a flawless bull from the herd as a purification offering[e] for the sin he has committed. 4 He will bring the bull before the LORD at the entrance to the meeting tent and press his hand on the bull's head. Then he will slaughter the bull before the LORD. 5 The anointed priest will take some of the bull's blood and take it into the meeting tent. 6 The priest will dip his finger into the blood and sprinkle some of it seven times before the LORD, toward the sanctuary's inner curtain. 7 Then the priest will put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of perfumed incense, which is in the meeting tent before the LORD. But he will pour out all the rest of the bull's blood at the base of the altar of entirely burned offerings, which is at the meeting tent's entrance. 8 Then he will remove all the fat from the bull for the purification offering: the fat that covers and surrounds the insides; 9 the two kidneys and the fat around them at the loins; and the lobe on the liver, which he will remove with the kidneys, 10 just as this is removed from the ox for the communal sacrifice of well-being. Then the priest will completely burn these on the altar of entirely burned offerings. 11 But the bull's hide and all of its flesh, along with its head, lower legs, entrails, and dung—12 all that remains of the bull—will be taken to a clean location outside the camp, to the ash heap. It should be burned there at the ash heap on a wood fire.

13 If it is the entire Israelite community that has done something wrong unintentionally and the deed escapes the assembly's notice—but they've done something that shouldn't be done in violation of the LORD's commands, becoming guilty of sin—14 once the sin that they committed becomes known, the assembly must present a bull from the herd as a purification offering. They will bring it before the meeting tent. 15 The community elders will press their hands on the bull's head before the LORD and then slaughter it before the LORD. 16 The anointed priest will take some of the bull's blood into the meeting tent. 17 The priest will dip his finger into the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD toward the inner curtain. 18 Then he will put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is before the LORD in the meeting tent. But he will pour all the rest of the blood out at the base of the altar of entirely burned offerings that is at the meeting tent's entrance. 19 Then he will remove all the fat from it and completely burn it on the altar. 20 He will do the same with this bull as he did with the other bull for the purification offering; that is exactly what he must do. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for them, and they will be forgiven. 21 Then the priest will take the bull outside the camp and burn it, just as the first bull was burned. It is the purification offering for the assembly.

22 If a leader sins by unintentionally breaking any of the commands of the LORD his God, doing something that shouldn't be done, and becomes guilty of sin—23 once the sin that he committed is made known to him—he must bring as his offering a flawless male goat. 24 He will press his hand on the goat's head. It will be slaughtered[f] at the place where an entirely burned offering would be slaughtered before the LORD. It is a purification offering. 25 The priest will take some of the blood from the purification offering and, using his finger, will put it on the horns of the altar of entirely burned

4:2 Lv 4:13, Lv 4:22, Lv 4:27, Lv 5:15, Lv 5:17
4:3 Lv 9:2
4:5 Lv 4:16, Lv 4:17, Lv 16:14
4:14 Lv 4:3
4:16 Lv 4:5
4:18 Lv 4:7, Lv 4:25, Lv 8:15
4:22 Lv 4:2, Lv 4:13, Lv 4:27

[e] Or *sin offering* (Heb *hatta't*, which recurs frequently in Leviticus) [f] Or *He will slaughter it . . . where he would slaughter*

offerings. But he will pour the rest of the blood out at the base of the altar of entirely burned offerings. [26]He will completely burn all of its fat on the altar just as the fat of the communal sacrifice of well-being is burned. In this way the priest will make reconciliation for the leader to remove his sin, and he will be forgiven.

[27]If any ordinary person[g] sins unintentionally by breaking one of the LORD's commands, doing something that shouldn't be done, and becomes guilty of sin—[28]once the sin they committed is made known to them—they must bring as their offering a flawless female goat because of the sin that was committed. [29]They will press their hand on the head of the purification offering. It will be slaughtered[h] at the place for the entirely burned offerings. [30]The priest will take some of its blood and, using his finger, will put it on the horns of the altar of entirely burned offerings. But he will pour all the rest of the blood out at the base of the altar. [31]He will remove all of its fat, just as the fat from a communal sacrifice of well-being is removed. Then the priest will completely burn it on the altar as a soothing smell to the LORD. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for them, and they will be forgiven.

[32]If you offer a sheep as a purification offering, it must be a flawless female. [33]You must press your hand on the head of the purification offering. It will be slaughtered[i] as a purification offering in the place where the entirely burned offering is slaughtered. [34]Then the priest will take some of the blood from the purification offering and, using his finger, will put it on the horns of the altar of entirely burned offerings. But he will pour all the rest of the blood out at the base of the altar. [35]He will remove all of its fat, just as the fat of a sheep would be removed from the communal sacrifice of well-being. Then the priest will completely burn it on the altar along with the LORD's food gifts. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for you for the sin you committed, and you will be forgiven.

4:27 Lv 4:2; Nm 15:27
4:29 Lv 1:4, Lv 4:4, Lv 4:15, Lv 4:24
5:1 Lv 5:17, Lv 7:18, Lv 17:16; Prv 29:24; Mt 26:63
5:4 Nm 30:6, Nm 30:8; Jgs 11:31; 1Sa 14:24, 1Sa 25:22
5:5 Lv 16:21, Lv 26:40; Nm 5:7; Josh 7:19; Prv 28:13
5:6 Lv 4:28, Lv 4:32, Lv 7:1, Lv 14:12, Lv 19:22

Unintentional sin

5 If you sin:
by not providing information after hearing a public solemn pledge even though you are a witness, knowing something, or having seen something so that you become liable to punishment;
[2]or by touching some unclean thing—the dead body of an unclean wild animal, unclean livestock, or unclean swarming creature—but the fact goes unknown so that you become unclean and guilty of sin;
[3]or by touching human uncleanness—any uncleanness that makes one unclean—and the fact goes unknown, but you later learn of it and become guilty of sin;
[4]or by carelessly swearing to do something, whether bad or good—whatever one might swear carelessly—and the fact goes unknown, but you later learn of it and become guilty of sin concerning one of these things—
[5]at that point, when you have become guilty of sin in one of these ways, you must confess how you have sinned [6]and bring to the LORD as compensation for the sin that was committed a female from the flock, either a sheep or goat, as a purification offering. The priest will then make reconciliation for you, to remove your sin.

Alternative offerings

[7]If you can't afford an animal from the flock, you can bring to the LORD as compensation for your sin two doves or two pigeons, one as a purification offering and the other as an entirely burned offering. [8]You will bring them to the priest, who will first present the one for the purification offering. He will pinch off its head at the back

[g]Or *one of the people of the land* [h]Or *They will slaughter it.* [i]Or *You will slaughter it.*

of its neck without splitting it. [9]Then he will sprinkle some of the blood of the purification offering on the side of the altar. The rest of the blood will be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a purification offering. [10]Then, with the second bird, the priest will perform an entirely burned offering according to the regulation. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for you because of the sin you committed, and you will be forgiven.

[11]If you cannot afford two doves or two pigeons, you can bring as the offering for your sin a tenth of an ephah[j] of choice flour as a purification offering. You must not put any oil on it, nor any frankincense, because it is a purification offering. [12]You will bring it to the priest, and the priest will take a handful from it—the token portion—and will burn it completely on the altar along with the food gifts for the LORD. It is a purification offering. [13]In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for you for whichever one of the sins you committed, and you will be forgiven. The rest of the offering will belong to the priest like the grain offering.

The compensation offering

[14]The LORD said to Moses, [15]Whenever you commit wrongdoing, unintentionally sinning against any of the LORD'S holy things, you must bring to the LORD as your compensation a flawless ram from the flock, its value calculated in silver shekels according to the sanctuary's shekel, as a compensation offering. [16]You will make amends for the way you have sinned against the holy thing: you will add one-fifth to its value and give it to the priest. Then the priest will make reconciliation for you with the ram for the compensation offering, and you will be forgiven.

[17]If you sin by breaking any of the LORD'S commands, but without realizing it, doing something that shouldn't be done, and then become guilty and liable to punishment, [18]you must bring a flawless ram from the flock, at the standard value, as a compensation offering to the priest. The priest will make reconciliation for you for the unintentional fault that you committed, even though you didn't realize it, and you will be forgiven. [19]It is a compensation offering. You have definitely become guilty before the LORD.

5:16 Lv 6:5, Lv 22:14, Lv 27:13; Nm 5:7
6:3 Ex 23:4; Lv 19:12; Dt 22:1; Zec 5:4

6 [k]The LORD said to Moses, [2]If you sin:

by acting unfaithfully against the LORD;

by deceiving a fellow citizen concerning a deposit or pledged property;

by cheating a fellow citizen through robbery;

[3]or, though you've found lost property, you lie about it;

or by swearing falsely about anything that someone might do and so sin,

[4]at that point, once you have sinned and become guilty of sin, you must return the property you took by robbery or fraud, or the deposit that was left with you for safekeeping, or the lost property that you found, [5]or whatever it was that you swore falsely about. You must make amends for the principal amount and add one-fifth to it. You must give it to the owner on the day you become guilty. [6]You must bring to the priest as your compensation to the LORD a flawless ram from the flock at the standard value as a compensation offering. [7]The priest will make reconciliation for you before the LORD, and you will be forgiven for anything you may have done that made you guilty.

Priestly instructions

[8]The[l] LORD said to Moses: [9]Command Aaron and his sons: This is the Instruction for the entirely burned offering—the entirely burned offering that must remain on the altar hearth all night until morning, while the fire

[j]Two quarts; one ephah is approximately twenty quarts dry. [k]5:20 in Heb [l]6:1 in Heb

is kept burning. [10]The priest will dress in his linen robe, with linen undergarments on his body. Because the fire will have devoured the entirely burned offering on the altar, he must remove the ashes and place them beside the altar. [11]The priest will then take off his clothes, dress in a different set of clothes, and take the ashes outside the camp to a clean location. [12]The altar fire must be kept burning; it must not go out. Each morning the priest will burn wood on it, will lay out the entirely burned offering on it, and will completely burn the fat of the well-being offering on it. [13]A continuous fire must be kept burning on the altar; it must not go out.

[14]This is the Instruction for the grain offering: Aaron's sons will present it before the LORD in front of the altar. [15]The priest will remove a handful of the choice flour and oil from the grain offering, and all of the frankincense that is on it, and burn this token portion completely on the altar as a soothing smell to the LORD. [16]Aaron and his sons will eat the rest of it. It must be eaten as unleavened bread in a holy place; the priests must eat it in the meeting tent's courtyard. [17]It must not be baked with leaven. I have made it the priests' share from my food gifts. It is most holy like the purification offering and the compensation offering. [18]Only the males from Aaron's descendants can eat it as a permanent portion from the LORD's food gifts throughout your future generations. Anything that touches these food gifts will become holy.

[19]The LORD said to Moses, [20]This is the offering that Aaron and his sons must present to the LORD on the day of his anointment: one-tenth of an ephah[m] of choice flour as a regular grain offering, half in the morning and half in the evening. [21]It must be prepared on a griddle with oil. You must bring it thoroughly mixed up and must present it as a grain offering of crumbled pieces[n] as a soothing smell to the LORD. [22]The priest who is anointed from among Aaron's sons to succeed him will prepare the offering as a permanent portion for the LORD. It will be completely burned as a complete offering. [23]Every priestly grain offering must be a complete offering; it must not be eaten.

[24]The LORD said to Moses, [25]Say to Aaron and his sons: This is the Instruction for the purification offering: The purification offering must be slaughtered before the LORD at the same place the entirely burned offering is slaughtered; it is most holy. [26]The priest who offers it as a purification offering will eat it. It must be eaten in a holy place, in the meeting tent's courtyard. [27]Anything that touches the purification offering's flesh will become holy. If some of its blood splashes on a garment, you must wash the bloodied part in a holy place. [28]A pottery container in which the purification offering is cooked must be broken, but if it is cooked in a bronze container, that must be scrubbed and rinsed with water. [29]Any male priest can eat it; it is most holy. [30]But no purification offering can be eaten if blood from it is brought into the meeting tent to make reconciliation in the holy place; it must be burned with fire.

7 This is the Instruction for the compensation offering: It is most holy. [2]The compensation offering must be slaughtered at the same place where the entirely burned offering is slaughtered, and its blood must be tossed against all sides of the altar. [3]All of its fat will be offered: the fat tail; the fat that covers the insides; [4]the two kidneys and the fat around them at the loins; and the lobe on the liver, which must be removed with the kidneys. [5]The priest must burn them completely on the altar as a food gift for the LORD; it is a compensation offering. [6]Any male priest can eat it. It must be eaten in a holy place; it is most holy.

[7]The compensation offering is like

6:16 Lv 2:3, Lv 10:12; Eze 44:29

6:30 Lv 4:11, Lv 4:12, Lv 4:18, Lv 4:21, Lv 16:27

[m]Two quarts; an ephah is approximately twenty quarts dry. [n]Heb uncertain

the purification offering—they share the same Instruction: It belongs to the priest who makes reconciliation with it. 8The hide of the entirely burned offering that a priest has offered belongs to the priest who offered it. 9Any grain offering that is baked in an oven or that is prepared in a pan or on a griddle also belongs to the priest who offered it. 10But every other grain offering, whether mixed with oil or dry, will belong to all of Aaron's sons equally.

11This is the Instruction for the communal sacrifice of well-being that someone may offer to the LORD: 12If you are offering it for thanksgiving, you must offer the following with the communal sacrifice of thanksgiving: unleavened flatbread mixed with oil, unleavened thin loaves spread with oil, and flatbread of choice flour thoroughly mixed with oil. 13You must present this offering, plus the unleavened flatbread, with the communal thanksgiving sacrifice of well-being. 14From this you will present one of each kind of offering as a gift to the LORD. It will belong to the priest who tosses the blood of the well-being offering.

15The flesh of your communal thanksgiving sacrifice of well-being must be eaten on the day you offer it; you cannot save any of it until morning. 16But if your communal sacrifice of well-being is payment for a solemn promise or if it is a spontaneous gift, it may be eaten on the day you offer it as your communal sacrifice, and whatever is left over can be eaten the next day. 17But whatever is left over of the flesh of the communal sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. 18If any of it is eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted. It will not be credited to the one who offered it. It will be considered foul, and the person who eats of it will be liable to punishment.

19Flesh that touches any unclean thing must not be eaten; it must be burned with fire. Any clean person may eat the flesh, 20but anyone who eats the flesh of a communal sacrifice of well-being that belongs to the LORD while in an unclean state will be cut off from their people. 21Whenever anyone touches any unclean thing—whether it is human uncleanness, an unclean animal, or any unclean and disgusting creature—and then eats the flesh of a communal sacrifice of well-being that belongs to the LORD, that person will be cut off from their people.

22The LORD said to Moses: 23Tell the Israelites: You must not eat the fat of an ox, sheep, or goat. 24The fat of an animal that has died naturally or the fat of an animal that was killed by another animal may be put to any use, but you must definitely not eat it. 25If anyone eats the fat of an animal from which a food gift could be offered to the LORD, that person will be cut off from their people. 26You must not consume any blood whatsoever—whether bird or animal blood—wherever you may live. 27Any person who consumes any blood whatsoever will be cut off from their people.

28The LORD said to Moses: 29Say to the Israelites: If you wish to offer a communal sacrifice of well-being to the LORD, you are allowed to bring your offering to the LORD as your communal sacrifice of well-being.[o] 30Your own hands must bring the LORD's food gifts. You will bring the fat with the breast so that the breast can be lifted as an uplifted offering before the LORD. 31The priest will completely burn the fat on the altar, but the breast will go to Aaron and his sons. 32You will give the right thigh of your communal sacrifice of well-being to the priest as a gift. 33The right thigh will belong to the son of Aaron who offers the blood and fat of the well-being offering. 34I have taken the breast of the uplifted offering and the thigh that is given by the Israelites from their communal sacrifices of well-being, and

7:14 Ex 29:27; Nm 18:8, Nm 18:19

7:20 Lv 22:3

7:32 Ex 29:27; Nm 6:20

7:34 Ex 29:27, Ex 29:28; Lv 10:15; Nm 6:20, Nm 18:18

[o]Heb uncertain

have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as a permanent portion from the Israelites.

35This is what Aaron and his sons are allotted from the LORD's food gifts once they have been presented to serve the LORD as priests. 36The LORD commanded that these things be given to the priests by the Israelites, following their anointment. It is their permanent portion throughout their future generations.

Conclusion concerning offerings

37This concludes the Instructions for the entirely burned offering, the grain offering, the purification offering, the compensation offering, the ordination offering, and the communal sacrifice of well-being, 38which the LORD commanded Moses at Mount Sinai on the day when he ordered the Israelites to present their offerings to the LORD, in the Sinai desert.

The priests' ordination

8 The LORD said to Moses, 2Take Aaron and his sons with him, the priestly clothing, the anointing oil, a bull for the purification offering, two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread, 3and assemble the whole community at the meeting tent's entrance.

4Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the community assembled at the meeting tent's entrance. 5Moses said to the community, "This is what the LORD has commanded us to do." 6Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them in water. 7Moses put the tunic on Aaron, tied the sash around him, and dressed him in the robe. Moses then put the priestly vest on Aaron, tied the woven waistband of the vest around him, and secured the vest to him with it. 8Then Moses placed the chest piece on Aaron and set the Urim and Thummim into the chest piece. 9Moses placed the turban on Aaron's head and put the gold flower ornament, the holy crown, on the turban's front, just as the LORD had commanded him.

10Moses then took the anointing oil and anointed the dwelling[p] and everything in it, making them holy by doing so. 11He sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its equipment, as well as the basin and its base, to make them holy. 12He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head, thereby anointing him to make him holy. 13Then Moses brought Aaron's sons forward, dressed them in tunics, tied sashes around them, and wrapped headbands on them, just as the LORD had commanded him.

14Next Moses brought forward the bull for the purification offering. Aaron and his sons pressed their hands on its head. 15Moses slaughtered it, then took the blood and, using his finger, put it on all of the altar's horns, purifying the altar. He poured the rest of the blood out at the altar's base. Then he made the altar holy so that reconciliation could be performed on it.[q] 16Moses removed all the fat that was around the insides, the lobe of the liver, the two kidneys and their fat, and he completely burned it on the altar. 17But the rest of the bull, including its hide, its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp just as the LORD had commanded him.

18Then Moses presented the ram for the entirely burned offering, and Aaron and his sons pressed their hands on its head. 19Moses slaughtered it, then tossed the blood against all sides of the altar. 20He cut up the ram into pieces, and then completely burned the head, pieces, and fat. 21After he washed the insides and lower legs with water, Moses completely burned the whole ram on the altar. It was an entirely burned offering for a soothing smell; it was a food gift for the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22Moses then presented the second ram, the ram for ordination,

8:1 Ex 29:1
8:2 Ex 28:2
8:3 Nm 8:9
8:12 Ex 30:30; Lv 21:10; Ps 133:2

[p]Or *tabernacle* [q]Or *to make reconciliation for it* (i.e., the altar)

and Aaron and his sons pressed their hands on its head. 23Moses slaughtered it, then took some of its blood and put it on Aaron's right earlobe, on his right thumb, and on his right big toe. 24Then Moses brought forward Aaron's sons and put some of the blood on their right earlobes, their right thumbs, and their right big toes. Moses tossed the rest of the blood against all of the altar's sides. 25Then he took the fat—the fat tail, all the fat that was around the insides, the lobe of the liver, the two kidneys and their fat—as well as the right thigh. 26From the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD, he took one loaf of unleavened flatbread, one loaf of flatbread made with oil, and one unleavened wafer, and he placed these on the fat pieces and on the right thigh. 27Moses set all of this in Aaron's and his sons' hands, then lifted them as an uplifted offering before the LORD. 28Next Moses took this out of their hands and completely burned it on the altar, along with the entirely burned offering. This was an ordination offering for a soothing smell; it was a food gift for the LORD. 29Next Moses took the breast from the ram for the ordination offering and lifted it as an uplifted offering before the LORD. It belonged to Moses as his portion, just as the LORD had commanded him. 30Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood that was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron and his clothes, and on his sons and their clothes as well. In this way, Moses made Aaron and his clothing and Aaron's sons and their clothing holy.

31Moses said to Aaron and his sons: "Cook the meat at the meeting tent's entrance. You may eat it there along with the bread that is in the basket of the ordination offering, just as I was commanded,[r] 'Aaron and his sons can eat it.' 32But you must burn whatever is left over of the meat and bread with fire. 33You must not leave the meeting tent's entrance for seven days, until the period of your ordination is completed, because your ordination takes seven days. 34What was done today was commanded by the LORD, to make reconciliation for you. 35You must stay at the meeting tent's entrance for seven days, day and night, observing the LORD's requirement so you don't die, because that's what I was commanded."

36Aaron and his sons did everything the LORD commanded through Moses.

8:23 Ex 29:20, Ex 29:21; Lv 8:24, Lv 14:14
8:24 Ex 29:20, Ex 29:21; Lv 8:23
8:31 Ex 29:31, Ex 29:32; Lv 6:16
8:33 Ex 29:35, Eze 43:25
8:34 Heb 7:16
9:7 Lv 4:20, Lv 16:6; Heb 5:1, Heb 5:3, Heb 7:27

The priests' initiation

9 On the eighth day, Moses called for Aaron, Aaron's sons, and Israel's elders. 2He said to Aaron, "Take a young bull from the herd as a purification offering and a ram as an entirely burned offering, both flawless animals, and bring them before the LORD. 3Then tell the Israelites, 'Take a male goat as a purification offering; a young bull and a sheep—both one-year-old flawless animals—as an entirely burned offering; 4an ox and a ram as a well-being sacrifice before the LORD; and a grain offering mixed with oil, because today the LORD will appear to you.'"

5They brought what Moses had commanded to the front of the meeting tent. Then the whole community came forward and stood before the LORD. 6Moses said, "The LORD has ordered you to do this so that the LORD's glorious presence will appear to you." 7Moses said to Aaron, "Come up to the altar and perform your purification offering and your entirely burned offering, making reconciliation for yourself and the people. Then perform the people's offering in order to make reconciliation for them, just as the LORD commanded."

8Aaron went to the altar and slaughtered the young bull for his purification offering. 9Then Aaron's sons presented the blood to him, and he dipped his finger into the blood and put it on the

[r] LXX, Syr, Tg; cf 8:35; MT *as I commanded*

altar's horns. He poured the rest of the blood out at the altar's base. 10He completely burned on the altar the fat, kidneys, and lobe of the liver from the purification offering, just as the LORD commanded Moses. 11But he burned the flesh and hide with fire outside the camp.

12Then Aaron slaughtered the entirely burned offering. Aaron's sons handed him the blood, and he tossed it against all sides of the altar. 13They handed him the entirely burned offering in pieces, including the head, and he completely burned them on the altar. 14Then he washed the insides and lower legs and completely burned them on the altar along with the rest of the entirely burned offering.

15Next, Aaron presented the people's offering. He took the male goat for the people's purification offering, slaughtered it, and offered it as a purification offering like the first purification offering. 16He presented the entirely burned offering and did with it according to the regulation. 17Then he presented the grain offering, took a handful from it, and completely burned it on the altar, in addition to the morning's entirely burned offering.

18Aaron then slaughtered the ox and the ram—the people's communal sacrifice of well-being. Aaron's sons handed him the blood, which he tossed against all sides of the altar, 19and the fat pieces of the ox and ram—the fat tail, the covering fat, the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver. 20They placed these fat pieces on the animals' breasts, and Aaron completely burned them on the altar. 21But Aaron lifted up the breasts and the right thigh as an uplifted offering before the LORD, just as Moses had commanded.

22Aaron then raised his hands toward the people and blessed them. After performing the purification offering, the entirely burned offering, and the well-being sacrifice, he came down. 23Moses and Aaron then entered the meeting tent. When they came out, they blessed the people, and the LORD's glorious presence appeared to all the people. 24Fire flew out from before the LORD and devoured the entirely burned offering and the fat pieces on the altar. All the people saw it. They shouted for joy and fell facedown.

9:24 Jgs 6:21; 1Ki 18:38, 1Ki 18:39; 1Ch 21:26; 2Ch 7:1

10:1 Ex 6:23, Ex 28:1; Nm 3:4, Nm 16:46, Nm 26:61

10:2 Nm 3:4, Nm 16:35, Nm 26:61

10:6 Lv 13:45, Lv 21:10; Nm 16:22; Josh 7:1, Josh 22:18

10:8 Ex 12:1; Lv 10:3, Lv 11:1, Lv 13:1, Lv 15:1

10:9 Nm 6:3; Is 28:7; Eze 44:21; Lk 1:15; Eph 5:18

10:10 Lv 11:47, Lv 20:25; Eze 22:26

Nadab and Abihu

10 Now Nadab and Abihu, two of Aaron's sons, each took an incense pan. They put fire and incense on them and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. 2Then fire flew out from before the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3Moses said to Aaron, "When the LORD said, 'I will show that I am holy among those near me, and before all the people I will manifest my glorious presence,' this is what he meant!" But Aaron was silent.

4Then Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan the sons of Uzziel, Aaron's uncle, and told them, "Go carry your relatives out from the front of the sanctuary to a place outside the camp." 5So they went forward and carried Nadab and Abihu out by their tunics to a place outside the camp, just as Moses had ordered. 6Moses then said to Aaron and his sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, "Don't dishevel your hair and don't rip your clothes into pieces, or you will die and bring anger upon the whole community. Your family—all of Israel's house—will mourn the burning the LORD has done. 7But you must not leave the meeting tent, or you will die because the LORD's anointing oil is on you." So they did what Moses ordered.

Priestly drinking and eating

8The LORD said to Aaron: 9"Both you and your sons must not drink wine or beer when you enter the meeting tent so that you don't die—this is a permanent rule throughout your future generations—10so that you can distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the

clean, [11]and so that you can teach the Israelites all the rules that the LORD spoke to them through Moses.

[12]Moses then told Aaron and his remaining sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, "Take the grain offering that is left over from the LORD's food gifts and eat it unleavened next to the altar, because it is most holy. [13]You must eat it in a holy place because it is your portion and your sons' portion from the LORD's food gifts, as I have been commanded. [14]You must eat the breast for the uplifted offering and the thigh for the gift offering in a clean place—both you and your sons and daughters. These things are designated as your portion and your children's portion from the Israelites' communal sacrifices of well-being. [15]The Israelites must bring the thigh for the gift and the breast for the uplifted offering along with the food gifts of the fat pieces, to be lifted up as an uplifted offering before the LORD. These will belong to both you and your children as a permanent portion, just as the LORD has commanded."

[16]Then Moses asked about the male goat for the purification offering, and discovered that it had already been burned. He was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's remaining sons, and asked, [17]"Why didn't you eat the purification offering in the holy area? It's most holy, and it was assigned to you for bearing the community's punishment by making reconciliation for them before the LORD. [18]Since its blood wasn't brought into the sanctuary's interior, you were to have eaten it in the sanctuary, just as I was commanded."[s]

[19]"Look," Aaron said to Moses, "today they offered their purification offerings and their entirely burned offerings before the LORD, but these things still happened to me! Would the LORD have approved if I had eaten a purification offering today?" [20]When Moses heard that, he approved.[t]

10:12 Lv 6:14
11:1 Dt 14:3
11:2 Dt 14:3; Ac 10:12
11:4 Ac 10:14
11:5 Ps 104:18; Prv 30:26
11:7 Is 65:4, Is 66:3, Is 66:17
11:13 Dt 14:12
11:14 Job 28:7
11:20 Dt 14:19

Dietary rules

11 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: [2]Say to the Israelites: These are the creatures that you are allowed to eat from the land animals: [3]You can eat any animal that has divided hoofs, completely split, and that rechews food. [4]But of animals that rechew food and have divided hoofs you must not eat the following: the camel—though it rechews food, it does not have divided hoofs, so it is unclean for you; [5]the rock badger—though it rechews food, it does not have divided hoofs, so it is unclean for you; [6]the hare—though it rechews food, it does not have divided hoofs, so it is unclean for you; [7]the pig—though it has completely divided hoofs, it does not rechew food, so it is unclean for you. [8]You must not eat the flesh of these animals or touch their dead bodies; they are unclean for you.

[9]You are allowed to eat the following from all water animals: You may eat anything in the water that has fins and scales, whether in sea or stream. [10]But anything in the seas or streams that does not have fins and scales—whether it be any of the swarming creatures in the water or any of the other living creatures in the water—is detestable to you [11]and must remain so. You must not eat their flesh, and you must detest their dead bodies. [12]Anything in the water that does not have fins or scales is detestable to you.

[13]Of the birds, the following are the ones you must detest—they must not be eaten; they are detestable: the eagle, the black vulture, the bearded vulture, [14]the kite, any kind of falcon, [15]any kind of raven, [16]the eagle owl, the short-eared owl, the long-eared owl, any kind of hawk, [17]the tawny owl, the fisher owl, the screech owl, [18]the white owl, the scops owl, the osprey, [19]the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat.[u]

[20]Any flying insect that walks on four feet is detestable to you, [21]but you can eat four-footed flying insects

[s]Syr, Tg, Vulg; MT *as I commanded;* cf 8:31 [t]Or *he was satisfied.* [u]Many of the species in 11:13-19 cannot be identified with certainty.

that have jointed legs above their feet with which they hop on the ground. [22]Of these you can eat the following: any kind of migrating locust, any kind of bald locust, any kind of cricket, and any kind of grasshopper. [23]But every other flying insect that has four feet is detestable to you.

Unclean animals

[24]You make yourself unclean by the following animals—whoever touches their dead bodies will be unclean until evening, [25]and anyone who carries any part of their dead bodies must wash their clothes and will be unclean until evening: [26]All animals that have divided hoofs, but they are not completely split, and that do not rechew food are unclean for you—whoever touches them will be unclean. [27]Of all the animals that walk on four feet, the ones that walk on their paws are unclean for you—anyone who touches their dead bodies will be unclean until evening. [28]Anyone who carries one of their dead bodies must wash their clothes and will be unclean until evening; these animals are unclean for you.

[29]The following are unclean for you among the small creatures that move about on the ground: the rat, the mouse, any kind of large lizard, [30]the gecko, the spotted lizard, the lizard, the skink, and the chameleon.[v] [31]Of all small moving creatures, these are unclean for you—anyone who touches them when they are dead will be unclean until evening. [32]Moreover, anything on which one of these creatures falls when it is dead will be unclean, whether it is wood, cloth, skin, or funeral clothing—any such item that can be used to do work. It must be put into water and will be unclean until evening. Then it will be clean again. [33]If any of these creatures fall into a pottery jar, everything inside it will be unclean; you must smash the pot. [34]If water from such a jar gets on any edible food, it will be unclean; any drinkable beverage in such a jar will be unclean. [35]Anything on which a part of these animals' dead bodies might fall will be unclean. If it is an oven or stove, it must be destroyed; they are unclean for you and must remain that way. [36]Now, a spring or cistern that collects water is clean, but anyone who touches one of these animals' dead bodies in it will be unclean.[w] [37]If any part of these animals' dead bodies falls on seed that is to be planted, the seed is still clean. [38]But if water is poured on some seed and part of their dead bodies falls on it, it is unclean for you.

[39]If one of the animals that you are allowed to eat dies naturally, anyone who touches its dead body will be unclean until evening. [40]Anyone who eats from the dead body must wash their clothes and will be unclean until evening. Anyone who carries such a dead body must wash their clothes and will be unclean until evening.

[41]Every creature that swarms on the earth is detestable; it must not be eaten. [42]Among all such creatures that swarm on the earth, you must not eat anything that moves on its belly or anything that walks on four or more feet because they are detestable. [43]Do not make yourselves detestable by means of any swarming creatures. Do not make yourselves unclean with them or be made unclean by them. [44]I am the LORD your God. You must keep yourselves holy and be holy, because I am holy. You must not make yourselves unclean by any swarming creature that crawls on the ground. [45]I am the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God. You must be holy, because I am holy.

Conclusion concerning animals and diet

[46]This concludes the Instruction concerning animals, birds, all creatures that live in water, and all the creatures that swarm on the earth, [47]in order to distinguish between the unclean and

11:24 Lv 5:2, Lv 11:31, Lv 14:46, Lv 15:5
11:25 Ex 19:10; Lv 11:28, Lv 14:8, Lv 15:5; Nm 31:24
11:29 Is 66:17
11:44 Lv 19:2, Lv 20:7; 1Th 4:7; 1Pt 1:15, 1Pt 1:16
11:45 Ex 6:7

[v]Many of the species in 11:29-30 cannot be identified with certainty. [w]Heb lacks *in it*.

the clean and between creatures that can be eaten and those that cannot.

Purification after childbirth

12 The LORD said to Moses: 2 Say to the Israelites: If a woman conceives a child and gives birth to a son, she will be unclean for seven days—just as she is during her menstrual period. 3 On the eighth day, the flesh of the boy's foreskin must be circumcised. 4 For thirty-three days the mother will be in a state of blood purification. She must not touch anything holy or enter the sacred area until her time of purification is completed. 5 But if the woman gives birth to a daughter, she will be unclean for two weeks—just as she is during her menstrual period—and will be in a state of blood purification[x] for sixty-six days.

6 When the time of purification is complete, whether for a son or a daughter, the mother must bring a one-year-old lamb as an entirely burned offering and a pigeon or turtledove as a purification offering to the priest at the meeting tent's entrance. 7 The priest will present it before the LORD and make reconciliation for her. She will then be cleansed from her blood flow. This is the Instruction for any woman who has a child, male or female. 8 But if the mother cannot afford a sheep, she can bring two turtledoves or two pigeons—one for the entirely burned offering and the other for the purification offering. The priest will then make reconciliation for her, and she will be clean.

Diagnosis of skin disease

13 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 2 When a person has a swelling, a scab, or a shiny spot on their skin, and it becomes an infection of skin disease[y] on their skin, they will be brought to the priests, either to Aaron or one of his sons. 3 The priest will examine the infection on the skin.

12:2 Lv 15:19, Lv 18:19, Lk 2:22

12:3 Gn 17:12; Lk 1:59, Lk 2:21; Jn 7:22

12:4 Lk 2:22

12:8 Lv 1:14, Lv 4:26, Lv 5:7, Lv 14:22; Lk 2:24

13:1 Ex 12:1; Lv 10:8, Lv 11:1, Lv 14:1, Lv 15:1

13:2 Lv 14:56; Dt 24:8

13:3 Lv 10:10, Lv 13:11, Lv 13:30

13:4 Lv 13:46, Lv 14:38; Nm 12:14, Nm 12:15

13:6 Lv 11:25, Lv 14:8, Lv 14:9

If hair in the infected area has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin, then it is an infection of skin disease. Once the priest sees this, he will declare the person unclean. 4 But if the shiny spot on the skin is white and does not appear to be deeper than the skin and the hair has not turned white, the priest will quarantine the infected person for seven days. 5 On the seventh day the priest will again examine the infection. If he sees that it has remained the same—the infection has not spread on the skin—the priest will quarantine the person for seven more days. 6 On the seventh day the priest will examine it again. If the infection has faded and has not spread over the skin, the priest will declare the person clean; it is just a rash. The person must wash their clothes, then they will be clean again. 7 But if the rash continues to spread over the skin after they appeared before the priest for purification, they must again show themselves to the priest. 8 If the priest sees that the rash has spread over the skin, the priest will declare the person unclean; it is a case of skin disease.

9 Whenever someone has an infection of skin disease, they will be brought to the priest. 10 If the priest sees that there is a white swelling on the skin, it has turned the hair white, and there is a patch of raw flesh in the swelling, 11 then it is a case of chronic skin disease on their skin. The priest will declare the person unclean. The priest will not quarantine such persons, because they are already unclean. 12 But if the skin disease continues to break out so that the disease covers all of the infected person's skin from head to toe, as far as the priest can tell—13 then the priest will make an examination. If the skin disease has covered the person's whole body, the priest will declare the infected person clean. The person has turned entirely

[x] Heb uncertain [y] The precise meaning is uncertain; traditionally *leprosy*—a term used for several different skin diseases.

white; he is clean. 14But as soon as raw
flesh appears in the swelling, they will
be unclean. 15When the priest sees the
raw flesh, he will declare the person
unclean. Raw flesh is unclean; it is a
case of skin disease. 16But if the raw
flesh turns white again, the person will
go back to the priest. 17The priest will
examine it. If the infection has turned
white, the priest will declare the in-
fected person clean; at that point, the
person is clean.

18Whenever someone has a boil on
their skin, it heals, 19and in place of the
boil there is a white swelling or reddish-
white shiny spot, it must be shown to
the priest. 20If the priest sees that it
appears to be lower than the skin, and
its hair has turned white, the priest
will declare the person unclean. It is an
infection of skin disease that has bro-
ken out in the boil. 21But if the priest
examines it and there is no white hair
in it, it is not lower than the skin, and
it is faded, the priest will quarantine
the person seven days. 22If it continues
to spread over the skin, the priest will
declare the person unclean; it is an in-
fection. 23But if the shiny spot remains
where it was and does not spread, it is
just a scar from the boil. The priest will
declare the person clean.

24Whenever there is a burn on
someone's skin, and the raw patch of
the burn becomes a reddish-white or
white shiny spot, 25the priest will ex-
amine it. If the hair has turned white
in the shiny spot, and it appears to
be deeper than the skin, it is a case of
skin disease that has broken out in the
burn. The priest will declare the person
unclean; it is an infection of skin dis-
ease. 26But if the priest examines it,
and there is no white hair in the shiny
spot, it is not lower than the skin, and
it is faded, the priest will quarantine
the person seven days. 27On the sev-
enth day the priest will again examine
it. If it has continued to spread over
the skin, the priest will declare the per-
son unclean; it is an infection of skin
disease. 28But if the shiny spot remains
where it was, has not spread over the
skin, and is faded, it is just swelling
from the burn. The priest will declare
the person clean, because it is just the
scar from the burn.

29Whenever a man or woman has
an infection, whether on the head or in
the beard, 30the priest will examine it.
If it appears to be deeper than the skin,
and there is thin yellow hair in it, the
priest will declare the person unclean;
it is a case of scabies—a skin disease
of the head or beard. 31When the priest
examines the scabies infection, if it does
not appear to be deeper than the skin,
but there is no black hair in it, the priest
will quarantine the person with the sca-
bies infection for seven days. 32On the
seventh day the priest will examine
the infection again. If the scabies has
not spread, there is no yellow hair in
it, and it does not appear to be deeper
than the skin, 33the person must shave
the area, without shaving the scabies.
The priest will then quarantine that
person another seven days. 34On the
seventh day the priest will again ex-
amine the scabies. If it has not spread
over the skin and does not appear to be
deeper than the skin, the priest will de-
clare the person clean. They must wash
their clothes; then they will be clean
again. 35But if the scabies continues to
spread over the skin after the person's
purification, 36the priest must exam-
ine it again. If the scabies has spread
over the skin at all, the priest does not
need to look for the yellow hair; the
person is unclean. 37But if the priest
sees that the scabies has remained the
same, and black hair has grown in it,
the scabies has healed. The person is
clean, and the priest will declare them
to be so.

38Whenever a man or woman has
many white shiny spots on their skin,
39if the priest sees that there are faded
white shiny spots on the skin of the
body, it is just a rash that has broken
out on the skin; the person is clean.

40If someone loses their hair, they
are bald, but they are clean. 41If the

13:31 Lv 13:2, Lv 13:4, Lv 14:2-3, Lv 14:8, Lv 14:34; Nm 5:2; Dt 23:10-11

13:34 Lv 13:6

13:40 Lv 13:41; 2Ki 2:23; Is 15:2

hair is lost at the sides of the forehead, the person has a receding hairline, but they are clean. 42But whenever there is a reddish-white infection in the bald spot or in the receding hairline, it is a case of skin disease breaking out there. 43The priest must examine it. If the swelling of the infection is reddish white in the bald spot or receding hairline and resembles skin disease on the body, 44the person is afflicted with skin disease; they are unclean. The priest must declare them unclean on account of the head infection.

45Anyone with an infection of skin disease must wear torn clothes, dishevel their hair, cover their upper lip, and shout out, "Unclean! Unclean!" 46They will be unclean as long as they are infected. They are unclean. They must live alone outside the camp.

Articles with skin disease

47Whenever there is an infection of skin disease on clothing—on wool or linen clothing, 48in the weaving of the linen or wool, or on a skin or skin item—49and the infection is greenish or reddish on the clothing, the weaving, or the skin or skin item, it is an infection of skin disease. It must be shown to the priest. 50The priest will examine the infection and quarantine the infected item seven days. 51On the seventh day he will examine the infection again. If the infection has spread in the clothing, the weaving, or the skin, whatever it is used for, the infection is a case of infectious skin disease; the item is unclean. 52The priest will burn the clothing, the weaving of the wool or linen, or whatever skin item in which the infection was found, because it is an infectious skin disease; it must be burned with fire.

53But if the priest sees that the infection has not spread in the clothing, the weaving, or on any skin item, 54the priest will order that the infected piece be washed, and he will quarantine it for another seven days. 55After it has been washed, if the priest sees that the infection has not changed its appearance, even though the infection has not spread, it is unclean. You must burn it with fire. It is a fungus,[z] whether it is on the inside or outside.

56But if, after it is washed, the priest sees that the infection has faded, he will tear the infected part out of the cloth, the weaving, or the skin. 57If it appears again in the cloth, the weaving, or any item of skin, it is starting to break out. You must burn the infected item with fire. 58But if the infection disappears from the cloth, the weaving, or any item of skin that you washed, it must be washed again. Then it will be clean.

59This concludes the Instruction about the infection of skin disease in a woolen or linen cloth, weaving, or any skin item, in order to declare whether it is clean or unclean.

Persons with skin disease

14 The LORD said to Moses, 2This will be the Instruction for anyone with skin disease[a] at the time of purification: When it has been reported to the priest, 3he will go outside the camp. If the priest sees that the person afflicted with skin disease has been healed of the infection, 4the priest will order that two birds—wild[b] and clean—and cedarwood, crimson yarn, and hyssop be brought for the person who needs purification. 5The priest will order that one bird be slaughtered over fresh water in a pottery jar. 6He will then take the other wild bird, along with the cedarwood, crimson yarn, and hyssop, and will dip all of this into the blood of the bird that was slaughtered over the fresh water. 7He will sprinkle the person who needs purification from skin disease seven times and declare that they are clean. Then the priest will release the wild bird into the countryside. 8The person who

14:1 Lv 13:1; Nm 5:1, Nm 12:14; Mt 8:4; Lk 5:14
14:2 Lv 13:2; Dt 24:8; Mt 8:2, Mt 8:4; Lk 17:14
14:3 Lv 13:46
14:4 Ex 12:22; Lv 14:6, Lv 14:49, Lv 14:51; Nm 19:6
14:5 Lv 14:50
14:6 Lv 14:4
14:7 Lv 4:6, Lv 14:51, Lv 16:22; 2Ki 5:10, 2Ki 5:14
14:8 Lv 11:25, Lv 13:6, Lv 14:9; Nm 5:2, Nm 8:7

[z]Heb uncertain [a]The precise meaning is uncertain; traditionally *leprosy*—a term used for several different skin diseases. [b]Or *live* or *healthy;* also in 14:6-7

needs purification will then wash their clothes, shave off all of their hair, and bathe in water; at that point, they will be clean. After that, they can return to the camp, but they must live outside their tent for seven days. 9On the seventh day, the person must shave off all their hair again: head, beard, and eyebrows—everything. They must wash their clothes and bathe in water; then they will be clean again.

10On the eighth day, that person must take two flawless male sheep, one flawless one-year-old ewe, a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah[c] of choice flour mixed with oil, and one log[d] of oil. 11The priest performing the purification will place these and the person needing purification before the LORD at the meeting tent's entrance.

12The priest will take one of the male sheep and present it as a compensation offering, along with the log of oil, and will lift them as an uplifted offering before the LORD. 13The priest will slaughter the sheep at the same place where the purification offering and the entirely burned offering are slaughtered: in the holy area. The compensation offering, like the purification offering, belongs to the priest; it is most holy. 14The priest will take some of the blood from the compensation offering and will put it on the right earlobe, the right thumb, and the right big toe of the person needing purification. 15Then the priest will take some of the log of oil and pour it into his left palm. 16The priest will then dip his right finger into the oil and sprinkle some of it with his finger seven times before the LORD. 17Then the priest will put some of the oil that is left in his hand on the right earlobe, the right thumb, and the right big toe of the person needing purification—this oil will be placed on top of the blood of the compensation offering. 18The priest will put whatever is left of the oil in his hand on the head of the person needing purification. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for the person before the LORD.

19The priest will then perform the purification offering and make reconciliation for the person needing purification from their uncleanness. After that, the entirely burned offering will be slaughtered. 20The priest will offer up the entirely burned offering and the grain offering on the altar. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for the person, and they will be clean again.

21Now if the person is poor and cannot afford these things, they can bring one male sheep as a compensation offering, to be lifted up in order to make reconciliation for them; a grain offering of one-tenth of an ephah of choice flour mixed with oil; a log of oil; 22and two turtledoves or two pigeons, whatever they can afford—one as a purification offering and the other as an entirely burned offering. 23On the eighth day, they must bring these items for their purification to the priest at the meeting tent's entrance before the LORD.

24The priest will take the male sheep for the compensation offering and the log of oil, and will lift them as an uplifted offering before the LORD. 25The priest will slaughter the sheep for the compensation offering and will take some of its blood and put it on the right earlobe, the right thumb, and the right big toe of the person needing purification. 26The priest will pour some of the oil into his left palm. 27Next, the priest will sprinkle some of the oil seven times before the LORD using his right finger. 28The priest will then put some of the oil that is in his hand on the right earlobe, the right thumb, and the right big toe of the person needing purification—on top of the same places as the blood of the compensation offering. 29The priest will put whatever is left of the oil in his hand on the head of the person needing purification, to make reconciliation for them before the LORD.

14:9 Lv 14:8

14:10 Lv 2:1, Lv 14:12, Lv 14:15, Lv 14:21, Lv 14:24

14:12 Ex 29:24; Lv 5:6, Lv 5:18, Lv 6:6, Lv 6:7

14:13 Ex 29:11; Lv 1:11, Lv 2:3, Lv 4:24, Lv 7:7

14:14 Ex 29:20; Lv 8:23, Lv 8:24, Lv 14:17, Lv 14:25

14:15 Lv 14:10

14:16 Lv 4:6

14:17 Ex 29:20; Lv 14:14

14:18 Lv 4:26

14:19 Lv 5:1, Lv 12:6, Lv 14:12, Lv 14:31, Lv 15:15

14:20 Lv 14:8, Lv 14:10

14:21 Lv 5:7, Lv 5:11, Lv 12:8, Lv 14:10, Lv 14:22

14:22 Lv 5:7, Lv 12:8, Lv 14:21

14:23 Lv 14:10, Lv 14:11

14:24 Lv 14:10, Lv 14:12

14:25 Lv 14:14

14:28 Lv 14:14

14:29 Lv 14:18

[c]Heb lacks *ephah*; an ephah is approximately twenty quarts dry. [d]Heb *log*; two-thirds of a pint; also in 14:12, 15, 21, 24

30 The person will then offer one of
the turtledoves or pigeons, whatever
they can afford—31 one as a purification
offering and the other as an entirely
burned offering along with the grain
offering.[e] In this way, the priest will
make reconciliation before the LORD
for the person needing purification.

32 This is the Instruction concerning
those who have an infection of skin
disease but who cannot afford the nor-
mal means of purification.

Houses with skin disease

33 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron:
34 When you enter the land of Canaan,
which I am giving to you as a posses-
sion, and I put an infection of skin dis-
ease on a house in the land you possess,
35 the homeowner must come and tell
the priest, "I think some sort of infec-
tion is in my house." 36 The priest will
order that the house be emptied before
he comes to examine it so that noth-
ing else in the house will become un-
clean. After that, the priest will come
to examine the house. 37 If he examines
the infection, and the infection in the
walls of the house consists of greenish
or reddish depressions, which appear
to be deeper than the surface of the
wall, 38 the priest will exit the house, go
to the front door, and quarantine the
house for seven days. 39 On the seventh
day, the priest will return. If he finds
that the infection has spread over the
walls of the house, 40 the priest will
order the stones in which the infec-
tion is found to be pulled out and dis-
carded outside the city in an unclean
area. 41 The inside of the house will
then be scraped on all sides, and the
plaster that has been scraped off must
be dumped outside the city in an un-
clean area. 42 Then different stones will
be used in place of the first ones, and
new coating will be used to replaster
the house.

43 If the infection breaks out again
in the house after the stones have been
pulled out and the house scraped and
replastered, 44 the priest will return. If
he finds that the infection has spread
throughout the house, it is a case of in-
fectious skin disease in the house; the
house is unclean. 45 The house must be
destroyed—its stones, wood, and all
the plaster in the house. All of it must
be taken outside the city to an unclean
area. 46 Anyone who enters the house
during the entire period when it is
quarantined will be unclean until eve-
ning. 47 Anyone who lies down in the
house must wash their clothes. Any-
one who eats in the house must also
wash their clothes.

48 But if the priest arrives and
finds that the infection has not
spread after the house was replas-
tered, the priest will declare the
house clean because the infection
has been healed. 49 To cleanse the
house, the priest will take two birds,
cedarwood, crimson yarn, and hys-
sop. 50 He will slaughter one bird over
fresh water in a pottery jar. 51 He will
then take the cedarwood, hyssop, and
crimson yarn, along with the wild[f]
bird, and will dip all of this into the
fresh water and into the blood of the
bird that was slaughtered. He will then
sprinkle the house seven times. 52 In
this way, the priest will cleanse the
house with the blood of the bird, the
fresh water, the wild bird, the cedar-
wood, the hyssop, and the crimson
yarn. 53 Then he will release the wild
bird outside the city into the country-
side. In this way, he will make recon-
ciliation for the house, and it will be
clean.

Conclusion concerning skin disease

54 This concludes the Instruction
concerning every infection of skin dis-
ease: for scabies, 55 for skin disease on
clothing or in houses, 56 and for swell-
ing, scabs, or shiny spots, 57 in order to
determine when it is unclean or clean.
This concludes the Instruction con-
cerning skin disease.

14:30 Lv 14:22, Lv 15:15
14:31 Lv 5:7, Lv 14:18, Lv 14:19, Lv 14:22, Lv 15:30
14:32 Lv 14:10, Lv 14:21
14:34 Gn 17:8; Dt 32:49
14:35 Ps 91:10
14:37 Lv 13:3, Lv 13:19
14:38 Lv 13:4
14:42 Lv 14:43
14:43 Lv 14:42
14:44 Lv 13:51
14:45 Lv 14:41
14:49 Lv 14:4
14:50 Lv 14:5
14:51 Lv 14:4, Lv 14:6, Lv 14:7; Ps 51:7
14:53 Lv 14:20

[e] LXX, Syr; MT repeats *whatever they can afford* at the beginning of 14:31. [f] Or *live* or *healthy*

Male genital emissions

15 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: [2]Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Whenever a man has a genital emission, that emission is unclean. [3]This is the nature of the uncleanness brought about by his emission: regardless of whether his genital organ allows his emission to flow or blocks the flow, it is unclean to him. [4]Any bed on which someone with an emission lies will be unclean, and any object on which that person sits will be unclean. [5]Anyone who touches such a bed must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [6]Anyone who sits on something that the one with the emission also sat on must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [7]Anyone who touches the body of the one with the emission must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [8]If the one with the emission spits on a clean person, the clean person must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [9]Every saddle on which the person with the emission rode will be unclean. [10]Anyone who touches anything that has been under such a person will be unclean until evening. Anyone who carries such items must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [11]If the one with the emission touches someone without first rinsing his hands with water, that person must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [12]Any pottery jar that the one with the emission touches must be broken, and any wooden tool must be rinsed with water.

[13]When the man with the emission is cleansed of his emission, he will count off seven days for his purification. He must wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water; then he will be clean again. [14]On the eighth day he will take two turtledoves or two pigeons and come before the LORD to the meeting tent's entrance and give these to the priest. [15]The priest will offer them, one as a purification offering and the other as an entirely burned offering. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for him before the LORD because of his emission.

[16]If it is an emission of semen, the man must bathe his whole body in water and will be unclean until evening. [17]Any clothing or skin on which there is an emission of semen must be washed in water and will be unclean until evening. [18]If a man lies with a woman and has an emission of semen, both of them must bathe in water and will be unclean until evening.

Female genital emissions

[19]Whenever a woman has a discharge of blood that is her normal bodily discharge, she will be unclean due to her menstruation for seven days. Anyone who touches her will be unclean until evening. [20]Anything on which she lies or sits during her menstruation will be unclean. [21]Anyone who touches her bed must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [22]Anyone who touches anything on which she has sat must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. [23]Whenever anyone touches something—whether it was on the bed or where she has been sitting—they will be unclean until evening. [24]If a man has sexual intercourse with her and her menstruation gets on him, he will be unclean for seven days. Any bed he lies on will be unclean.

[25]Whenever a woman has a bloody discharge for a long time, which is not during her menstrual period, or whenever she has a discharge beyond her menstrual period, the duration of her unclean discharge will be like the period of her menstruation; she will be unclean. [26]Any bed she lies on during the discharge should be treated like the bed she uses during her menstruation; and any object she sits on will be unclean, as

15:2 Lv 22:4; Nm 5:2; 2Sa 3:29
15:10 Lv 15:5
15:13 Lv 8:33, Lv 14:8
15:18 1Sa 21:4
15:19 Lv 5:3, Lv 12:2, Lv 18:19, Lv 20:18
15:25 Mt 9:20; Mk 5:25; Lk 8:43

during her menstruation. [27]Anyone who touches these things will be unclean. They must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening.

[28]When the woman is cleansed of her discharge, she will count off seven days; after that, she will be clean again. [29]On the eighth day she will take two turtledoves or two pigeons and bring them to the priest at the meeting tent's entrance. [30]The priest will perform a purification offering with one and an entirely burned offering with the other. In this way, the priest will make reconciliation for her before the LORD because of her unclean discharge.

[31]You must separate the Israelites from their uncleanness so that they don't die on account of it, by making my dwelling[g] unclean, which is in their midst.

[32]This concludes the Instruction concerning those with discharges: men with emissions of semen that make them unclean, [33]women during their menstruation, men or women with discharges, and men who have had sexual intercourse with an unclean woman.

The Day of Reconciliation

16 After the death of Aaron's two sons, which happened when they approached the LORD and died, the LORD spoke to Moses: [2]Tell your brother Aaron that he cannot come whenever he wants into the holy area inside the inner curtain, to the front of the cover[h] that is on the chest, or else he will die, because I am present[i] in the cloud above the cover. [3]No, but Aaron must enter the holy area as follows: with a bull from the herd as a purification offering and a ram as an entirely burned offering. [4]Aaron must dress in a holy linen tunic and wear linen undergarments on his body. He must tie a linen sash around himself and wrap a linen turban around his head. These are holy clothes—Aaron will first bathe his body in water and then put them on. [5]He will take from the Israelite community two male goats for a purification offering and one ram for an entirely burned offering.

[6]Aaron will offer the bull as a purification offering to make reconciliation for himself and his household. [7]He will take the two male goats and place them before the LORD at the meeting tent's entrance. [8]Aaron will cast lots over the two goats: one lot labeled "the LORD's" and the other lot labeled "Azazel's."[j] [9]Aaron will present the goat selected by the LORD's lot and perform a purification offering with it. [10]But the goat selected by Azazel's lot will be left standing alive before the LORD in order to make reconciliation upon it[k] by sending it away into the wilderness to Azazel.

[11]Aaron will offer the bull for his purification offering to make reconciliation for himself and his household. He will slaughter the bull for his purification offering. [12]Then he will take an incense pan full of burning coals from the altar, from before the LORD, and two handfuls of finely ground perfumed incense and bring them inside the inner curtain. [13]He will put the incense on the fire before the LORD so that the cloud of incense conceals the cover that is on top of the covenant document, or else he will die. [14]He will take some of the bull's blood and sprinkle it with his finger on the cover from the east side. He will then sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times in front of the cover. [15]Then he will slaughter the goat for the people's purification offering, bring the blood inside the inner curtain, and do with it as he did with the bull's blood: he will sprinkle it on the cover and in front of the cover. [16]In this way, he will make reconciliation for the inner holy area because of the pollution of the Israelites and because of their rebellious sins, as well as for all their other sins.

Aaron must do the same for the

15:31 Nm 5:3, Nm 19:13, Nm 19:20; Eze 5:11, Eze 23:38

16:1 Lv 10:1, Lv 10:2

16:2 Ex 25:22, Ex 30:10, Ex 40:34, Ex 40:35; Heb 9:7

16:5 Lv 4:13; 2Ch 29:21; Ezr 6:17

16:6 Lv 9:7; Heb 9:7

16:8 Lv 16:26; Nm 26:55; Prv 16:33

16:14 Lv 4:5, Lv 4:6; Heb 9:7, Heb 9:13, Heb 9:25

[g]Or *tabernacle* [h]Or *mercy seat* or perhaps *reconciliation cover* (Heb *kapporet*) [i]Or *I am seen* or *I appear* [j]Or *scapegoat* [k]Or *over it* or *for it* or *with it*

meeting tent, which is with them among their pollution. [17]No one can be in the meeting tent from the time Aaron enters to make reconciliation in the inner holy area until the time he comes out. He will make reconciliation for himself, for his household, and for the whole assembly of Israel.

[18]Aaron will then go to the altar that is before the LORD and make reconciliation for it: He will take some of the bull's blood and some of the goat's blood and put it on each of the altar's horns. [19]He will sprinkle some of the blood on the altar with his finger seven times. In this way, he will purify it and make it holy again from the Israelite's pollution.

[20]When Aaron has finished reconciling the inner holy area, the rest of the meeting tent, and the altar, he will bring forward the live goat. [21]Aaron will press both his hands on its head and confess over it all the Israelites' offenses and all their rebellious sins, as well as all their other sins, putting all these on the goat's head. Then he will send it away into the wilderness with someone designated for the job.[l] [22]The goat will carry on itself all their offenses to a desolate region, then the goat will be released into the wild.

[23]After this, Aaron will enter the meeting tent, take off the linen clothes he was wearing when he entered the inner holy area, and will leave them there. [24]He will bathe his body in water in a holy place and dress in his priestly clothing. Then he will go out and perform the entirely burned offerings for himself and for the people. In this way, he will make reconciliation for himself and for the people. [25]He will completely burn the fat of the purification offering on the altar. [26]The one who set the goat free for Azazel must wash their clothes and bathe their body in water; after that they can return to the camp. [27]The bull and the goat for the purification offerings, whose blood was brought in to make reconciliation in the inner holy area, will be taken outside the camp. Their hides, flesh, and dung will be burned with fire. [28]The person who burns them must wash their clothes and bathe their body in water; after that, they can return to the camp.

[29]This will be a permanent rule for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month,[m] you must deny yourselves. You must not do any work—neither the citizen nor the immigrant who lives among you. [30]On that day reconciliation will be made for you in order to cleanse you. You will be clean before the LORD from all your sins. [31]It will be a Sabbath of special rest for you, and you will deny yourselves. This is a permanent rule.

Conclusion concerning the Day of Reconciliation

[32]The priest who is anointed and ordained to serve as priest after his father will perform the reconciliation, wearing the holy linen clothes. [33]He will reconcile the holiest part of the sanctuary and will do the same for the meeting tent and the altar. He will make reconciliation for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. [34]This will be a permanent rule for you, in order to make reconciliation for the Israelites from all their sins once a year.

It was done just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Sacrifice at the sanctuary

17 The LORD said to Moses, [2]Say to Aaron, to his sons, and to all the Israelites: This is what the LORD has commanded: [3]Anyone from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox, sheep, or goat inside or outside the camp [4]but does not bring it to the meeting tent's entrance to present it as an offering to the LORD in front of the LORD's dwelling[n] will be considered guilty of bloodshed; they have spilled blood. They will be cut off from their people. [5]This will make the Israelites bring the communal sacrifices, which they are sacrific-

16:23 Eze 42:14
16:24 Lv 16:3, Lv 16:4
16:29 Lv 23:27; Nm 29:7
16:31 Lv 23:32; Is 58:3
16:34 Ex 30:10; Heb 9:7
17:2 Lv 10:6, Lv 10:12
17:3 Lv 7:23, Lv 17:8, Lv 17:12, Lv 17:13; Dt 12:5
17:4 Lv 1:3, Lv 17:9; Dt 12:5, Dt 12:6
17:5 Ex 24:5; Lv 3:1, Lv 14:7

[l]Heb uncertain [m]September–October, Tishrei [n]Or *tabernacle*

ing in the countryside, to the LORD, to the priest at the meeting tent's entrance, and sacrifice them as communal sacrifices of well-being to the LORD. [6]The priest will toss the blood against the LORD's altar at the meeting tent's entrance and burn the fat completely as a soothing smell to the LORD. [7]The Israelites must no longer sacrifice their communal sacrifices to the goat demons that they follow so faithlessly.[o] This will be a permanent rule for them throughout their future generations. [8]You will also say to them: Anyone from Israel's house or from the immigrants who live with you who offers up an entirely burned offering or communal sacrifice [9]without bringing it to the meeting tent's entrance in order to offer it to the LORD will be cut off from their people.

Consuming blood forbidden

[10]I will oppose the person who consumes blood—whether they are from Israel's house or from the immigrants who live with you—and I will cut them off from their people. [11]A creature's life is in the blood. I have provided you the blood to make reconciliation for your lives on the altar, because the blood reconciles by means of the life.[p] [12]That is why I have told the Israelites: No one among you can consume blood, nor can the immigrant who lives with you consume blood.

[13]Anyone who hunts any animal or bird that can be eaten—whether the hunter is an Israelite or an immigrant who lives with you—must drain its blood out and cover it with dirt. [14]Again: for every creature's life, its blood is its life. That is why I have told the Israelites: You must not consume any creature's blood because every creature's life is its blood. Anyone who consumes it will be cut off.

Eating meat

[15]Anyone, whether citizen or immigrant, who eats an animal that has died naturally or that was killed by another animal, must wash their clothes, bathe in water, and will be unclean until evening. At that time, they will be clean again. [16]If they do not wash or bathe their body, they will be liable to punishment.

Sexual conduct

18 The LORD said to Moses, [2]Speak to the Israelites and say to them: I am the LORD your God. [3]You must not do things like they are done in the land of Egypt, where you used to live. And you must not do things like they are done in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. You must not follow the practices[q] of those places. [4]No, my regulations and my rules are the ones you must keep by following them: I am the LORD your God. [5]You must keep my rules and my regulations; by doing them one will live; I am the LORD.

[6]No one is allowed to approach any blood relative for sexual contact:[r] I am the LORD. [7]You must not uncover your father's nakedness, which is your mother's nakedness. She is your mother; you must not have sexual contact with her. [8]You must not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness. [9]You must not have sexual contact with your sister—regardless of whether she is your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born into the same household as you or outside it. [10]You must not have sexual contact with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, because their nakedness is your own nakedness.[s] [11]You must not have sexual contact with the daughter of your father's wife, who was born into your father's family; she is your sister. [12]You must not have sexual contact with your father's sister; she is your father's blood relative. [13]You must not have sexual contact with your mother's sister because she is your mother's blood relative. [14]You will not uncover the nakedness

17:6 Ex 29:13; Nm 18:17
17:7 Ex 34:15; Dt 32:17; 2Ch 11:15; Ps 106:37; 1Co 10:20
17:8 Lv 1:2
17:9 Lv 17:4
17:10 Gn 9:4; Lv 3:17, Lv 7:26, Lv 20:3; Jer 44:11
17:11 Lv 17:14; Heb 9:22
17:12 Lv 3:17, Lv 17:10
17:13 Dt 12:16, Dt 12:24; Eze 24:7
17:14 Gn 9:4; Lv 17:10, Lv 17:11
18:2 Ex 6:7; Lv 11:44; Eze 20:5
18:3 Ex 23:24; Lv 20:23; Ps 106:35; Eze 20:7, Eze 20:8
18:4 Dt 4:1; Eze 20:19
18:5 Neh 9:29; Eze 20:11; Lk 10:28; Ro 10:5; Ga 3:12
18:6 Lv 20:11, Lv 20:12, Lv 20:17
18:7 Lv 20:11; Eze 22:10
18:8 Gn 35:22; Lv 20:11; Dt 22:30, Dt 27:20; 1Co 5:1
18:9 Lv 20:17; Dt 27:22; Eze 22:11

[o] Or *promiscuously* [p] Or *as life* [q] Or *rules* or *customs* [r] Or *to uncover nakedness* [s] Heb uncertain

of your father's brother—that is, you will not approach his wife for sex; she is your aunt. 15You must not have sexual contact with your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife. You must not have sexual contact with her. 16You will not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.

17You must not have sexual contact with a woman and her daughter. You will not marry her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, thereby uncovering her nakedness. They are her blood relatives; it is shameful. 18You must not marry your wife's sister as a rival and have sexual contact with her while her sister is alive. 19You must not approach a woman for sexual contact during her menstrual uncleanness. 20You must not have sexual relations with the wife of your fellow Israelite, becoming unclean by it.

21You must not give any of your children[t] to offer them over to Molech so that you do not defile your God's name: I am the LORD. 22You must not have sexual intercourse with a man as you would with a woman; it is a detestable practice. 23You will not have sexual relations with any animal, becoming unclean by it. Nor will a woman present herself before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion.

Warning against uncleanness and moral pollution

24Do not make yourselves unclean in any of these ways because that is how the nations that I am throwing out before you became unclean. 25That is also how the land became unclean, and I held it liable for punishment, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. 26But all of you must keep my rules and my regulations. You must not do any of these detestable things, neither citizen nor immigrant who lives with you (27because the people who had the land before you did all of these detestable things and the land became unclean), 28so that the land does not vomit you out because you have made it unclean, just as it vomited out the nations that were before you. 29Anyone who does any of these detestable things will be cut off from their people. 30You must keep my requirement of not doing any of the detestable practices[u] that were done before you arrived so that you don't make yourselves unclean by them; I am the LORD your God.

18:18 1Sa 1:6; Mal 2:15

18:19 Lv 15:19, Lv 15:24, Lv 20:18; Eze 18:6, Eze 22:10

18:20 Ex 20:14; Lv 20:10; Prv 6:29; Mt 5:27; Heb 13:4

18:21 Lv 19:12, Lv 20:2, Lv 20:3, Lv 21:6; Dt 12:31

18:22 Gn 19:5; Lv 20:13; Jgs 19:22; Ro 1:27; 1Co 6:9

19:2 Ex 19:6; Lv 11:44, Lv 20:7, Lv 20:26; 1Pt 1:16

19:6 Lv 7:16

19:9 Lv 23:22; Dt 24:19; Ru 2:15

19:10 Ex 23:11; Lv 19:9, Lv 23:22; Dt 24:19, Dt 24:21

19:11 Ex 20:15; Lv 6:2; Eph 4:25; Col 3:9

19:12 Ex 20:7; Lv 6:3, Lv 18:21; Mal 3:5; Mt 5:33

19:13 Dt 24:14, Dt 24:15; Jer 22:13; Mal 3:5; Jas 5:4

19:14 Lv 19:32, Lv 25:17, Lv 25:36; Dt 27:18; 1Pt 2:17

Living as holy people

19 The LORD said to Moses, 2Say to the whole community of the Israelites: You must be holy, because I, the LORD your God, am holy. 3Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must keep my sabbaths; I am the LORD your God. 4Do not turn to idols or make gods of cast metal for yourselves; I am the LORD your God. 5When you sacrifice a communal sacrifice of well-being to the LORD, offer it so that it will be accepted on your account. 6It must be eaten on the day of your sacrifice or the following day; whatever is left over on the third day must be burned with fire. 7If any of it is eaten on the third day, it is foul; it will not be accepted. 8Anyone who eats it will be liable to punishment, because they defiled what is holy to the LORD. That person will be cut off from their people. 9When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. 10Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the LORD your God.

11You must not steal nor deceive nor lie to each other. 12You must not swear falsely by my name, desecrating your God's name in doing so; I am the LORD. 13You must not oppress your neighbors or rob them. Do not withhold a hired laborer's pay overnight. 14You must not insult a deaf person or

[t]Or *seed* [u]Or *rules* or *customs*

put some obstacle in front of a blind person that would cause them to trip. Instead, fear your God; I am the LORD.

15You must not act unjustly in a legal case. Do not show favoritism to the poor or deference to the great; you must judge your fellow Israelites fairly. 16Do not go around slandering your people.[v] Do not stand by while your neighbor's blood is shed;[w] I am the LORD. 17You must not hate your fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your fellow Israelite strongly, so you don't become responsible for his sin.[x] 18You must not take revenge nor hold a grudge against any of your people; instead, you must love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

19You must keep my rules. Do not crossbreed your livestock, do not plant your field with two kinds of seed, and do not wear clothes made from two kinds of material. 20If a man has sexual relations with a woman who is a slave engaged to another man, who hasn't yet been released or given her freedom, there must be a punishment.[y] But they will not be put to death because she had not yet been freed. 21The man must bring as his compensation to the LORD at the meeting tent's entrance a ram for a compensation offering. 22The priest will use the ram for the compensation offering to make reconciliation for him before the LORD on account of the sin he committed. Then he will be forgiven of the sin that he committed.

23When you enter the land and plant any fruit tree, you must consider its fruit off-limits.[z] For three years it will be off-limits to you;[a] it must not be eaten. 24In the fourth year, all of the tree's fruit will be holy, a celebration for the LORD. 25In the fifth year you can eat the fruit. This is so as to increase its produce for you; I am the LORD your God.

26You must not eat anything with its blood. You must not participate in divination or fortune-telling. 27You must not cut off the hair on your forehead or clip the ends of your beard. 28Do not cut your bodies for the dead[b] or put marks on[c] yourselves; I am the LORD. 29Do not defile your daughter by making her sexually promiscuous or else the land will become promiscuous[d] and full of shame. 30You must keep my sabbaths and treat my sanctuary with respect; I am the LORD. 31Do not resort to dead spirits or inquire of spirits of divination—you will be made unclean by them; I am the LORD your God. 32You must rise in the presence of an old person and respect the elderly. You must fear your God; I am the LORD.

33When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them. 34Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. 35You must not act unjustly in a legal case involving measures of length, weight, or volume. 36You must have accurate scales and accurate weights, an accurate ephah[e] and an accurate hin.[f] I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. 37You must keep all my rules and all my regulations, and do them; I am the LORD.

Worship of Molech forbidden

20 The LORD said to Moses, 2You will also say to the Israelites: Any Israelite or any immigrant living in Israel who gives their children to Molech must be executed. The common people will stone such a person. 3Moreover, I will set my own face against such a person, cutting them off from their people, because they gave their children to Molech, making my sanctuary unclean and degrading my holy name by doing

19:15 Ex 23:2, Ex 23:3; Dt 1:17, Dt 16:19; Prv 24:23
19:17 Mt 18:15; Lk 17:3; Eph 5:11; 1Jn 2:9, 1Jn 2:11
19:18 Mk 12:31; Ro 12:19, Ro 13:9; Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8
19:20 Dt 22:23
19:23 Dt 20:19, Dt 20:20
19:26 Gn 9:4; Lv 3:17, Lv 17:10; Dt 18:10; 2Ki 17:17
19:27 Lv 21:5; Jer 9:26, Jer 48:37
19:29 Dt 23:17, Dt 23:18
19:31 Ex 22:18; Lv 20:6, Lv 20:27; Dt 18:11; Is 8:19
19:32 Lv 19:14; Job 32:4; Prv 23:22; Lam 5:12; 1Ti 5:1
19:33 Ex 22:21, Ex 23:9; Jer 7:6; Eze 22:29; Mal 3:5
19:34 Ex 22:21, Ex 23:9; Lv 19:18; Dt 10:19
19:36 Dt 25:13, Dt 25:15; Prv 11:1, Prv 16:11, Prv 20:10

[v]Heb uncertain [w]Heb uncertain [x]Or *strongly, but don't become liable for punishment because of it*; Heb uncertain [y]Or *an inquiry* [z]Or *treat its fruit as a foreskin* [a]Or *uncircumcised to you* [b]Or *for the living* [c]Or *tattoo*; Heb uncertain [d]Or *making her a prostitute so that the land won't become a prostitute* [e]Approximately twenty quarts [f]Approximately one gallon of liquid

so. [4]But if the common people choose to look the other way when someone gives their children to Molech and do not execute such a person, [5]I will set my own face against such a person and their extended family, cutting off from their people—both the guilty party and anyone with them who faithlessly followed Molech. [6]I will also oppose anyone who resorts to dead spirits or spirits of divination and faithlessly follows those things. I will cut such an individual off from their people.

Sexual prohibitions

[7]You must be holy and keep yourselves holy because I am the LORD your God. [8]You will keep my rules and do them; I am the LORD, who makes you holy. [9]If anyone curses their father or mother, they must be executed. They have cursed their own father and mother; that person's blood is on their own heads. [10]If a man commits adultery with a married woman, committing adultery with a neighbor's wife, both the adulterer and the adulteress must be executed. [11]If a man has sexual intercourse with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness. Both of them must be executed; their blood is on their own heads. [12]If a man has sexual intercourse with his daughter-in-law, both of them must be executed. They have acted perversely; their blood is on their own heads. [13]If a man has sexual intercourse with a man as he would with a woman, the two of them have done something detestable. They must be executed; their blood is on their own heads. [14]If a man marries a woman and her mother as well, it is shameful. They will be burned with fire—the man and the two women—so that no such shameful thing will be found among you. [15]If a man has sexual relations with an animal, he must be executed and you must kill the animal. [16]If a woman approaches any kind of animal to mate with it, you must kill the woman and the animal. They must be executed; their blood is on their own heads. [17]If a man marries his sister—his father's daughter or his mother's daughter—and they have sexual contact with each other, it is a disgrace. They will be cut off in the sight of their people. Such a man has had sexual contact with his sister; he will be liable to punishment. [18]If a man sleeps with a woman during her menstrual period and has sexual contact with her, he has exposed the source of her blood flow and she has uncovered the same. Both of them will be cut off from their people. [19]You must not have sexual contact with your mother's sister or your father's sister, because that exposes your own close relative; both of you will be liable to punishment. [20]If a man has sexual intercourse with his aunt, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. The man and the aunt will be liable to punishment; they will die childless. [21]If a man marries his brother's wife, it is indecent. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness; the man and the woman will be childless.

Conclusion concerning conduct

[22]You must keep all my rules and all my regulations, and do them so that the land I am bringing you to, where you will live, won't vomit you out. [23]You must not follow the practices[g] of the nations that I am throwing out before you, because they did all these things and I was disgusted with them. [24]But I have told you, "You will certainly possess their fertile land; I am giving it to you to possess. It is a land full of milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from all other peoples. [25]So you must separate between clean and unclean animals, and between clean and unclean birds. Do not become detestable through some animal, bird, or anything that moves on the fertile ground that I have separated from you as unclean. [26]You must be holy to me, because I the LORD am holy, and I have separated you from all other peoples to be my own. [27]If someone,

20:7 Lv 11:44, Lv 11:45, Lv 19:2; Eph 1:4; 1Pt 1:16

20:9 Ex 21:17; Dt 27:16; 2Sa 1:16; Mk 7:10

20:10 Ex 20:14; Dt 22:22; Jn 8:4, Jn 8:5

20:13 Lv 18:22

20:15 Ex 22:19; Lv 18:23; Dt 27:21

20:17 Lv 18:9; Dt 27:22

20:18 Lv 15:24, Lv 18:19; Eze 18:6

20:21 Lv 18:16

20:24 Ex 3:8, Ex 6:8, Ex 33:16; Lv 20:26; Dt 7:6

[g]Or *rules* or *customs*

whether male or female, is a medium with the dead or a diviner,[h] they must be executed. They will be stoned; their blood is on their own head.

Rules for priests

21 The LORD said to Moses, Say to the priests, Aaron's sons: None of you are allowed to make yourselves unclean by any dead person among your community [2]except for your closest relatives: for your mother, father, son, daughter, brother; [3]also for your unmarried sister, who is close to you because she isn't married—you may be polluted for her sake. [4]You must not make yourself unclean for in-laws, defiling yourself by doing so.

[5]Priests must not shave bald patches on their heads or cut off the ends of their beards or make gashes in their bodies. [6]They must be holy to their God so that they do not make their God's name impure. They must be holy because they offer the LORD's food gifts, their God's food. [7]Priests must not marry a woman who is promiscuous and defiled, nor can they marry a woman divorced from her husband, because priests must be[i] holy to their God. [8]You will treat the priests as holy, because they offer your God's food. The priests will be holy to you, because I am the holy LORD, who makes you holy. [9]If the daughter of a priest defiles herself by being promiscuous, she defiles her father. She must be burned with fire.

[10]The high priest[j]—the one whose head has been anointed with the anointing oil and who is ordained to dress in the priestly clothing—must not dishevel his hair or tear his clothing. [11]He must not go near any dead bodies and cannot make himself unclean even for his father or mother. [12]He must not exit the sanctuary, making his God's sanctuary impure by doing so, because his God's anointing oil, which separates,[k] is upon him; I am the LORD. [13]The high priest must marry a woman who is a virgin. [14]He cannot marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman defiled by promiscuity. He can only marry a virgin from his own people [15]so that he doesn't make his children impure among his people, because I am the LORD, who makes him holy.

[16]The LORD said to Moses, [17]Say to Aaron: None of your future descendants who have some kind of imperfection are allowed to offer their God's food. [18]No one who has an imperfection will be allowed to make an offering: this includes anyone who is blind, crippled, disfigured, or deformed; [19]anyone who has a broken foot or hand; [20]anyone who is a hunchback or too small; anyone who has an eye disease, a rash, scabs, or a crushed testicle.[l] [21]No descendant of Aaron the priest who has an imperfection will be allowed to offer the LORD's food gifts; since he has an imperfection, he will not be allowed to offer his God's food. [22]He may, of course, eat of his God's most holy or holy food, [23]but since he has an imperfection, he cannot enter toward the inner curtain or officiate at the altar, making these parts of my sanctuary impure by doing so. I am the LORD, who makes them holy.

[24]This is what Moses said to Aaron, his sons, and to all the Israelites.

Priestly uncleanness

22 The LORD said to Moses: [2]Tell Aaron and his sons to be very careful how they treat the holy things that the Israelites devote to me so that they do not make my holy name impure: I am the LORD. [3]Say to them: If any descendant of yours should ever come near the holy things that the Israelites have dedicated to the LORD while he is in an unclean state, he will be cut off from before me; I am the LORD. [4]Any descendant of Aaron who is afflicted with skin disease[m] or has a

21:1 Nm 19:11; Eze 44:25
21:5 Lv 19:27, Lv 19:28; Dt 14:1; Jer 16:6; Eze 44:20
21:7 Lv 21:13, Lv 21:14; Dt 24:1; Eze 44:22
21:9 Gn 38:24; Lv 20:14
21:10 Lv 8:12, Lv 10:6; Nm 35:25
21:11 Lv 21:1, Lv 21:2; Nm 19:14
21:12 Lv 10:7
21:13 Lv 21:7; Eze 44:22; 2Co 11:2
21:14 Lv 21:7; Eze 44:22
21:17 Lv 10:3, Lv 21:6, Lv 21:21
21:18 Lv 22:19, Lv 22:23; 2Sa 4:4
21:20 Dt 23:1
21:21 Lv 21:6, Lv 21:17
21:22 Lv 6:17
21:23 Lv 21:12

[h] Or *has a spirit of the dead or a spirit of divination* [i] Or *are* [j] Or *the priest who is greater than his brothers* [k] Or *consecrates* [l] The meaning of several words in 21:18-20 is uncertain. [m] The precise meaning is uncertain; traditionally *leprosy*—a term used for several different skin diseases.

discharge cannot eat of the holy things until he is clean. Anyone who touches anything made unclean by a dead body, or who has an emission of semen, [5]or who touches any swarming creature or another person who makes him unclean—whatever the uncleanness might be—[6]the person who touches these things will be unclean until evening. He must not eat of the holy things unless he has bathed his body in water. [7]Once the sun has set and he has become clean again, he may eat of the holy things, for that is his food. [8]He must not eat an animal that has died naturally or that was killed by another animal, becoming unclean by doing so; I am the LORD. [9]The priests must keep my requirement so that they don't become liable to punishment and die for having made it impure.[n] I am the LORD, who makes them holy.

Unauthorized eating

[10]No layperson is allowed to eat the holy offerings. No foreign guest or hired laborer of a priest can eat it. [11]But if a priest purchases a servant, that person can eat it, and servants born into the priest's household can also eat his food. [12]If a priest's daughter marries a layman, she is not allowed to eat the holy offerings. [13]But if a priest's daughter is a widow or divorced and has no children and so returns to her father's household as when she was young, she can eat her father's food. But, again, no layperson is allowed to eat it. [14]If someone eats a holy offering unintentionally, they must provide the priest with an equal item, plus one-fifth. [15]The Israelites must not make the holy offerings impure that they offer up to the LORD [16]or make themselves liable to punishment requiring compensation by eating their own holy offerings. I am the LORD, who makes them holy.

Unacceptable animal offerings

[17]The LORD said to Moses: [18]Tell Aaron, his sons, and all the Israelites: Whenever someone from Israel's house or from the immigrants in Israel presents their offering to the LORD as an entirely burned offering—whether it is payment for a solemn promise or a spontaneous gift—[19]for it to be acceptable on your behalf, it must be a flawless male from the herd, the sheep, or the goats. [20]You must not present anything that has an imperfection, because it will not be acceptable on your behalf. [21]Whenever someone presents a communal sacrifice of well-being to the LORD from the herd or flock—whether it is payment for a solemn promise or a spontaneous gift—it must be flawless to be acceptable; it must not have any imperfection. [22]You must not present to the LORD anything that is blind or that has an injury, mutilation, warts, a rash, or scabs. You must not put any such animal on the altar as a food gift for the LORD. [23]You can, however, offer an ox or sheep that is deformed or stunted as a spontaneous gift, but it will not be acceptable as payment for a solemn promise. [24]You must not offer to the LORD anything with bruised, crushed, torn, or cut-off testicles. You must not do that in your land. [25]You are not allowed to offer such animals as your God's food even if they come from a foreigner. Because these animals have blemishes and imperfections in them, they will not be acceptable on your behalf.

Additional rules for sacrifice

[26]The LORD said to Moses: [27]When an ox or sheep or goat is born, it must remain with its mother for seven days. From the eighth day on it will be acceptable as an offering, a food gift for the LORD. [28]But you will not slaughter an ox or sheep and its offspring on the same day. [29]When you sacrifice a communal sacrifice of thanksgiving for the LORD, you must sacrifice it so that it will be acceptable on your behalf. [30]It

22:11 Gn 17:13; Ex 12:44; Nm 18:11
22:13 Gn 38:11; Lv 10:14
22:19 Lv 1:3; Dt 15:21
22:22 Lv 21:20; Mal 1:8
22:23 Lv 21:18

[n]Vulg; MT *and die in it*

must be eaten on the same day; you must not leave any of it until morning; I am the LORD. 31You must keep my commands and do them; I am the LORD. 32You must not make my holy name impure so that I will be treated as holy by the Israelites. I am the LORD— the one who makes you holy 33and who is bringing you out of the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD.

Sacred times

23 The LORD said to Moses: 2Speak to the Israelites and say to them: These are my appointed times, the LORD's appointed times, which you will declare to be holy occasions: 3Work can be done for six days, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of special rest, a holy occasion. You must not do any work on it; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD. 4These are the LORD's appointed times, holy occasions, which you will celebrate at their appointed times:

5The LORD's Passover is on the fourteenth day of the first month[o] at twilight. 6The LORD's Festival of Unleavened Bread is on the fifteenth day of the same month. You must eat unleavened bread for seven days. 7On the first day you will hold a holy occasion and must not do any job-related work. 8You will offer food gifts to the LORD for seven days. The seventh day will be a holy occasion; you must not do any job-related work.

9The LORD said to Moses: 10Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and harvest its produce, you must bring the first bundle of your harvest to the priest. 11The priest will lift up the bundle before the LORD so that it will be acceptable on your behalf. The priest will do this on the day after the Sabbath. 12On the day the bundle is lifted up for you, you must offer a flawless one-year-old lamb as an entirely burned offering to the LORD. 13The accompanying grain offering must be two-tenths of an ephah[p] of choice flour mixed with oil, as a food gift for the LORD, a soothing smell. The accompanying drink offering must be a quarter of a hin of wine. 14You must not eat any bread, roasted grain, or fresh grain until the exact day when you bring your God's offering. This is a permanent rule throughout your future generations, wherever you live.

15You must count off seven weeks starting with the day after the Sabbath, the day you bring the bundle for the uplifted offering; these must be complete. 16You will count off fifty days until the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you must present a new grain offering to the LORD. 17From wherever you live, you will bring two loaves of bread as an uplifted offering. These must be made of two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour, baked with leaven, as early produce[q] to the LORD. 18Along with the bread you must present seven flawless one-year-old lambs, one bull from the herd, and two rams. These will be an entirely burned offering to the LORD, along with their grain offerings and drink offerings, as a food gift of soothing smell to the LORD. 19You must also offer one male goat as a purification offering and two one-year-old lambs as a communal sacrifice of well-being. 20The priest will lift up the two sheep, along with the bread of the early produce, as an uplifted offering before the LORD. These will be holy to the LORD and will belong to the priest. 21On that very same day you must make a proclamation; it will be a holy occasion for you. You must not do any job-related work. This is a permanent rule wherever you live throughout your future generations. 22When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather every remaining bit of your harvest. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the LORD your God.

23:1 Lv 25:1; Neh 9:14; Ac 15:21
23:2 Ex 23:14; Lv 23:4, Lv 23:37, Lv 23:44; Nm 29:39
23:5 Ex 12:2, Ex 12:6, Ex 12:18; Nm 28:16; Dt 16:1
23:6 Ex 12:15, Ex 34:18
23:7 Lv 23:8, Lv 23:21, Lv 23:36; Nm 28:18
23:10 Nm 15:18
23:11 Ex 29:24
23:18 Lv 23:13

[o]March–April, Nisan [p]Four quarts dry; also in 23:17 [q]Or *firstfruits*; also in 23:20

23:24 Lv 25:9; Nm 10:10, Nm 29:1
23:25 Lv 23:21
23:26 Lv 1:1, Lv 16:29; Nm 29:7; Dn 9:13; Lk 16:31
23:27 Ex 30:10; Lv 16:29, Lv 16:30, Lv 25:9; Nm 29:7
23:28 Lv 16:34, Lv 23:27, Lv 23:31
23:29 Gn 17:14
23:30 Lv 20:3
23:31 Lv 23:14
23:32 Lv 16:31
23:34 Nm 29:12; Dt 16:13; Ezr 3:4; Neh 8:14; Jn 7:2
23:35 Lv 23:25; Nm 29:35
23:36 Nm 29:12, Nm 29:35; Neh 8:18; Jn 7:37
23:37 Lv 23:2
23:38 Nm 29:39
23:39 Ex 23:16; Lv 23:34; Nm 29:12; Dt 16:13
23:40 Neh 8:15
23:41 Nm 29:12
23:42 Neh 8:14
23:43 Ps 78:5
23:44 Lv 23:2
24:2 Ex 27:20, Ex 27:21
24:3 Ex 27:21

23 The LORD said to Moses: 24 Say to
the Israelites: On the first day of the
seventh month,[r] you will have a spe-
cial rest, a holy occasion marked by a
trumpet signal. 25 You must not do any
job-related work, and you must offer a
food gift to the LORD.

26 The LORD said to Moses: 27 Note
that the tenth day of this seventh
month is the Day of Reconciliation.
It will be a holy occasion for you. You
must deny yourselves and offer a food
gift to the LORD. 28 You must not do
any work that day because it is a Day
of Reconciliation to make reconcili-
ation for you before the LORD your
God. 29 Anyone who does not deny
themselves on that day will be cut
off from their people. 30 Moreover, I
will destroy from their people anyone
who does any work on that day. 31 You
must not do any work! This is a per-
manent rule throughout your future
generations wherever you live. 32 This
is a Sabbath of special rest for you, and
you must deny yourselves. You will ob-
serve your Sabbath on the ninth day of
the month from evening to the follow-
ing evening.

33 The LORD said to Moses: 34 Say to
the Israelites: The Festival of Booths
to the LORD will start on the fifteenth
day of the seventh month and will last
for seven days. 35 The first day is a holy
occasion. You must not do any job-
related work. 36 For seven days you will
offer food gifts to the LORD. On the
eighth day you will have a holy occa-
sion and must offer a food gift to the
LORD. It is a holiday: you must not do
any job-related work.

37 These are the LORD's appointed
times that you will proclaim as holy
occasions, offering food gifts to the
LORD: entirely burned offerings, grain
offerings, communal sacrifices, and
drink offerings—each on its proper
day. 38 This is in addition to the LORD's
sabbaths and in addition to your pres-
ents, all the payments for solemn
promises, and all the spontaneous
gifts that you give to the LORD.

39 Note that on the fifteenth day of
the seventh month, when you have
gathered the land's crops, you will cel-
ebrate the LORD's festival for seven
days. The first day and the eighth day
are days of special rest. 40 On the first
day you must take fruit from majes-
tic trees,[s] palm branches, branches
of leafy trees,[t] and willows of the
streams, and rejoice before the LORD
your God for seven days. 41 You will
celebrate this festival to the LORD
for seven days each year; this is a per-
manent rule throughout your future
generations. You will celebrate it in
the seventh month. 42 For seven days
you must live in huts. Every citizen of
Israel must live in huts 43 so that your
future generations will know that I
made the Israelites live in huts when I
brought them out of the land of Egypt;
I am the LORD your God.

44 So Moses announced the LORD's
appointed times to the Israelites.

The sanctuary's lamp and bread

24 The LORD said to Moses: 2 Com-
mand the Israelites to bring
pure, pressed olive oil to you for the
lamp, to keep a light burning con-
stantly. 3 Aaron will tend the lamp,
which will be inside the meeting tent
but outside the inner curtain of the
covenant document, from evening until
morning before the LORD. This is a per-
manent rule throughout your future
generations. 4 Aaron must continually
tend the lights on the pure lampstand[u]
before the LORD.

5 You will take choice flour and bake
twelve loaves of flatbread, two-tenths
of an ephah[v] for each loaf. 6 You must
place them in two stacks, six in a stack,
on the pure table[w] before the LORD.
7 Put pure frankincense on each stack,
as a token portion for the bread; it is
a food gift for the LORD. 8 Aaron will
always set it out before the LORD, Sab-

[r] September–October, Tishrei; also in 23:27, 33, 39, 41 [s] Or *hadar trees* [t] Heb uncertain [u] Perhaps *pure gold lampstand* [v] Approximately four quarts dry [w] Perhaps *pure gold table*

bath after Sabbath, on behalf of[x] the Israelites, as a permanent covenant. [9]It will belong to Aaron and his sons. They must eat it in a holy place because it is the most holy part of their share of the LORD's food gifts, a permanent portion.

Assault and blasphemy

[10]The son of an Israelite mother and an Egyptian father came out among the Israelites. A fight broke out between this half-Israelite[y] and another Israelite man in the camp, [11]during which the half-Israelite blasphemed the Lord's name and cursed. So he was brought to Moses. (His mother's name was Shelomith, Dibri's daughter from the tribe of Dan.) [12]He was put under guard until they could determine the LORD's verdict.

[13]Then the LORD said to Moses: [14]Take the one who cursed outside the camp. All who heard him will press their hands on his head. Then the whole community will stone him. [15]Tell the Israelites: Anyone who curses his God will be liable to punishment. [16]And anyone who blasphemes the LORD's name must be executed. The whole community will stone him. Immigrant and citizen alike: whenever someone blasphemes the Lord's name, they will be executed.

[17]If anyone kills another person, they must be executed. [18]Someone who kills an animal may make amends for it: a life for a life. [19]If someone injures a fellow citizen, they will suffer the same injury they inflicted: [20]broken bone for broken bone, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. The same injury the person inflicted on the other will be inflicted on them. [21]Someone who kills an animal must make amends for it, but whoever kills a human being must be executed. [22]There is but one law on this matter for you, immigrant or citizen alike, because I am the LORD your God.

[23]Moses told this to the Israelites. So they took the one who had cursed outside the camp and stoned him. The Israelites did just as the LORD commanded Moses.

24:14 Lv 20:2; Dt 13:9, Dt 13:10, Dt 17:5, Dt 17:7
24:16 1Ki 21:10; Jn 10:33
24:17 Gn 9:5, Gn 9:6; Ex 21:12; Nm 35:31; Dt 19:11
24:18 Ex 21:34; Lv 24:21
24:19 Dt 19:21; Mt 5:38, Mt 7:2
24:20 Ex 21:23, Ex 21:24; Dt 19:21; Mt 5:38
24:21 Lv 24:17, Lv 24:18
24:22 Ex 12:49; Lv 19:34; Nm 9:14, Nm 15:15, Nm 15:16
25:2 Ex 23:10; Lv 26:34
25:3 Ex 23:10; Is 5:6; Jn 15:2
25:4 Ex 23:11; Lv 25:20
25:5 2Ki 19:29
25:6 Ex 23:11
25:7 Ex 23:11
25:10 Lv 25:28; Nm 36:4; Is 61:1; Jer 34:8, Jer 34:15
25:13 Lv 25:10, Lv 27:24

The sabbatical year

25 The LORD said to Moses on Mount Sinai, [2]Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Once you enter the land that I am giving you, the land must celebrate a sabbath rest to the LORD. [3]You will plant your fields for six years, and prune your vineyards and gather their crops for six years. [4]But in the seventh year the land will have a special sabbath rest, a Sabbath to the LORD: You must not plant your fields or prune your vineyards. [5]You must not harvest the secondary growth of your produce or gather the grapes of your freely growing vines. It will be a year of special rest for the land. [6]Whatever the land produces during its sabbath will be your food—for you, for your male and female servants, and for your hired laborers and foreign guests who live with you, [7]as well as for your livestock and for the wild animals in your land. All of the land's produce can be eaten.

The Jubilee year

[8]Count off seven weeks of years—that is, seven times seven—so that the seven weeks of years totals forty-nine years. [9]Then have the trumpet[z] blown on the tenth day of the seventh month,[a] Have the trumpet blown throughout your land on the Day of Reconciliation. [10]You will make the fiftieth year holy, proclaiming freedom throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a Jubilee year[b] for you: each of you must return to your family property and to your extended family. [11]The fiftieth year will be a Jubilee year for you. Do not plant, do not harvest the secondary growth, and do not gather from the freely growing vines [12]because it is a Jubilee: it will be holy to you. You can eat only the produce directly out of the field. [13]Each of you

[x]Or *from* or *as a gift of*; Heb uncertain [y]Or *Israelite woman's son*; also in 24:11 [z]Heb *shofar* [a]September–October, Tishrei [b]Heb *yobel*

must return to your family property in this year of Jubilee.

14When you sell something to or buy something from your fellow citizen, you must not cheat each other. 15You will buy from your fellow citizen according to the number of years since the Jubilee; he will sell to you according to the number of years left for harvests. 16You will raise the price if there are more years, or lower the price if there are less years because it is the number of harvests that are being sold to you. 17You must not cheat each other but fear your God because I am the LORD your God. 18You will observe my rules, and you will keep my regulations and do them so that you can live securely on the land.

Food during fallow years

19The land will give its fruit so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it. 20Suppose you ask, "What will we eat in the seventh year if we don't plant or gather our crops then?" 21I will send my blessing on you in the sixth year so that it will make enough produce for three years. 22You can plant again in the eighth year and eat food from the previous year's produce until the ninth year. Until its produce comes, you will eat the food from the previous year.

Buying back family property

23The land must not be permanently sold because the land is mine. You are just immigrants and foreign guests of mine.

24Throughout the whole land that you possess, you must allow for the land to be bought back. 25When one of your fellow Israelites faces financial difficulty and must sell part of their family property, the closest relative[c] will come and buy back what their fellow Israelite has sold. 26If the person doesn't have someone to buy it back, but then manages to afford buying it back, 27they must calculate the years since its sale and refund the balance to the person to whom they sold it. Then it will go back to the family property.[d] 28If they cannot afford to make a refund to the buyer, whatever was sold will remain in the possession of the buyer until the Jubilee year. It will be released in the Jubilee year, at which point it will return to the family property.

29When a person sells a home in a walled city, it may be bought back until a year after its sale. The period for buying it back will be one year. 30If it is not bought back before a full year has passed, the house in the walled city will belong to the buyer permanently and their descendants forever. It will not be released at the Jubilee. 31But houses in settlements that are unwalled will be considered as if they were country fields. They can be bought back, and they must be released at the Jubilee.

32Levites will always have the right to buy back homes in the levitical cities that are part of their family property. 33Levite property that can be bought back—houses sold in a city that is their family property—must be released at the Jubilee, because homes in levitical cities are the Levites' family property among the Israelites. 34But the pastureland around their cities cannot be sold, because that is their permanent family property.

Poor Israelites and slavery

35If one of your fellow Israelites faces financial difficulty and is in a shaky situation with you,[e] you must assist them as you would an immigrant or foreign guest so that they can survive among you. 36Do not take interest from them, or any kind of profit from interest, but fear your God so that your fellow Israelite can survive among you. 37Do not lend a poor Israelite money with interest or lend food at a profit. 38I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt to give you Canaan's land and to be your God.

25:21 Dt 28:8
25:35 Dt 15:7, Dt 15:8; Ps 112:9
25:36 Ex 22:25; Dt 23:19

[c] Or *next of kin*; traditionally *redeemer* [d] Or *they will go back to their family property*; also in 25:28. [e] Heb uncertain

39 If one of your fellow Israelites faces financial difficulty with you and sells themselves to you, you must not make him work as a slave. 40 Instead, they will be like a hired laborer or foreign guest to you. They will work for you until the Jubilee year, 41 at which point the poor Israelite along with their children will be released from you. They can return to their extended family and to their family property. 42 You must do this because these people are my servants—I brought them out of Egypt's land. They must not be sold as slaves. 43 You will not harshly rule over them but must fear your God.

44 Regarding male or female slaves that you are allowed to have: You can buy a male or a female slave from the nations that are around you. 45 You can also buy them from the foreign guests who live with you and from their extended families that are with you, who were born in your land. These can belong to you as property. 46 You can pass them on to your children as inheritance that they can own as permanent property. You can make these people work as slaves, but you must not rule harshly over your own people, the Israelites.

47 If an immigrant or foreign guest prospers financially among you, but your fellow Israelite faces financial difficulty and so sells themselves to the immigrant or foreign guest, or to a descendant of a foreigner, 48 the Israelite will have the right to be bought back after they sold themselves. One of their relatives can buy them back: 49 their uncle or cousin can buy them back; one of their blood relatives from their family can buy them back; or they may be able to afford their own purchase. 50 The Israelite will calculate with their owner the time from the year they were sold until the Jubilee year. The price of their release will be based on the number of years they were with the owner, as in the case of a hired laborer. 51 If there are many years left before the Jubilee, the Israelite will pay for their purchase in proportion to their purchase price. 52 If only a few years are left, they will calculate that and pay for their purchase according to the years of service. 53 Regardless, the Israelite will be to the buyer like a yearly laborer; the buyer must not harshly rule over them in your sight. 54 If the Israelite is not bought back in one of these ways, they and their children must be released in the Jubilee year 55 because the Israelites belong to me as servants. They are my servants—I brought them out of Egypt's land; I am the LORD your God.

25:55 Ex 29:45; Lv 11:44, Lv 11:45, Lv 22:32, Lv 25:42
26:1 Ex 20:4, Ex 23:24; Lv 19:4; Nm 33:52; Dt 16:22
26:2 Ex 20:8; Lv 19:30
26:3 Lv 18:4; Dt 7:12, Dt 11:13, Dt 28:1
26:4 Dt 11:14; Ps 67:6, Ps 68:9; Is 30:23; Jl 2:23
26:5 Lv 25:18, Lv 25:19; Dt 11:15; Is 30:23; Am 9:13
26:6 1Ch 22:9; Ps 29:11, Ps 147:14; Is 35:9; Zep 3:13
26:8 Dt 32:30; Josh 23:10
26:9 Gn 17:6, Gn 17:7; Neh 9:23
26:10 Lv 25:22

Covenant blessings

26 You must not make any idols, and do not set up any divine image or sacred pillar. You must not place any carved[f] stone in your land, bowing down to it, because I am the LORD your God. 2 You must keep my sabbaths and respect my sanctuary; I am the LORD.

3 If you live according to my rules, keep my commands, and do them, 4 I will give you rain at the proper time, the land will produce its yield, and the trees of the field will produce their fruit. 5 Your threshing season will last until the grape harvest, and the grape harvest will last until planting time. You will eat your fill of food and live securely in your land. 6 I will grant peace in the land so that you can lie down without anyone frightening you. I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword will pass through it. 7 You will chase your enemies, and they will fall before you in battle. 8 Five of you will chase away a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase away ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you in battle. 9 I will turn my face to you, will make you fruitful and numerous, and will keep my covenant with you. 10 You will still be eating the previous year's harvest when the time will come to clear it out to make room

[f] Heb uncertain

for the new! [11]I will place my dwelling[g] among you, and I will not despise you. [12]I will walk around among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people. [13]I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt's land—who brought you out from being Egypt's slaves. I broke your bonds and made you stand up straight.

Covenant curses

[14]But if you do not obey me and do not carry out all these commands—[15]if you reject my rules and despise my regulations, not doing all my commands and breaking my covenant—[16]then I will do the following to you:

I will bring horrific things:[h] wasting diseases and fevers that make the eyes fail and drain life away.

You will plant seed for no reason because your enemies will eat the food.

[17]I will turn my face against you: you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you; and you will run away even when no one is chasing you.

[18]If, despite all that, you still do not obey me, I will punish you for your sins seven more times: [19]I will destroy your prideful power. I will turn your sky to iron and your land to bronze [20]so that your strength will be spent for no reason: your land will not produce its yield, and the trees of the land won't produce their fruit.

[21]If you continue to oppose me and are unwilling to obey me, I will strike you for your sins seven more times: [22]I will send wild animals against you, and they will kill your children and destroy your livestock. They will make you so few in number that your roads will seem deserted.

[23]If, despite these things, you still do not accept my discipline and continue to oppose me, [24]then I will continue to oppose you. I will strike you for your sins seven more times: [25]I will bring the sword against you, avenging the breaking of the covenant.[i] If you retreat into your cities, I will send a plague on you, and you will be handed over to the enemy. [26]When I destroy your food supply, ten women will bake bread in a single oven, and they will ration out bread by weight. You will eat but will never get full.

[27]If, despite all this, you still do not obey me and continue to oppose me, [28]then I will continue to oppose you—with anger! I will punish you for your sins seven more times: [29]You will eat the flesh of your own sons and daughters. [30]I will eliminate your shrines, chop down your incense altars, and pile your dead bodies on the dead bodies of your idols. I will despise you. [31]I will turn your cities into ruins, I will devastate your sanctuaries, and I will not smell the soothing smells of your offerings. [32]I will personally devastate the land so much that your enemies who resettle it will be astonished by it. [33]I will scatter you among the nations. I will unsheathe my sword against you. Your land will be devastated and your cities will be ruins.

[34]At that time, while it is devastated and you are in enemy territory, the land will enjoy its sabbaths. At that time, the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. [35]During the whole time it is devastated, it will have the rest it didn't have during the sabbaths you lived in it.

[36]I will bring despair into the hearts of those of you who survive in enemy territory. Just the sound of a wind-blown leaf will put them to running, and they will run scared as if running from a sword! They will fall even when no one is chasing them! [37]They will stumble over each other as they would before a sword, even though no one is chasing them! You will have no power to stand before your enemies. [38]You will disappear among the nations—the land of your enemies will devour you. [39]Any of you who do survive will rot in enemy territory on account of their guilty deeds. And they will rot too

26:11 Ex 25:8, Ex 29:45; Eze 37:26
26:12 Gn 3:8; Ex 6:7; Dt 23:14; Jer 7:23; 2Co 6:16
26:13 Jer 2:20, Jer 28:10; Eze 34:27
26:24 2Sa 22:27
26:27 Lv 26:24
26:28 Is 59:18
26:30 2Ki 23:20; 2Ch 34:4; Is 27:9; Eze 6:3
26:34 Lv 25:2, Lv 26:43; 2Ch 36:21

[g]Or *tabernacle* [h]Precise nature of the diseases uncertain [i]Or *executing covenant vengeance*

on account of their ancestors' guilty deeds.

Covenant and restoration

40 But if they confess their and their
ancestors' guilt for the wrongdoing they
did to me, and for their continued oppo-
sition to me— 41 which made me oppose
them, so I took them into enemy terri-
tory— or if their uncircumcised hearts
are humbled and they make up for their
guilt, 42 then I will remember my cove-
nant with Jacob. I will also remember my
covenant with Isaac. And my covenant
with Abraham. And I will remember the
land. 43 The land will be absent of them
and will be enjoying its sabbaths while
it lies devastated, free of them. They will
be making up for their guilty deeds for
no other reason than the fact that they
rejected my regulations and despised my
rules. 44 But despite all that, when they
are in enemy territory, I will not reject
them or despise them to the point of to-
tally destroying them, breaking my cov-
enant with them by doing so, because I
am the LORD their God. 45 But for their
sake I will remember the covenant with
the first generation, the ones I brought
out of Egypt's land in the sight of all the
nations, in order to be their God; I am the
LORD.

46 These are the rules, regulations,
and instructions between the LORD
and the Israelites that he gave through
Moses on Mount Sinai.

Dedications

27 The LORD said to Moses, 2 Speak
to the Israelites and say to them:
When a person makes a solemn promise
to the LORD involving the value of a per-
son, 3 if it is the value for a male between
20 and 60 years old, his value is fifty sil-
ver shekels according to the sanctuary's
shekel. 4 If the person is a female, her
value is thirty shekels. 5 If the age of the
person is between 5 and 20 years, the
value for a male is twenty shekels, for a
female ten shekels. 6 If the age of the per-
son is between one month and 5 years,
the value for a male is five silver shekels,
for a female three silver shekels. 7 If the
age of the person is 60 years or more,
the value is fifteen shekels if the person
is male, ten shekels for a female. 8 But if
financial difficulty prevents the promise
maker from giving the full value, they
must set the person before the priest.
The priest will assign the person a value
according to what the promise maker can
afford.

9 If a solemn promise involves live-
stock that can be offered to the LORD,
any such animal given to the LORD will
be considered holy. 10 The promise maker
cannot replace or substitute for it, ei-
ther good for bad or bad for good. But
if one should substitute one animal for
another, both it and the substitute will
be holy. 11 If the solemn promise involves
any kind of unclean animal that cannot
be offered to the LORD, the promise
maker must set the animal before the
priest. 12 The priest will assign it a value,
whether high or low.[j] Its value will be
what the priest says. 13 If the promise
maker wishes to buy it back, they must
add one-fifth to its value.

14 When someone dedicates their
house to the LORD as holy, the priest
will assign a value to it, whether high or
low. The value is fixed, whatever value
the priest assigns to it. 15 If the one who
dedicates the house wishes to buy it
back, they must add one-fifth to its val-
ued price, and it will be theirs again.

16 If a person dedicates part of the
land from their family property to the
LORD, the value will be set according to
the seed needed to plant it: fifty silver
shekels per homer of barley seed. 17 If
the person dedicates the piece of land
during the Jubilee year, its value will
stay fixed. 18 But if the person dedicates
the piece after the Jubilee year, the
priest will calculate the price accord-
ing to the years that are left until the
next Jubilee year, and the value will be
reduced. 19 If the one who dedicates the
land wishes to buy it back, they must
add one-fifth to its valued price, and it

26:40 Nm 5:7; Neh 9:2; Ps 32:5; Prv 28:13; Hos 5:15

26:41 Jer 4:4, Jer 9:26; Eze 44:7; Ac 7:51

26:44 Lv 26:11; Dt 4:31; Ro 11:2

[j] Or *good or bad*; also in 27:14

will be theirs again. 20But if they do not buy it back or if it was sold to someone else, it is no longer able to be bought back. 21When the piece of land is released in the Jubilee year, it will be holy to the LORD like a piece of devoted land; it will be the priest's property. 22If the person dedicates land they purchased to the LORD—land that is not part of their family property—23the priest will calculate the amount of its value until the Jubilee year. The person must pay the value on that day as a holy donation to the LORD. 24In the Jubilee year the piece of land will return to the seller, to the one who is the original owner of the family property. 25Every value will be according to the sanctuary's shekel. The shekel will be twenty gerahs.

26But note that a person cannot dedicate any oldest offspring from livestock, which already belongs to the LORD because it is the oldest. Whether ox or sheep, it belongs to the LORD. 27If it is an unclean animal, it may be bought back at its value plus twenty percent. If it is not bought back, it will be sold at its set value.

27:30 Gn 28:22; Nm 18:21; Dt 12:6, Dt 14:22, Dt 14:28

27:31 Lv 27:13

27:32 Jer 33:13; Eze 20:37

28Also note that everything someone devotes[k] to the LORD from their possessions—whether humans, animals, or pieces of land from their family property—cannot be sold or bought back. Every devoted thing is most holy to the LORD. 29No human beings that have been devoted can be bought back; they must be executed.

30All tenth-part gifts[l] from the land, whether of seed from the ground or fruit from the trees, belong to the LORD; they are holy to the LORD. 31If someone wishes to buy back part of their tenth-part gift, they must add one-fifth to it. 32All tenth-part gifts from a herd or flock—every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's staff—will be holy to the LORD. 33The one bringing the tenth-part gift must not pick out the good from the bad, and cannot substitute any animal. But if one should substitute an animal, both it and the substitute will be holy and cannot be bought back.

34These are the commands that the LORD gave Moses on Mount Sinai for the Israelites.

NUMBERS

First census

1The LORD spoke to Moses in the Sinai desert in the meeting tent on the first day of the second month,[a] in the second year after they left the land of Egypt: 2Take a census of the entire Israelite community by their clans and their households, recording the name of every male, 320 years old and above, who is eligible for military service in Israel. These you and Aaron will enlist in their military units. 4Take with you one man from each tribe who is the head of his household. 5These are the names of the men who will assist you:

from Reuben, Elizur, Shedeur's son;

1:1 Ex 19:1, Ex 25:22, Ex 40:17; Lv 1:1; Nm 9:1

1:3 Ex 30:14; Nm 26:2

1:12 Nm 2:25, Nm 7:66, Nm 10:25

6from Simeon, Shelumiel,
Zurishaddai's son;
7from Judah, Nahshon,
Amminadab's son;
8from Issachar, Nethanel,
Zuar's son;
9from Zebulun, Eliab, Helon's son;
10from Joseph's sons:
from Ephraim, Elishama,
Ammihud's son;
from Manasseh, Gamaliel,
Pedahzur's son;
11from Benjamin, Abidan,
Gideoni's son;
12from Dan, Ahiezer,
Ammishaddai's son;

[k]Or *places under the ban* (also in 27:29), a technique of holy war, in which all is dedicated to the deity who helps in the battle; it often involved total destruction. [l]Or *tithes* [a]April–May, Iyar

13 from Asher, Pagiel, Ochran's son;
14 from Gad, Eliasaph, Deuel's son;
15 from Naphtali, Ahira, Enan's son.
16 These are the ones appointed from the community, chiefs of their ancestral tribes and leaders of the divisions of Israel.

17 Moses and Aaron took these men who were selected by name 18 and they assembled the entire community on the first day of the second month. They registered them by their clans and their households, recording the name of each male 20 years old and above. 19 Moses enlisted them in the Sinai desert just as the LORD commanded him.

20 There were the descendants of Reuben, Israel's oldest, registered by their clans and their households. Every man 20 years old and above eligible for military service was individually recorded by name. 21 Those enlisted from the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

22 There were the descendants of Simeon, registered by their clans and their households. Every male 20 years old and above eligible for military service was individually recorded by name. 23 Those enlisted from the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

24 There were the descendants of Gad, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 25 Those enlisted from the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

26 There were the descendants of Judah, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 27 Those enlisted from the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

28 There were the descendants of Issachar, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name.

1:18 Ex 18:21, Ex 18:25; Nm 7:2, Nm 16:2, Nm 26:9; 1Ch 27:16
1:20 Gn 29:32; Nm 26:5; 1Ch 5:1
1:22 Gn 29:33; Nm 2:13, Nm 26:12
1:24 Gn 30:11; Nm 26:15
1:26 Gn 29:35; Nm 2:4, Nm 26:19
1:28 Gn 30:18; Nm 2:6
1:30 Gn 30:20; Nm 26:26
1:32 Gn 46:20, Gn 48:1; Nm 26:35
1:34 Gn 41:51; Nm 26:28
1:36 Gn 35:18, Gn 46:21; Nm 1:37, Nm 26:38; 2Ch 17:17
1:38 Gn 30:6, Gn 46:23, Gn 49:16-17; Nm 2:25, Nm 26:42; Dt 33:22
1:40 Gn 30:13, Gn 49:20; Nm 26:44; 1Ch 7:40, 1Ch 12:36
1:42 Gn 30:8, Gn 46:24, Gn 49:21; Nm 26:48

29 Those enlisted from the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

30 There were the descendants of Zebulun, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 31 Those enlisted from the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

32 From Joseph's descendants there were the descendants of Ephraim, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 33 Those enlisted from the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

34 There were the descendants of Manasseh, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 35 Those enlisted from the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.

36 There were the descendants of Benjamin, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 37 Those enlisted from the tribe of Benjamin were 35,400.

38 There were the descendants of Dan, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 39 Those enlisted from the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

40 There were the descendants of Asher, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 41 Those enlisted from the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

42 There were the descendants of Naphtali, registered by their clans and their households. The men 20 years old and above eligible for military service were recorded by name. 43 Those enlisted from the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

44 These are the ones who were enlisted by Moses, Aaron, and the twelve chiefs of Israel, each from his own household. 45 All the Israelites 20 years old and above eligible for military service in Israel were enlisted by their households. 46 All those enlisted were 603,550. 47 But the Levites, belonging to their own ancestral tribe, weren't enlisted along with them.

The Levites' exclusion from the census

48 The LORD spoke to Moses: 49 You must not enlist the tribe of Levi, nor should you take their census along with the Israelites. 50 Rather, assign the Levites to the covenant dwelling, to all its equipment, and to everything that belongs to it. They will carry the dwelling and all its equipment, perform its religious ceremonies, and camp around the dwelling. 51 When it's time to break camp, the Levites will take down the dwelling; and when it's time to make camp, the Levites will set up the dwelling. Any other person who approaches will be put to death. 52 The Israelites will camp each in their own place under the banner of their own military unit. 53 But the Levites will camp around the covenant dwelling so that God's anger will not strike the Israelite community. The Levites will guard the covenant dwelling.

54 The Israelites did everything exactly as the LORD commanded Moses.

The wilderness camp's arrangement

2 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron: 2 The Israelites will camp each under the banner with the symbol of their household. They will camp around the meeting tent some distance from it.

The camp's east side

3 On the east side toward the sunrise will be the banner of Judah's camp with its military units. The chief of the people of Judah is Nahshon, Amminadab's son. 4 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 74,600. 5 Those camping on one side of him are the tribe of Issachar. The chief of the people of Issachar is Nethanel, Zuar's son. 6 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 54,400. 7 On the other side, the tribe of Zebulun: the chief of the people of Zebulun is Eliab, Helon's son. 8 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 57,400. 9 All those enlisted in Judah's camp with their military units are 186,400. They will march first.

1:49 Nm 2:33, Nm 26:62
1:50 Ex 38:21; Nm 3:23
1:51 Nm 3:10, Nm 3:38, Nm 4:5
2:1 Lv 11:1
2:3 Ex 6:23; Nm 1:7, Nm 10:14; 1Ch 2:10

The camp's south side

10 On the south side will be the banner of Reuben's camp with its military units. The chief of the people of Reuben is Elizur, Shedeur's son. 11 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 46,500. 12 Those camping on one side of him are the tribe of Simeon. The chief of the people of Simeon is Shelumiel, Zurishaddai's son. 13 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 59,300. 14 On the other side, the tribe of Gad: the chief of the people of Gad is Eliasaph, Reuel's son. 15 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 45,650. 16 All those enlisted in Reuben's camp with their military units are 151,450. They will march second.

The camp's center

17 The meeting tent and the Levites' camp will march in the center of the camps. They will march in the same order as they camp: each in position under his banner.

The camp's west side

18 On the west will be the banner of Ephraim's camp with its military units. The chief of the people of Ephraim is Elishama, Ammihud's son. 19 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 40,500. 20 On one side of him is the tribe of Manasseh. The chief of the people of Manasseh is Gamaliel, Pedahzur's son. 21 His military unit and those enlisted in it are 32,200. 22 On

the other side, the tribe of Benjamin: the chief of the people of Benjamin is Abidan, Gideoni's son. 23His military unit and those enlisted in it are 35,400. 24All those enlisted in Ephraim's camp with their military units are 108,100. They will march third.

The camp's north side

25On the north will be the banner of Dan's camp with its military units. The chief of the people of Dan is Ahiezer, Ammishaddai's son. 26His military unit and those enlisted in it are 62,700. 27Those camping on one side of him are the tribe of Asher. The chief of the people of Asher is Pagiel, Ochran's son. 28His military unit and those enlisted in it are 41,500. 29On the other side, the tribe of Naphtali: the chief of the people of Naphtali is Ahira, Enan's son. 30His military unit and those enlisted in it are 53,400. 31All those enlisted in the camp of Dan are 157,600. They will march last under their banners.

32These are the enlisted Israelites by their households. The total enlisted in the camps with their military units is 603,550. 33But the Levites weren't enlisted among the Israelites, as the LORD had commanded Moses. 34The Israelites did everything exactly as the LORD had commanded Moses: they camped under their banners and they marched by their clans and by their households.

Aaron's sons

3 These are the descendants of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai. 2These are the names of Aaron's sons: Nadab the oldest, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 3These are the names of Aaron's sons, who are the anointed priests and ordained to the priesthood. 4Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they made an unauthorized offering to the LORD in the Sinai desert. They didn't have any sons. Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests during the lifetime of their father Aaron.

3:1 Ex 6:20, Ex 6:27, Ex 19:3; Lv 25:1, Lv 27:34

3:12 Nm 3:41, Nm 3:45, Nm 8:14, Nm 8:16, Nm 8:18

3:13 Ex 13:2, Ex 13:12; Lv 27:26, Nm 8:17

The Levites' first census

5The LORD spoke to Moses: 6Bring near the tribe of Levi and place them before Aaron the priest. They will assist him. 7They will perform duties for him and for the entire community before the meeting tent, doing the work of the dwelling. 8They will be responsible for all the equipment of the meeting tent and the duties on behalf of the Israelites when they do the work of the dwelling. 9You will give the Levites to Aaron and his sons. They have been assigned as a gift to him from the Israelites. 10You will appoint Aaron and his sons to be responsible for the priesthood. Any other person who approaches will be put to death.

11The LORD spoke to Moses: 12I claim the Levites from the Israelites in place of all the oldest males who open an Israelite womb. The Levites are mine 13because all the oldest males are mine. When I killed all the oldest males in the land of Egypt, I reserved for myself all the oldest males in Israel, both humans and animals. They are mine; I am the LORD.

14The LORD spoke to Moses in the Sinai desert: 15Enroll the Levites by their households and their clans. You will enroll all the males over one month old. 16Moses enrolled them according to the LORD's word as he was commanded. 17These were Levi's sons by name: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 18These were the names of Gershon's sons by their clans: Libni and Shimei. 19Kohath's sons by their clans: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. 20Merari's sons by their clans: Mahli and Mushi. These were the clans of Levi by their households.

21To Gershon belonged the clans of Libni and Shimei. These were the clans of the Gershonites. 22Their enrollment, according to the number of males over one month old, was 7,500. 23The clans of the Gershonites were to camp behind the dwelling on the west side. 24The chief of the household of

the Gershonites was Eliasaph, Lael's son. [25]In the dwelling, the Gershonites were responsible for the meeting tent, the tent with its covering, the screen for the entrance of the meeting tent, [26]the curtains of the courtyard, the screen for the entrance of the courtyard surrounding the meeting tent and the altar, and its cords—all these structures. [27]To Kohath belonged the clans of the Amramites, Izharites, Hebronites, and Uzzielites. These were the clans of the Kohathites. [28]The number of males over one month old, who would perform duties for the sanctuary, was 8,600. [29]The clans of the Kohathites were to camp on the south side of the dwelling. [30]The chief of the household representing the clans of the Kohathites was Elizaphan, Uzziel's son. [31]They were responsible for the chest, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the equipment of the sanctuary with which they would minister, and the screen—all these furnishings. [32]The head chief over the chiefs of the Levites was Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest. He was supervisor over those performing the duties of the sanctuary.

[33]To Merari belonged the clans of Mahli and Mushi. These were the clans of the Merarites. [34]Their enrollment, according to the number of males over one month old, was 6,200. [35]The chief of the household representing the clans of the Merarites was Zuriel, Abihail's son. They were to camp on the north side of the dwelling. [36]The Merarites were assigned responsibility for the frames of the dwelling, its bars, pillars, bases, and all its equipment—all these items—[37]and the pillars of the courtyard all around, their bases, pegs, and cords.

[38]Those camping in front of the dwelling eastward (that is, before the meeting tent on the east side) were Moses, Aaron, and his sons, who performed the duties of the sanctuary as service for the Israelites. Anyone else who approached would be put to death. [39]The total enrollment of the Levites, all the males over one month old whom Moses and Aaron enrolled by orders from the LORD, according to their clans, was 22,000.

3:32 Nm 4:16
3:45 Nm 3:12, Nm 3:41
3:47 Ex 30:13; Lv 27:6, Lv 27:25; Nm 18:16; Eze 45:12
4:1 Ex 12:1; Lv 10:8, Lv 11:1, Lv 13:1, Lv 15:1
4:3 Nm 4:23, Nm 4:30, Nm 8:24; 1Ch 23:3, 1Ch 23:24

Levites rescue the oldest male Israelites

[40]The LORD said to Moses: Enroll all the oldest males of the Israelites over one month of age and record their names. [41]Take the Levites for me, in place of all the oldest sons of the Israelites, for I am the LORD, and the cattle of the Levites in place of all the oldest cattle of the Israelites. [42]Moses enrolled all the oldest males of the Israelites as the LORD commanded. [43]All the oldest males over one month old, recorded by name according to their enrollment, were 22,273.

[44]Then the LORD spoke to Moses: [45]Take the Levites in place of all the oldest Israelites and the cattle of the Levites in place of their cattle. The Levites are mine; I am the LORD. [46]To rescue the 273 remaining oldest Israelites over and above the number of Levites, [47]you will receive five shekels each. You will receive them according to the sanctuary shekel of twenty gerahs to the shekel. [48]You will give the money for their rescue to Aaron and his sons.

[49]So Moses took the money from those rescued over and above the ones rescued by the Levites. [50]He took the money from the oldest of the Israelites, 1,365 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel. [51]Moses gave the money for those rescued to Aaron and his sons according to the LORD's word, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Second census and the Levites' duties

The Kohathites' duties

4 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron: [2]Take a census of the Kohathites from among the Levites by their clans and their households, [3]from 30 to 50 years old, all who are eligible for service to do the work of the meeting

tent. 4These are the responsibilities of the Kohathites in the meeting tent: the most holy things.

5When it's time to break camp, Aaron and his sons will enter and take down the screening curtain, and they will cover the chest containing the covenant with it. 6Then they will place a covering of fine leather[b] on it. They will spread a whole cloth of blue over it, and they will set its poles in place. 7They will spread a blue cloth on the presentation table and place on it the plates, the dishes, the bowls, and the container for the drink offering. The usual bread will be on it. 8They will spread on them a red cloth, cover it with fine leather, and set its poles in place. 9They will take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand used for light, its lamps, its extinguishers, its trays, and all the containers for oil that are used in its service. 10They will place it and its equipment in a covering of fine leather, and then place it on the carrying frame. 11They will spread a blue cloth on the gold altar and cover it with fine leather. 12They will take all the service equipment used in the sanctuary, place it in a blue cloth, and cover it with fine leather. Then they will place it on the carrying frame. 13They will remove the ashes from the altar and spread a purple cloth on it. 14They will place on it all the equipment used for servicing it, the censors, the meat fork, the shovels, the bowls, all the equipment of the altar. They will spread a covering of fine leather over it and then set its poles in place.

15Aaron and his sons will finish covering the sanctuary and all the equipment of the sanctuary when it is time to break camp. After that the Kohathites will enter to carry it, but they will not touch the sanctuary, lest they die. These are the objects in the dwelling that the Kohathites are to carry. 16But Eleazar son of Aaron the priest will have oversight of the oil for lighting, the fragrant incense, the regular grain offering, and the anointing oil, as well as oversight of the entire dwelling and everything in it related to the sanctuary and its equipment.

17The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron: 18You must not let the tribe of the Kohathite clans be eliminated from the Levites. 19This is what you must do for them so that they stay alive and don't die when they approach the most holy things. Aaron and his sons will enter and assign each of them his work and his load. 20But they may not enter to look at the sanctuary even for a moment, lest they die.

The Gershonites' duties

21The LORD spoke to Moses: 22Take a census of the Gershonites also, by their households and their clans. 23You will enroll those from 30 to 50 years old, all who are eligible for service to do work in the dwelling. 24This is the duty of the Gershonite clans for work and for carrying the load: 25They will carry the fabric of the dwelling, the meeting tent with its covering, the outer covering of fine leather, the screen for the entrance of the meeting tent, 26the curtains of the courtyard, the screen of the entrance at the gate of the courtyard that surrounds the meeting tent and the altar, their cords, and all their equipment for their work. They will do everything that needs to be done with these objects.

27All the duties of the Gershonites for carrying their load and for their work will be at the command of Aaron and his sons. You will assign to them the responsibility to carry their load. 28This is the work of the Gershonite clans in the dwelling. Their responsibility will be under Ithamar son of Aaron the priest.

The Merarites' duties

29You will enroll the Merarites by their clans and their households. 30You will enroll those from 30 to 50 years old, all who are eligible for service to do work in the meeting tent. 31This is what they are responsible to carry as their

4:5 Ex 25:10, Ex 26:31; Nm 1:51
4:12 1Ch 9:29
4:23 Nm 4:3
4:30 Nm 4:3

[b] Or *dolphin skin*; see also 4:8, 10-12

work in the meeting tent: the frames of the meeting tent, its bars, pillars, and bases; [32]the pillars of the courtyard all around, with their bases, pegs, cords, and all the equipment used with them. You will list by name the objects they are required to carry. [33]This is the duty of the Merarite clans for all their work in the meeting tent under the supervision of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest.

Summary of the census

[34]So Moses, Aaron, and the chiefs of the community enrolled the Kohathites by their clans and their households, [35]those from 30 to 50 years old who were eligible for work in the meeting tent. [36]Their enrollment by their clans was 2,750. [37]These are the enrolled of the Kohathite clans, all who worked in the meeting tent and whom Moses and Aaron enrolled according to the LORD's command through Moses.

[38]The enrollment of the Gershonites by their clans and their households, [39]those 30 to 50 years old who were eligible for work in the meeting tent: [40]their enrollment by their clans and their households was 2,630. [41]These are the enrolled of the Gershonite clans, all who worked in the meeting tent, and whom Moses and Aaron enrolled according to the LORD's command.

[42]The enrollment of the Merarite clans by their clans and their households, [43]those 30 to 50 years old who were eligible for work in the meeting tent: [44]their enrollment by their clans was 3,200. [45]These are the enrolled of the Merarite clans, whom Moses and Aaron enrolled according to the LORD's command through Moses.

[46]All the enrolled Levites whom Moses, Aaron, and the chiefs of Israel enrolled by their clans and their households, [47]those 30 to 50 years old who were eligible to do the work and to carry the load of the meeting tent: [48]their enrollment was 8,580. [49]Each was enrolled by the LORD's command through Moses to work and to carry his load. Each was assigned just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

4:35 Nm 4:3, Nm 4:23; 1Ch 23:24

5:1 Lv 13:1, Lv 14:1; Nm 12:14; Mt 8:4; Lk 5:14

5:2 Lv 13:46, Lv 15:2; Nm 9:6, Nm 12:14, Nm 19:11

5:9 Ex 29:28

5:11 Jn 8:5

Instructions about purity in the camp

5 The LORD spoke to Moses: [2]Command the Israelites to send out from the camp anyone with a skin disease, an oozing discharge, or who has become unclean from contact with a corpse. [3]You must send out both male and female. You must send them outside the camp so that they will not make their camp, where I live among them, unclean.

[4]The Israelites did so and sent them outside the camp. The Israelites did just what the LORD said to Moses.

[5]The LORD spoke to Moses: [6]Tell the Israelites: When a man or a woman commits any sin against anyone else, thus breaking faith with the LORD, that person becomes guilty. [7]Such persons will confess the sin they have done. Each will make payment for his guilt, add one-fifth more, and give it to the injured party. [8]If the person has no close relative to whom the payment can be made, then the compensation payment will go to the LORD for the priest. This is in addition to the ram of reconciliation by which the guilty party himself is reconciled. [9]Any gift offering from all the sacred donations that the Israelites offer will be the property of the priest. [10]The sacred donations belong to each person alone; whatever anyone gives to the priest will be his.

A woman accused of adultery

[11]The LORD spoke to Moses: [12]Speak to the Israelites and say to them: A man may suspect that his wife has had an affair[c] and has broken faith with him, [13]that a man has had intercourse with her unknown to her husband and that she has defiled herself in secret—even though there are no witnesses and she isn't caught. [14]If jealousy overcomes him and he is jealous of his wife who has defiled herself, or if jealousy overcomes him and he is jealous of his wife

[c]Or *goes astray*; see also 5:19-20, 29

who hasn't defiled herself, [15]then the man will bring his wife to the priest. He will bring the offering required for her, one-tenth of an ephah[d] of barley flour. He will not pour oil on it, nor offer frankincense with it, because it is a grain offering for jealousy, a grain offering for recognition in order to recognize guilt.

[16]The priest will bring her close and make her stand before the LORD. [17]The priest will take holy water in a clay jar, and taking dust from the floor of the dwelling, the priest will place it in the water. [18]The priest will make the woman stand before the LORD, let the hair of the woman hang down, and place the grain offering for recognition, that is, the grain offering for jealousy, in her hands. The water of bitterness that brings the curse will be in the hands of the priest.

[19]Then the priest will make her swear a solemn pledge, saying to the woman, "If no man has slept with you and if you haven't had an affair, becoming defiled while married to your husband, then be immune from the water of bitterness that brings these curses. [20]But if you have had an affair while married to your husband, if you have defiled yourself, and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you"—[21]then the priest must make the woman utter the curse and say to the woman, "May the LORD make you a curse and a harmful pledge among your people, when the LORD induces a miscarriage and your womb discharges. [22]And may the water that brings these curses enter your stomach and make your womb discharge and make you miscarry."

And the woman will say, "I agree, I agree."

[23]The priest will write these curses in the scroll and wipe them off into the water of bitterness. [24]Then he will make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings the curse. And the water that brings the curse will enter her, causing bitterness. [25]The priest will take the grain offering for jealousy from the woman's hands, elevate the grain offering before the LORD, and bring it to the altar. [26]The priest will take a handful of the grain offering as a token part of it and turn it into smoke on the altar. And afterward he will make the woman drink the water. [27]When he has made her drink the water, if she has defiled herself and has broken faith with her husband, then the water that brings the curse will enter her, causing bitterness, and her womb will discharge and she will miscarry. The woman will be a curse among her people. [28]But if the woman hasn't defiled herself and she is pure, then she will be immune and able to conceive.

[29]These are the instructions about jealousy, when a wife has an affair while married to her husband and defiles herself, [30]or when jealousy overcomes a man and he is jealous of his wife. The priest will make the woman stand before the LORD and will follow all these instructions concerning her. [31]The man will be free from guilt, but the woman will bear her guilt.

Instructions for the nazirite

6 The LORD spoke to Moses: [2]Speak to the Israelites and say to them: If a man or a woman makes a binding promise to be a nazirite in order to be dedicated to the LORD, [3]that person must refrain from wine and brandy. He or she may not drink wine vinegar or brandy vinegar, nor drink any grape juice or eat grapes, whether fresh or dried. [4]While a nazirite, the person may not eat anything produced from the grapevine, not even its seeds or skin.

[5]For the term of the nazirite promise, no razor may be used on the head until the period of dedication to the LORD is fulfilled. The person is to be holy, letting his or her hair grow untrimmed. [6]The period of dedication to the LORD also requires that the person not go near a corpse, [7]whether father,

5:15 Lv 5:11; 1Ki 17:18; Eze 29:16
5:18 Lv 10:6; Nm 5:15
5:19 Ex 22:11; 1Ki 8:31
5:20 Nm 5:12
5:21 Josh 6:26; 1Sa 14:24; Neh 10:29
5:22 Dt 27:15; Ps 109:18
5:25 Lv 8:27
5:26 Lv 2:2, Lv 2:9, Lv 5:12
5:27 Jer 29:18, Jer 42:18, Jer 44:12; Zec 8:13
6:2 Jgs 13:5, Jgs 16:17; Am 2:11; Ac 21:23
6:3 Lv 10:9; Jgs 13:14; Ru 2:14; Lk 1:15
6:4 Nm 6:3; Jgs 13:14; 2Ki 4:42
6:5 Jgs 13:5, Jgs 16:17; 1Sa 1:11
6:6 Nm 19:11
6:7 Nm 9:6

[d]Two quarts; one ephah is approximately twenty quarts dry.

mother, brother, or sister. Nazirites should not defile themselves because of the death of these people, because they bear the sign of their dedication to God on their heads.

[8]While a nazirite, the person is holy to the LORD. [9]If someone suddenly dies nearby, defiling the head of the nazirite, he or she will shave the head on the day of cleansing; they will shave it on the seventh day. [10]On the eighth day the person will bring two turtledoves or two young doves to the priest at the entrance of the meeting tent. [11]The priest will offer one for a purification offering and the other as an entirely burned offering. He will seek reconciliation for the person on account of the guilt acquired from the corpse, and he will make the head holy again on that same day. [12]The person will be rededicated to the LORD as a nazirite and bring a one-year-old male lamb for a compensation offering. The previous period will be invalid, because the nazirite promise was defiled.

[13]This is the Instruction for the nazirite. When the term as a nazirite is completed, the person will be brought to the entrance of the meeting tent [14]and offer a gift to the LORD, consisting of a flawless one-year-old male lamb as an entirely burned offering, a flawless one-year-old female lamb as a purification offering, one flawless ram as a well-being sacrifice, [15]and a basket of loaves of unleavened bread made with fine flour and mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, along with their grain offering and their drink offering. [16]The priest will come close to the LORD and offer the purification and entirely burned offerings. [17]The ram he will offer as a well-being sacrifice to the LORD with the basket of unleavened bread; then the priest will offer the grain offering and the drink offering. [18]The nazirite will shave his ordained head at the meeting tent's entrance, take the hair from his ordained head, and put it in the fire under the well-being sacrifice.

6:9 Nm 6:18; Ac 21:24
6:10 Lv 5:7, Lv 14:22
6:11 Ex 30:10; Lv 14:31; Nm 6:10, Nm 6:14, Nm 8:8
6:12 Lv 5:6
6:13 Ac 21:26
6:14 Lv 3:6; Nm 6:11
6:15 Ex 29:2; Lv 2:4
6:16 Nm 6:10, Nm 6:11, Nm 6:14
6:17 Ex 29:41; Lv 23:13
6:18 Nm 6:9; Ac 18:18, Ac 21:24
6:19 Ex 29:23
6:20 Ex 29:27, Ex 29:28; Lv 7:31, Lv 7:34; Nm 5:25
6:24 1Sa 2:9; Ps 28:9
6:25 Gn 43:29; Ps 31:16, Ps 67:1, Ps 80:3, Ps 119:135
7:1 Ex 40:9, Ex 40:17; Lv 8:10, Lv 8:11
7:3 Gn 45:19

[19]The priest will take the shoulder from the ram after it is boiled, one piece of unleavened bread from the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and place them in the hands of the nazirite after the ordained head is shaved. [20]Then the priest will raise them as an uplifted offering before the LORD; they are holy to the priest, with the breast of the uplifted offering and the thigh of the gift offering. After this the nazirite may drink wine.

[21]This is the instruction for the nazirite who takes the solemn promise. That person's offering to the LORD will be in accordance with the nazirite promise, in addition to whatever else the person may have offered. The person must do just as they have promised, in adherence with the nazirite promise.

Priestly blessing

[22]The LORD spoke to Moses: [23]Tell Aaron and his sons: You will bless the Israelites as follows. Say to them:

[24]The LORD bless you and keep you.
[25]The LORD make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you.
[26]The LORD lift up his face to you
and grant you peace.

[27]They will place my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The dwelling's dedication

7 On the day when Moses finished setting up the dwelling, he anointed and made it holy. All its equipment, as well as the altar and all its equipment, he also anointed and made holy. [2]The chiefs of Israel, the leaders of their households, made their presentations. They were the tribal chiefs and those who were in charge of the enlistment. [3]They brought their offerings before the LORD: six covered wagons and twelve oxen—a wagon for every two chiefs, and an ox for every chief. They brought them near before the dwelling.

[4]The LORD said to Moses: [5]Take these from them and use them for ser-

vice in the meeting tent. Give them to the Levites according to their duties.

[6]So Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and he gave them to the Levites. [7]Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the Gershonites for their duty. [8]Four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the Merarites for their duty under the supervision of Ithamar, Aaron the priest's son. [9]But to the Kohathites he gave nothing because their duty concerned the holy things that had to be carried on the shoulders. [10]The chiefs made their presentations for the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed. The chiefs presented their offerings before the altar.

[11]The LORD said to Moses: One chief per day will present their offering for the dedication of the altar.

[12]The one presenting his offering on the first day was Nahshon, Amminadab's son, from the tribe of Judah. [13]His offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; [14]one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; [15]one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; [16]one male goat for a purification offering; [17]and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon, Amminadab's son.

[18]On the second day Nethanel, Zuar's son, the chief of Issachar, presented his offering. [19]He presented as his offering one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; [20]one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; [21]one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; [22]one male goat for a purification offering; [23]and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanel, Zuar's son.

[24]On the third day Zebulun's Chief Eliab, Helon's son: [25]his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; [26]one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; [27]one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; [28]one male goat for a purification offering; [29]and for the well-being sacrifice, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliab, Helon's son.

[30]On the fourth day Reuben's Chief Elizur, Shedeur's son: [31]his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; [32]one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; [33]one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; [34]one male goat for a purification offering; [35]and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elizur, Shedeur's son.

[36]On the fifth day Simeon's Chief Shelumiel, Zurishaddai's son: [37]his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; [38]one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; [39]one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; [40]one male goat for a purification offering; [41]and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old.

7:12 Ex 6:23; Nm 1:7, Nm 2:3, Nm 10:14, Nm 7:17; Ru 4:20; 1Ch 2:10

7:18 Nm 1:8, Nm 2:5, Nm 10:15

7:24 Nm 1:9, Nm 2:7, Nm 10:16

7:29 Nm 1:9, Nm 2:7, Nm 7:24, Nm 10:16

7:30 Nm 1:5, Nm 2:10, Nm 7:35, Nm 10:18

7:36 Nm 1:6, Nm 2:12, Nm 7:41, Nm 10:19

This was the offering of Shelumiel, Zurishaddai's son.

42On the sixth day Gad's Chief Eliasaph, Deuel's son: 43his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; 44one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; 45one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; 46one male goat for a purification offering; 47and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph, Deuel's son.

48On the seventh day Ephraim's Chief Elishama, Ammihud's son: 49his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; 50one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; 51one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; 52one male goat for a purification offering; 53and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elishama, Ammihud's son.

54On the eighth day Manasseh's Chief Gamaliel, Pedahzur's son: 55his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels by the sanctuary scale, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; 56one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; 57one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; 58one male goat for a purification offering; 59and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel, Pedahzur's son.

60On the ninth day Benjamin's Chief Abidan, Gideoni's son: 61his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; 62one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; 63one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; 64one male goat for a purification offering; 65and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Abidan, Gideoni's son.

66On the tenth day Dan's Chief Ahiezer, Ammishaddai's son: 67his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; 68one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; 69one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; 70one male goat for a purification offering; 71and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer, Ammishaddai's son.

72On the eleventh day Asher's Chief Pagiel, Ochran's son: 73his offering was one silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; 74one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; 75one bull from the herd, one ram, and one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; 76one male goat for a purification offering; 77and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Pagiel, Ochran's son.

78On the twelfth day Naphtali's Chief Ahira, Enan's son: 79his offering was one silver dish weighing one hun-

7:42 Nm 1:14, Nm 2:14, Nm 7:47, Nm 10:20

7:48 Gn 46:20; Nm 1:10, Nm 2:18, Nm 10:22; 1Ch 7:26

7:54 Nm 1:10, Nm 2:20, Nm 10:23

7:60 Nm 1:11, Nm 2:22, Nm 10:24

7:66 Nm 1:12, Nm 2:25, Nm 10:25

7:72 Nm 1:13, Nm 2:27, Nm 10:26

7:78 Nm 1:15, Nm 2:29, Nm 10:27

dred thirty shekels, one silver basin weighing seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; [80]one gold bowl weighing ten shekels full of incense; [81]one bull from the herd, one ram, one year-old male lamb for an entirely burned offering; [82]one male goat for a purification offering; [83]and for the well-being sacrifice two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahira, Enan's son.

[84]This is what the Israelite chiefs provided for the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver basins, and twelve gold bowls; [85]each silver dish weighing one hundred thirty shekels and each basin seventy shekels—all the silver equipment weighed two thousand four hundred shekels according to the sanctuary shekel; [86]the twelve gold bowls full of incense weighing ten shekels each according to the sanctuary shekel—all the gold of the bowls weighed one hundred twenty shekels; [87]all the animals for the entirely burned offering were twelve bulls, twelve rams, twelve male lambs a year old, with their grain offering; twelve male goats for the purification offering; [88]and all the animals for the well-being sacrifice were twenty-four bulls, sixty rams, sixty male goats, and sixty male lambs a year old. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.

Moses in the dwelling

[89]When Moses entered the meeting tent to speak with the LORD,[e] he would hear the voice speaking to him from above the cover[f] that was on the chest containing the covenant, from between the two winged creatures. In this way he spoke to Moses.

The lampstand

8 The LORD spoke to Moses: [2]Speak to Aaron and say to him: When you set them up, the seven lamps will give light in front of the lampstand.

[3]Aaron did so. He set up its lamps in front of the lampstand as the LORD commanded Moses. [4]This is how the lampstand was made: it was hammered gold; from its base to its flower it was hammered. Moses made the lampstand according to the vision that the LORD had shown Moses.

Dedication of the Levites

[5]The LORD spoke to Moses: [6]Separate the Levites from the Israelites and cleanse them. [7]This is what you will do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purification on them, have them shave their bodies, wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves. [8]They will take a bull from the herd, with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil. You will take a second bull from the herd for a purification offering. [9]You will bring the Levites before the meeting tent and gather the entire Israelite community. [10]Then you will bring the Levites into the LORD's presence, and the Israelites will lay their hands on the Levites. [11]Aaron will present the Levites as an uplifted offering in the LORD's presence from the Israelites so that they may do the LORD's service. [12]Then the Levites will lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, and Aaron will offer one as a purification offering and the other as an entirely burned offering to the LORD in order to seek reconciliation for the Levites.

[13]You will have the Levites stand before Aaron and his sons and you will present them as an uplifted offering to the LORD. [14]You will separate the Levites from the Israelites, and the Levites will be mine. [15]The Levites will enter to serve the meeting tent, after you have cleansed them and presented them as an uplifted offering. [16]They are given over to me from the Israelites in place of all the newborn, the oldest of all the Israelites. I take them for myself. [17]Every oldest male among the Israelites

8:6 Lv 22:2, Lv 22:3; Nm 8:7, Nm 8:14; Is 52:11

8:7 Gn 35:2; Lv 14:8, Lv 14:9; Nm 19:9

8:16 Ex 13:2; Nm 3:9, Nm 3:12, Nm 3:40, Nm 3:45

[e]Or *him* [f]Or *mercy seat* or perhaps *reconciliation cover* (Heb *kapporet*)

is mine, whether human or animal. When I killed all the oldest males in the land of Egypt, I dedicated them to myself. 18I have taken the Levites in place of all the oldest among the Israelites. 19I have selected the Levites from the Israelites for Aaron and his sons to perform the service of the Israelites in the meeting tent and to seek reconciliation for the Israelites so that there will not be a plague when the Israelites approach the sanctuary.

20Moses, Aaron, and the entire Israelite community carried out for the Levites everything the LORD had commanded Moses. That is what the Israelites did for the Levites. 21The Levites purified themselves and washed their clothes. Aaron presented them as an uplifted offering in the LORD's presence, and he sought reconciliation for them in order to cleanse them. 22After this the Levites went in to perform their service in the meeting tent before Aaron and his sons. They did for the Levites just as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning them.

23The LORD spoke to Moses: 24This rule applies[g] to the Levites: Everyone 25 years old and above will enter into service, performing the duties for the meeting tent. 25At 50 years old each will retire from service. They will perform their duties no longer. 26Each may assist his fellow Levites in the meeting tent with some responsibilities, but he may not perform service. This is how you should assign responsibilities to the Levites.

Passover

9 The LORD spoke to Moses in the Sinai desert in the first month[h] of the second year after they had left the land of Egypt: 2Let the Israelites keep the Passover at its appointed time. 3On the fourteenth day of this month at twilight you will keep it at its appointed time. Keep it according to all its regulations and its customary practices.

9:2 Ex 12:3, Ex 12:6; Dt 16:1
9:10 Nm 9:6
9:11 Ex 12:8; 2Ch 30:2
9:12 Ex 12:10, Ex 12:46; Jn 19:36
9:13 Gn 17:14; Ex 12:15
9:15 Ex 13:21, Ex 40:34, Ex 40:38

4Moses instructed the Israelites to keep the Passover. 5At twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month[i] they kept the Passover in the Sinai desert. The Israelites did everything just as the LORD commanded Moses.

6But there were persons who were unclean from contact with a human corpse, and they were unable to keep the Passover on that day. They approached Moses and Aaron that day. 7These persons said to him, "Although we are unclean from contact with a human corpse, why must we be prohibited from presenting the LORD's offering at its appointed time with the rest of the Israelites?"

8Moses said to them, "Wait while I listen for what the LORD will command concerning you."

9The LORD spoke to Moses: 10Tell the Israelites: When any of you or your descendants are unclean from contact with a corpse or are on a long trip, they may still keep the Passover to the LORD. 11They will keep it at twilight on the fourteenth day of the second month.[j] They will eat the Passover lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12They must not leave any of it until morning, nor break any of its bones. They will keep the Passover according to all its regulations. 13But any persons who are clean and not on a trip, yet don't keep the Passover, those persons will be cut off from their people, because they didn't present the LORD's offering at its appointed time. Those persons will bear their sin. 14If an immigrant resides among you and wishes to keep the Passover to the LORD, that one also will keep it according to its regulations and its customary practices. There will be one set of regulations for both of you, for the immigrant and for the native of the land.

Cloud over the dwelling

15On the day the dwelling was erected, the cloud covered the dwelling, the covenant tent. At night until

[g]Heb lacks *rule applies*. [h]March–April, Nisan [i]March–April, Nisan [j]April–May, Iyar

morning, the cloud appeared with lightning over the dwelling. 16It was always there. The cloud covered it by day,[k] appearing with lightning at night. 17Whenever the cloud ascended from the tent, the Israelites would march. And the Israelites would camp wherever the cloud settled. 18At the LORD's command, the Israelites would march, and at the LORD's command they would camp. As long as the cloud settled on the dwelling, they would camp. 19When the cloud lingered on the meeting tent for many days, the Israelites would observe the LORD's direction and they wouldn't march. 20Sometimes the cloud would be over the dwelling for a number of days, so they would camp at the LORD's command, marching again only at the LORD's command. 21Sometimes the cloud would settle only overnight, and they would march when the cloud ascended in the morning. Whether it was day or night, they would march when the cloud ascended. 22Whether it was two days, or a month, or a long time, the Israelites would camp so long as the cloud lingered on the dwelling and settled on it. They wouldn't march. But when it ascended, they would march. 23They camped at the LORD's command and they marched at the LORD's command. They followed the LORD's direction according to the LORD's command through Moses.

Trumpets

10 The LORD spoke to Moses: 2Make two silver trumpets and make them from hammered metalwork. Use them for summoning the community and for breaking camp. 3When both are blown, the entire community will meet you at the entrance of the meeting tent. 4When one is blown, the chiefs, the leaders of Israel's divisions, will meet you. 5When you blow a series of short blasts, the camp on the east side will march. 6And when you blow a second series of short blasts, the camp on the south side will march. You will blow a series of short blasts to announce their march.

7To gather the assembly, blow a long blast, not a series of short blasts. 8Aaron's sons the priests will blow the trumpets. This will be a permanent regulation for you throughout time.

9When you go to war in your land against an enemy who is attacking you, you will blow short blasts with the trumpets so that you may be remembered by the LORD your God and be saved from your enemies.

10On your festival days, your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you will blow the trumpets over your entirely burned offerings and your well-being sacrifices. They will serve as a reminder of you to your God. I am the LORD your God.

Organization of the wilderness march

11On the twentieth day of the second month in the second year, the cloud ascended from the covenant dwelling. 12The Israelites set out on their march from the Sinai desert, and the cloud settled in the Paran desert.

13They marched for the first time at the LORD's command through Moses. 14The banner of Judah's camp marched first with its military units. Nahshon, Amminadab's son, commanded its military. 15Nethanel, Zuar's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Issachar. 16Eliab, Helon's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Zebulun. 17The dwelling was taken down, and the Gershonites and the Merarites, who carried the dwelling, marched. 18The banner of Reuben's camp marched with its military units. Elizur, Shedeur's son, commanded its military. 19Shelumiel, Zurishaddai's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Simeon. 20Eliasaph, Deuel's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Gad. 21The Kohathites, who carried the holy things, marched. The dwelling would be set up before

10:2 Is 1:13
10:3 Jer 4:5; Jl 2:15
10:4 Ex 18:21; Nm 1:16, Nm 7:2
10:5 Nm 2:3, Nm 10:14
10:6 Nm 2:10, Nm 10:18
10:7 Nm 10:3; Jl 2:1
10:8 2Ch 13:12
10:9 Gn 8:1; Nm 31:6; Jgs 2:18; 1Sa 10:18; 2Ch 13:14
10:10 Nm 28:11; Ps 81:3

[k] LXX; MT lacks *by day.*

their arrival. [22]The banner of Ephraim's camp marched with its military units. Elishama, Ammihud's son, commanded its military. [23]Gamaliel, Pedahzur's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Manasseh. [24]Abidan, Gideoni's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Benjamin. [25]The banner of Dan's camp, at the rear of the whole camp, marched with its military units. Ahiezer, Ammishaddai's son, commanded its military. [26]Pagiel, Ochran's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Asher. [27]Ahira, Enan's son, commanded the military of the tribe of Naphtali. [28]This was the order of departure of the Israelites with their military units when they set out.

The chest leads

[29]Moses said to Hobab the Midianite, Reuel's son and Moses' father-in-law, "We're marching to the place about which the LORD has said, 'I'll give it to you.' Come with us and we'll treat you well, for the LORD has promised to treat Israel well."

[30]Hobab said to him, "I won't go; I'd rather go to my land and to my folk."

[31]Moses said, "Please don't abandon us, for you know where we can camp in the desert, and you can be our eyes. [32]If you go with us, whatever good the LORD does for us, we'll do for you."

[33]They marched from the LORD's mountain for three days. The LORD's chest containing the covenant marched ahead of them for three days to look for a resting place for them. [34]Now the LORD's cloud was over them by day when they marched from the camp. [35]When the chest set out, Moses would say, "Arise, LORD, let your enemies scatter, and those who hate you flee." [36]When it rested, he would say, "Return, LORD of the ten thousand thousands of Israel."

Complaint at Taberah

11 When the people complained intensely in the LORD's hearing, the LORD heard and became angry. Then the LORD's fire burned them and consumed the edges of the camp. [2]When the people cried out to Moses, Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire subsided. [3]The name of that place was called Taberah,[1] because the LORD's fire burned against them.

Complaint over the lack of meat

[4]The riffraff among them had a strong craving. Even the Israelites cried again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat? [5]We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. [6]Now our lives are wasting away. There is nothing but manna in front of us."

[7]The manna was like coriander seed and its color was like resin. [8]The people would roam around and collect it and grind it with millstones or pound it in a mortar. Then they would boil it in pots and make it into cakes. It tasted like cakes baked in olive oil. [9]When the dew fell on the camp during the night, the manna would fall with it.

Moses' complaint about leadership

[10]Moses heard the people crying throughout their clans, each at his tent's entrance. The LORD was outraged, and Moses was upset. [11]Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? And why haven't I found favor in your eyes, for you have placed the burden of all these people on me? [12]Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you would say to me, 'Carry them at the breast, as a nurse carries an unweaned child,' to the fertile land that you promised their ancestors? [13]Where am I to get meat for all these people? They are crying before me and saying, 'Give us meat, so we can eat.' [14]I can't bear this people on my own. They're too heavy for me. [15]If you're going to treat me like this, please kill me. If I've found favor in your eyes, then don't let me endure this wretched situation."

10:29 Gn 12:7; Ex 2:18, Ex 3:1; Jgs 4:11

11:1 Ex 14:11, Ex 15:24, Ex 16:2; Lv 10:2; Nm 16:35

11:2 Nm 21:7

11:3 Dt 9:22

11:4 Ex 12:38, Ex 16:3; Ps 78:18; 1Co 10:6

11:5 Ex 16:3; Is 1:8

11:6 Nm 21:5

11:12 Ex 13:5; Is 40:11, Is 49:23

11:14 Ex 18:18

11:15 Ex 32:32; 1Ki 19:4; Job 7:15; Jon 4:3

[1]Or *the place of burning*

16 The LORD said to Moses, "Gather
before me seventy men from Israel's
elders, whom you know as elders and
officers of the people. Take them to
the meeting tent, and let them stand
there with you. 17 Then I'll descend and
speak with you there. I'll take some of
the spirit that is on you and place it on
them. Then they will carry the burden
of the people with you so that you won't
bear it alone. 18 To the people you will
say, 'Make yourselves holy for tomor-
row; then you will eat meat, for you've
cried in the LORD's hearing, "Who will
give us meat to eat? It was better for us
in Egypt." The LORD will give you meat,
and you will eat. 19 You won't eat for just
one day, or two days, or five days, or ten
days, or twenty days, 20 but for a whole
month until it comes out of your nos-
trils and nauseates you. You've rejected
the LORD who's been with you and you
have cried before him, saying, "Why did
we leave Egypt?" '"

21 Moses said, "The people I'm with
are six hundred thousand on foot and
you're saying, 'I will give them meat,
and they will eat for a month.' 22 Can
flocks and herds be found and slaugh-
tered for them? Or can all the fish in the
sea be found and caught for them?"

23 The LORD said to Moses, "Is the
LORD's power too weak? Now you will
see whether my word will come true
for you or not."

24 So Moses went out and told the
people the LORD's words. He assem-
bled seventy men from the people's
elders and placed them around the
tent. 25 The LORD descended in a cloud,
spoke to him, and took some of the
spirit that was on him and placed it
on the seventy elders. When the spirit
rested on them, they prophesied, but
only this once. 26 Two men had re-
mained in the camp, one named Eldad
and the second named Medad, and the
spirit rested on them. They were among
those registered, but they hadn't gone
out to the tent, so they prophesied in
the camp. 27 A young man ran and told
Moses, "Eldad and Medad are proph-
esying in the camp."

28 Joshua, Nun's son and Moses'
assistant since his youth, responded,
"My master Moses, stop them!"

29 Moses said to him, "Are you jeal-
ous for my sake? If only all the LORD's
people were prophets with the LORD
placing his spirit on them!"

Quail from the sea

30 Moses and Israel's elders were as-
sembled in the camp. 31 A wind from
the LORD blew up and brought quails
from the sea. It let them fall by the
camp, about a day's journey all around
the camp and about three feet deep on
the ground. 32 Then the people arose
and gathered the quail all that day, all
night, and all the next day. The least
collected was ten homers,[m] and they
laid them out around the camp. 33 While
the meat was still between their teeth
and not yet consumed, the LORD's
anger blazed against the people. The
LORD struck the people with a very
great punishment. 34 The name of that
place was called Kibroth-hattaavah,[n]
because there they buried the people
who had the craving.

Miriam and Aaron challenge Moses

35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the peo-
ple marched to Hazeroth.

12 When they were in Hazeroth,
1 Miriam and Aaron criticized
Moses on account of the Cushite
woman whom he had married—for he
had married a Cushite woman. 2 They
said, "Has the LORD spoken only
through Moses? Hasn't he also spoken
through us?" The LORD heard it. 3 Now
the man Moses was humble, more so
than anyone on earth.

The LORD defends Moses

4 Immediately, the LORD said to
Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "You three
go out to the meeting tent." So the three
of them went out. 5 Then the LORD de-
scended in a column of cloud, stood at

11:16 Ex 3:16, Ex 24:1, Ex 24:9
11:17 Nm 11:25; 1Sa 10:6; 2Ki 2:9, 2Ki 2:15; Jl 2:28
11:18 Ex 19:10; Nm 11:5
11:20 Ps 106:15
11:23 Nm 23:19; Is 50:2, Is 59:1; Eze 12:25, Eze 24:14
11:24 Ex 24:9; Nm 11:16
11:25 Ex 34:5; Nm 11:17, Nm 12:5; 1Sa 19:20
11:26 1Sa 20:26; Jer 36:5
11:28 Ex 17:9, Ex 24:13, Ex 33:11; Nm 26:65; Mk 9:38
11:29 1Co 14:5
11:31 Ex 16:13; Ps 78:26, Ps 105:40
11:32 Eze 45:11
11:34 Nm 33:16; Dt 9:22
12:1 Ex 2:21, Ex 15:20; Dt 24:9
12:2 Nm 11:1, Nm 16:3
12:3 Mt 11:29
12:5 Ex 13:21, Ex 34:5; Nm 11:25

[m] Two hundred quarts [n] Or *graves of craving*

the entrance of the tent, and called to Aaron and Miriam. The two of them came forward. 6He said, "Listen to my words: If there is a prophet of the LORD among you,° I make myself known to him in visions. I speak to him in dreams. 7But not with my servant Moses. He has proved to be reliable with all my household. 8I speak with him face-to-face, visibly, not in riddles. He sees the LORD's form. So why aren't you afraid to criticize my servant Moses?" 9The LORD's anger blazed against them, and they went back.

The LORD punishes Miriam

10When the cloud went away from over the tent, Miriam suddenly developed a skin disease flaky like snow. Aaron turned toward Miriam and saw her skin disease. 11Then Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my master, please don't punish us for the sin that we foolishly committed. 12Please don't let her be like the stillborn, whose flesh is half eaten as it comes out of the mother's womb."

13So Moses cried to the LORD, "God, please heal her!"

14The LORD said to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not be shamed for seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp for seven days, and afterward she will be brought back." 15So they shut Miriam out of the camp seven days. And the people didn't march until Miriam was brought back. 16Afterward the people marched from Hazeroth, and they camped in the Paran desert.

Leaders explore the land of Canaan

13 The LORD spoke to Moses: 2"Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, which I'm giving to the Israelites. Send one man from each ancestral tribe, each a chief among them. 3So Moses sent them out from the Paran desert according to the LORD's command. All the men were leaders among the Israelites. 4These are their names:

12:6 Gn 31:11, Gn 46:2; 1Ki 3:5; Job 33:15; Jer 23:28

12:7 Ps 105:26; Heb 3:2, Heb 3:5

12:8 Ex 33:11; Dt 34:10

12:10 Dt 24:9; 2Ki 5:27

12:13 Nm 12:14; Jer 17:14

12:14 Lv 13:46; Dt 25:9; Job 30:10

12:15 Nm 12:10; Dt 24:9; Mi 6:4

13:1 Dt 1:22; Josh 14:7

13:8 Nm 11:28, Nm 13:16; Dt 32:44; Josh 1:1

13:16 Nm 13:8; Dt 32:44

13:20 Dt 31:6, Dt 31:23

13:23 Gn 14:13; Nm 13:24, Nm 32:9; Dt 1:24, Dt 8:8

from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua, Zaccur's son;

5from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat, Hori's son;

6from the tribe of Judah, Caleb, Jephunneh's son;

7from the tribe of Issachar, Igal, Joseph's son;

8from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea, Nun's son;

9from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti, Raphu's son;

10from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel, Sodi's son;

11from the tribe of Joseph:

from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi, Susi's son;

12from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel, Gemalli's son;

13from the tribe of Asher, Sethur, Michael's son;

14from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi, Vophsi's son;

15from the tribe of Gad, Geuel, Machi's son.

16These are the names of the men whom Moses sent out to explore the land. Moses changed the name of Hoshea, Nun's son, to Joshua.

17When Moses sent them out to explore the land of Canaan, he said to them, "Go up there into the arid southern plain and into the mountains. 18You must inspect the land. What is it like? Are the people who live in it strong or weak, few or many? 19Is the land in which they live good or bad? Are the towns in which they live camps or fortresses? 20Is the land rich or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Be courageous and bring back the land's fruit." It was the season of the first ripe grapes.

21They went up and explored the land from the Zin desert to Rehob, near Lebo-hamath. 22They went up into the arid southern plain and entered Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of the Anakites, lived. (Hebron was built seven years before Tanis[p] in Egypt.) 23Then they

°Heb uncertain; LXX *If there is a prophet of you for the* LORD. [p]Heb *Zoan*

entered the Cluster ravine, cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and carried it on a pole between them. They also took pomegranates and figs. 24That place was called the Cluster[q] ravine because of the cluster of grapes that the Israelites cut down from there.

Report about the land of Canaan

25They returned from exploring the land after forty days. 26They went directly to Moses, Aaron, and the entire Israelite community in the Paran desert at Kadesh. They brought back a report to them and to the entire community and showed them the land's fruit. 27Then they gave their report: "We entered the land to which you sent us. It's actually full of milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28There are, however, powerful people who live in the land. The cities have huge fortifications. And we even saw the descendants of the Anakites there. 29The Amalekites live in the land of the arid southern plain; the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the mountains; and the Canaanites live by the sea and along the Jordan."

30Now Caleb calmed the people before Moses and said, "We must go up and take possession of it, because we are more than able to do it."

31But the men who went up with him said, "We can't go up against the people because they are stronger than we." 32They started a rumor about the land that they had explored, telling the Israelites, "The land that we crossed over to explore is a land that devours its residents. All the people we saw in it are huge men. 33We saw there the Nephilim (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We saw ourselves as grasshoppers, and that's how we appeared to them."

The Israelites' complaint

14 The entire community raised their voice and the people wept that night. 2All the Israelites criticized Moses and Aaron. The entire community said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt or if only we had died in this desert! 3Why is the LORD bringing us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our children will be taken by force. Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4So they said to each other, "Let's pick a leader and let's go back to Egypt."

5Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the assembled Israelite community. 6But Joshua, Nun's son, and Caleb, Jephunneh's son, from those who had explored the land, tore their clothes 7and said to the entire Israelite community, "The land we crossed through to explore is an exceptionally good land. 8If the LORD is pleased with us, he'll bring us into this land and give it to us. It's a land that's full of milk and honey. 9Only don't rebel against the LORD and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are our prey.[r] Their defense has deserted them, but the LORD is with us. So don't be afraid of them." 10But the entire community intended to stone them.

The LORD's anger and Moses' intercession

Then the LORD's glory appeared in the meeting tent to all the Israelites. 11The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people disrespect me? And how long will they doubt me after all the signs that I performed among them? 12I'll strike them down with a plague and disown them. Then I'll make you into a great nation, stronger than they."

13Moses said to the LORD, "The Egyptians will hear, for with your power you brought these people up from among them. 14They'll tell the inhabitants of this land. They've heard that you, LORD, are with this people. You, LORD, appear to them face-to-face. Your cloud stands over them. You go before them in a column of cloud

13:24 Nm 13:23
13:27 Ex 3:8, Ex 3:17; Dt 1:25
13:28 Nm 13:22, Nm 13:33; Dt 1:28, Dt 9:1, Dt 9:2
14:3 Ex 5:21; Nm 14:31; Dt 1:39
14:4 Neh 9:17
14:5 Nm 16:4, Nm 20:6; 1Ch 21:16
14:6 Gn 37:29, Gn 37:34; Nm 13:30, Nm 14:30; Jgs 11:35
14:10 Ex 16:10, Ex 17:4; Lv 9:23; Nm 16:19, Nm 16:42
14:11 Ps 78:22, Ps 106:24
14:12 Ex 32:10
14:13 Ex 32:11; Josh 7:9; Ps 106:23; Eze 20:9

[q]Or *cluster of grapes* [r]Or *our bread*

by day and in a column of lightning by night. [15]If you kill these people, every last one of them, the nations who heard about you will say, [16]'The LORD wasn't able to bring these people to the land that he solemnly promised to give them. So he slaughtered them in the desert.' [17]Now let my master's power be as great as you declared when you said, [18]'The LORD is very patient and absolutely loyal, forgiving wrongs and disloyalty. Yet he doesn't forgo all punishment, disciplining the grandchildren and great-grandchildren for their ancestors' wrongs.' [19]Please forgive the wrongs of these people because of your absolute loyalty, just as you've forgiven these people from their time in Egypt until now."

[20]Then the LORD said, "I will forgive as you requested. [21]But as I live and as the LORD's glory fills the entire earth, [22]none of the men who saw my glory and the signs I did in Egypt and in the desert, but tested me these ten times and haven't listened to my voice, [23]will see the land I promised to their ancestors. All who disrespected me won't see it. [24]But I'll bring my servant Caleb into the land that he explored, and his descendants will possess it because he has a different spirit, and he has remained true to me. [25]Since the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valley, tomorrow turn and march into the desert by the route of the Reed Sea."[s]

The Israelites' punishment

[26]The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron: [27]How long will this wicked community complain against me? I've heard the Israelites' dissent as they continue to complain against me. [28]Say to them, "As I live," says the LORD, "just as I've heard you say, so I'll do to you. [29]Your dead bodies will fall in this desert. None of you who were enlisted and were registered from 20 years old and above, who complained against me, [30]will enter the land in which I promised[t] to settle you, with the exception of Caleb, Jephunneh's son, and Joshua, Nun's son. [31]But your children, whom you said would be taken by force, I'll bring them in and they will know the land that you rejected. [32]Your bodies, however, will fall in this desert, [33]and your children will be shepherds in the desert for forty years. They will suffer for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies fall in the desert. [34]For as many days as you explored the land, that is, forty days, just as many years you'll bear your guilt, that is, forty years. This is how you will understand my frustration." [35]I the LORD have spoken. I will do this to the entire wicked community who gathered against me. They will die in this desert. There they'll meet their end.

[36]The men whom Moses sent out to explore the land had returned and caused the entire community to complain against him by starting a rumor about the land. [37]These men died by a plague in the LORD's presence on account of their false rumor. [38]But Joshua, Nun's son, and Caleb, Jephunneh's son, survived from those men who went to explore the land.

[39]Moses spoke these words to all the Israelites, and the people mourned bitterly. [40]They rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain range, saying, "Let's go up to the place the LORD told us to, for we have sinned."

[41]But Moses said, "Why do you disobey the LORD's command? It won't succeed. [42]Don't go up, for the LORD isn't with you. Don't be struck down before your enemies. [43]The Amalekites and the Canaanites will be there in front of you and you will fall by the sword because you turned away from the LORD, and the LORD is no longer with you." [44]Yet they recklessly[u] ascended toward the top of the mountains, even though Moses and the LORD's chest containing the covenant

14:18 Ex 20:5, Ex 20:6, Ex 34:6, Ex 34:7; Jon 4:2
14:21 Dt 32:40; Ps 72:19; Is 6:3, Is 49:18; Hab 2:14
14:23 Nm 26:65, Nm 32:11; Dt 1:35; Ps 95:11; Heb 3:18
14:24 Nm 14:6, Nm 26:65, Nm 32:12; Dt 1:36; Josh 14:8
14:27 Ex 16:12
14:28 Nm 14:21
14:29 Nm 1:45, Nm 14:32; 1Co 10:5; Heb 3:17
14:30 Nm 14:38, Nm 32:12
14:31 Nm 14:3; Ps 106:24
14:37 Nm 16:49; 1Co 10:10; Heb 3:17

[s]Or *Red Sea* [t]Or *raised my hand* [u]Heb uncertain

didn't depart from the camp. 45Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites, who lived in those mountains, descended, struck them down, and beat them all the way to Hormah.

15:25 Lv 4:20

Immigrants in the land of Canaan

15 The LORD spoke to Moses: 2Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land where you will live, which I am giving you, 3and you make a food gift[v] to the LORD as a soothing smell for the LORD from the herd or the flock—whether an entirely burned offering, or a sacrifice to fulfill a solemn promise, or a spontaneous gift, or at your sacred seasons—4the one presenting the offering to the LORD will bring a grain offering of one-tenth of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin[w] of oil. 5You will also offer one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering with either the entirely burned offering or the sacrifice, for each lamb. 6For a ram you will offer a grain offering of two-tenths of a measure of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil. 7You will also present one-third of a hin of wine for a drink offering as a soothing smell for the LORD. 8When you offer a bull for an entirely burned offering, or a sacrifice to fulfill a solemn promise, or a well-being sacrifice to the LORD, 9you will present[x] with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths of a measure of fine flour mixed with a half hin of oil. 10You will present a half hin of wine for a drink offering as a food gift that is a soothing smell to the LORD. 11So will it be done with each ox, each ram, or for any sheep or goat. 12However many you offer, you will do the same for each one.

13Every citizen will perform these rituals in bringing a food gift that is a soothing smell to the LORD. 14If an immigrant lives with you or has settled among you for many years and would also like to offer a food gift that is a soothing smell to the LORD, that person must do just as you do. 15The assembly will have the same regulation for you and for the immigrant. The regulation will be permanent for all time. You and the immigrant will be the same in the LORD's presence. 16There will be one set of instructions and one legal norm for the immigrant and for you.

17The LORD spoke to Moses: 18Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land to which I'm bringing you, 19whenever you eat the land's food you will present a gift offering to the LORD. 20You will present a gift offering from the first bread you bake just like you present a gift offering from the threshing floor. 21You will give a gift offering from the first bread you bake for all time.

Offerings for accidental sin

22If by accident you don't obey all these commands that the LORD spoke to Moses, 23or everything that the LORD commanded you through Moses from the day of the LORD's command onward for all time, 24then if it was done unintentionally without the knowledge of the community, the entire community must offer one bull from the herd as an entirely burned offering, a soothing smell to the LORD, with its grain and drink offering according to the specific instruction, and one male goat for a purification offering. 25The priest will seek reconciliation for the entire Israelite community. They will be forgiven, because it was unintentional and because they brought their food gift to the LORD, along with their purification offering in the LORD's presence for their accidental error. 26The entire Israelite community and the immigrant residing among them will be forgiven, because all the people acted unintentionally.

27If an individual sins unintentionally, that person must present a one-year-old female goat for a purification offering. 28The priest will seek reconciliation in the LORD's presence for the person who sinned unintentionally, when the sin is an accident, seeking reconciliation so that person will be forgiven. 29There will be one set of instructions

[v]Or *offering by fire* (cf Lev 3:11) [w]One hin is approximately one gallon. [x]Or *he will present*

for the Israelite citizen and the immigrant residing with you for anyone who commits an unintentional sin.

Punishment for intentional sin

30 But the person who acts deliberately,[y] whether a citizen or an immigrant, and insults the LORD, that person will be cut off from the people 31 for despising the LORD's word and breaking his commands. That person will be completely cut off and bear the guilt.

Instructions for Sabbath observance

32 When the Israelites were in the desert, they found a man gathering wood on the Sabbath day. 33 Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses, Aaron, and the entire community. 34 They placed him in custody, because it wasn't clear what should be done to him. 35 Then the LORD said to Moses: The man should be put to death. The entire community should stone him outside the camp. 36 The entire community took him outside the camp and stoned him. He died as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Fringes on garments

37 The LORD said to Moses: 38 Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Make fringes on the edges of your clothing for all time. Have them put blue cords on the fringe on the edges. 39 This will be your fringe. You will see it and remember all the LORD's commands and do them. Then you won't go exploring the lusts of your own heart or your eyes. 40 In this way you'll remember to do all my commands. Then you will be holy to your God. 41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD your God.

A challenge to the priesthood

16 Korah—Izhar's son, Kohath's grandson, and Levi's great-grandson—with Dathan and Abiram, Eliab's sons, and On, Peleth's son, descendants of Reuben, 2 rose up against Moses, along with two hundred fifty Israelite men, leaders of the community, chosen by the assembly, men of reputation. 3 They assembled against Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You've gone too far, because the entire community is holy, every last one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the LORD's assembly?"

4 When Moses heard this, he fell on his face. 5 He spoke to Korah and all his community, "In the morning the LORD will make known who is his, who is holy, and who is able to approach him. The one he chooses for himself is the one who will be able to approach him. 6 This is what must be done. Korah and your entire community: Take censers for yourselves. 7 Tomorrow put fire in them and place incense on them in the LORD's presence. The man whom the LORD chooses, that one is holy. You Levites have gone too far!" 8 Moses said to Korah, "Listen, you Levites, 9 isn't it enough for you that Israel's God has separated you from the Israelite community to allow you to approach him, to perform the service of the LORD's dwelling, and to serve before the community by ministering for them? 10 He has allowed you and all your fellow Levites with you to approach him. Yet you also seek the priesthood? 11 Thus you and your entire community have assembled against the LORD. But Aaron, what is he that you complain about him?"

Test of priesthood

12 Moses sent for Dathan and Abiram, Eliab's sons. But they said, "We won't come up! 13 Isn't it enough that you've brought us up from a land full of milk and honey to kill us in the desert so that you'd also dominate us? 14 Moreover, you haven't brought us to a land full of milk and honey, nor given us the inheritance of field and

15:30 Ps 19:13
15:32 Ex 20:8, Ex 31:14, Ex 31:15, Ex 35:2, Ex 35:3
15:34 Lv 24:12; Nm 9:8
15:35 Ex 31:14; Lv 24:14
15:36 Lv 20:2; Nm 15:35; Josh 7:25
15:38 Dt 22:12; Mt 23:5
15:39 Job 31:7; Ps 73:27; Eze 6:9
16:1 Ex 6:18, Ex 6:21; Nm 26:9; Dt 11:6; Jud 1:11
16:2 Nm 1:16, Nm 26:9
16:3 Ex 19:6; Nm 16:7; Ps 106:16
16:4 Nm 14:5, Nm 20:6
16:5 Lv 10:3; Nm 17:5; Ps 65:4; 2Ti 2:19
16:6 Lv 10:1, Lv 16:12; Nm 16:16
16:7 Nm 16:3
16:9 Dt 10:8
16:10 Nm 3:10
16:11 Ex 4:14, Ex 5:20, Ex 16:7, Ex 16:8; 1Co 3:5
16:12 Nm 16:1, Nm 16:27
16:13 Ex 2:14, Ex 3:8, Ex 16:3; Ac 7:35
16:14 Ex 22:5, Ex 23:11; Lv 20:24; Nm 20:5; Jgs 16:21

[y] Or *with a high hand*

vineyard. Would you also gouge out the eyes of these men? We won't come up!"

15 Moses became very angry and he said to the LORD, "Pay no attention to their offering. I haven't taken a single donkey from them, nor have I wronged any one of them."

16 Moses said to Korah, "You and your entire community should appear before the LORD tomorrow, you, they, and Aaron. 17 Every person should take his censer, place incense on it, and present it before the LORD. Each person will carry his censer, two hundred fifty censers in all, including you and Aaron." 18 Then every person took his censer, placed fire on it, put incense on it, and stood at the entrance of the meeting tent with Moses and Aaron. 19 Korah gathered the entire community with them to the entrance of the meeting tent.

Then the LORD's glory appeared to the entire community. 20 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, 21 "Separate yourselves from this community so that I may consume them in a moment."

22 They fell on their faces and said, "God, the God of all living things. If one person sins, should you become angry with the entire community?"

23 The LORD said to Moses, 24 "Speak to the community and say, 'Withdraw from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'"

25 Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram. Israel's elders followed him. 26 He spoke to the community: "Move away from the tents of these wicked men and don't touch anything of theirs, lest you too be wiped out for all their sins." 27 They withdrew from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Then Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the entrance of their tents with their wives, children, and little ones. 28 Moses said, "By this you will know that the LORD sent me to do these deeds and that it wasn't my own desire. 29 If all these people die a natural death, or if their fate be that of all humans, then the LORD hasn't sent me. 30 But if the LORD performs an act of creation, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them and everything that belongs to them, so that they descend alive to their graves, then you'll know that these men disrespected the LORD."

The rebels' punishment

31 As soon as he finished speaking these words, the ground under them split open. 32 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, including every human that belonged to Korah and all their possessions. 33 They along with all their possessions descended alive to their graves, and the earth closed over them. They perished in the middle of the assembly. 34 All the Israelites who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, "The earth may swallow us." 35 Then fire went out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred fifty men offering incense.

The reminder of the censers

36 [z] The LORD spoke to Moses: 37 Tell Eleazar, Aaron the priest's son, to raise the censers from the fire and scatter the ashes about, because they are holy. 38 Hammer the censers of those who sinned and lost their lives into thin plates for the altar. Since they presented them in the LORD's presence, they had become holy. They will be a sign for the Israelites.

39 Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers presented by those who had been consumed by fire and hammered them into a covering for the altar, 40 just as the LORD instructed him through Moses. This was a reminder for the Israelites that no outsider who isn't one of Aaron's descendants should approach to burn incense in the LORD's presence, so as not to be like Korah and his community.

41 On the next day the entire Israelite community complained to Moses

16:15 Ex 32:19; 1Sa 12:3
16:16 Nm 16:6
16:17 Nm 16:16, Nm 16:46
16:18 Lv 10:1
16:19 Nm 14:10, Nm 16:1, Nm 16:42, Nm 20:6
16:20 Ex 33:5; Nm 11:10, Nm 14:11, Nm 21:7, Nm 25:4
16:21 Ex 32:10, Ex 33:5; Nm 16:45; 2Co 6:17; Rev 18:4
16:22 Gn 18:23; Nm 14:5, Nm 27:16; Job 12:10; Zec 12:1
16:25 Nm 11:16
16:26 Gn 19:12; Is 52:11; 2Co 6:17; Rev 18:4
16:27 Nm 16:12
16:28 Ex 3:12; Jn 5:36
16:29 1Ki 22:28
16:30 Nm 14:11, Nm 16:33; Ps 55:15
16:31 Nm 26:10; Dt 11:6; Ps 106:17
16:32 Nm 26:11; 1Ch 6:22
16:33 Jud 1:11
16:34 Nm 17:12; Zec 14:5
16:35 Lv 10:2; Nm 11:1, Nm 26:10
16:38 Nm 17:10, Nm 26:10; Prv 20:2; Eze 14:8; 2Pt 2:6
16:40 Nm 3:10, Nm 3:38; 2Ch 26:18
16:41 Nm 14:2, Nm 16:3

[z] 17:1 in Heb

and Aaron, "You killed the LORD's people." 42When the community assembled against Moses and Aaron, they turned toward the meeting tent. At that moment the cloud covered it, and the LORD's glory appeared. 43Moses and Aaron came to the front of the meeting tent, 44and the LORD spoke to Moses: 45Get away from this community, so that I may consume them in an instant.

They fell on their faces, 46and Moses said to Aaron, "Take the censer, put fire from the altar on it, place incense on it, go quickly to the community, and seek reconciliation for them. Indeed, the LORD's anger has gone out. The plague has begun." 47Aaron took it as Moses said and ran into the middle of the assembly, for the plague had already begun among the people. He burned incense and sought reconciliation for the people. 48He stood between the dead and the living, and the plague stopped. 49Those who died from the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, in addition to those who died because of Korah. 50Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the meeting tent once the plague stopped.

Aaron's budding staff

17 [a]The LORD spoke to Moses: 2Speak to the Israelites and take from them a staff from each household, from each of the chiefs of their households, twelve staffs. Write each person's name on his staff. 3Write Aaron's name on Levi's staff, for there will be one staff for the leader of each household. 4Then you will place them in the meeting tent in front of the chest containing the covenant, where I meet you. 5The staff of the person I choose will sprout. Then I will rid myself of the Israelites' complaints that they make against you.

6Moses spoke to the Israelites, and each of their chiefs gave him a staff, one staff for each chief and his household, twelve staffs, and the staff of Aaron was with their staffs. 7Moses placed the staffs before the LORD in the meeting tent. 8The next day Moses entered the covenant tent, and Aaron's staff of Levi's household had sprouted. It grew shoots, produced blossoms, and bore almonds. 9Moses brought out all the staffs from the LORD's presence to the Israelites. They saw what happened, and each person took back his staff.

10Then the LORD said to Moses, "Return Aaron's staff in front of the chest containing the covenant to serve as a sign to the rebels so that their complaints against me end and they don't die." 11Moses did exactly as the LORD commanded him.

12The Israelites said to Moses, "We are perishing. We are being destroyed. All of us are being destroyed. 13Anyone who approaches the LORD's dwelling will die. Are we doomed to perish?"

The priests' and Levites' duties

18 The LORD said to Aaron: You, your sons, and your household will bear the guilt of offenses connected with the sanctuary. You and your sons will bear the guilt of offenses connected with your priesthood. 2Bring with you your brothers from the tribe of Levi, your father's tribe, so that they can assist you and serve you and your sons before the covenant tent. 3They will perform their duties for you and the service for the entire tent. But they will not approach the holy equipment of the sanctuary or the altar, lest both they and you die. 4They will assist you and they will perform the duties of the meeting tent with regard to all the work of the tent. But no outsider may accompany you. 5You will perform the duties of the sanctuary and the altar. Then there will no longer be any anger against the Israelites. 6I have taken your brothers, the Levites, from the Israelites. They are a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD to perform the service of the meeting tent. 7You and

16:46 Lv 10:1, Lv 10:6; Nm 8:19
16:47 Nm 16:46, Nm 25:6
16:48 Nm 25:8; 2Sa 24:25
17:1 Ex 8:8, Ex 9:29, Ex 10:1, Ex 10:16, Ex 11:1
17:5 Nm 16:5
17:7 Ex 38:21; Nm 17:8; 2Ch 24:6; Ac 7:44
17:8 Nm 17:7; 2Ch 24:6; Eze 17:24; Heb 9:4
17:10 Heb 9:4
17:12 Is 6:5; Hos 10:8
18:1 Ex 28:38
18:7 Nm 1:51, Nm 3:10

[a]17:16 in Heb

your sons must perform the duties of your priesthood for all the matters of the altar and the area behind the curtain. I give you your priestly service as a gift. But an outsider who approaches will die.

The priests' compensation

[8]The LORD spoke to Aaron: I now place you in charge of my gifts, including all the Israelites' sacred offerings. I have given them to you and your sons as an allowance. This is a permanent regulation. [9]This is what belongs to you from the most holy offerings, from the offerings by fire: all their offerings, including their grain offerings, their purification offerings, and their compensation offerings. The most holy offerings that they bring to me will be yours and your sons'. [10]You will eat it as a most holy thing. Every male may eat it. It will be holy to you. [11]This will also belong to you, your sons, and your daughters: I'm giving you the gift offerings and all the Israelites' uplifted offerings. This is a permanent regulation. Anyone who is clean in your household may eat it. [12]All the choice oil, new wine, and the grain's first harvest that they give to the LORD, I'm giving to you. [13]The early produce of everything in their land, which they bring to the LORD, will be yours. Anyone who is clean in your household may eat it. [14]Everything that is devoted to the LORD in Israel will be yours. [15]Any oldest male from the womb of any living thing that is presented to the LORD, whether human or animal, will be yours. However, you will redeem the oldest males of humans and of unclean animals. [16]Their redemption price from one month of age you will calculate at five shekels of silver according to the sanctuary shekel, which is twenty gerahs. [17]But the oldest offspring of a cow, sheep, or goat you may not redeem. They are holy. You must dash their blood on the altar and turn their fat into smoke for a soothing smell to the LORD. [18]But their meat is yours. It will be yours just as the breast of the uplifted offering and the right thigh are yours. [19]All the holy gift offerings that the Israelites raise to the LORD I have given to you, your sons, and your daughters. This is a permanent regulation. It is a covenant of salt forever in the LORD's presence, for you and your descendants.

[20]The LORD said to Aaron: You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have a share among them. I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites.

The Levites' compensation

[21]I have given all the one-tenth portions in Israel to the Levites as an inheritance. They are a reward for performing their service in the meeting tent. [22]The Israelites will no longer be able to approach the meeting tent, or they will be responsible for their sin and die. [23]The Levites will perform the service of the meeting tent, and they will be responsible for their own sins. This is a permanent regulation for all time. But they will not inherit land among the Israelites [24]because I've given the Israelites' one-tenth portion, which they have raised to the LORD as a gift offering, as an inheritance to the Levites. Therefore, I've said to them, "They won't inherit land among the Israelites."

[25]The LORD spoke to Moses: [26]Speak to the Levites and say to them: When you receive from the Israelites the one-tenth portion that I have given you from them as your inheritance, you also must present a gift offering to the LORD from it, a tenth from the one-tenth portion. [27]It will be considered your gift offering, like the grain of the threshing floor and what fills the winepress. [28]In this way you will also present a gift offering to the LORD from all the one-tenth portions that you take from the Israelites. You will provide from it a gift offering to the LORD for Aaron the priest. [29]You will present each gift offering to the LORD from all

18:8 Lv 6:16, Lv 7:6, Lv 7:31

18:12 Dt 18:4; Neh 10:35

18:15 Ex 13:2, Ex 13:13, Ex 34:20; Nm 3:46

18:16 Ex 30:13; Lv 27:6; Nm 3:47

18:19 Lv 2:13; Nm 18:8, Nm 18:11; 2Ch 13:5

18:20 Dt 10:9, Dt 12:12, Dt 14:27; Josh 13:33; Eze 44:28

18:21 Lv 27:30; Nm 18:24; Dt 14:22; Neh 10:37; Heb 7:5

18:22 Nm 1:51, Nm 3:38

18:23 Nm 18:20

18:24 Lv 10:14; Nm 5:9, Nm 18:20, Nm 18:21, Nm 18:26

18:26 Nm 18:21, Nm 18:28; Neh 10:38

18:27 Nm 18:30; Dt 15:14

your gifts, from its best portions and its holiest parts.

30You will say to them: When you have presented the best portion, it will be considered for the Levites equivalent to the produce of the grain and the produce of the winepress. 31You and your household may eat it anywhere, because it is payment for your service in the meeting tent. 32You will not bear guilt after you have presented the best portion. But you must not make the sacred gifts of the Israelites impure, on penalty of death.

Instructions about the red cow and the water of purification

19 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron: 2This is the regulation in the Instruction that the LORD commanded. Tell the Israelites that they must bring you a red cow without defect, which is flawless and on which no yoke has been laid. 3You will give it to Eleazar the priest, and he will take it outside the camp and slaughter it in front of him. 4Eleazar the priest will take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle it seven times in front of the meeting tent. 5Then he will burn the cow in front of him, its skin, flesh, and blood, with its dung. 6The priest will take cedarwood, hyssop, and crimson cloth and throw them into the fire where the cow is burning. 7Then the priest will wash his clothes and bathe his body in water. Afterward the priest will enter the camp, but he will be unclean until evening. 8The one who burned the cow will wash his clothes in water and bathe his body in water, but he will be unclean until evening. 9A person who is clean will gather the ashes of the cow and place them outside the camp in a clean place. They will be kept for the water of purification for the Israelite community as a purification offering. 10The one who gathers the ashes of the cow will wash his clothes but will be unclean until evening. This will be a permanent regulation for the Israelites and for the immigrant who lives among them.

19:1 Ex 12:1; Lv 10:8, Lv 11:1, Lv 13:1, Lv 15:1

19:2 Gn 15:9; Dt 21:3; 1Sa 6:7; Heb 9:13

19:3 Lv 4:12, Lv 4:21; Nm 3:4; Heb 13:11

19:4 Lv 4:6, Lv 4:17, Lv 16:14

19:5 Ex 29:14; Lv 4:11, Lv 4:12

19:6 Lv 14:4, Lv 14:6, Lv 14:49; Ps 51:7; Heb 9:19

19:7 Lv 11:25, Lv 14:8, Lv 16:26, Lv 16:28

19:9 Nm 19:13, Nm 31:23; Heb 9:13

19:10 Nm 19:7

19:11 Lv 21:1; Nm 5:2, Nm 9:6, Nm 19:16, Nm 31:19

19:12 Nm 19:19, Nm 31:19

19:13 Lv 7:20, Lv 15:31, Lv 22:3; Nm 19:20

Contact with a dead body

11The person who touches the dead body of any human will be unclean for seven days. 12That person must be cleansed with water on the third and seventh days to be clean. If he fails to be cleansed with water on the third and seventh days, he will not be clean. 13Anyone who touches the body of a human who has died and doesn't cleanse himself defiles the LORD's dwelling. Such persons must be cut off from Israel because the water of purification wasn't sprinkled on them. They remain unclean.

14This is the instruction: When anyone dies in a tent, all who go into the tent and all who are in the tent are unclean for seven days. 15Any open jar without a sealed cover on it is unclean. 16Anyone in the open field who touches a person slain by the sword, or who died naturally, or a human bone or a grave, will be unclean for seven days. 17For the unclean person, they will take some of the ashes of the purification offering and place fresh water with it in a jar. 18Then a clean person will take hyssop, dip it into the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the jars, on the people who were there, and on anyone who touched bone, the slain, the dead, or the grave. 19On the third day and the seventh day the clean person will sprinkle it on the unclean, so that he will have purified him on the seventh day. He will then wash his clothes, bathe in water, and be clean at evening. 20Any person who is unclean and didn't cleanse himself will be cut off from the assembly, because he has defiled the LORD's sanctuary. He didn't have the water of purification sprinkled on him. He is unclean. 21This will be a permanent regulation for them. The one who sprinkles the water of purification will wash his own clothes. Anyone who touches the water of purification will be unclean until evening. 22Whoever the unclean person touches will be unclean, and

the one who touches the unclean will be unclean until evening.

Lawsuit over water and Moses' disobedience

20 In the first month,[b] the entire Israelite community entered the Zin desert and the people stayed at Kadesh. Miriam died and was buried there. [2]Now there was no water for the community, and they assembled against Moses and Aaron. [3]Then the people confronted Moses and said to him, "If only we too had died when our brothers perished in the LORD's presence! [4]Why have you brought the LORD's assembly into this desert to kill us and our animals here? [5]Why have you led us up from Egypt to bring us to this evil place without grain, figs, vines, or pomegranates? And there's no water to drink!"

[6]Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the meeting tent and they fell on their faces. Then the LORD's glory appeared to them. [7]The LORD spoke to Moses: [8]"You and Aaron your brother, take the staff and assemble the community. In their presence, tell the rock to provide water. You will produce water from the rock for them and allow the community and their animals to drink."

[9]Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, as the LORD had commanded him. [10]Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. He said to them, "Listen, you rebels! Should we produce water from the rock for you?" [11]Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice. Out flooded water so that the community and their animals could drink.

[12]The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you didn't trust me to show my holiness before the Israelites, you will not bring this assembly into the land that I am giving them." [13]These were the waters of Meribah,[c] where the Israelites confronted the LORD with controversy and he showed his holiness to them.

20:1 Ex 15:20; Nm 12:1, Nm 13:21, Nm 13:26, Nm 33:36

20:2 Ex 17:1; Nm 16:19, Nm 16:42

20:3 Ex 17:2; Nm 14:2, Nm 16:31

20:4 Ex 14:11, Ex 16:3, Ex 17:3; Nm 16:13

20:5 Nm 13:23, Nm 16:14; Jer 2:2

20:6 Nm 14:5

20:8 Ex 4:17, Ex 17:5, Ex 17:6

20:9 Nm 17:10

20:10 Ps 106:32, Ps 106:33

20:11 Ex 17:6; Nm 20:8, Nm 20:10; 1Co 10:4

20:12 Nm 11:21, Nm 20:24, Nm 27:14; Dt 1:37, Dt 32:51

20:13 Ex 17:7; Ps 95:8

20:17 Nm 21:22; Dt 2:27; Jgs 11:17

20:20 Nm 20:18; Jgs 11:17; Am 1:11

20:24 Gn 25:8; Nm 20:10, Nm 20:12, Nm 27:13, Nm 31:2

20:25 Ex 4:14, Ex 5:20, Ex 6:20; Lv 10:6; Nm 33:38

20:26 Ex 29:29; Nm 20:24

20:27 Nm 20:12, Nm 20:23, Nm 20:28

The Israelites confront Edom

[14]Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: "This is what your brother Israel says: 'You know all the adversity that has happened to us. [15]How our ancestors went down to Egypt and lived in Egypt for a long time. The Egyptians oppressed us as they had our ancestors, [16]and we cried out to the LORD. He heard our voice, sent a messenger, and brought us out of Egypt. Now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border. [17]Please let us cross through your land. We won't pass through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will walk on the King's Highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we have crossed your border.'"

[18]Edom said to him, "You won't cross through, or I will come out against you with a sword."

[19]The Israelites said to him, "We'll go up by the road. If we drink from your water, either we or our livestock, we'll pay for it. It's a small matter. We would only ask to cross on foot."

[20]But he said, "You won't cross." Then Edom came out against them with a powerful army and a strong hand. [21]Edom refused to allow Israel to cross his border. And Israel turned away from him. [22]They marched from Kadesh.

Aaron's death at Mount Hor

The entire Israelite community came to Mount Hor. [23]The LORD said to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor on the border of the land of Edom: [24]Aaron will join his ancestors, for he may not enter the land that I've given to the Israelites, because you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah. [25]Take Aaron and his son Eleazar, and bring them up Mount Hor. [26]Strip Aaron of his clothes and put them on Eleazar his son. Then Aaron will die there.

[27]Moses did as the LORD

[b]March–April, Nisan [c]Or *confrontation*

commanded. They went up Mount Hor in the sight of the entire community. [28]Moses stripped Aaron of his clothes and put them on Eleazar his son. Aaron died there at the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar descended from the mountain. [29]When the entire community saw that Aaron had died, the entire household of Israel wept thirty days for Aaron.

Defeat of the Canaanite king of Arad

21 When the Canaanite king of Arad, who ruled in the arid southern plain, heard that the Israelites were coming on the Atharim road, he fought against Israel and took some of them captive. [2]Then Israel made a solemn promise to the LORD and said, "If you give this people into our hands, we will completely destroy their city." [3]The LORD heard the voice of Israel and handed the Canaanites over. They completely destroyed them and their cities, so the name of the place is called Hormah.[d]

The bronze snake's healing power

[4]They marched from Mount Hor on the Reed Sea[e] road around the land of Edom. The people became impatient on the road. [5]The people spoke against God and Moses: "Why did you bring us up from Egypt to kill us in the desert, where there is no food or water. And we detest this miserable bread!" [6]So the LORD sent poisonous[f] snakes among the people and they bit the people. Many of the Israelites died.

[7]The people went to Moses and said, "We've sinned, for we spoke against the LORD and you. Pray to the LORD so that he will send the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

[8]The LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous snake and place it on a pole. Whoever is bitten can look at it and live." [9]Moses made a bronze snake and placed it on a pole. If a snake bit someone, that person could look at the bronze snake and live.

20:28 Ex 29:29; Nm 20:26, Nm 33:38; Dt 10:6, Dt 32:50

20:29 Lv 10:6; Nm 33:38, Nm 33:39; Dt 34:8

21:1 Nm 33:40; Josh 12:14; Jgs 1:16

21:4 Nm 20:22; Jgs 11:18

21:5 Ex 14:11, Ex 15:24, Ex 16:2, Ex 17:3; Ps 78:19

21:6 Nm 21:7; Dt 8:15; Is 30:6; Jer 8:17; 1Co 10:9

21:7 Ex 8:8; Nm 11:2; 1Sa 12:19; Ps 78:34; Ac 8:24

21:8 Nm 21:9; Jn 3:14

21:9 Nm 21:8; 2Ki 18:4; Jn 3:14, Jn 3:15

21:22 Nm 20:17

March around Moab

[10]Then the Israelites marched and they camped at Oboth. [11]They marched from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim in the desert on the border of Moab toward the east. [12]From there they marched and camped in the Zered ravine. [13]From there they marched and camped across the Arnon in the desert that extends from the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon was the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. [14]For this reason the scroll of the LORD's wars says:

Waheb in Suphah and the ravines.
The Arnon [15]and the ravines
that extend to the settlement of Ar
and lie along the border of Moab.

[16]From there they marched to Beer, the well where the LORD said to Moses, "Gather the people, and I'll give them water." [17]Then the Israelites sang this song:

"Well, flow up!
Sing about it!
[18]The well that the officials dug,
that the officials of the people
hollowed out
with the ruler's scepter
and their staffs."

They marched from the desert to Mattanah; [19]from Mattanah to Nahaliel; from Nahaliel to Bamoth; [20]from Bamoth to the valley in the Moabite countryside, to the top of Pisgah overlooking Jeshimon.[g]

Wars against Sihon and Og

[21]Then the Israelites sent messengers to Sihon the Amorite king: [22]"Let us pass through your land. We won't turn aside into a field or vineyard. We won't drink water from a well. We will walk on the King's Highway until we cross your border."

[23]But Sihon wouldn't allow the Israelites to cross his border. Sihon gathered all his people and went out to

[d]Or *destruction* [e]Or *Red Sea* [f]Heb uncertain [g]Or *wasteland*

meet the Israelites in the desert. When he came to Jahaz, he attacked the Israelites. [24]The Israelites struck him down with their swords and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the Ammonites, for the border of the Ammonites was fortified. [25]The Israelites took all these cities. Then the Israelites settled in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and all its villages.

[26]Now Heshbon was the city of Sihon the Amorite king who had fought against the former king of Moab. He had taken all his land from him as far as the Arnon. [27]Therefore, the poets say:

"Come to Heshbon, let it be built.
Let the city of Sihon be established.
[28]Fire went out from Heshbon,
flame from Sihon's city.
It consumed Ar of Moab
and swallowed up
the shrines of the Arnon.
[29]You are doomed, Moab!
You are destroyed,
people of Chemosh!
He gave his sons as fugitives,
and his daughters as captives
to the Amorite king Sihon.
[30]Yet we have thrown them down,
destroying them[h]
from Heshbon to Dibon.
We brought ruin until Nophah,
which is by Medeba."

[31]Israel settled in the land of the Amorites. [32]Moses sent spies to Jazer. They captured its villages and took possession of the Amorites who were there. [33]Then they turned and ascended the road of Bashan. Og, Bashan's king, came out at Edrei to meet them in battle, he and all his people. [34]The LORD said to Moses: Don't be afraid of him, for I have handed over all his people and his land. Do to him as you did to Sihon the Amorite king who ruled in Heshbon.

[35]They slaughtered Og, his sons, and all his people until there were no survivors. Then they took possession of his land.

21:24 Gn 32:22; Dt 2:37, Dt 3:16; Josh 12:2; Jgs 11:13

22:1 Nm 26:3, Nm 26:63, Nm 31:12, Nm 33:48, Nm 33:49

22:12 Gn 12:2

Balak summons Balaam to curse the Israelites

22 The Israelites marched and camped in the plains of Moab across the Jordan from Jericho. [2]Balak, Zippor's son, saw everything that the Israelites did to the Amorites. [3]The Moabites greatly feared the people, for they were so numerous. The Moabites were terrified of the Israelites. [4]The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, "Now this assembly will devour everything around us, as an ox eats up the grass in the field."

Balak, Zippor's son, was king of Moab at that time. [5]He sent messengers to Balaam, Beor's son, at Pethor, which is by the river in the land of his people,[i] to summon him: "A people has come out of Egypt, and they have now covered the land. They have settled next to me. [6]Now please come and curse this people for me because they are stronger than I am. Perhaps I'll be able to destroy them and drive them from the land, for I know that whomever you bless is blessed and whomever you curse is cursed."

[7]So the elders of Moab and Midian went with the payment for divination in their hands. They came to Balaam and told him Balak's words. [8]He said to them, "Spend the night here and I'll bring back to you a word exactly as the LORD speaks to me." So the officials of Moab stayed with Balaam.

[9]God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?"

[10]Balaam said to God, "Moab's King Balak, Zippor's son, sent them to me with the message, [11]'A people has come out of Egypt and covered the land. Now come and curse them for me. Perhaps I'll be able to fight against them and drive them out.'"

[12]God said to Balaam, "Don't go with them. Don't curse the people, because they are blessed."

[13]Then Balaam arose in the morning and said to Balak's officials, "Go to your land, for the LORD has refused to allow me to go with you."

[h]Heb uncertain; LXX *their posterity has perished* [i]Sam, Syr, Vulg *the Ammonites*

14 The officials of Moab arose, they
went to Balak, and they said, "Balaam
refused to come with us."
15 Balak continued to send other of-
ficials more numerous and important
than these. 16 They came to Balaam and
said to him, "This is what Balak, Zip-
por's son, says: 'Please let nothing hold
you back from coming to me, 17 for I'll
greatly honor you and I'll do anything
you ask of me. Please come and curse
this people for me.'"
18 Balaam answered and said to
Balak's servants, "If Balak were to give
me his house full of silver and gold,
I wouldn't be able to do anything,
small or great, to break the command
of the LORD my God. 19 Now you also
must remain the night here so that
I may know what else the LORD may
say to me."
20 God came to Balaam in the night
and said to him, "If the men have
come to summon you, arise and go
with them. But you must do only what
I tell you to do." 21 So Balaam arose in
the morning, saddled his donkey, and
went with the officials of Moab.

Balaam and the LORD's messenger

22 Then God became angry because
he went. So while he was riding on his
donkey accompanied by his two ser-
vants, the LORD's messenger stood in
the road as his adversary. 23 The don-
key saw the LORD's messenger stand-
ing in the road with his sword drawn
in his hand, so the donkey turned
from the road and went into the field.
Balaam struck the donkey in order to
turn him back onto the road. 24 Then
the LORD's messenger stood in the
narrow path between vineyards with
a stone wall on each side. 25 When the
donkey saw the LORD's messenger, it
leaned against the wall and squeezed
Balaam's foot against the wall, so he
continued to beat it. 26 The LORD's
messenger persisted and crossed over
and stood in a narrow place, where it
wasn't possible to turn either right
or left. 27 The donkey saw the LORD's
messenger and lay down underneath
Balaam. Balaam became angry and
beat the donkey with the rod. 28 Then
the LORD opened the donkey's mouth
and it said to Balaam, "What have I
done to you that you've beaten me
these three times?"
29 Balaam said to the donkey, "Be-
cause you've tormented me. If I had a
sword in my hand, I'd kill you now."
30 The donkey said to Balaam, "Am
I not your donkey, on whom you've
often ridden to this day? Have I been
in the habit of doing this to you?"
Balaam said, "No."
31 Then the LORD uncovered Balaam's
eyes, and Balaam saw the LORD's
messenger standing in the road with
his sword drawn in his hand. Then
he bowed low and worshipped. 32 The
LORD's messenger said to him, "Why
have you beaten your donkey these
three times? I've come out here as an
adversary, because you took the road
recklessly in front of me. 33 The donkey
saw me and turned away from me these
three times. If it hadn't turned away
from me, I would just now have killed
you and let it live."
34 Balaam said to the LORD's mes-
senger, "I've sinned, because I didn't
know that you were standing against
me in the road. Now, if you think it's
wrong, I'll go back."
35 The LORD's messenger said to
Balaam, "Go with the men. But don't say
anything. Say only that which I tell you."
So Balaam went with Balak's officials.

Balaam and Balak meet

36 When Balak heard that Balaam
was coming, he went out to meet him
at Ir-moab, which is on the border of
the Arnon at the farthest point of the
border. 37 Balak said to Balaam, "Didn't
I send urgently and summon you? Why
didn't you come to me? Am I really not
able to honor you?"
38 Balaam said to Balak, "I've now
come to you. But I'm only able to speak
whatever word God gives me to say.
That is what I will speak."

22:17 Nm 22:6, Nm 24:11
22:20 Nm 22:9, Nm 22:35, Nm 23:5, Nm 23:26, Nm 24:13
22:21 2Pt 2:15
22:22 Ex 4:14, Ex 4:24; Nm 11:1, Nm 22:32
22:23 Nm 22:25, Nm 22:27, Nm 22:31; Josh 5:13; 1Ch 21:16
22:28 2Pt 2:16

Balaam's first blessing of the Israelites

39 Then Balaam went with Balak and
they came to Kiriath-huzoth. 40 Balak
sacrificed oxen and sheep and sent
them to Balaam and the officials who
were with him. 41 In the morning Balak
took Balaam and brought him up to
Bamoth-baal, where he could see part
of the people.

23 Balaam said to Balak, "Build me
seven altars here and prepare
for me seven bulls and seven rams."
2 Balak did as Balaam had said. Then
Balak and Balaam offered a bull and
a ram on each altar. 3 Balaam said to
Balak, "Stay by your entirely burned
offering. I will go and perhaps the
LORD will grant me an appearance and
speak. Whatever he shows me, I will
tell you." Then he went off to a high
outlook.

4 God granted Balaam an appear-
ance. Balaam said to him, "I have
arranged seven altars and I have sac-
rificed a bull and a ram on each altar."

5 The LORD gave Balaam something
to say, and said to him, "Return to Balak
and say this."

6 Balaam returned to him, while he
and all the officials of Moab were
standing next to his entirely burned
offering. 7 Then he raised his voice and
made his address:

"From Aram Balak led me,
the king of Moab,
from the eastern mountains.
Come, curse Jacob for me;
come, denounce Israel.
8 How can I curse
whom God hasn't cursed?
How can I denounce
whom God hasn't denounced?
9 From the top of the rocks I see him;
from the hills I gaze on him.
Here is a people living alone;
it doesn't consider itself
among the nations.
10 Who can count the dust of Jacob,
or number a fourth of Israel?
Let me die the death of those
who do right,
and let my end be like his."

11 Then Balak said to Balaam, "What
have you done to me? I took you to curse
my enemy. But now you've blessed him."

12 He answered and said, "Don't I
have to take care to speak whatever the
LORD gives me to say?"

Balaam's second blessing of the Israelites

13 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Come
with me, please, to another place where
you'll see them. You'll see only part of
them. You won't see all of them. Then
curse them for me from there." 14 He
took him to the field of Zophim, to the
top of Pisgah. He built seven altars and
offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

15 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand
here by your entirely burned offering,
while I seek an appearance over there."

16 The LORD granted Balaam an ap-
pearance and gave him a message. He
said, "Return to Balak and say this."

17 Balaam approached Balak, who
was standing by his entirely burned of-
fering with the officials of Moab. Balak
said to him, "What did the LORD say?"

18 Then Balaam raised his voice and
made his address:

"Arise, Balak, and listen;
hear me out, Zippor's son.
19 God isn't a man that he would lie,
or a human being that he would
change his mind.
Has he ever spoken and not done it,
or promised and not fulfilled it?
20 I received a blessing, and he blessed.
I can't take it back.
21 He hasn't envisioned misfortune
for Jacob,
nor has he seen trouble for Israel.
The LORD his God is with him,
proclaimed as his king.
22 God, who brought them out
of Egypt,
is like a magnificent wild bull
for him.
23 There is no omen against Jacob,
no divination against Israel.
Instantly it is told to Jacob,
and to Israel, what God performs.

23:2 Nm 23:14, Nm 23:30
23:10 Gn 13:16; Ps 37:37, Ps 116:15; Is 57:1
23:14 Nm 21:20, Nm 23:1, Nm 23:2, Nm 23:29
23:19 1Sa 15:29; Mal 3:6; Ti 1:2; Heb 6:18; Jas 1:17
23:21 Jer 50:20
23:22 Nm 24:8; Dt 33:17; Job 39:9; Ps 22:21
23:23 Nm 24:1

24:3 Nm 23:7, Nm 24:15
24:4 Gn 15:1; Nm 12:6, Nm 24:16; Eze 1:28; Ac 10:10
24:5 Jer 30:18
24:6 Ps 1:3, Ps 45:8, Ps 104:16; Is 61:3; Jer 17:8
24:7 1Sa 15:8; 2Sa 5:12; 1Ch 14:2
24:8 Nm 23:22, Nm 23:24; Ps 45:5; Jer 50:17
24:9 Gn 12:3, Gn 27:29, Gn 49:9; Nm 23:24
24:10 Nm 23:11; Dt 23:5; Eze 21:14
24:11 Nm 22:17, Nm 22:37
24:12 Nm 22:18, Nm 22:38
24:13 Nm 22:18
24:14 Gn 49:1; Mi 6:5
24:15 Nm 24:3
24:16 Nm 24:4
24:17 Gn 49:10; 2Sa 8:2; Jer 48:45; Mt 2:2; Rev 22:16

24 A people now rises like a lioness,
like a lion it stands up.
It doesn't lie down
until it eats the prey
and drinks the blood of the slain."
25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Don't curse them or bless them."
26 But Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Didn't I say to you, 'I'll do whatever the LORD tells me to'?"

Balaam's third blessing of the Israelites

27 Balak said to Balaam, "Please come and I'll take you to another place. Perhaps God will prefer it, so that you could curse him for me from there."
28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, which overlooks Jeshimon.[j]
29 Balaam said to Balak, "Build me seven altars here and prepare for me seven bulls and seven rams." 30 Balak did just as Balaam said. He offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

24 Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless the Israelites, so he didn't go as the other times to seek omens. Instead, he turned toward the desert. 2 Balaam looked up and saw Israel camping by tribes. Then God's spirit came on him. 3 He raised his voice and made his address:

"The oracle of Balaam, Beor's son;
the oracle of a man
whose eye is open.[k]
4 The oracle of one
who hears God's speech,
who perceives the Almighty's[l]
visions,
who falls down with eyes uncovered.
5 How beautiful are your tents, Jacob,
your camps, Israel!
6 Like palm groves that stretch out,
like gardens next to a river,
like eaglewood trees
that the LORD has planted,
like cedar trees next to water.
7 Water will drip from his branches;
his seed will have plenty of water;
his king will be higher than Agag,
and his kingdom will be lifted up.
8 God, who brought him from Egypt,
is like a magnificent wild bull
for him.
He will devour enemy nations
and break their bones;
he will strike with his arrows.
9 He crouched and lay down
like a lion;
like a lioness, who can make her rise?
The one blessing you will be blessed,
and the one cursing you will be
cursed."

10 Balak was angry with Balaam. He pounded his fists. Balak said to Balaam, "I summoned you to curse my enemies, but now you've given a blessing these three times. 11 Now get out of here and go home. I told you I'd greatly honor you, but the LORD has denied you any honor."

Balaam predicts Moab's destruction

12 Balaam said to Balak, "Didn't I tell your messengers, whom you sent to me, 13 'If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I wouldn't be able to break the LORD's command for good or ill by my own will. I'll say whatever the LORD says'? 14 So now I'm going to my people. Let me advise you what this people will do to your people in the days to come." 15 He raised his voice and made his address:

"The oracle of Balaam, Beor's son,
the oracle of a man
whose eye is open.
16 The oracle of one
who hears God's speech,
and understands
the Most High's[m] knowledge,
who perceives the
Almighty's[n] visions,
who falls down
with eyes uncovered.
17 I see him, but not now;
I look at him, but not nearby.
A star comes from Jacob;
a scepter arises from Israel,
smashing Moab's forehead,
the head of all the Sethites.

[j] Or *wasteland* [k] Heb uncertain [l] Heb *Shaddai* or *Mountain One* [m] Heb *Elyon* [n] Heb *Shaddai* or *Mountain One*

18 Edom will become a possession,
Seir a possession of its enemies.
But Israel acts powerfully.
19 Someone from Jacob will rule
and destroy the survivors from Ir."

20 He looked at Amalek
and raised his voice
and gave his address:
"Amalek is foremost
among the nations,
but its end is to perish forever."

21 He looked at the Kenites
and raised his voice
and gave his address:
"Your dwelling is secure;
your nest is set in the rock.
22 Yet Kain will burn
when Asshur takes you
away captive."

23 He raised his voice
and made his address:
"How terrible!
Who will live when God does this?
24 Ships from Kittim
will attack Asshur;
they will attack Eber,
and even he will perish forever."
25 Then Balaam arose, set out, and returned home. Balak also went on his way.

Israelites and Moabites intermarry

25 When the Israelites lived at Shittim, the people made themselves impure by having illicit sex with Moabite women. 2 The Moabite women invited the people to the sacrifices for their god. So the people ate a meal, and they worshipped their god. 3 Israel became attached to the Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry at the Israelites. 4 The LORD said to Moses: Take all the leaders of the people and kill them on behalf of the LORD in broad daylight, so that the LORD's anger turns away from Israel.

5 Then Moses said to Israel's officials, "Each of you: kill your men who are attached to the Baal of Peor."

[o]25:19 in Heb [p]26:1 in Heb

24:18 Gn 32:3; Am 9:12
24:19 Mi 5:2
25:1 Nm 31:16, Nm 33:49; Josh 2:1; Mi 6:5; Rev 2:14
25:2 Ex 34:15; Josh 22:17; 1Co 10:20
25:3 Dt 4:3; 1Ki 16:2; Ps 106:28; Hos 9:10
25:4 Nm 25:11; Dt 13:17; Josh 7:26; 2Sa 21:6
25:5 Ex 18:25, Ex 32:27; Hos 9:10
25:6 Nm 16:42, Nm 16:43, Nm 20:6; Jgs 2:4; Jl 2:17
25:7 Ex 6:25; Josh 22:13; Jgs 20:28; 1Sa 18:10; Ps 106:30
25:8 Nm 16:46, Nm 25:5, Nm 25:11; 2Sa 24:25; Ps 106:29
25:9 Nm 14:37, Nm 25:5; 1Co 10:8
25:10 Ex 32:30; Nm 16:47
25:11 Ex 20:5; Dt 32:16, Dt 32:21; Ps 78:58; Ps 106:30
25:12 Is 54:10; Eze 34:25, Eze 37:26; Mal 2:4, Mal 2:5
25:13 Ex 40:15; Nm 25:11; 1Ki 19:10
25:14 Nm 26:14
25:15 Nm 25:18, Nm 31:8; Josh 13:21
26:1 Nm 25:9

Israelites and Midianites intermarry

6 An Israelite man brought a Midianite woman to his brothers in the sight of Moses and the entire Israelite community, who were weeping at the entrance of the meeting tent. 7 When Phinehas (Eleazar's son and Aaron the priest's grandson) saw this, he arose in the middle of the community, took a spear in his hand, 8 went after the Israelite man into the chamber, and stabbed the two of them, the Israelite man and the woman, through the stomach. Then the plague stopped spreading among the Israelites. 9 Yet those who died by the plague numbered twenty-four thousand.

10 The LORD spoke to Moses: 11 Phinehas (Eleazar's son and Aaron the priest's grandson) has turned back my rage toward the Israelites. Because he was jealous for me among you, I didn't consume the Israelites due to my jealousy. 12 Therefore, say: I'm now giving him my covenant of well-being. 13 It will be for him and his descendants a covenant of permanent priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and sought reconciliation for the Israelites.

14 The name of the slain Israelite man who was killed with the Midianite woman was Zimri the son of Salu, chief of Simeon's household. 15 The name of the slain Midianite woman was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, a tribal leader of a Midianite household. 16 The LORD spoke to Moses: 17 Go after the Midianites and destroy them 18 because they went after you by the deception they devised for you at Peor with Cozbi, the Midianite chief's daughter and their sister, who was killed on the same day as the plague during the events at Peor.

Second census of the Israelite tribes

26 [o]After the plague [p]the LORD said to Moses and Eleazar, Aaron the priest's son: 2 Take a census of the entire Israelite community, from 20 years

old and above by their households, to determine everyone in Israel who is eligible for military service.

3 Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke to the people on the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho: 4 "Take a census of those 20 years old and above as the LORD commanded Moses." The Israelites who left the land of Egypt were:

5 Reuben, Israel's oldest son.

Reuben's descendants: from Hanoch, the Hanochite clan; from Pallu, the Palluite clan; 6 from Hezron, the Hezronite clan; from Carmi, the Carmite clan. 7 These are the Reubenite clans. Their enrollment was 43,730.

8 Pallu's descendants: Eliab.

9 Eliab's descendants: Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram chosen by the community who fought against Moses and Aaron with the community of Korah, when they fought against the LORD. 10 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, along with Korah, when the community died and fire devoured 250 persons. They became a warning sign. 11 But Korah's descendants didn't die.

12 Simeon's descendants according to their clans: from Nemuel, the Nemuelite clan; from Jamin, the Jaminite clan; from Jachin, the Jachinite clan; 13 from Zerah, the Zerahite clan; from Shaul, the Shaulite clan. 14 These are the Simeonite clans, 22,200.

15 Gad's descendants according to their clans: from Zephon, the Zephonite clan; from Haggi, the Haggite clan; from Shuni, the Shunite clan; 16 from Ozni, the Oznite clan; from Eri, the Erite clan; 17 from Arod, the Arodite clan; from Areli, the Arelite clan. 18 These are the Gadite clans. Their enrollment was 40,500.

19 Judah's descendants: Er and Onan. Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. 20 Judah's descendants according to their clans: from Shelah, the Shelanite clan; from Perez, the Perezite clan; from Zerah, the Zerahite clan.

21 Perez's descendants: from Hezron, the Hezronite clan; from Hamul, the Hamulite clan. 22 These are the Judahite clans. Their enrollment was 76,500.

23 Issachar's descendants according to their clans: from Tola, the Tolaite clan; from Puvah, the Punite clan; 24 from Jashub, the Jashubite clan; from Shimron, the Shimronite clan. 25 These are the Issacharite clans. Their enrollment was 64,300.

26 Zebulun's descendants according to their clans: from Sered, the Seredite clan; from Elon, the Elonite clan; from Jahleel, the Jahleelite clan. 27 These are the Zebulunite clans. Their enrollment was 60,500.

28 Joseph's descendants according to their clans: Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 Manasseh's descendants: from Machir, the Machirite clan. Machir fathered Gilead. From Gilead, the Gileadite clan. 30 These are Gilead's descendants: from Iezer, the Iezerite clan; from Helek, the Helekite clan; 31 from Asriel, the Asrielite clan; from Shechem, the Shechemite clan; 32 from Shemida, the Shemidaite clan; and from Hepher, the Hepherite clan. 33 But Zelophehad, Hepher's son, had no sons, only daughters. The names of Zelophehad's daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 34 These are the Manassehite clans. Their enrollment was 52,700.

35 These are Ephraim's descendants according to their clans: from Shuthelah, the Shuthelahite clan; from Becher, the Becherite clan; from Tahan, the Tahanite clan. 36 These are Shuthelah's descendants: from Eran, the Eranite clan. 37 These are Ephraim's descendants. Their enrollment was 32,500.

26:3 Nm 22:1, Nm 26:63, Nm 31:12, Nm 33:48, Nm 35:1; Dt 29:1, Dt 34:1; Josh 13:32

26:5 Gn 46:9; Ex 6:14; Nm 26:8, Nm 1:20; 1Ch 5:1

26:7 Nm 1:21

26:12 Gn 46:10; Ex 6:15; 1Ch 4:24

26:14 Nm 1:23

26:15 Gn 46:16; 1 Ch 5:11

26:18 Nm 1:25

26:19 Gn 38:3-4, Gn 38:7, Gn 46:12; 1Ch 2:3

26:22 Nm 1:27

26:23 Gn 46:13; 1Ch 7:1

26:25 Nm 1:29

26:26 Gn 30:20, Gn 46:14

26:27 Nm 1:31

26:28 Gn 46:20, Gn 48:5; Josh 16:4

26:29 Gn 50:23; Nm 27:1, Nm 36:1; Josh 17:1; 1Ch 7:14

26:34 Nm 1:35

26:35 1Ch 7:20

26:37 Nm 1:33

These are Joseph's descendants according to their clans.

[38]Benjamin's descendants according to their clans: from Bela, the Belaite clan; from Ashbel, the Ashbelite clan; from Ahiram, the Ahiramite clan; [39]from Shupham,[q] the Shuphamite clan; from Hupham, the Huphamite clan. [40]Bela's descendants were Ard and Naaman: from Ard, the Ardite clan; from Naaman, the Naamite clan. [41]These are Benjamin's descendants according to their clans. Their enrollment was 45,600.

[42]These are Dan's descendants according to their clans: from Shuham, the Shuhamite clan. These are the Danite clans according to their clans. [43]All the Shuhamite clans according to their enrollment were 64,400.

[44]Asher's descendants according to their clans: from Imnah, the Imnite clan; from Ishvi, the Ishvite clan; from Beriah, the Beriite clan. [45]From Beriah's descendants: from Heber, the Heberite clan; from Malchiel, the Malchielite clan. [46]The name of Asher's daughter was Serah. [47]These are the clans of Asher's descendants. Their enrollment was 53,400.

[48]Naphtali's descendants according to their clans: from Jahzeel, the Jahzeelite clan; from Guni, the Gunite clan; [49]from Jezer, the Jezerite clan; from Shillem, the Shillemite clan. [50]These are Naphtali's clans according to their clans. Their enrollment was 45,400.

[51]These are the ones enrolled as Israelites: 601,730.

[52]The LORD spoke to Moses: [53]The land will be apportioned to these as an inheritance according to the number of names. [54]To a large clan you will give a large inheritance, and to a small clan you will give a small inheritance. Each will be given its inheritance according to the number of its enrollment. [55]The land, however, will be apportioned by lot. They will inherit according to the names of their ancestral tribes. [56]Whether they are large or small, each tribe will inherit by means of the lot.

Second census of the Levites

[57]These are the ones enrolled as Levites according to their clans: from Gershon, the Gershonite clan; from Kohath, the Kohathite clan; from Merari, the Merarite clan.

[58]These are the Levite clans: the Libnite clan, the Hebronite clan, the Mahlite clan, the Mushite clan, and the Korahite clan. Now Kohath fathered Amram. [59]The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, Levi's daughter, who was born to Levi in Egypt. She gave birth for Amram to Aaron, Moses, and Miriam their sister. [60]To Aaron were born Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [61]Nadab and Abihu died when they made an unauthorized offering to the LORD. [62]Their enrollment was 23,000, consisting of every male one month old and above. They weren't enrolled with the Israelites because no inheritance of land was given to them among the Israelites.

Summary

[63]These are the ones whom Moses and Eleazar the priest enrolled. They enrolled the Israelites on the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho. [64]There wasn't one person among these from those enrolled by Moses and Aaron the priest when they enrolled the Israelites in the Sinai desert. [65]The LORD had said to them, "They will die in the desert." Not one of them remained, except Caleb, Jephunneh's son, and Joshua, Nun's son.

Zelophehad's daughters' inheritance

27 The daughters of Zelophehad, Hepher's son, Gilead's grandson, Machir's great-grandson, and Manasseh's great-great-grandson, be-

26:38 Gn 46:21; 1Ch 8:1
26:41 Nm 1:37
26:42 Gn 30:6, Gn 46:23
26:43 Nm 1:39
26:44 Gn 46:17; Nm 1:40; 1Ch 7:30
26:47 Nm 1:41
26:48 Gn 46:24, 1Ch 7:13
26:50 Nm 1:43
26:51 Nm 1:46
26:57 Gn 46:11; Ex 6:16; 1Ch 6:1
26:61 Nm 1:47, Nm 2:33, Nm 3:39, Nm 18:20; Dt 10:9, Dt 14:27, Dt 18:1; Josh 13:14, Josh 14:3

[q]LXX, Syr, Tg, Vulg; MT *Shephupham*

longing to the clan of Manasseh and son of Joseph, came forward. His daughters' names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 2They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the chiefs, and the entire community at the entrance of the meeting tent and said, 3"Our father died in the desert. He wasn't part of the community who gathered against the LORD with Korah's community. He died for his own sin, but he had no sons. 4Why should our father's name be taken away from his clan because he didn't have a son? Give us property among our father's brothers."

5Moses brought their case before the LORD. 6The LORD said to Moses: 7Zelophehad's daughters are right in what they are saying. By all means, give them property as an inheritance among their father's brothers. Hand over their father's inheritance to them. 8Speak to the Israelites and say: If a man dies and doesn't have a son, you must hand his inheritance over to his daughters. 9If he doesn't have a daughter, you will give his inheritance to his brothers. 10If he doesn't have any brothers, you should give his inheritance to his father's brothers. 11If his father had no brothers, you should give his inheritance to his nearest relative from his clan. He will take possession of it. This will be a regulation and a case law for the Israelites, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Announcement of Moses' death

12The LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain, Abarim, and look at the land that I've given to the Israelites. 13You will see it and then join your ancestors just as Aaron your brother has, 14because in the Zin desert, when the community confronted you, you rebelled against my command to show them my holiness by means of the water." (These are the waters of Meribah[r] of Kadesh in the Zin desert.)

15Moses spoke to the LORD: 16"Let the LORD, the God of all living things, appoint someone over the community 17who will go out before them and return before them, someone who will lead them out and bring them back, so that the LORD's community won't be like sheep without their shepherd."

18The LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua, Nun's son, a man who has the spirit, and lay your hand on him. 19Place him before Eleazar the priest and the entire community and commission him before them. 20You will give him some of your power so that the entire Israelite community may obey. 21He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will determine for him the decision by lot before the LORD. At his command, he and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out, and at his command they will return."

22Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and placed him before Eleazar the priest and the entire community. 23He laid his hands on him and commissioned him as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

Daily offering

28 The LORD spoke to Moses: 2Command the Israelites and say to them: Make sure to offer to me my offering, my food, my food gift as a soothing smell to me at its appointed time.

3You will say to them: This is the food gift that you must present to the LORD: two flawless one-year-old lambs as the regular entirely burned offering every day. 4One lamb you will offer in the morning and the second at twilight, 5with a tenth of an ephah[s] of fine flour for a grain offering mixed with a fourth of a hin[t] of beaten oil. 6It is the regular entirely burned offering begun at Mount Sinai, a food gift that is a soothing smell to the LORD. 7Their drink offering will be a fourth of a hin for each lamb. In the sanctuary a drink offering of brandy will be poured out for the LORD. 8The second lamb you will offer at twilight like the grain offering and the drink offering in the

27:16 Nm 16:22
27:17 Dt 31:2; 1Ki 22:17; 2Ch 1:10; Eze 34:5; Mt 9:36
27:18 Gn 41:38; Nm 11:28, Nm 27:23; Dt 1:38, Dt 34:9
27:20 Josh 1:16; 1Ch 29:25
27:23 Nm 27:19; Dt 31:7, Dt 31:23
28:2 Lv 3:11

[r] Or *confrontation* [s] One ephah is approximately twenty quarts. [t] One hin is approximately one gallon.

morning. You will offer a food gift that is a soothing smell to the LORD.

[9]On the Sabbath day: two flawless one-year-old male lambs and two-tenths of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering. [10]This is the entirely burned offering for every Sabbath, in addition to the regular entirely burned offering and its drink offering.

Monthly offering

[11]At the beginning of every month you will present an entirely burned offering to the LORD: two bulls from the herd, one ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs, all flawless. [12]Use three-tenths of fine flour for a grain offering mixed with oil for each bull, two-tenths of fine flour for a grain offering mixed with oil for each ram, [13]and one-tenth of fine flour for a grain offering mixed with oil for each lamb. It is an entirely burned offering with a soothing smell, a food gift to the LORD. [14]Their drink offerings will be half a hin of wine for a bull, a third a hin of wine for a ram, and a fourth a hin of wine for a lamb. This is the monthly entirely burned offering for every month through the months of the year. [15]There will be one male goat for a purification offering to the LORD in addition to the regular entirely burned offering and its drink offering.

Yearly offerings

Passover and unleavened bread

[16]On the fourteenth day of the first month[u] there will be a Passover offering to the LORD. [17]On the fifteenth day of this month there will be a festival. For seven days unleavened bread will be eaten. [18]The first day will be a holy occasion. You will not do any job-related work. [19]You will bring a food gift, an entirely burned offering to the LORD: two bulls from the herd, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old. They will be flawless. [20]Their grain offering will be fine flour mixed with oil. You will offer three-tenths for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, [21]and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs, [22]along with one male goat for a purification offering to seek reconciliation for yourselves. [23]You will offer these in addition to the entirely burned offering of the morning, which is the regular entirely burned offering. [24]Like these, you will also offer each day for seven days a food gift as a soothing smell to the LORD. It will be offered in addition to the regular entirely burned offering and its drink offering. [25]The seventh day will be a holy occasion for you. You will not do any job-related work.

28:9 Mt 12:5

28:10 Eze 46:4, Eze 46:5

Festival of Weeks

[26]The day of the early produce, when you present your new grain offering to the LORD at your Festival of Weeks, will be a holy occasion for you. You will not do any job-related work. [27]You will present an entirely burned offering as a soothing smell to the LORD: two bulls from the herd, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old. [28]Their grain offering will be fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram, [29]and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs. [30]Offer one male goat to seek reconciliation for yourselves. [31]You will offer these in addition to the regular entirely burned offering, its grain offering and drink offerings. They will be flawless.

Blowing of the trumpet

29 The first day of the seventh month[v] will be a holy occasion for you. You will not do any job-related work. It will be for you a day of the trumpet's sound. [2]You will offer an entirely burned offering as a soothing smell to the LORD: one bull from the herd, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old, all flawless. [3]Their grain offering will be fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, [4]and one-tenth

[u]March–April, Nisan [v]September–October, Tishrei

for each of the seven lambs. 5There will be one male goat for a purification offering to seek reconciliation for yourselves. 6This is in addition to the entirely burned offering of the new moon with its grain offering, and the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and drink offerings as prescribed. It will be a soothing smell, a food gift to the LORD.

Day of Reconciliation

7The tenth day of this seventh month will be a holy occasion for you. You will deny yourselves and not do any work. 8You will present an entirely burned offering to the LORD as a soothing smell: one bull from the herd, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old. They will be flawless. 9Their grain offering will be fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, 10and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs. 11There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the purification offering of reconciliation, and the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and drink offerings.

Festival of Booths

12The fifteenth day of the seventh month[w] will be a holy occasion for you. You will not do any job-related work. You will celebrate a festival to the LORD for seven days. 13You will present an entirely burned offering, a food gift as a soothing smell to the LORD: thirteen bulls from the herd, two rams, and fourteen male lambs one year old. They will be flawless. 14Their grain offering will be fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams, 15and one-tenth for each of the fourteen lambs. 16There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and its drink offering.

17On the second day: twelve bulls from the herd, two rams, and fourteen male lambs one year old, all flawless. 18The grain offering and drink offerings for the bulls, rams, and lambs will be as prescribed for their number. 19There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and drink offerings.

20On the third day: eleven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs one year old, all flawless. 21The grain offering and drink offerings for the bulls, rams, and lambs will be as prescribed for their number. 22There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

23On the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs one year old, all flawless. 24The grain offering and drink offerings for the bulls, rams, and lambs will be as prescribed for their number. 25There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

26On the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs one year old, all flawless. 27The grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, rams, and lambs will be as prescribed for their number. 28There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

29On the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs one year old, all flawless. 30The grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, rams, and lambs will be as prescribed for their number. 31There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and its drink offerings.

32On the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs one year old, all flawless. 33The grain offering and their drink offering for

29:5 Nm 28:15, Nm 28:30

29:7 Lv 16:29, Lv 23:27; Ps 35:13; Ac 27:9

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the bulls, rams, and lambs will be as prescribed for their number. [34]There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and its drink offering.

[35]On the eighth day you will have a holiday. You will not do any job-related work. [36]You will present an entirely burned offering, a food gift as a soothing smell to the LORD: one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old, all without blemish. [37]The grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, ram, and lambs will be as prescribed for their number. [38]There will be one male goat for a purification offering in addition to the regular entirely burned offering with its grain offering and its drink offering.

[39]These you will offer to the LORD at your appointed times in addition to your payments for solemn promises, your spontaneous gifts, your entirely burned offerings, your grain offerings, your drink offerings, and your well-being sacrifices.

[40x]Moses told the Israelites everything that the LORD commanded Moses.

Solemn promises by men

30 Moses spoke to the leaders of the tribes of the Israelites: This is what the LORD has commanded: [2]When a man makes a solemn promise to the LORD or swears a solemn pledge of binding obligation for himself, he cannot break his word. He must do everything he said.

Solemn promises by women

[3]When a woman makes a solemn promise to the LORD or a binding obligation while she is young and in her father's household, [4]and her father hears her solemn promise or her binding obligation for herself and keeps silent[y]—then all her solemn promises and any of her binding obligations for herself will stand. [5]But if her father expresses disapproval to her on the day that he hears her, none of her solemn promises nor any of her binding obligations for herself will stand. The LORD will forgive her, because her father expressed disapproval to her.

30:2 Dt 23:21; Job 22:27; Ps 50:14; Ecc 5:4; Mt 5:33

[6]If she marries while her solemn promise is in effect or makes a statement by which she binds herself, [7]and her husband hears it and on the day he hears it keeps silent—her solemn promises will stand as well as her binding obligations for herself. [8]But if on the day that her husband hears it he expresses disapproval to her, he can break her solemn promise and the statement by which she bound herself. Then the LORD will forgive her.

[9]Every solemn promise of a widow or a divorced woman who makes a binding obligation for herself will stand.

[10]If a woman makes a solemn promise in her husband's household or makes a binding obligation for herself with a solemn pledge, [11]and her husband hears, keeps silent, and doesn't express disapproval to her—then all her solemn promises will stand and all her binding obligations for herself will stand. [12]If her husband breaks them on the day he hears them, then whatever she said with regard to her solemn promises or the binding obligations for herself will not stand. Her husband has broken them. The LORD will forgive her.

[13]Her husband may allow any solemn promise or any binding pledge of self-denial to stand or be broken. [14]But if her husband keeps silent from one day to the next, he has upheld all her solemn promises, or all her binding obligations. He has upheld them because he remained silent on the day he heard them. [15]If he breaks them after he has heard them, he will assume her guilt.

[16]These are the regulations that the LORD commanded Moses concerning a husband and his wife and between a father and his daughter while she is young and in her father's household.

[x]30:1 in Heb [y]Or *her father is deaf to her.*

War against the Midianites

31 The LORD spoke to Moses: [2]Take just reparations for the Israelites from the Midianites. Afterward you will join your ancestors.

[3]Moses spoke to the people: "Equip some of your men for battle so that they may go against Midian and execute the LORD's just punishment against Midian. [4]You will send out for battle one thousand from each of the tribes of Israel."

[5]From the thousands of Israel, one thousand from each tribe were selected. Twelve thousand were equipped for battle. [6]Moses sent them to battle, one thousand from each tribe, along with Phinehas, Eleazar the priest's son, who carried the sanctuary equipment and the trumpets for sounding the alarm in his hand. [7]They battled against Midian as the LORD had commanded Moses, and they killed every male. [8]They killed the kings of Midian: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian, along with others slain. They also killed Balaam, Beor's son, with the sword. [9]The Israelites took captive the Midianite women, their little ones, all their cattle, their herds, and their possessions. [10]They burned all the cities where they lived and their encampments. [11]They took all the spoils of war and the valuable property, both human and animal, [12]and they brought the captives, the valuable property, and the spoils of war to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the Israelite community, at the camp on the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho.

Purification from war

[13]Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs of the community went to meet them outside the camp. [14]Moses became angry with the commanders of the army, the officers of thousands and the officers of hundreds, who came back from the battle. [15]Moses said to them, "Have you let all the women live? [16]These very women, on Balaam's advice, made the Israelites break faith with the LORD in the affair at Peor, so there was a plague among the LORD's community. [17]Now kill every male child and every female who has known a man intimately by sleeping with him. [18]But all the young girls who have not known a man intimately by sleeping with him, spare for yourselves. [19]You will remain outside the camp for seven days. Everyone among you or your captives who has killed a person or touched a corpse must purify themselves on the third and seventh days. [20]You must also purify every garment, and everything made of leather, goats' hair, or wood."

31:3 Gn 25:2, Gn 36:35; Ex 2:10, Ex 17:9; Jer 46:10

31:8 Nm 22:5, Nm 25:15; Josh 13:21, Josh 13:22

31:11 Dt 20:14

31:15 1Sa 15:3

31:16 Nm 25:1; 2Pt 2:15; Rev 2:14

31:18 Dt 21:10

Instructions about the spoils of war

[21]Eleazar the priest said to the men of battle who had gone out to war, "This is the regulation in the Instruction that the LORD commanded Moses: [22]Gold, silver, copper, iron, tin, and lead— [23]anything that can withstand fire— you will put through the fire and it will be clean. It will also be purified with the water of purification. Anything that isn't able to withstand fire, you will immerse in water. [24]You must wash your clothes on the seventh day and you will be clean. Afterward you may enter the camp."

[25]The LORD said to Moses: [26]You, Eleazar the priest, and the leaders of the community's households must take an inventory of the valuable property and the captives, both human and animals, [27]and divide the valuable property between the warriors who went into battle and the entire community. [28]You will offer as tribute to the LORD from each warrior who went into battle one living being in five hundred, whether human, oxen, donkeys, or flocks. [29]Take it from the warriors' half and give it to Eleazar the priest as a gift offering to the LORD. [30]But from the Israelites' half you will take one out of every fifty, whether from human, oxen, donkeys, or flock—all the animals. You will give them to the Levites

who carry out the duties of the LORD's dwelling.

[31]Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses. [32]The valuable property remaining from the spoils of war that the people of the army had taken was 675,000 sheep, [33]72,000 oxen, [34]61,000 donkeys, [35]and 32,000 women who hadn't known a man intimately by sleeping with him. [36]The half-share of those who had gone out to battle numbered 337,500 sheep, [37]of which the LORD's tribute was 675. [38]The oxen were 36,000, of which the LORD's tribute was 72. [39]The donkeys were 30,500, of which the LORD's tribute was 61. [40]Humans were 16,000, of which the LORD's tribute was 32 persons. [41]Moses gave the tribute, a gift offering for the LORD, to Eleazar the priest as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[42]As for the half-share of the Israelites that Moses divided from those who had gone out to battle: [43]the community's half-share was 337,500 sheep, [44]36,000 oxen, [45]30,500 donkeys, [46]and 16,000 humans. [47]Moses took from the Israelites' half one out of every fifty, from humans and animals. He gave them to the Levites who carry out the duties of the LORD's dwelling, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[48]The commanders over the thousands of the army, officers over thousands and officers over hundreds, approached Moses [49]and said to Moses, "Your servants have counted the warriors in our charge and not one of us is missing. [50]We have brought the LORD's offering that each found, gold articles—anklets, bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and necklaces—to seek reconciliation for ourselves before the LORD." [51]Moses and Eleazar the priest took all the gold articles from them. [52]All the gold for the gift offering that was presented to the LORD from the officers of thousands and the officers of hundreds was sixteen thousand seven hundred fifty shekels. [53]Each of the men of battle took spoils of war for himself. [54]Yet Moses and Eleazar the priest also received the gold from the officers of thousands and of hundreds, and they brought it to the meeting tent as a memorial for the Israelites before the LORD.

31:47 Nm 31:30
32:1 Nm 21:32; Josh 13:25
32:13 Nm 14:33, Nm 26:64

Reuben and Gad request land

32 The livestock owned by the Reubenites and the Gadites were unusually vast and numerous. They saw that the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead were exactly the place for livestock. [2]So the Gadites and the Reubenites came and said to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs of the community: [3]"Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon is [4]the land that the LORD struck down before the Israelite community. It is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock." [5]They said, "If you approve our request, give this land to your servants as property. Don't make us cross the Jordan."

[6]Moses said to the Gadites and the Reubenites, "Should your brothers go to war, while you stay here? [7]Why would you destroy the Israelites' resolve to cross into the land that the LORD gave them? [8]Your ancestors did this, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to inspect the land. [9]They went up to the Cluster ravine, saw the land, and destroyed the Israelites' resolve to enter the land that the LORD had given them. [10]The LORD became angry on that day and promised, [11]'None of the persons that went up from Egypt, those 20 years old and above, will see the fertile ground that I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they didn't remain true to me, [12]except Caleb, Jephunneh the Kennizite's son, and Joshua, Nun's son, because they remained true to the LORD.' [13]The LORD became angry with the Israelites and made them wander in the desert for forty years until the entire generation had died, which had done evil in the LORD's eyes. [14]Now you've taken

the place of your ancestors, a group of sinful men, to intensify the LORD's anger against Israel. 15If you turn away from him, he will turn away again to abandon Israel in the desert. Then you will destroy this entire people."

Conditions for possession of the land

16So they approached him and said, "We will build walled enclosures here for our livestock and towns for our children. 17Then we will eagerly fight in front of the Israelites until we have brought them into their place. Our children will live in the fortified cities because of the land's inhabitants. 18And we won't return to our homes until each one of the Israelites takes possession of his property. 19We won't inherit land with them there across the Jordan, because we've received our property on the east side of the Jordan."

20Moses said to them, "Do this and fight before the LORD in war. 21All of you who are equipped for war, cross the Jordan before the LORD until he has driven his enemies out before him 22and the land is subdued in the LORD's presence. Then you may return innocently before the LORD and Israel, and this land will be your property before the LORD. 23But if you don't do this, you've sinned against the LORD. Know that your sin will find you. 24So build towns for your children and walled enclosures for your flocks, but do what you have promised."

25The Gadites and the Reubenites said to Moses, "Your servants will do as my master has commanded. 26Our children, wives, livestock, and all of our animals will remain in the cities of Gilead. 27But your servants, everyone equipped for war before the LORD, will go over to do battle as my master said."

28Moses made demands for them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua, Nun's son, and to the leaders of the households of the Israelite tribes. 29Moses said to them, "If the Gadites and the Reubenites cross the Jordan with you, each equipped for battle before the LORD, and the land is subdued before you, then you will give them the land of Gilead as a possession. 30If, however, they don't cross with you, equipped for war, they will take possession of property with you in the land of Canaan."

31The Gadites and the Reubenites answered, "We'll do just as the LORD has spoken to your servants. 32We'll cross into the land of Canaan before the LORD, equipped for war. But the property we inherit will be across the Jordan."

Territory of Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh

33So Moses gave to them—to the Gadites, the Reubenites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, Joseph's son—the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og the king of Bashan, including the land, its cities, and the territory surrounding the land's cities. 34The Gadites built Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer, 35Atroth-shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah, 36Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fortified cities and walled enclosures for flocks. 37The Reubenites built Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim, 38Nebo, and Baal-meon (whose names were changed), and Sibmah. They named the cities that they built. 39The descendants of Machir, Manasseh's son, went to Gilead, captured it, and drove out the Amorites who were there. 40So Moses gave Gilead to Machir, Manasseh's son, and he lived there. 41Manasseh's son Jair went and captured their villages and named them Havvoth-jair.[z] 42Nobah went and captured Kenath and its surrounding villages. He renamed it Nobah after himself.

March out of Egypt and through the sea

33 These were the stages by which the Israelites marched when

32:15 Dt 30:17; 2Ch 7:19-20
32:20 Dt 3:18; Josh 1:13, Josh 4:12
32:28 Nm 11:28, Nm 27:18; Dt 34:9; Josh 1:13, Josh 14:1, Josh 17:4, Josh 19:51
32:33 Nm 34:14; Dt 29:8; Josh 4:12, Josh 12:6, Josh 13:12

[z] Or *the villages of Jair*

they left the land of Egypt, according to their military units under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. 2Moses recorded the points of departure for each stage of the march at the LORD's command. These are the stages of their march according to their points of departure.

3They marched from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month.[a] On the day after the Passover the Israelites went out defiantly[b] in the sight of all the Egyptians, 4while the Egyptians were burying their oldest males, whom the LORD had killed. The LORD also executed judgments against their gods. 5The Israelites marched from Rameses and they camped at Succoth. 6They marched from Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. 7They marched from Etham and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which faces Baal-zephon, and they camped before Migdol. 8They marched from Pi-hahiroth and they crossed through the sea toward the desert.

March through the southern desert

Then they traveled three days in the Etham desert and they camped at Marah.

9They marched from Marah and arrived at Elim. At Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees and they camped there.

10They marched from Elim and camped by the Reed Sea.[c]

11They marched from the Reed Sea and camped in the Sin desert.

12They marched from the Sin desert and camped at Dophkah.

13They marched from Dophkah and camped at Alush.

14They marched from Alush and camped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

15They marched from Rephidim and camped in the Sinai desert.

16They marched from the Sinai desert and camped at Kibroth-hattaavah.

17They marched from Kibroth-hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.

18They marched from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah.

19They marched from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon-perez.

20They marched from Rimmon-perez and camped at Libnah.

21They marched from Libnah and camped at Rissah.

22They marched from Rissah and camped at Kehelathah.

23They marched from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher.

24They marched from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah.

25They marched from Haradah and camped at Makheloth.

26They marched from Makheloth and camped at Tahath.

27They marched from Tahath and camped at Terah.

28They marched from Terah and camped at Mithkah.

29They marched from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah.

30They marched from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.

31They marched from Moseroth and camped at Bene-jaakan.

32They marched from Bene-jaakan and camped at Hor-haggidgad.

33They marched from Hor-haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah.

34They marched from Jotbathah and camped at Abronah.

35They marched from Abronah and camped at Ezion-geber.

36They marched from Ezion-geber and camped in the Zin desert (that is, Kadesh).

March through the Transjordan region

37They marched from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, on the edge of the land of Edom. 38Aaron the priest ascended Mount Hor at the LORD's command, and he died there in the fortieth year on the first day of the fifth month[d] after the Israelites left

33:5 Ex 12:37; Nm 33:3
33:9 Ex 15:27
33:38 Nm 20:28; Dt 10:6, Dt 32:50

[a]March–April, Nisan [b]Or *with a high hand* [c]Or *Red Sea* [d]July–August, probably Av

the land of Egypt. [39]Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor. [40]The Canaanite king of Arad, who ruled in the arid southern plain in the land of Canaan, heard of the Israelites' coming.

[41]They marched from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.

[42]They marched from Zalmonah and camped at Punon.

[43]They marched from Punon and camped at Oboth.

[44]They marched from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim in the territory of Moab.

[45]They marched from Iyim and camped at Dibon-gad.

[46]They marched from Dibon-gad and camped at Almon-diblathaim.

[47]They marched from Almon-diblathaim and camped in the Abarim mountains in front of Nebo.

[48]They marched from the Abarim mountains and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho.

[49]They camped by the Jordan from Beth-jeshimoth to Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

Divine instruction about the land

[50]The LORD spoke to Moses on the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho: [51]Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, [52]you will drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you. You will destroy all their carved figures. You will also destroy all their cast images. You will eliminate all their shrines. [53]You will take possession of the land and live in it, because I've given the land to you to possess. [54]You will divide up the land by lot according to your clans. To the large you will make its inheritance large, and to the small you will make its inheritance small. To whomever the lot falls, that place will be his. You will inherit land according to your ancestral tribes. [55]But if you don't drive out the inhabitants of the land before you, then those you allow to remain will prick your eyes and be thorns in your side. They will harass you in the land in which you are living. [56]Then what I intended to do to them, I'll do to you.

33:47 Nm 27:12
33:48 Nm 22:1, Nm 33:49
34:5 Gn 15:18; Josh 15:4, Josh 15:47; 1Ki 8:65; Is 27:12

Boundaries of the land of Canaan

34 The LORD said to Moses: [2]Command the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that will fall to you as an inheritance. The land of Canaan according to its boundaries:

[3]Your southern boundary extends from the Zin desert alongside Edom. Your southern border extends from the edge of the Dead Sea on the east. [4]Your border will turn south of the ascent of Akrabbim and cross toward Zin. Its limit will be south of Kadesh-barnea. It will go out to Hazar-addar and cross toward Azmon. [5]The border will then turn from Azmon to the Egypt ravine. Its limit will be at the Mediterranean Sea.

[6]Your western border will be the Mediterranean Sea. This will be your western border.

[7]This will be your northern border: From the Mediterranean Sea you will mark out your boundary to Mount Hor. [8]From Mount Hor you will mark out your boundary to Lebo-hamath. The limit of the border will be Zedad. [9]The border will go out to Ziphron. Its limit will be Hazar-enan. This will be your northern border.

[10]You will mark out your eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham. [11]The border will descend from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain. The border will go down and meet the eastern slope of the Galilee Sea. [12]The border will descend to the Jordan. Its limit will be the Dead Sea.

This will be your land with its borders all around.

[13]Moses commanded the Israelites: This is the land that you will inherit by

lot, which the LORD has commanded
to give to the nine and a half tribes,
14because the tribe of Reuben by their
households and the tribe of Gad by
their households, and half the tribe
of Manasseh have taken their inheri-
tance. 15The two and a half tribes have
taken their inheritance across the Jor-
dan at Jericho toward the east.

Appointment of leaders to assign the inheritance

16The LORD spoke to Moses: 17These
are the names of the men who will as-
sign the inheritance of the land: Eleazar
the priest and Joshua, Nun's son. 18You
will also take one chief from each tribe
to apportion the land. 19These are the
names of the men: from the tribe of
Judah, Caleb, Jephunneh's son; 20from
the tribe of the Simeonites, Shemuel,
Ammihud's son; 21from the tribe of
Benjamin, Elidad, Chislon's son; 22from
the tribe of the Danites, a chief, Bukki,
Jogli's son; 23from Joseph's descen-
dants: of the tribe of the Manassites, a
chief, Hanniel, Ephod's son; 24and from
the tribe of the Ephraimites, a chief, Ke-
muel, Shiphtan's son; 25from the tribe
of the Zebulunites, a chief, Elizaphan,
Parnach's son; 26from the tribe of the
Issacharites, a chief, Paltiel, Azzan's
son; 27from the tribe of the Asherites,
a chief, Ahihud, Shelomi's son; 28from
the tribe of the Naphtalites, a chief,
Pedahel, Ammihud's son.

29These are the ones whom the
LORD commanded to assign the in-
heritance of the Israelites in the land
of Canaan.

Cities and pastures of the Levites

35 The LORD spoke to Moses in
the Moab plains by the Jordan
across from Jericho: 2Command the
Israelites that they give cities from
their inherited property to the Le-
vites in which to live. You will also give
the Levites pastures around their cit-
ies. 3The cities will be theirs in which
to live. Their pastures will be for their
cattle, their possessions, and all their
animals. 4The pastures of the cities
that you must give to the Levites will
extend from the wall of the city out-
ward for one thousand five hundred
feet in all directions. 5You will mea-
sure outside the city on the east side
three thousand feet, on the south
side three thousand feet, on the west
side three thousand feet, and on the
north side three thousand feet, with
the city in the middle. These will be
their cities' pastures.

6Six of the cities that you give to the
Levites will be refuge cities. You will
allow the person who kills someone
to flee there. In addition to these you
will give them forty-two cities. 7All the
cities that you give to the Levites will
total forty-eight, along with their pas-
tures. 8As for the cities that you give
from the property of the Israelites, you
will take more from the larger tribes
and less from the smaller. Each in pro-
portion to its inheritance will give cit-
ies to the Levites.

Refuge cities

9The LORD spoke to Moses: 10Speak
to the Israelites and say to them: When
you cross the Jordan into the land of
Canaan, 11identify for yourselves cit-
ies to be refuge cities, where a person
who kills someone by accident may
flee. 12The cities will be for you a place
of refuge from the close relative of the
dead. The person who killed someone
may not be put to death until he stands
before the community for judgment.
13You will establish six refuge cities for
yourselves. 14You will establish three
cities across the Jordan and three cit-
ies in the land of Canaan. They will be
the refuge cities. 15These six cities will
be refuge for Israelites, immigrants,
and temporary residents, as a place to
flee for anyone who kills a person by
accident.

16But if someone strikes a person
with an iron object and he dies, he is
a murderer. The murderer must defi-
nitely be put to death. 17If someone
strikes another with a stone in hand

35:1 Nm 22:1
35:2 Lv 25:32; Josh 14:4
35:3 Josh 14:4; 2Ch 11:14
35:6 Josh 20:2, Josh 21:13
35:7 Josh 21:41
35:8 Nm 26:54, Nm 33:54; Josh 21:3
35:11 Ex 21:13; Nm 35:22
35:13 Nm 35:6

that could cause death and he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer must definitely be put to death. 18Or if someone strikes with a wood object in hand that could cause death, he is a murderer. The murderer must definitely be put to death. 19The close relative responsible for the blood[e] of the dead is the one who will put the murderer to death. When he meets him, he will execute him. 20If in hatred someone hits another or throws something at him with premeditation, he will be put to death. 21Or if in hostility someone strikes another with his hand and he dies, the one who struck is a murderer and he will be put to death. The close relative will put the murderer to death when he meets him.

22But if suddenly and without hostility someone hits another or throws any object at him without premeditation, 23or accidentally drops any stone on him that could cause death and he dies—even though they weren't enemies and no evil was intended—24then the community must come to a verdict between the killer and the close relative in accordance with these case laws. 25The community will protect the killer from the hand of the close relative and return him to the refuge city where he fled. He will live there until the death of the high priest who was anointed with holy oil. 26But if the killer ever goes outside the boundaries of the refuge city where he fled 27and the close relative finds him outside the boundary of his refuge city and kills him, he will not be responsible for his blood. 28The killer must live in his refuge city until the high priest's death. After the high priest's death the killer may return to the land he owns.

29These will be the regulations and case laws for all time in all your settlements.

30Anyone who kills another will be executed on the evidence of witnesses. But one witness alone cannot testify against a person for a death sentence.

35:30 Dt 17:6, Dt 19:15; Mt 18:16; Jn 8:17; 2Co 13:1

36:5 Nm 27:7

36:6 Nm 27:7, Nm 36:12

36:7 1Ki 21:3

31You may not accept a ransom for the life of a killer, who is guilty of a capital crime, for he must definitely be put to death. 32You may not accept a ransom for someone who has fled to his refuge city so that he can return and live in the land before the priest's death. 33You may not pollute the land in which you live, for the blood pollutes the land. There can be no recovery[f] for the land from the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of the one who shed it. 34You will not make the land in which you live unclean, the land in the middle of which I reside, for I the LORD reside among the Israelites.

Inheritance of Zelophehad's daughters

36 The leaders of the households of the clans of Gilead, Machir's son and Manasseh's grandson, of Joseph's clans, approached and spoke before Moses and the chiefs, who were the leaders of the Israelite households. 2They said, "The LORD commanded my master to give the land as an inheritance by lot to the Israelites. But my master was also commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. 3If they are married to someone from another Israelite tribe, their inheritance will be taken away from our household and given to another tribe into which they marry. Then it will be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. 4At the Israelite Jubilee, their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they married. Then their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of our ancestral tribe."

5Then Moses commanded the Israelites according to the LORD's word: "The tribe of Joseph's descendants are correct in what they're saying. 6This is the word that the LORD commands to Zelophehad's daughters: They may marry whomever seems best to them, but they may only marry into one of the clans of their ancestral tribe, 7so

[e]Or (here and throughout Num 36) *the close relative of the blood* [f]Or *reconciliation*

that the inheritance of the Israelites doesn't transfer from one tribe to another. The Israelites will each retain the tribal inheritance of his ancestral tribe. 8Every daughter who inherits land from an Israelite tribe must marry into one of the clans of her father's tribe. In this way each Israelite will own the land of his ancestors. 9An inheritance of land may not be transferred from one tribe to another, for the Israelite tribes will each retain its own inheritance."

10Zelophehad's daughters did as the LORD commanded Moses. 11Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, Zelophehad's daughters, married their cousins. 12They married into the clan of Manasseh, Joseph's son. Their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's clan.

Conclusion

13These are the commandments and the case laws that the LORD commanded the Israelites through Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho.

DEUTERONOMY

The first heading: Introducing Deuteronomy

1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan River, in the desert, on the plain across from Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di-zahab. (2It is eleven days from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea along the Mount Seir route.) 3It was in the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, that Moses spoke to the Israelites precisely what the LORD had commanded him for them. (4This was after the defeat of Sihon, the Amorite king who ruled in Heshbon, and Og, Bashan's king, who ruled in Ashtaroth and[a] Edrei.) 5Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this Instruction. He said the following:

Leaving Mount Horeb

6At Horeb, the LORD our God told us: You've been at this mountain long enough. 7Get going! Enter the hills of the Amorites and the surrounding areas in the desert, the highlands, the lowlands, the arid southern region, and the seacoast—the land of the Canaanites—and the Lebanon range, all the way to the great Euphrates River. 8Look, I have laid the land before you. Go and possess the land that I[b] promised to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as well as to their descendants after them.

9At that same time, I told you: I can't handle all of you by myself. 10The LORD your God has multiplied your number—you are now as countless as the stars in the sky. 11May the LORD, your ancestors' God, continue to multiply you—a thousand times more! And may God bless you, just as he promised. 12But how can I handle all your troubles, burdens, and disputes by myself? 13Now, for each of your tribes, choose wise, discerning, and well-regarded individuals. I will appoint them as your leaders.

14You answered me: "What you have proposed is a good idea."

15So I took leading individuals from your tribes, people who were wise and well-regarded, and I set them up as your leaders. There were commanders over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, as well as officials for each of your tribes.

16At that same time, I commanded

1:7 Gn 15:18; Dt 11:24; Josh 1:4

1:10 Gn 15:5, Gn 22:17; Dt 7:13, Dt 10:22, Dt 28:62

1:16 Dt 16:18; Jn 7:24

[a]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT lacks *and*. [b]Sam, LXX; MT *the* LORD

your judges: Listen to your fellow tribe members and judge fairly, whether the dispute is between one fellow tribe member or between a tribe member and an immigrant. [17]Don't show favoritism in a decision. Hear both sides out, whether the person is important or not. Don't be afraid of anyone because the ruling belongs to God. Any dispute that is too difficult for you to decide, bring to me and I will take care of it.

[18]So at that time, I commanded you concerning everything you were to do.

The spy disaster

[19]We left Horeb and journeyed through that vast and terrifying desert you saw, on the way to the hills of the Amorites, exactly as the LORD our God commanded us. Then we arrived at Kadesh-barnea. [20]I said to you: You have come to the hills of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving to us. [21]Look! The LORD your God has laid out the land before you. Go up and take it, just as the LORD, your ancestors' God, has promised you. Don't be afraid! Don't be frightened!

[22]Then all of you approached me, saying, "Let's send spies ahead of us—they can check out the land for us. Then they can return with word about the route we should use and bring a report about the cities that we'll be entering."

[23]This idea seemed good to me, so I selected twelve men, one from each tribe. [24]These set out and went up into the hills, going as far as the Cluster[c] ravine. They walked all around that area. [25]They took some of the land's fruit and then came back down to us. They reported to us: "The land that the LORD our God is giving to us is wonderful!" [26]But you weren't willing to go up. You rejected the LORD your God's instruction. [27]You complained in your tents, saying things like, "The LORD hates us! That's why he brought us out of Egypt—to hand us over to the Amorites, to destroy us! [28]What are we doing? Our brothers have made our hearts sick by saying, 'People far stronger and much taller than we live there, and the cities are huge, with walls sky-high! Worse still, we saw the descendants of the Anakites there!'"

1:17 Ex 18:26, Ex 23:3; Lv 19:15; 2Ch 19:6; Prv 24:23

1:31 Ex 19:4; Is 46:3, Is 46:4, Is 63:9; Hos 11:3

[29]But I said to you: Don't be terrified! Don't be afraid of them! [30]The LORD your God is going before you. He will fight for you just as he fought for you in Egypt while you watched, [31]and as you saw him do in the desert. Throughout your entire journey, until you reached this very place, the LORD your God has carried you just as a parent carries a child.

[32]But you had no faith in the LORD your God about this matter, [33]even though he went ahead of you, scouting places where you should camp, in fire by night, so you could see the road you were taking, and in cloud during the daytime.

[34]The LORD heard what you said. He was angry and he swore: [35]Not even one of these people—this wicked generation!—will see the wonderful land that I promised to give to your ancestors. [36]The only exception is Caleb, Jephunneh's son. He will see it. I will give the land he walked on to him and his children for this reason: he was completely devoted to the LORD.

([37]The LORD was even angry with me because of what you did. "You won't enter the land either," God said. [38]"But Nun's son Joshua, your assistant, will enter it. Strengthen him because he's the one who will help Israel inherit the land.")

[39]Now as for your toddlers, those you said would be taken in war, and your young children who don't yet know right and wrong—they will enter the land. I will give it to them. They will possess it! [40]But you all must now turn around. Head back toward the wilderness along the route of the Reed Sea.[d]

[41]You replied to me: "We've sinned against the LORD! We will go up! We will fight, just as the LORD our God

[c]Heb *Eshcol* means *bunch, a cluster* (of grapes); cf Num 13:23-24; 32:9. [d]Or *Red Sea*

commanded." Each one of you grabbed your weapons. You thought it would be easy[e] to go up into the hills. 42But the LORD told me: Tell them: Don't go up! Don't fight because I will not be with you. You will be defeated by your enemies.

43I reported this to you but you wouldn't listen. You disobeyed the LORD's instruction. Hotheadedly, you went up into the hills. 44And the Amorites who lived in those hills came out to meet you in battle. They chased you like bees give chase! They gave you a beating from Seir all the way to Hormah. 45When you came back, you cried before the LORD, but he wouldn't respond to your tears or give you a hearing.

46And so you stayed in Kadesh-barnea for quite some time.

Journeys in Transjordan

2 Next, we turned around and headed back toward the wilderness along the Reed Sea[f] road, exactly as the LORD instructed me. We traveled all around Mount Seir for a long time.

2Eventually the LORD said: 3You've been traveling around this mountain long enough. Head north. 4Command the people as follows: You are about to enter into the territory of your relatives who live in Seir: Esau's descendants. They will be afraid of you, so watch yourselves most carefully. 5Don't fight with them because I will not give the tiniest parcel of their land to you. I have given Mount Seir to Esau's family as their property. 6Of course you may buy food from them with money so you can eat, and also water with money so you can drink.

7No doubt about it: the LORD your God has blessed you in all that you have done. He watched over your journey through that vast desert. Throughout these forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You haven't needed a thing.

8So we passed through the territory of our relatives who live in Seir, Esau's descendants, leaving the desert road from Elath and from Ezion-geber. Next we turned and went along the Moab wilderness route. 9The LORD said to me: Don't aggravate Moab. Don't fight them in battle because I won't give any part of their land to you as your own. I have given Ar to Lot's descendants as their property.

(10Now the Emim[g] had lived there before. They were big and numerous and tall—just like the Anakim. 11Most people thought the Emim were Rephaim, like the Anakim were. But the Moabites called them "Emim." 12Additionally, the Horim[h] had lived in Seir previously, but Esau's descendants took possession of their area, eliminating them altogether and settling in their place. That is exactly what Israel did in the land it took possession of, which the LORD gave to them.)

13"So then, get going. Cross the Zered ravine."

So we crossed the Zered ravine.

14It took us a total of thirty-eight years to go from Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the Zered ravine. It was at that point that the last of the previous generation, every one of fighting age in the camp, had died, just as the LORD had sworn about them. 15In fact, the LORD's power was against them, to rid the camp of them, until they were all gone.

16Now as soon as all those of fighting age had died, 17the LORD said to me: 18Today you are crossing through the territory of Moab and Ar 19and you will come close to the Ammonites. Don't aggravate them. Don't fight with them because I won't give any part of the Ammonites' land to you as your own. I've given it to Lot's descendants as their property.

20Now people thought that land was Rephaim territory as well. The Rephaim had lived there previously. But the Ammonites called them "Zamzummim."[i] 21They were large, numerous, and tall, just like the Anakim.

2:1 Nm 14:25, Nm 21:4; Dt 1:2, Dt 1:40

[e]Heb uncertain [f]Or *Red Sea* [g]Or *Frighteners* [h]Or *Cave-dwellers* or *Hurrians* [i]Or *Mumblers*

But the LORD completely destroyed the Zamzummim before the Ammonites, and they took possession of that area, settling in their place. [22]That is exactly what God did for Esau's descendants, who live in Seir, when he completely destroyed the Horites in their presence, and they took possession of the Horites' area, settling in their place to this very day. [23]The Avvim,[j] who had lived in settlements around Gaza, were completely destroyed by the Caphtorim, who had come from Caphtor. They replaced the Avvim there.

Victories in Transjordan

[24]"So get going. Cross the Arnon ravine. I have handed Sihon the Amorite king of Heshbon and his land over to you. It's time to possess the area! It's time to fight him in battle! [25]Starting right now, I am making everyone everywhere afraid of you and scared of you. Once they hear news of you, they will be shaking and worrying because of you."

[26]I then sent messengers from the Kedemoth desert to Sihon, Heshbon's king, with words of peace: [27]"Please let us[k] pass through your land. We promise to stay on the road. We won't step off it, right or left. [28]Please sell us food for money so we can eat; sell us water for money so we can drink. Let us pass through on foot—[29]just as Esau's descendants who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar did for me—until we cross the Jordan River into the land that the LORD our God is giving to us."

[30]But Sihon, Heshbon's king, wasn't willing to let us pass through his land because the LORD your God had made his spirit hard and his heart inflexible so that God could hand him over to you, which is exactly how it happened. [31]The LORD said to me: Look! Right now I'm laying Sihon and his land before you. It's time to take possession of his land!

[32]Sihon and all his forces came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz. [33]But the LORD our God gave him to us. We struck him down, along with his sons, and all his forces. [34]At that time, we captured all of Sihon's cities, and we placed every town—men, women, and children—under the ban.[l] We left no survivors. [35]The only things we kept for ourselves were the animals and the plunder from the towns we had taken. [36]From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Arnon Ravine, to the town that is in the valley there,[m] even as far as Gilead, there wasn't a city that could resist us. The LORD our God laid everything out before us. [37]But you didn't go near the Ammonite lands or hillside cities alongside the Jabbok River, in compliance with all[n] that the LORD our God had commanded.

2:23 Gn 10:14, Gn 10:19; Josh 13:3; Jer 47:4; Am 9:7
2:34 Dt 3:6, Dt 7:2; Josh 6:21

3 Next we turned and went up along the road to Bashan. Og, Bashan's king, came out with all his forces to meet us in battle at Edrei. [2]The LORD said to me: Don't be afraid of him! I have handed him, all his forces, and his land over to you. Do the same thing to him that you did to Sihon, the Amorite king who ruled in Heshbon.

[3]And so the LORD our God also handed Og, Bashan's king, along with his forces, over to us. We struck them down until no survivor was left. [4]We also captured all of Og's towns at that time. There wasn't a single city that we didn't take from them—a total of sixty towns, the entire region of Argob, the whole kingdom of Og in Bashan. [5]Each of these towns was fortified with high walls, double gates, and crossbars. Outside the towns there were also a great number of villages.[o] [6]We placed them under the ban, just as we did with Sihon, Heshbon's king. Every town—men, women, and children—was under the ban.[p] [7]The only things we kept for ourselves were the animals and the plunder from the towns.

[8]So at that time, we took the land that

[j]Or *Ruiners* [k]Heb here and through 2:29*a* is singular *me, I.* [l]A technique of holy war that often involves total destruction, in which everything that is destroyed is dedicated to the deity who helps in the battle [m]Heb uncertain [n]LXX, Tg Jonathan; MT *and all* [o]Heb uncertain [p]See note at 2:34.

had belonged to the two Amorite kings beyond the Jordan, all the way from the Arnon Ravine to Mount Hermon (9Sidonians call Hermon "Sirion," but the Amorites call it "Senir"), 10including all the towns on the plateau, in the regions of Gilead and Bashan, and all the way to Salecah and Edrei—all the towns that belonged to Og's kingdom in Bashan.

(11By the way, Bashan's King Og was the last of the Rephaim. His bed was made of iron. Isn't it still in the Ammonite town of Rabbah? By standard measurements, it was thirteen and a half feet long and six feet wide.)

12So this is the land we possessed at that time. I gave some of it, from Aroer, which is beside the Arnon River, up through half of the Gilead highlands, along with its cities, to the Reubenites and the Gadites. 13The rest of the Gilead region and all of Bashan, Og's kingdom, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh.

(Now the whole Argob area, including all of Bashan, was often called Rephaim Country. 14Jair, from the tribe of Manasseh, took possession of the entire Argob region, as far as the border with the Geshurites and the Maacathites. He named the Bashan area after himself, Jair's Settlement. That's what it's still called today.)

15I also gave Gilead to Machir. 16To the Reubenites and the Gadites, I gave land from the Gilead, as far as the Arnon River—the middle of the river being the boundary line—to the Jabbok River, which is the boundary line with the Ammonites. 17Also the desert plain, with the Jordan River as the boundary, from the Galilee Sea[q] down to the desert sea (the Dead Sea[r]) below the slopes of Mount Pisgah on the east.

18Then I commanded you: Although the LORD your God has given you this land to possess, you must now cross over before the rest of your Israelite relatives as a fighting force ready for battle! 19However, your wives, children, and herds—I know you have lots of herds!—may remain in the towns

3:26 Dt 1:37
4:1 Lv 18:5; Dt 5:1, Dt 8:1
4:2 Dt 12:32; Josh 1:7; Prv 30:6; Rev 22:18, Rev 22:19

that I have given to you. 20Once the LORD settles your relatives, as you have been settled, and they also possess the land that the LORD your God is giving them across the Jordan River, each of you can return to the property that I have given to you.

21It was at that same time that I commanded Joshua: You saw everything that the LORD your God did to these two kings. That is exactly what the LORD will do to all the kingdoms where you're going! 22Don't be afraid of them because the LORD your God is the one who will be fighting for you.

Moses' prayer

23It was also at that same time that I begged the LORD: 24Please, LORD God! You have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. What god in heaven or on earth can act as you do or can perform your deeds and powerful acts? 25Please let me cross over the Jordan River so I can see the wonderful land that lies beyond it: those beautiful highlands, even the Lebanon region.

26But the LORD was angry with me because of you! He wouldn't listen to me. He said to me: That's enough from you! Don't ever ask me about this again! 27Go up to the top of Mount Pisgah. Look west, north, south, and east. Have a good look, but you will not cross the Jordan River. 28Instead, command Joshua, strengthen him, and encourage him because he's the one who will cross the river before this people. He's the one who will make sure they inherit the land you will see.

29After that, we stayed in the valley across from Beth-peor.

The events at Mount Horeb

4 Now, Israel, in light of all that, listen to the regulations and the case laws that I am teaching you to follow, so that you may live, enter, and possess the land that the LORD, your ancestors' God, is giving to you. 2Don't

[q]Heb *Chinnereth* [r]Or *the Salt Sea*

add anything to the word that I am commanding you, and don't take anything away from it. Instead, keep the commands of the LORD your God that I am commanding all of you.

[3]You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did concerning the Baal of Peor. The LORD your God destroyed everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, [4]but all of you who stayed true to the LORD your God are alive today. [5]So pay attention! I am teaching all of you the regulations and the case laws exactly as the LORD my God commanded me. You must do these in the land you are entering to possess. [6]Keep them faithfully because that will show your wisdom and insight to the nations who will hear about all these regulations. They will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and insightful people!" [7]After all, is there any great nation that has gods[s] as close to it as the LORD our God is close to us whenever we call to him? [8]Or does any great nation have regulations and case laws as righteous as all this Instruction that I am setting before you today?

[9]But be on guard and watch yourselves closely so that you don't forget the things your eyes saw and so they never leave your mind as long as you live. Teach them to your children and your grandchildren. [10]Remember that[t] day when you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me: "Gather the people to me. I will declare my words to them so that they will learn to fear me every day of their lives on the fertile land, and teach their children to do the same." [11]Then you all came close and stood at the foot of the mountain. The mountain was blazing with fire up to the sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick smoke! [12]The LORD spoke to you out of the very fire itself. You heard the sound of words, but you didn't see any form. There was only a voice. [13]The LORD declared his covenant to you, which he commanded you to do—the Ten Commandments[u]—and wrote them on two stone tablets. [14]At that time, the LORD commanded me to teach you all the regulations and the case laws that you must keep in the land that you are entering to possess.

[15]So watch your conduct closely, because you didn't see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the very fire itself. [16]Don't ruin everything and make an idol for yourself: a form of any image, any likeness—male or female—[17]or any likeness whatsoever, whether of a land animal, a bird that flies in the sky, [18]an insect that crawls on the earth, or a fish that lives in the sea. [19]Don't look to the skies, to the sun or the moon or the stars, all the heavenly bodies, and be led astray, worshipping and serving them. The LORD your God has granted these things to all the nations who live under heaven. [20]But the LORD took you and brought you out of that iron furnace, out of Egypt, so that you might be his own treasured people, which is what you are right now.

[21]The LORD was angry with me because of your deeds and swore that I couldn't cross the Jordan River or enter the wonderful land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. [22]I will die here in this land. I won't cross the Jordan River. But you will, and you will take possession of that wonderful land. [23]So all of you, watch yourselves! Don't forget the covenant that the LORD your God made with you by making an idol or an image of any kind or anything the LORD your God forbids, [24]because the LORD your God is an all-consuming fire. He is a passionate God.

Warnings and teachings about future disobedience

[25]Once you have had children and grandchildren and have grown old on the land, if you ruin things by making an idol, in any form whatsoever, and do what is evil in the eyes of the

4:4 Josh 23:8
4:7 2Sa 7:23; Ps 145:18
4:10 Ex 19:16; Dt 4:9, Dt 5:2, Dt 14:23, Dt 17:19
4:12 Dt 4:36, Dt 5:4, Dt 5:22
4:13 Ex 24:12, Ex 31:18, Ex 34:28; Dt 9:9, Dt 10:4
4:14 Ex 21:1, Ex 24:3-4; Dt 4:5
4:15 Dt 4:12; Josh 23:11; Is 40:18
4:16 Ex 20:4; Dt 4:23; Ro 1:23
4:17 Ro 1:23
4:19 Dt 17:3; 2Ki 17:16, 2Ki 21:3; Job 31:26; Jer 8:2
4:20 1Ki 8:51; Jer 11:4
4:23 Ex 20:4; Dt 4:9, Dt 4:16
4:24 Ex 20:5; Dt 6:15; Is 33:14; Heb 12:29

[s]MT; LXX, Syr, Tg *a god so close* [t]Heb lacks *remember that.* [u]Or *the ten words*

LORD your God and anger him, [26]I call heaven and earth as my witnesses against you today: You will definitely disappear—and quickly—from the land that you are crossing over the Jordan River to possess. You won't extend your time there but will instead be totally destroyed. [27]The LORD will scatter you among the nations. Only a very few of you will survive in the countries where the LORD will drag you. [28]There you will worship other[v] gods, made of wood and stone by human hands—gods that cannot see, listen, eat, or smell. [29]You will seek the LORD your God from there, and you will find him[w] if you seek him with all your heart and with all your being. [30]In your distress, when all these things happen to you in the future, you will return to the LORD your God and you will obey his voice, [31]because the LORD your God is a compassionate God. He won't let you go, he won't destroy you, and he won't forget the covenant that he swore to your ancestors.

[32]Now look into it: into days long past, before your time—all the way back to the day God first created human beings on earth, from one end of heaven to the other. Has anything this amazing ever happened? Has anything like it ever been heard of before? [33]Has any people ever listened to a god's voice speaking out of fire, as each of you have, and survived? [34]Or has any god ever tried to take one nation out of another nation using tests, miracles, wonders, war, a strong hand and outstretched arm, or awesome power like all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt while you watched? [35]You were shown these things so that you would know this: The LORD is the only God. There's no other god except him. [36]From heaven he made you hear his voice in order to discipline you. On earth he showed you his great fire. You heard his words from that very fire. [37]And because he loved your ancestors and chose their descendants after them, God brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his own great power, [38]in order to remove larger and stronger nations from before you and bring you into their land, giving it to you as an inheritance. That's where things stand right now. [39]Know then today and keep in mind that the LORD is the only God in heaven above or on earth below. There is no other. [40]Keep the Lord's regulations and his commandments. I'm commanding them to you today for your well-being and for the well-being of your children after you, so that you may extend your time on the fertile land that the LORD your God is giving you forever.

4:26 Dt 30:19, Dt 31:28, Dt 32:1; Is 1:2; Mi 6:2

4:32 Job 8:8

4:33 Ex 33:20; Dt 4:12, Dt 5:24, Dt 5:26

4:34 Ex 6:6; Dt 5:15, Dt 6:21, Dt 7:19, Dt 26:8

4:35 Dt 4:39, Dt 32:39; 1Sa 2:2; Is 44:6; Mk 12:32

4:37 Dt 10:15; Mal 1:2

4:39 Dt 4:35; Josh 2:11

Cities of refuge

[41]Then Moses set aside three cities on the eastern side of the Jordan River [42]so that anyone who killed someone accidentally and without prior hatred could flee to one of these cities and be safe: [43]Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

The second heading: Recounting the Horeb covenant

[44]Now this is the Instruction that Moses set before the Israelites. [45]These are the laws and the regulations and the case laws that Moses spoke to the Israelites when they came out of Egypt. [46]This took place across the Jordan River, in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon the Amorite king who ruled in Heshbon, whom Moses and the Israelites defeated when they came out of Egypt. [47]They took possession of his land and the land of Og, Bashan's king—the two Amorite kings across the Jordan River to the east—[48]from Aroer, which is on the banks of the Arnon River, all the way to Mount Sion,[x] also known as Hermon, [49]and all the desert regions across the Jordan River, on the east, down to the Dead Sea, beneath the slopes of Mount Pisgah.

[v]LXX; MT lacks *other*. [w]Heb lacks *him*. [x]Syr *Sirion*; see 3:9.

Ten Commandments

5 Moses called out to all Israel, saying to them: "Israel! Listen to the regulations and the case laws that I'm recounting in your hearing right now. Learn them and carefully do them. [2]The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Mount Horeb. [3]The LORD didn't make this covenant with our ancestors but with us—all of us who are here and alive right now. [4]The LORD spoke with you face-to-face on the mountain from the very fire itself. [5]At that time, I was standing between the LORD and you, declaring to you the LORD's word, because you were terrified of the fire and didn't go up on the mountain."

The LORD said:

[6]I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

[7]You must have no other gods before[y] me. [8]Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. [9]Do not bow down to them or worship them because I, the LORD your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins—even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. [10]But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation[z] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

[11]Do not use the LORD your God's name as if it were of no significance; the LORD won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

[12]Keep the Sabbath day and treat it as holy, exactly as the LORD your God commanded: [13]Six days you may work and do all your tasks, [14]but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Don't do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your oxen or donkeys or any of your animals, or the immigrant who is living among you—so that your male and female servants can rest just like you. [15]Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, but the LORD your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That's why the LORD your God commands you to keep the Sabbath day.

[16]Honor your father and your mother, exactly as the LORD your God requires, so that your life will be long and so that things will go well for you on the fertile land that the LORD your God is giving you.

[17]Do not kill.[a]

[18]Do not commit adultery.

[19]Do not steal.

[20]Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

[21]Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife.

Do not crave your neighbor's house, field, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

[22]Those are the words the LORD spoke to your entire assembly with a loud voice while on the mountain, from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick smoke. He added no more. God wrote them on two stone tablets, then gave them to me.

Moses' intercessory role

[23]Now once you heard the voice from the darkness while the mountain was blazing with fire, you came to me—more specifically, all the chiefs of your tribes and your elders came— [24]and you said: "Look here! The LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness. We've heard his voice come out of the very fire itself. We've seen firsthand that God can speak to a human being and they can survive! [25]But why should we die? Surely this massive fire will consume us! If we hear any more of the LORD our God's voice, we will die. [26]Is there anyone who has heard the living God's voice speaking out of the very fire itself, like we have,

5:1 Dt 4:1
5:2 Ex 19:5; Dt 4:10
5:5 Ex 19:16, Ex 20:18; Dt 5:27; Ga 3:19; Heb 12:18
5:6 Ex 20:2; Lv 26:1; Dt 6:4
5:7 Ex 20:3
5:8 Dt 4:15
5:9 Ex 34:7; Dt 4:24
5:10 Dt 7:9; Jer 32:18; Dn 9:4
5:11 Ex 20:7; Lv 19:12; Dt 6:13, Dt 10:20; Mt 5:33
5:12 Ex 20:8
5:13 Ex 23:12, Ex 35:2
5:14 Gn 2:2; Ex 23:12; Heb 4:4
5:15 Dt 4:34, Dt 15:15, Dt 16:12, Dt 24:18
5:16 Lv 19:3; Dt 4:40; Mt 15:4
5:17 Gn 9:6; Ex 20:13; Mt 5:21; Ro 13:9; Jas 2:11
5:18 Ex 20:14; Mt 5:27, Mt 19:18; Lk 18:20; Jas 2:11
5:19 Ex 20:15; Lv 19:11; Ro 13:9; Eph 4:28
5:20 Ex 20:16, Ex 23:1; Dt 19:16; Mt 19:18
5:21 Ex 20:17; Mi 2:2; Ro 7:7, Ro 13:9
5:22 Ex 24:12, Ex 31:18; Dt 4:11, Dt 4:13, Dt 5:4
5:24 Ex 19:19; Dt 3:24, Dt 4:33
5:26 Dt 4:33; Josh 3:10

[y]Or *besides* [z]Or *to thousands* [a]Or *murder*

and survived? [27]You go and listen to all that the LORD our God says. Then tell us all that the LORD our God speaks to you. We'll listen and we'll do it."

[28]The LORD heard what you said, when you said this to me. The LORD then told me: I heard what the people said when they spoke with you. Everything they suggest is good. [29]If only their minds were like this: always fearing me and keeping all my commandments so that things would go well for them and their children forever! [30]Go and tell them: You may go back to your tents. [31]But you, Moses, must stay here with me. I will tell you all the commandments,[b] the regulations, and the case laws that you must teach the Israelites to do in the land that I am giving them to possess.

[32]So you must carefully do exactly what the LORD your God commands you. Don't deviate even a bit! [33]You must walk the precise path that the LORD your God indicates for you so that you will live, and so that things will go well for you, and so you will extend your time on the land that you will possess.

The great commandment

6 Now these are the commandments, the regulations, and the case laws that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you to follow in the land you are entering to possess, [2]so that you will fear the LORD your God by keeping all his regulations and his commandments that I am commanding you—both you and your sons and daughters—all the days of your life and so that you will lengthen your life. [3]Listen to them, Israel! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you and so that you will continue to multiply exactly as the LORD, your ancestors' God, promised you, in a land full of milk and honey.

[4]Israel, listen! Our God is the LORD! Only the LORD![c] [5]Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. [6]These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. [7]Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. [8]Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol.[d] [9]Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

[10]Now once the LORD your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to you—a land that will be full of large and wonderful towns that you didn't build, [11]houses stocked with all kinds of goods that you didn't stock, cisterns that you didn't make, vineyards and olive trees that you didn't plant—and you eat and get stuffed, [12]watch yourself! Don't forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. [13]Revere the LORD your God, serve him, and take your oaths in his name! [14]Don't follow other gods, those gods of the people around you—[15]because the LORD your God, who is with you and among you, is a passionate God. The LORD your God's anger will burn against you, and he will wipe you off the fertile land. [16]Don't test the LORD your God the way you frustrated him at Massah. [17]You must carefully follow the LORD your God's commands along with the laws and regulations he has given you. [18]Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight so that things will go well for you and so you will enter and take possession of the wonderful land that the LORD swore to your ancestors, [19]and so the LORD will drive out all your enemies from before you, just as he promised.

5:27 Ex 19:8, Ex 20:19
5:29 Dt 4:40, Dt 5:16; Ps 81:13
5:31 Ex 24:12; Ga 3:19
5:32 Dt 17:20, Dt 28:14; Josh 1:7, Josh 23:6; Prv 4:27
6:2 Ps 128:1; Ecc 12:13
6:3 Gn 15:5; Ex 3:8
6:4 Dt 4:35, Dt 4:39; Is 44:6; Mk 12:29; 1Co 8:4
6:5 Dt 10:12, Dt 11:1; Mt 22:37; Mk 12:30; Lk 10:27
6:6 Dt 11:18; Ps 37:31, Ps 119:11; Is 51:7
6:7 Dt 4:9, Dt 11:19; Eph 6:4
6:8 Ex 13:9; Dt 11:18; Prv 3:3, Prv 7:3; Mt 23:5
6:11 Dt 8:10; Josh 24:13
6:12 Dt 4:9, Dt 8:11
6:13 Dt 10:20, Dt 13:4; Jer 12:16; Mt 4:10; Lk 4:8
6:15 Ex 20:5; Nm 32:10; Dt 4:24, Dt 5:9, Dt 11:17
6:16 Ex 17:2, Ex 17:7; Mt 4:7; Lk 4:12; 1Co 10:9

[b]Heb is singular, *commandment* (see 6:1). [c]Or *The LORD is our God, the LORD only*; or *The LORD is our God, the LORD alone*; or *The LORD our God is one LORD*; or *The LORD our God, the LORD is one*; or *The LORD is our God, the LORD is one.* [d]Heb uncertain; cf Exod 13:16; Syr *sign* or *mark*; Tg *phylacteries*

The next generation

20 In the future, your children will
ask you, "What is the meaning of the
laws,[e] the regulations, and the case
laws that the LORD our God com-
manded you?" 21 tell them: We were
Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. But the
LORD brought us out of Egypt with a
mighty hand. 22 Before our own eyes,
the LORD performed great and awe-
some deeds of power[f] against Egypt,
Pharaoh, and his entire dynasty. 23 But
the Lord brought us out from there so
that he could bring us in, giving us the
land that he swore to our ancestors.
24 Then the LORD commanded us to
perform all these regulations, rever-
ing the LORD our God, so that things
go well for us always and so we con-
tinue to live, as we're doing right now.
25 What's more, we will be considered
righteous if we are careful to do all this
commandment before the LORD our
God, just as he commanded us.

Dealing with foreign worship

7 Now once the LORD your God
brings you into the land you are
entering to take possession of, and he
drives out numerous nations before
you—the Hittites, the Girgashites,
the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Per-
izzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:
seven nations that are larger and
stronger than you—2 once the LORD
your God lays them before you, you
must strike them down, placing them
under the ban.[g] Don't make any cove-
nants with them, and don't be merciful
to them. 3 Don't intermarry with them.
Don't give your daughter to one of
their sons to marry, and don't take one
of their daughters to marry your son,
4 because they will turn your child away
from following me so that they end up
serving other gods. That will make the
LORD's anger burn against you, and he
will quickly annihilate you.

5 Instead, this is what you must do
with these nations: rip down their al-

6:21 Ex 20:2; Dt 5:15, Dt 7:8; Neh 9:10

7:1 Dt 4:38

7:2 Ex 23:32, Ex 34:12; Dt 20:17; Jgs 2:2

7:3 Ex 34:16; Josh 23:12; Ezr 9:2

7:5 Ex 23:24, Ex 34:13; Dt 7:25, Dt 12:3

7:6 Ex 19:6; Dt 14:2, Dt 26:19, Dt 28:9; Ps 50:5

7:7 Dt 4:37

7:8 Ex 32:13; Dt 10:15; Jer 31:3

7:13 Dt 28:4; Jn 14:21

tars, smash their sacred stones, cut
down their sacred poles,[h] and burn
their idols 6 because you are a people
holy to the LORD your God. The LORD
your God chose you to be his own
treasured people beyond all others on
the fertile land. 7 It was not because
you were greater than all other people
that the LORD loved you and chose
you. In fact, you were the smallest of
peoples! 8 No, it is because the LORD
loved you and because he kept the
solemn pledge he swore to your ances-
tors that the LORD brought you out
with a strong hand and saved you from
the house of slavery, from the power of
Pharaoh, Egypt's king. 9 Know now then
that the LORD your God is the only
true God! He is the faithful God, who
keeps the covenant and proves loyal to
everyone who loves him and keeps his
commands—even to the thousandth
generation! 10 He is the God who per-
sonally repays anyone who hates him,
ultimately destroying that kind of per-
son. The LORD does not waste time
with anyone who hates him; he repays
them personally. 11 So make sure you
carefully keep the commandment, the
regulations, and the case laws that I
am commanding you right now.

12 If you listen to these case laws and
follow them carefully, the LORD your
God will keep the covenant and dis-
play the loyalty that he promised your
ancestors. 13 He will love you, bless
you, and multiply you. He will bless
the fruit of your wombs and the fruit
of your fertile land—all your grain,
your wine, your oil, and the offspring
of your cattle and flocks—upon the
very fertile land that he swore to your
ancestors to give to you. 14 You will be
more blessed than any other group
of people. No one will be sterile or
infertile—not among you or your an-
imals. 15 The LORD will remove all sick-
ness from you. As for all those dreadful
Egyptian diseases you experienced,
the Lord won't put them on you but

[e] Or *What are the laws . . . ?* [f] Or *signs and wonders* [g] See note at 2:34. [h] Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah

will inflict them on all who hate you.
16You will destroy all the peoples that
the LORD your God is handing over
to you. Show them no pity. And don't
serve their gods because that would be
a trap for you.

Against power and lack of trust

17If you happen to think to your-
self, These nations are greater than we
are; how can we possibly possess their
land? 18don't be afraid of them! Re-
member, instead, what the LORD your
God did to Pharaoh and all Egypt: 19the
great trials that you saw with your
own eyes, the signs and wonders, and
the strong hand and outstretched
arm the LORD your God used to res-
cue you. That's what the LORD your
God will do to any people you fear.
20The LORD your God will send ter-
ror[i] on them until even the survivors
and those hiding from you are de-
stroyed. 21Don't dread these nations
because the LORD your God, the great
and awesome God, is with you and
among you. (22The LORD your God
will drive out these nations before
you bit by bit. You won't be able to
finish them off quickly; otherwise,
the wild animals would become too
much for you to handle.) 23The LORD
your God will lay these nations be-
fore you, throwing them into a huge
panic until they are destroyed. 24He
will hand their kings over to you, and
you will wipe their names out from
under the skies. No one will be able
to stand before you; you will crush
them.

25Burn the images of their gods.
Don't desire the silver or the gold that
is on them and take it for yourself, or
you will be trapped by it. That is detest-
able to the LORD your God. 26Don't
bring any detestable thing into your
house, or you will be placed under the
ban too, just like it is! You must utterly
detest these kinds of things, despis-
ing them completely, because they are
under the ban.

7:21 Dt 10:17; Josh 3:10; Neh 1:5, Neh 9:32

7:22 Ex 23:29, Ex 23:30

7:23 Ex 23:27; Dt 7:2, Dt 9:3; Josh 10:10

7:25 Ex 32:20; Dt 7:5

7:26 Lv 27:28; Dt 13:17; Josh 6:18, Josh 7:1, Josh 7:11

8:2 Gn 22:1; Ex 15:25; Dt 8:16; 2Ch 32:31; Am 2:10

8:3 Dt 8:16; Mt 4:4; Lk 4:4

8:4 Dt 29:5; Neh 9:21

8:5 2Sa 7:14; Prv 3:11, Prv 3:12; Heb 12:5; Rev 3:19

8:11 Dt 4:9, Dt 6:12

8:12 Dt 28:47, Dt 32:15; Prv 30:9; Hos 13:6

8:13 Dt 8:14

8 You must carefully perform all of
the commandment that I am com-
manding you right now so you can
live and multiply and enter and take
possession of the land that the LORD
swore to your ancestors. 2Remember
the long road on which the LORD your
God led you during these forty years
in the desert so he could humble you,
testing you to find out what was in
your heart: whether you would keep
his commandments or not. 3He hum-
bled you by making you hungry and
then feeding you the manna that nei-
ther you nor your ancestors had ever
experienced, so he could teach you
that people don't live on bread alone.
No, they live based on whatever the
LORD says.[j] 4During these forty years,
your clothes didn't wear out and your
feet didn't swell up. 5Know then in
your heart that the LORD your God
has been disciplining you just as a fa-
ther disciplines his children. 6Keep the
commandments of the LORD your God
by walking in his ways and by fearing
him, 7because the LORD your God is
bringing you to a wonderful land, a
land with streams of water, springs,
and wells that gush up in the valleys
and on the hills; 8a land of wheat and
barley, vines, fig trees, and pomegran-
ates; a land of olive oil and honey; 9a
land where you will eat food without
any shortage—you won't lack a thing
there—a land where stone is hard
as iron and where you will mine cop-
per from the hills. 10You will eat, you
will be satisfied, and you will bless the
LORD your God in the wonderful land
that he's given you.

Against wealth and overconfidence

11But watch yourself! Don't forget
the LORD your God by not keeping
his commands or his case laws or his
regulations that I am commanding you
right now. 12When you eat, get full,
build nice houses, and settle down,
13and when your herds and your flocks
are growing large, your silver and gold

[i]Heb uncertain; perhaps *wasp, plague,* or *pestilence* [j]Or *whatever comes out of the* LORD*'s mouth*

are multiplying, and everything you
have is thriving, 14don't become arro-
gant, forgetting the LORD your God:
the one who rescued you from
Egypt, from the house of slavery;
15the one who led you through
this vast and terrifying desert of
poisonous snakes and scorpions, of
cracked ground with no water;
the one who made water flow for
you out of a hard rock;
16the one who fed you manna
in the wilderness, which your an-
cestors had never experienced, in
order to humble and test you, but in
order to do good to you in the end.
17Don't think to yourself, My own
strength and abilities have produced
all this prosperity for me. 18Remember
the LORD your God! He's the one who
gives you the strength to be prosperous
in order to establish the covenant he
made with your ancestors—and that's
how things stand right now. 19But if
you do, in fact, forget the LORD your
God and follow other gods, serving and
bowing down to them, I swear to you
right now that you will be completely
destroyed. 20Just like the nations
that the LORD is destroying before
you, that's exactly how you will be
destroyed—all because you didn't obey
the LORD your God's voice.

Against false piety and immodesty

9 Listen, Israel! Today you will cross
the Jordan River to enter and take
possession of nations larger and more
powerful than you, along with huge
cities with fortifications that reach to
the sky. 2These people are large and
tall—they are the Anakim. You know
and have heard what people say: "Who
can stand up to the Anakim?" 3Know
right now that the LORD your God,
who is crossing over before you, is an
all-consuming fire! He will wipe them
out! He will subdue them before you!
Then you will take possession of their
land, eliminating them quickly, exactly
as the LORD told you.
4Once the LORD your God has driven
them out before you, don't think to
yourself, It's because I'm righteous that
the LORD brought me in to possess this
land. It is instead because of these na-
tions' wickedness that the LORD is re-
moving them before you. 5You aren't
entering and taking possession of their
land because you are righteous or be-
cause your heart is especially virtuous;
rather, it is because these nations are
wicked—that's why the LORD your
God is removing them before you,
and because he wishes to establish the
promise he made to your ancestors: to
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Gold calf

6Know then that the LORD your
God isn't giving you this excellent
land for you to possess on account of
your righteousness—because you are
a stubborn people! 7Remember—don't
ever forget!—how you made the LORD
your God furious in the wilderness.
From the very first day you stepped
out of Egypt until you arrived at this
place, you have been rebels against the
LORD. 8Even at Horeb you angered the
LORD! He was so enraged by you that
he threatened to wipe you out. 9When
I went up on the mountain to get the
stone tablets, the covenant tablets
that the LORD made with you, I was up
there forty days and forty nights. I ate
no bread, drank no water. 10The LORD
gave me the two stone tablets, written
by God's finger, and on them were all
the words that the LORD had said to
you on the mountain, out of the very
fire itself, on the day we assembled. 11At
the end of those forty days and nights,
the LORD gave me the two stone
tablets—the covenant tablets. 12Then
the LORD said to me, "Get going! Get
down from here quickly because your
people, whom you brought out of
Egypt, have ruined everything! They
couldn't wait to turn from the path
I commanded them! They've made
themselves an idol out of cast metal."
13The LORD said more to me: "I have
seen this people. Look! What a stub-

8:14 Dt 8:11; Ps 106:21
8:15 Ex 17:6; Nm 21:6; Dt 1:19, Dt 32:13; Ps 78:15
8:17 Dt 9:4
8:18 1Ch 29:12; Prv 10:22; Hos 2:8
9:2 Nm 13:22, Nm 13:28; Dt 1:28
9:3 Dt 4:24, Dt 7:24, Dt 31:3; Josh 3:11; Heb 12:29
9:4 Lv 18:24; Dt 8:17, Dt 18:12
9:5 Ti 3:5
9:6 Ex 32:9; Dt 9:13, Dt 10:16
9:9 Ex 24:12, Ex 24:18, Ex 34:28; Dt 9:18
9:10 Ex 31:18; Dt 4:10, Dt 10:4, Dt 18:16
9:11 Dt 9:9
9:12 Ex 32:7, Ex 32:8; Jgs 2:17

born people they are! [14]Now stand back. I am going to wipe them out. I will erase their name from under heaven, then I will make a nation out of you—one stronger and larger than they were."

[15]So I went down the mountain while it was blazing with fire. The two covenant tablets were in my two hands. [16]It was then that I saw how you sinned against the LORD your God: you made yourselves a calf, an idol made of cast metal! You couldn't wait to turn from the path the LORD commanded you! [17]I grabbed the two tablets and threw them down with my own hands, shattering them while you watched. [18]Then I fell before the LORD as I had done the previous forty days and forty nights. I ate no bread and drank no water, all because of the sin that you had committed by doing such evil in the LORD's sight, infuriating him. [19]I was afraid of the massive anger and rage the LORD had for you—he was going to wipe you out! However, the LORD listened to me again in that moment.

[20]But the LORD was furious with Aaron—he was going to wipe him out! So I also prayed hard for Aaron at that time. [21]And as for that sinful thing you made, that calf, I took it and I burned it with fire. Then I smashed it, grinding it thoroughly until it was as fine as dust. Then I dumped the dust into the stream that ran down the mountain.

[22]Also at Taberah, again at Massah, and then again at Kibroth-hattaavah, you have been the kind of people who make the LORD angry. [23]And then, when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, telling you: "Go up and take possession of the land that I'm giving you," you disobeyed the LORD your God's command. You didn't trust him. You didn't obey God's voice. [24]You've been rebellious toward the LORD from the day I[k] met you.

Moses' intercessory prayer

[25]But I fell on my knees in the LORD's presence forty days and forty nights, lying flat out, because the LORD planned on wiping you out. [26]But I prayed to the LORD! I said: LORD, my Lord! Don't destroy your people, your own possession, whom you saved by your own power, whom you brought out of Egypt with a strong hand! [27]Remember your servants: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! Don't focus on this people's stubbornness, wickedness, and sin. [28]Otherwise, that land out of which you brought us will say: The LORD wasn't strong enough to bring them into the land he'd promised them. Because he didn't care for them in the least, he brought them out to die in the desert. [29]But these are your people! Your own possession! The people you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm!

9:20 Gn 20:7; Ex 4:14, Ex 28:12, Ex 28:29, Ex 28:30

9:25 Dt 9:18

9:28 Ex 32:12; Nm 14:16; Dt 32:27

9:29 Dt 4:20, Dt 4:34, Dt 32:9; 1Ki 8:51; Neh 1:10

10:6 Nm 20:28, Nm 33:30, Nm 33:38

New tablets

10 At that time the LORD told me: Carve two stone tablets, just like the first ones, and hike up the mountain to me. Construct a wooden chest as well. [2]I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets—the ones you smashed—then you will place them in the chest.

[3]So I built a chest out of acacia wood and carved two stone tablets just like the first ones. Then I hiked up the mountain holding the two tablets in my hands. [4]God wrote on the new tablets what had been written on the first set: the Ten Commandments that the LORD spoke to you on the mountain, from the very fire itself, on the day we assembled there. Then the LORD gave them to me.

[5]So I came back down the mountain. I put the tablets in the chest that I'd made, and that's where they are now, exactly as the LORD commanded me.

([6]Now, the Israelites had set out from Beeroth-bene-jaakan[l] to Moserah. It was there that Aaron died and was buried. His son Eleazar succeeded him in the priestly role. [7]From there the Israelites traveled to

[k]LXX, Sam *he* (God) *met you* (so) [l]Or *from the wells of the Jaakanites*

Gudgodah, then from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, which is a land with flowing streams. [8]At that time, the LORD selected the tribe of Levi to carry the chest containing the LORD's covenant, to minister before the LORD, to serve him, and to offer blessings in his name. That's the way things are right now. [9]That's why the Levites don't have a stake or inheritance with the rest of their relatives. The LORD is the Levites' inheritance, just as the LORD your God promised them.)

[10]Just as the first time, I remained on the mountain forty days and nights. And the LORD listened to me again in this instance. The LORD wasn't willing to destroy you. [11]Then the LORD told me: Get going. Lead the people so they can enter and take possession of the land that I promised I'd give to their ancestors.

What the LORD requires

[12]Now in light of all that, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you? Only this: to revere the LORD your God by walking in all his ways, by loving him, by serving the LORD your God with all your heart and being, [13]and by keeping the LORD's commandments and his regulations that I'm commanding you right now. It's for your own good!

[14]Clearly, the LORD owns the sky, the highest heavens, the earth, and everything in it. [15]But the LORD adored your ancestors, loving them and choosing the descendants that followed them—you!—from all other people. That's how things still stand now. [16]So circumcise your hearts[m] and stop being so stubborn, [17]because the LORD your God is the God of all gods and Lord of all lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God who doesn't play favorites and doesn't take bribes. [18]He enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. [19]That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt. [20]Revere the LORD your God, serve him, cling to him, swear by his name alone! [21]He is your praise, and he is your God—the one who performed these great and awesome acts that you witnessed with your very own eyes. [22]Your ancestors went down to Egypt with a total of seventy people, but now look! The LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the nighttime sky!

10:10 Dt 9:18, Dt 9:19

10:12 Dt 6:5, Dt 6:13; Mi 6:8; Mt 22:37

10:13 Dt 6:24

10:14 Ex 19:5; 1Ki 8:27; Neh 9:6; Ps 24:1, Ps 115:16

10:15 Dt 4:37, Dt 7:7, Dt 7:8; Ro 11:28

10:16 Lv 26:41; Dt 9:6, Dt 30:6; Jer 4:4; Ro 2:29

10:17 Dt 7:21; Josh 22:22; 2Ch 19:7; Ps 136:2; Dn 2:47

10:19 Ex 22:21, Ex 23:9; Lv 19:33, Lv 19:34

10:20 Dt 6:13, Dt 13:4

10:22 Gn 15:5, Gn 46:27; Ex 1:5; Dt 1:10; Ac 7:14

11 So love the LORD your God and follow his instruction, his regulations, his case laws, and his commandments always. [2]And know right now what your children haven't known or yet witnessed:[n]

The LORD your God's discipline, his power, his mighty hand and outstretched arm;

[3]the signs and the acts that he performed in the heart of Egyptian territory, against Egypt's King Pharaoh and all his land;

[4]what God did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots—how he made the water of the Reed Sea[o] flow over their heads when they chased after you, but the LORD destroyed them, and that's how things stand right now;

[5]what the Lord did for you in the desert, until you arrived at this place;

[6]and what he did to Dothan and Abiram, the descendants of Eliab the Reubenite, when the ground opened up its mouth and swallowed them, their families, their tents, and every living thing they possessed in the presence of all Israel.

[7]Your own eyes witnessed each of these powerful acts the LORD performed. [8]So keep every part of the commandment that I am giving you today so that you stay strong to enter and take possession of the land that you are crossing over to possess, [9]and so that you might prolong your life on the fertile land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give to them and

[m]Or *the foreskin of your hearts*; cf 30:6 [n]Heb uncertain [o]Or *Red Sea*

their descendants—a land full of milk and honey.

[10]The land you are about to enter and possess is definitely not like the land of Egypt, where you came from, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it by hand[p] like a vegetable garden. [11]No, the land you are entering to possess is a land of hills and valleys, where your drinking water will be rain from heaven. [12]It's a land that the LORD cares for: the LORD's eyes are on it constantly from the first of the year until the very end of the year.

[13]Now, if you completely obey God's[q] commandments that I am giving you right now, by loving the LORD your God and by serving him with all your heart and all your being, [14]then he[r] will provide rain for your land at the right time—early rain and late rain—so you can stock up your grain, wine, and oil. [15]He[s] will also make your fields lush for your livestock, and you will eat and be satisfied. [16]But watch yourselves! Otherwise, your heart might be led astray so you stray away, serving other gods and worshipping them. [17]Then the LORD's anger would burn against you. He will close the sky up tight. There won't be any rain, and the ground won't yield any of its crops. You will quickly disappear off the wonderful land the LORD is giving to you.

[18]Place these words I'm speaking on your heart and in your very being. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol.[t] [19]Teach them to your children, by talking about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. [20]Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates. [21]Do all that so your days and your children's days on the fertile land the LORD swore to give to your ancestors are many—indeed, as many as the number of days that the sky's been over the earth!

11:10 Dt 8:7; 1Ki 21:2; Is 58:11; Zec 14:18

11:11 Dt 8:7

11:14 Lv 26:4; Dt 28:12; Jer 5:24; Jl 2:23; Jas 5:7

11:26 Dt 30:1, Dt 30:15, Dt 30:19

11:27 Dt 28:1; Lk 11:28

[22]It's true: if you carefully keep all this commandment that I'm giving you, by doing it, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in all his ways, and by clinging to him, [23]then the LORD will clear out all these nations before you. You will inherit what belonged to nations that are larger and stronger than you are. [24]Every place you set foot on will be yours: your territory will run from the wilderness all the way to the Lebanon range, and from the Euphrates River all the way to the Mediterranean Sea. [25]No one will be able to stand up to you. Just as he promised, the LORD your God will make the entire land deathly afraid of you wherever you advance in it.

Ceremony on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal

[26]Pay attention! I am setting blessing and curse before you right now: [27]the blessing if you obey the LORD your God's commandments that I am giving you right now, [28]but the curse if you don't obey the LORD your God's commandments and stray from the path that I am giving you today by following other gods that you have not known. [29]Now when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of, put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. ([30]Aren't both of these mountains across the Jordan River, down along the western road in the region of the Canaanites who live in the desert plain, across from Gilgal, next to the Moreh Oak Grove?)

[31]So then, once you cross the Jordan River to enter and possess the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you take possession of it, settling down in it, [32]you must carefully follow the regulations and the case laws that I am laying out before you right now.

[p]Or *foot* [q]LXX *his*; MT *my* [r]Sam, LXX, DSS (8QMez); Heb, Vulg, Syr, Tg, and several DSS *I*, in which case the text shifts to direct divine discourse. [s]Sam, LXX, two DSS; Heb, four DSS, Syr, Tg *I*, in which case the text shifts to direct divine discourse. [t]Heb uncertain; cf Exod 13:16; Syr *sign or mark*; Tg *phylacteries*

Regulations and the case laws:

Worship at the location the LORD selects

12 These are the regulations and the case laws that you must carefully keep in the fertile land the LORD, your ancestors' God, has given to you to possess for as long as you live on that land:

[2] You must completely destroy every place where the nations that you are displacing worshipped their gods—whether on high mountains or hills or under leafy green trees. [3] Rip down their altars and shatter their sacred stones. Burn their sacred poles[u] with fire. Hack their gods' idols into pieces. Wipe out their names from that place.

[4] Don't act like they did toward the LORD your God!

[5] Instead, you must search for the location the LORD your God will select from all your tribes to put his name there, as his residence, and you must go there. [6] You must bring your entirely burned offerings, your sacrifices, your tenth-part gifts, your contributions,[v] your payments for solemn promises, your spontaneous gifts, and the oldest offspring of your herds and flocks to that place. [7] You will have a feast there, each of you and your families, in the LORD your God's presence, and you will celebrate all you have done because the LORD your God has blessed you. [8] Don't act like we've been acting here lately—everyone doing what seems right to them—[9] because up to this point you haven't yet reached the place of rest or the inheritance the LORD your God is giving you. [10] But you are about to cross the Jordan River and will settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as your inheritance. Then he will give you rest from all your enemies on every side so that you live safely and securely. [11] At that point, you must bring all that I am commanding you, your entirely burned offerings, your sacrifices, your tenth-part gifts, your contributions, and all your best payments that you solemnly promised to the LORD, to the location the LORD your God selects for his name to reside. [12] Then you will rejoice in the LORD your God's presence: each of you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites who dwell in your cities because they have no designated inheritance.

[13] But watch yourself! Make sure you don't offer up your entirely burned offerings in just any place you see. [14] No, only at the location the LORD selects from one of your tribal areas—that's where you must offer up your entirely burned offerings and that's where you must perform everything I'm telling you. [15] However, whenever you wish, you may slaughter and eat meat, as the LORD your God sees fit to bless you with such in your cities. People who are polluted and people who are purified can join in the feast, as they would if they were eating gazelle or deer. [16] But you must not consume any of the animals' blood. Pour it out on the ground, just like water.

[17] Within your cities you are not allowed to eat any of the following: your tenth-part gifts of grain, wine, and oil; the oldest offspring of your herds and flocks; any of the payments you have solemnly promised; your spontaneous gifts or your contributions. [18] Only in the presence of the LORD your God, at the location the LORD your God selects, can you eat these things—that holds true for you, your son and daughter, your male and female servant, and the Levite who lives in your city. Then celebrate all you have done in the LORD your God's presence. [19] But watch yourself: as long as you are on the land, don't forget about the Levites.

[20] Once the LORD your God has enlarged your territory, as he promised you, and you think to yourself, I'd like to eat some meat (because you have the desire to do so), feel free to do so whenever you want. [21] But if the location that the LORD your God will

12:1 Dt 6:1; 1Ki 8:40
12:2 1Ki 14:23; 2Ki 16:4, 2Ki 17:10; Jer 3:6
12:3 Ex 23:13; Zec 13:2
12:4 Dt 12:30, Dt 12:31
12:5 Dt 12:11, Dt 16:2, Dt 26:2; 2Ch 7:12; Ps 78:68
12:6 Dt 14:22
12:7 Lv 23:40; Dt 14:26
12:8 Jgs 17:6, Jgs 21:25
12:9 Dt 3:20, Dt 4:21; 1Ki 8:56; Ps 95:11
12:10 Dt 11:31
12:11 Dt 12:5
12:12 Dt 10:9, Dt 12:7, Dt 12:19, Dt 16:11
12:13 Dt 12:5
12:14 Dt 12:5, Dt 12:11
12:15 Dt 12:22, Dt 14:5, Dt 15:22
12:16 Gn 9:4; Lv 3:17, Lv 7:26; Dt 15:23; Ac 15:20
12:17 Lv 27:30; Dt 12:6, Dt 12:11, Dt 12:26, Dt 14:22
12:18 Dt 12:7, Dt 12:12
12:19 Dt 12:12, Dt 14:27
12:20 Ex 34:24; Dt 11:24, Dt 19:8
12:21 Dt 12:5, Dt 14:24

[u] Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [v] Or *the contribution of your hands*; also in 12:11, 17

choose to put his name is far away from where you live, then slaughter an animal from your herd or flock that the LORD has given you, just as I have commanded you, and eat it in your cities whenever you wish. [22]But be sure to eat it as if it were gazelle or deer. People who are polluted and people who are purified can feast on it together.

[23]Furthermore, make sure that you don't consume any of the blood, because blood is life. You must not consume the life along with the meat. [24]You must not consume any of it. Pour it out on the ground, just like water. [25]You must not consume any of it so that things go well for you and for your children later because you did what was right in the LORD's eyes.

[26]Note that you must bring your sacred offerings and your payments for solemn promises to the location the LORD selects, [27]offering up your entirely burned sacrifices—both meat and blood—on the LORD your God's altar. The blood from your sacrifices must be poured out on the LORD your God's altar, but you are allowed to eat the meat. [28]Observe and obey all these words that I am commanding you so that things always go well for you and your children later because you did what was good and right in the LORD your God's eyes.

[29]Once the LORD your God has removed from before you all the nations that you are entering and taking possession of, and you have displaced them and are living in their land, [30]then watch yourself! Don't be trapped by following their practices after they've been wiped out before you. Don't go investigating their gods, thinking, How did these nations worship their gods? I want to do the very same thing!

[31]Don't act like they did toward the LORD your God because they did things for their gods that are detestable to the LORD, which he hates. They even burned their own sons and daughters with fire for their gods!

[32][w]Everything I'm commanding you, you must do it with utmost care! Don't add anything to it or take anything away from it.

False prophets and false gods

13 [x]Now if a prophet or a dream interpreter appears among you and performs a sign or wonder for you, [2]and the sign or wonder that was spoken actually occurs; if he says: "Come on! We should follow other gods"—ones you haven't experienced—"and we should worship them," [3]you must not listen to that prophet's or dream interpreter's words, because the LORD your God is testing you to see if you love the LORD your God with all your mind and all your being. [4]You must follow the LORD your God alone! Revere him! Follow his commandments! Obey his voice! Worship him! Cling to him—no other! [5]That prophet or dream interpreter must be executed because he encouraged you to turn away from the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, who redeemed you from the house of slavery; they tried to lead you away from the path the LORD your God commanded you to take. Remove[y] such evil from your community!

[6]Similarly, if one of your relatives—even one of your own siblings—or your own son or daughter or your dear spouse or best friend entices you secretly, if someone like that says: "Come on! We should follow and worship other gods"—ones that neither you nor your ancestors have experienced, [7]gods from all the neighboring peoples, whether nearby or far away, from one end of the earth to the other—[8]don't give in to them! Don't obey them! Don't have any mercy on them! Don't have compassion on them and don't protect them! [9]Instead, you must execute them. Your own hand must be against them from the beginning of the execution; the hand of all the people will be

12:22 Dt 12:15

12:23 Gn 9:4; Lv 3:17, Lv 17:11; Dt 12:16

12:24 Dt 12:16

12:25 Ex 15:26; Dt 4:40, Dt 6:18, Dt 12:28; 1Ki 11:38

12:26 Nm 5:9, Nm 18:19; Dt 12:6, Dt 12:11, Dt 12:17

12:30 Ex 23:33; Lv 18:3; Dt 7:16, Dt 13:6; Jgs 2:2

12:31 Lv 18:21; 2Ki 3:27; Jer 7:31

12:32 Dt 4:2; Prv 30:6; Rev 22:18, Rev 22:19

13:1 Jer 23:25, Jer 27:9, Jer 29:8; Zec 10:2

13:2 Dt 13:13, Dt 18:22

13:3 Dt 6:5, Dt 8:2; 1Co 11:19

13:4 Dt 6:13, Dt 10:20; 2Ki 23:3; 2Ch 34:31

13:5 Dt 17:7, Dt 19:19, Dt 22:21, Dt 24:7; 1Co 5:13

13:6 Dt 17:2

13:7 Dt 6:14

13:8 Dt 7:2, Dt 7:16, Dt 19:13; Prv 1:10

13:9 Dt 17:7; Ac 7:58

[w]13:1 in Heb [x]13:2 in Heb [y]Or *burn*

involved at the end. 10 Stone them until they are dead because they desired to lead you away from the LORD your God, the one who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 11 All Israel will hear about this and be afraid. They won't do that sort of evil thing among you again.

12 Or if you hear about one of your towns the LORD your God is giving you to inhabit, that 13 certain wicked people have gone out from your community and they've led the citizens of their town astray by saying: "Come on! We should follow and worship other gods"—ones you haven't experienced before; 14 at that point you must look into this situation very carefully to see if it's true. And if it's definitely true that this detestable thing was done in your community, 15 you must completely strike down the inhabitants of that city with the sword. Place it and all that is in it under the ban.[z] Put its animals to the sword. 16 Gather all the plunder into the middle of the town's square. Then burn the city and all of its plunder as an entirely burned offering to the LORD your God. It must remain a heap of rubble forever. It must not be rebuilt. 17 Don't hold on to any of the banned items—this will ensure that the LORD turns from his great anger and is compassionate to you, showing you mercy and multiplying you just like he swore to your ancestors. 18 You must definitely obey the LORD your God's voice, keeping all his commandments that I am giving you right now, by doing what is right in the LORD your God's eyes!

Complete devotion to the LORD

14 You are the LORD's children. Don't cut yourselves and don't shave your foreheads for the dead, 2 because you are a people holy to the LORD your God. You are the ones whom the LORD selected to be his own, to be a treasured people out of all other people on earth.

13:10 Lv 20:2, Lv 24:14; Dt 17:5; Josh 7:25

13:13 Dt 13:2; Jgs 19:22; 1Sa 2:12, 1Sa 25:17; 1Ki 21:10

13:14 Dt 17:4

13:15 Ex 22:20; Dt 7:2

13:16 Josh 6:24, Josh 8:28; Is 17:1, Is 25:2; Jer 49:2

13:17 Gn 22:17, Gn 26:4, Gn 26:24; Dt 7:13, Dt 7:26

13:18 Dt 12:25, Dt 12:28

14:1 Lv 19:28; Jn 1:12; Ro 9:8, Ro 9:26; Ga 3:26

14:2 Lv 20:26; Dt 7:6, Dt 26:18; 1Pt 2:9

14:3 Eze 4:14

14:5 Dt 12:15

14:7 Lv 11:5, Lv 11:6; Prv 30:26

14:12 Lv 11:13

14:21 Ex 23:19, Ex 34:26; Dt 14:2

Dietary laws

3 Don't eat any detestable thing. 4 Here's a list of animals you are allowed to eat: ox, sheep, goat, 5 deer, gazelle, roebuck, wild goat, ibex, antelope, and mountain sheep. 6 You are also allowed to eat any animal with a divided hoof—the hoof being divided into two parts—and that rechews food among the various kinds of animals. 7 However, here's a list of animals that either rechew food or have hooves divided in two parts that you are not allowed to eat:

> the camel, the hare, and the rock badger—because these rechew food but don't have divided hoofs, they are off-limits for you;
>
> 8 and the pig—because it has a divided hoof but doesn't rechew food, it's off-limits for you.
>
> You may not eat these animals' meat, and you must not touch their carcasses.

9 Here's a list of the water animals you are allowed to eat: you can eat anything that has fins and scales. 10 But you aren't allowed to eat anything that lacks scales or fins. These are off-limits for you.

11 You are allowed to eat any clean bird. 12 Here's a list of those you are not allowed to eat: the eagle, the vulture, the osprey, 13 the red kite, the black kite, and any kind of bird of prey, 14 any kind of raven, 15 the ostrich, the nighthawk, the seagull, any kind of hawk, 16 the small owl and the large owl, the water hen, 17 the desert owl, the carrion vulture, the cormorant, 18 the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat.[a]

19 Also, all winged insects are off-limits for you. They are not to be eaten. 20 Any clean winged creature can be eaten, however.

21 You must not eat any decayed animal flesh because you are a people holy to the LORD your God. You can give decayed animal flesh to the immigrants who live in your cities, and they can eat it; or you can sell it to foreigners.

[z] See note at 2:34. [a] The species of many of the birds in 14:12-18 is uncertain.

Don't cook a lamb in its own mother's milk.

Tenth part

[22]You must reserve a tenth part of whatever your fields produce each year. [23]Eat the tenth part of your grain, wine, oil, oldest offspring of your herds and flocks in the presence of the LORD your God in the location he selects for his name to reside so that you learn to fear the LORD your God at all times. [24]But if the trip is too long, because the location the LORD your God has selected to put his name is far away from where you live so that you can't transport the tenth part—because the LORD your God will certainly bless you—[25]then you can convert it to money. Take the money with you and go to the location the LORD your God selects. [26]Then you can use the money for anything you want: cattle, sheep, wine, beer, or whatever else you might like. Then you should feast there and celebrate in the presence of the LORD your God, along with your entire household. [27]Only make sure not to neglect the Levites who are living in your cities because they don't have a designated inheritance like you do.

[28]Every third year you must bring the tenth part of your produce from that year and leave it at your city gates. [29]Then the Levites, who have no designated inheritance like you do, along with the immigrants, orphans, and widows who live in your cities, will come and feast until they are full. Do this so that the LORD your God might bless you in everything you do.

Year of canceled debts

15 Every seventh year you must cancel all debts. [2]This is how the cancellation is to be handled: Creditors will forgive the loans of their fellow Israelites. They won't demand repayment from their neighbors or their relatives because the LORD's year of debt cancellation has been announced. [3]You are allowed to demand payment from foreigners, but whatever is owed you from your fellow Israelites you must forgive. [4]Of course there won't be any poor persons among you because the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, [5]but only if you carefully obey the LORD your God's voice, by carefully doing every bit of this commandment that I'm giving you right now. [6]Once the LORD your God has blessed you, exactly as he said he would, you will end up lending to many different peoples but won't need to borrow a thing. You will dominate many different peoples, but they won't dominate you.

[7]Now if there are some poor persons among you, say one of your fellow Israelites in one of your cities in the land that the LORD your God is giving you, don't be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor fellow Israelites. [8]To the contrary! Open your hand wide to them. You must generously lend them whatever they need. [9]But watch yourself! Make sure no wicked thought crosses your mind, such as, The seventh year is coming—the year of debt cancellation—so that you resent your poor fellow Israelites and don't give them anything. If you do that, they will cry out to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin. [10]No, give generously to needy persons. Don't resent giving to them because it is this very thing that will lead to the LORD your God's blessing you in all you do and work at. [11]Poor persons will never disappear from the earth. That's why I'm giving you this command: you must open your hand generously to your fellow Israelites, to the needy among you, and to the poor who live with you in your land.

[12]If any of your fellow Hebrews, male or female, sell themselves into your service, they can work for you for six years, but in the seventh year you must set them free from your service. [13]Furthermore, when you set them free from your service, you must not

14:22 Lv 27:30; Nm 18:21; Dt 12:6, Dt 12:17

14:28 Dt 26:12

15:1 Ex 23:11; Dt 31:10; Neh 10:31

15:2 Dt 15:3; Lk 6:34

15:4 Dt 28:8

15:7 Lv 25:35; 1Jn 3:17

15:8 Mt 5:42; Lk 6:34

15:9 Ex 22:23; Dt 24:15; Mt 20:15; Jas 5:4

15:12 Ex 21:2; Lv 25:39; Jer 34:14

let them go empty-handed. 14Instead, provide for them fully from your flock, food, and wine. You must give to them from that with which the LORD your God has blessed you. 15Remember how each of you were slaves in Egypt and how the LORD your God saved you. That's why I am commanding you to do this right now. (16Now if your male servant says to you: "I don't want to leave your service" because he loves you and your family and because life is good for him in your service, 17then you may take a needle and pierce his ear with it into the doorframe. From that point on, he will be your permanent servant. Do the same thing for female servants.) 18Don't consider it a hardship to set these servants free from your service, because they worked for you for six years—at a value double that of a paid worker. The LORD your God will bless you in everything that you do.

19You must devote every oldest male animal from your herds or flocks to the LORD your God. Don't plow with your oldest male ox and don't shear your oldest male sheep. 20Year after year, you and your family are allowed to eat these animals in the presence of the LORD your God, in the location the LORD selects. 21But if there is any defect in it, lameness, blindness, any flaw whatsoever, you must not sacrifice it to the LORD your God. 22You are allowed to eat those in your own cities, whether you are polluted or purified, just as you would eat gazelle or deer. 23Even so, don't consume any blood. Pour it out on the ground, like water.

Passover celebration

16 Wait for the month of Abib,[b] at which time you must perform the Passover for the LORD your God, because the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt at nighttime during the month of Abib. 2Offer a Passover sacrifice from the flock or herd to the LORD your God at the location the LORD selects for his name to reside. 3You must not eat anything containing yeast along with it.[c] Instead, for seven days you must eat unleavened bread, bread symbolizing misery, along with it because you fled Egypt in a great hurry. Do this so you remember the day you fled Egypt for as long as you live. 4No dough with yeast should appear in any of your territory for seven days. Furthermore, none of the meat that you sacrificed on the first night should remain until morning. 5You are not permitted to offer the Passover sacrifice in any of the cities that the LORD your God is giving you. 6Instead, you must offer the Passover sacrifice at the location the LORD your God selects for his name to reside, at evening time, when the sun sets, which was the time you fled Egypt. 7Cook it and eat it in the location that the LORD your God selects. The next morning you can return to your tents. 8For six days you will eat unleavened bread. The seventh day will be a celebration for the LORD your God. Don't do any work.

Festival of Weeks

9Count out seven weeks, starting the count from the beginning of the grain harvest. 10At that point, perform the Festival of Weeks for the LORD your God. Offer a spontaneous gift in precise measure with the blessing the LORD your God gives you. 11Then celebrate in the presence of the LORD your God—you, your sons, your daughters, your male and female servants, the Levites who live in your cities, the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows who are among you—in the location the LORD your God selects for his name to reside. 12Remember how each of you was a slave in Egypt, so follow these regulations most carefully.

Festival of Booths

13Once you have collected the food and drink you need, perform the Festival of Booths for seven days. 14Cel-

15:21 Lv 22:19, Lv 22:20; Dt 17:1; Mal 1:8

15:23 Gn 9:4; Lv 7:26; Dt 12:16, Dt 12:23; Eze 33:25

16:1 Ex 12:2, Ex 12:11, Ex 13:4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18

16:3 Ex 12:8, Ex 12:11, Ex 12:15, Ex 12:39, Ex 34:18

16:5 Dt 16:2

16:6 Ex 12:6; Dt 12:5

16:8 Lv 23:8, Lv 23:36

16:9 Ex 23:16, Ex 34:22; Lv 23:15; Nm 28:26; Ac 2:1

16:10 Ex 34:22; Dt 16:17, Dt 23:23; 1Co 16:2

[b] March–April; called Nisan in post-exilic period [c] *It*, the Passover sacrifice

ebrate your festival: you, your sons, your daughters, your male and female servants, the Levites, the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows who live in your cities. 15Seven days you must perform the festival for the LORD your God in the location the LORD selects because the LORD your God will bless you in all you do and in all your work. You will be overjoyed.

16Three times a year every male among you must appear before the presence of the LORD your God in the location he will select: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks, and the Festival of Booths. They must not appear before the LORD's presence empty-handed. 17Each one should have his gift in hand, in precise measure with the blessing the LORD your God gives you.

Judges and officials

18Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every city that the LORD your God gives you. They must judge the people fairly. 19Don't delay justice; don't show favoritism. Don't take bribes because bribery blinds the vision of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. 20Righteousness! Pursue righteousness so that you live long and take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Rules for worship

21Don't plant any tree to serve as a sacred pole[d] next to the altar you make for the LORD your God. 22Don't set up any sacred stone either, because the LORD your God hates such things.

17 Don't sacrifice to the LORD your God any oxen or sheep that have defects of any kind, because that is detestable to the LORD your God.

Capital punishment

2If someone, whether male or female, is found in your community—in one of the cities the LORD your God is giving you—who does evil in the LORD your God's eyes, by breaking God's covenant, 3by following and serving other gods, and by bowing down to them, to the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly bodies that I haven't permitted—4and you hear news about it, then you must look into this situation very carefully. And if it's definitely true that this detestable thing was done in Israel, 5then you must bring out the man or woman who has done this evil thing to the gates of the city. Stone that person until he or she is dead.

6Capital punishment must be decided by two or three witnesses. No one may be executed on the basis of only one testimony. 7In the execution, the hands of the witnesses must be against the guilty person from the start; the hand of all the people will be involved at the end. Remove[e] such evil from your community!

Legal disputes

8If some legal dispute in your cities is too difficult for you to decide—say, between different kinds of bloodshed, different kinds of legal ruling, or different kinds of injury—then take it to the location the LORD your God selects. 9Go to the levitical priests and to the head judge in office at that time and look into things there. They will announce to you the correct ruling. 10You must then act according to the ruling they announced to you from that location, the one the LORD selects. You must follow very carefully everything they instruct you to do. 11Act precisely according to the instruction they give you and the ruling they announce to you. Don't deviate even a bit from the word they announce. 12And whoever acts rashly by not listening to the priest who is in office serving the LORD your God or to the head judge will die. Remove[f] such evil from Israel! 13All the people will hear about this and be afraid. They won't act arrogantly anymore.

16:16 Ex 23:14-16, Ex 34:20, Ex 34:23

16:18 Dt 1:16; 2Ch 19:5

16:19 Ex 23:2, Ex 23:8; Lv 19:15; Dt 1:17, Dt 24:17

16:20 Is 56:1

17:5 Lv 24:14; Dt 13:10, Dt 22:24; Josh 7:25; Jer 20:2

17:6 Nm 35:30; Dt 19:15; Mt 18:16; Jn 8:17; 2Co 13:1

17:7 Lv 24:14; Dt 13:5, Dt 13:9; Ac 7:58; 1Co 5:13

17:9 Dt 17:8, Dt 19:17; 2Ch 19:8; Eze 44:24; Hg 2:11

17:11 Dt 5:32

17:12 Nm 15:30; Dt 10:8, Dt 13:11, Dt 18:20; Ezr 10:8

17:13 Dt 13:11, Dt 19:20

[d]Heb *asherah*, perhaps an object devoted to the goddess Asherah [e]Or *burn* [f]Or *burn*

Law of the king

14 Once you have entered the land
the LORD your God is giving you and
you have taken possession of it and
settled down in it, you might say:
"Let's appoint a king over us, as all
our neighboring nations have done."
15 You can indeed appoint over you a
king that the LORD your God selects.
You can appoint over you a king who
is one of your fellow Israelites. You are
not allowed to appoint over you a for-
eigner who is not one of your fellow Is-
raelites. 16 That granted, the king must
not acquire too many horses, and he
must not return the people to Egypt in
order to acquire more horses, because
the LORD told you: "You will never go
back by that road again." 17 The king
must not take numerous wives so that
his heart doesn't go astray. Nor can the
king acquire too much silver and gold.
18 Instead, when he sits on his royal
throne, he himself must write a copy of
this Instruction on a scroll in the pres-
ence of the levitical priests. 19 That In-
struction must remain with him, and
he must read in it every day of his life
so that he learns to revere the LORD
his God by keeping all the words of this
Instruction and these regulations, by
doing them, 20 by not being overbear-
ing toward his fellow Israelites, and by
not deviating even a bit from the com-
mandment. If the king does all that,
he will ensure lasting rule in Israel for
himself and for his successors.

Priests and Levites

18 Neither the levitical priests nor
any Levite tribe member will
have a designated inheritance in Israel.
They can eat the sacrifices offered to the
LORD, which are the LORD's portion,[g]
2 but they won't share an inheritance
with their fellow Israelites. The LORD
alone is the Levites' inheritance—
just as God promised them.

3 Now this is what the priests may
keep from the people's sacrifices of oxen
or sheep: They must give the priest the
shoulder, the jaws, and the stomach.
4 You must also give the priest the first
portions of your grain, wine, and oil,
and the first of your sheep's shearing
5 because the LORD your God selected
Levi from all of your tribes to stand and
minister in the LORD's name—both
him and his descendants for all time.

6 Now if a Levite leaves one of your
cities or departs from any location in
Israel where he's been living and, be-
cause he wants to, comes to the loca-
tion the LORD selects 7 and ministers
in the LORD his God's name, just like
his relatives—the other Levites serving
there in the LORD's presence—8 he is
allowed to eat equal portions, despite
the finances he has from his family.[h]

Communicating with God

9 Once you enter the land that the
LORD your God is giving you, don't try
to imitate the detestable things those
nations do. 10 There must not be any-
one among you who passes his son or
daughter through fire; who practices
divination, is a sign reader, fortune-
teller, sorcerer, 11 or spell caster; who
converses with ghosts or spirits or
communicates with the dead. 12 All who
do these things are detestable to the
LORD! It is on account of these detest-
able practices that the LORD your God
is driving these nations[i] out before you.

13 Instead, you must be perfect be-
fore the LORD your God. 14 These na-
tions you are displacing listened to
sign readers and diviners, but the
LORD your God doesn't permit you
to do the same! 15 The LORD your God
will raise up a prophet like me from
your community, from your fellow Is-
raelites. He's the one you must listen
to. 16 That's exactly what you requested
from the LORD your God at Horeb, on
the day of the assembly, when you said,
"I can't listen to the LORD my God's
voice anymore or look at this great fire
any longer. I don't want to die!"

17 The LORD said to me: What they've
said is right. 18 I'll raise up a prophet

17:15 1Sa 10:24, 1Sa 16:12; 1Ch 22:10; Jer 30:21

17:19 Dt 4:10; Josh 1:8; Is 34:16; Jn 5:39

18:1 Nm 18:8, Nm 18:20; Dt 10:9; Josh 13:14; 1Co 9:13

18:2 Nm 18:20; Josh 13:14

18:10 Ex 22:18; Lv 18:21, Lv 19:26, Lv 19:31; 2Ki 17:17

18:11 Lv 19:31; Is 8:19

18:13 Gn 6:9, Gn 17:1; Mt 5:48

18:14 2Ki 21:6

18:15 Dt 18:18; Jn 1:21; Ac 3:22, Ac 7:37

18:16 Ex 20:19

18:17 Dt 5:28

18:18 Dt 18:15; Jn 4:25, Jn 8:28, Jn 12:49; Ac 3:22

[g] Heb uncertain [h] Heb uncertain [i] Or *them*

for them from among their fellow Israelites—one just like you. I'll put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. [19]I myself will hold accountable anyone who doesn't listen to my words, which that prophet will speak in my name. [20]However, any prophet who arrogantly speaks a word in my name that I haven't commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods—that prophet must die.

[21]Now, you might be wondering, How will we know which word God hasn't spoken? [22]Here's the answer: The prophet who speaks in the LORD's name and the thing doesn't happen or come about—that's the word the LORD hasn't spoken. That prophet spoke arrogantly. Don't be afraid of him.[j]

Cities of refuge

19 Once the LORD your God has eliminated those nations—whose land the LORD your God is giving you—and you displace them, settling into their cities and their houses, [2]you must designate three cities for your use in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess. [3]Mark out the roads to them[k] and divide the regions of the land the LORD your God is apportioning to you into three parts. These cities are the places to which a person who has killed can escape. [4]Here is the rule concerning a person who killed someone and is permitted to escape to one of these cities and live:

If it is someone who killed his neighbor accidentally, without having hated that person previously; [5]or if someone goes into the forest with a neighbor to chop some wood, and while swinging an ax to cut down the tree, the axhead flies off its handle and hits the neighbor, who subsequently dies—these kinds of killers may escape to one of these cities and live. [6]Otherwise, the blood avenger will chase after the killer out of rage and—especially if the distance to one of these cities[l] is too far—might catch and kill him, even though a death sentence was not in order because the killer didn't have prior malice toward the other. [7]This is why I am commanding you as follows: Designate three cities for your use.

[8]Now if the LORD your God enlarges your territory, as he swore to your ancestors—and he will give you all the land he swore to give to them [9]as long as you keep all this commandment that I am giving you right now by doing it, by loving the LORD your God, and by always walking in his ways—you can add three more cities for your use along with the first three. [10]Innocent blood must not be spilled in the land the LORD your God is giving to you as an inheritance, or it will be bloodshed that will be required of you.

[11]But if someone does hate a neighbor and ambushes him, rising up against him and attacking him so he dies, and then escapes to one of these cities, [12]elders from the killer's hometown will send word, and the killer will be sent back from there. They will then hand him over to the blood avenger, and he will be executed. [13]Show no mercy to such killers. Remove[m] innocent bloodshed from Israel so that things go well for you.

Property laws

[14]Now in the land the LORD your God is giving you, in your allotted property that you will receive there, you must not tamper with your neighbor's property line, which has been previously established.

Rules for testimony

[15]A solitary witness against someone in any crime, wrongdoing, or in any sort of misdeed that might be done is not sufficient. The decision must stand by two or three witnesses. [16]Now if a spiteful witness comes forward against someone, so as to testify against them falsely, [17]the two persons who have a legal suit must stand be-

18:19 Ac 3:23; Heb 12:25
18:20 Dt 13:1, Dt 13:5; Jer 14:15; Zec 13:3
18:21 1Jn 4:1
18:22 Dt 13:2, Dt 18:20; Jer 28:9
19:4 Nm 35:15; Dt 4:42
19:5 1Sa 13:20; 2Sa 12:31; 2Ki 6:5; Ps 74:5; Mt 3:10
19:6 Nm 35:12
19:11 Gn 9:6; Ex 21:12; Nm 35:16
19:13 Dt 7:16, Dt 13:8, Dt 21:9; 1Ki 2:31
19:14 Dt 27:17; Job 24:2; Prv 22:28, Prv 23:10; Hos 5:10
19:15 Nm 35:30; Dt 17:6; Mt 18:16; Jn 8:17; 2Co 13:1
19:16 Ex 23:1; Ps 27:12, Ps 35:11
19:17 Dt 17:9, Dt 21:5

[j]Or *bothered by it* (the prophecy) [k]Heb uncertain and lacks *to them*. [l]Heb lacks *to one of these cities*. [m]Or *burn*

fore the LORD, before the priests, and before the judges that are in office at that time. 18The judges will look into the situation very carefully. If it turns out that the witness is a liar—that the witness has given false testimony against his fellow Israelite—19then you must do to him what he had planned to do to his fellow Israelite. Remove[n] such evil from your community! 20The rest of the people will hear about this and be afraid. They won't do that sort of evil thing among you again. 21Show no mercy on this point: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Rules for warfare

20 When you march out to battle your enemies and you see horses, chariots, and a fighting force larger than yours, don't be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, the one who brought you up from Egypt, is with you. 2As you advance toward the war, the priest will come forward and will address the troops. 3He will say to them: "Listen, Israel: Right now you are advancing to wage war against your enemies. Don't be discouraged! Don't be afraid! Don't panic! Don't shake in fear on account of them, 4because the LORD your God is going with you to fight your enemies for you and to save you."

5The officials will also say to the troops: "Is there anyone here who has just built a new house but hasn't yet dedicated it? He can leave and go back to his house; otherwise, he might die in the war and someone else would dedicate the house. 6Or is there anyone here who has planted a vineyard but hasn't yet put it to good use? He can leave and go back to his house; otherwise, he might die in the battle and someone else would use the vineyard. 7Or is there anyone here who is engaged but not yet married? He may leave and go back to his house; otherwise, he might die in the battle and someone else would marry his fiancée."

8The officials will continue to address the troops, stating: "Is there anyone here who is afraid and discouraged? He can leave and go back to his house; otherwise, his comrades might lose courage just as he has." 9Once the officials have completed their speech to the troops, the army commanders will assume leadership of the forces.

10When you approach a city to fight against it, you should first extend peaceful terms to it. 11If the city responds with peaceful terms and surrenders to you, then all the people in the city will serve you as forced laborers. 12However, if the city does not negotiate peacefully with you but makes war against you, you may attack it. 13The LORD your God will hand it over to you; you must kill all the city's males with the sword. 14However, you can take for yourselves the women, the children, the animals, and all that is in the city—all its plunder. You can then enjoy your enemies' plunder, which the LORD your God has given you.

15That's what you must do to all the cities that are located far away from you—specifically, those cities that don't belong to these nations here. 16But in the case of any of the cities of these peoples—the ones the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance—you must not spare any living thing. 17Instead, you must place these under the ban:[o] Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—just as the LORD your God commanded you. 18Then they can't teach you to do all the detestable things they did for their gods, with the result that you end up sinning against the LORD your God.

19Now if you have been attacking a city for some time, fighting against it and trying to conquer it, don't destroy its trees by cutting them down with axes. You can eat from those trees; don't cut them down! Do you think a

19:18 Dt 13:14, Dt 17:4
19:19 Prv 19:5, Prv 19:9
19:20 Dt 13:11, Dt 17:13, Dt 21:21
19:21 Ex 21:23, Ex 21:24; Dt 19:13; Mt 5:38
20:1 Dt 3:22, Dt 31:6; 2Ch 32:8; Ps 20:7; Is 31:1
20:6 Jer 31:5; 1Co 9:7
20:7 Dt 24:5, Dt 28:30
20:8 Jgs 7:3
20:10 Dt 2:26

[n]Or *burn* [o]See note at Deut 2:34.

tree of the field is some sort of warrior to be attacked by you in battle? 20That said, if you know that a tree is not a food-producing tree, you are allowed to destroy it, cutting it down and using it in the siege against the city that is fighting against you until it falls.

Unsolved homicides

21 If a corpse is found on the ground the LORD your God is giving you to possess, lying in a field, and the identity of the killer is unknown, 2your elders and judges must come out and measure the distances to the cities nearest the body. 3Once it is determined which city is closest to the dead body, its elders must take a young cow that hasn't been used or yet pulled a plow, 4and those elders will take the cow down to a ravine with a flowing stream—one that has not been plowed or planted—and they will break the cow's neck right there in the river valley. 5Then the priests, the descendants of Levi, will step forward because the LORD your God selected them to minister for him and to bless in the LORD's name, and because every legal dispute and case of assault is decided by them. 6All the elders of the city closest to the corpse will wash their hands over the cow whose neck was broken in the river valley. 7They will then solemnly state: "Our hands did not shed this blood. Our eyes did not see it happen. 8LORD, please forgive your people Israel, whom you saved. Don't put the guilt of innocent bloodshed on your people Israel."

Then the bloodguilt will be forgiven them.

9But you must remove[p] innocent bloodshed from your community; do only what is right in the LORD's eyes.

Foreign wives

10When you wage war against your enemies and the LORD hands them over to you and you take prisoners, 11if you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you fall in love with her and take her as your wife, 12bringing her into your home, she must shave her head, cut her nails, 13remove her prisoner's clothing, and live in your house, mourning her father and her mother for one month. After that, you may consummate the marriage. You will be her husband, and she will be your wife. 14But if you aren't pleased with her, you must send her away as she wishes. You are not allowed to sell her for money or treat her as a slave because you have humiliated her.

Right of the oldest son

15Now suppose a man has two wives—one of them loved and the other unloved. Both wives bear children, but the oldest male is the unloved wife's child. 16On the day when the man decides what will go to each of his children as an inheritance, he isn't allowed to treat his loved wife's son as the oldest male rather than his unloved wife's son, who is the real oldest male. 17Instead, he must acknowledge the unloved wife's son as the oldest male, giving to him two-thirds of everything that he owns, because that son is the earliest produce of his physical power. The oldest male's rights belong to that son.

Rebellious children

18Now if someone has a consistently stubborn and rebellious child, who refuses to listen to their father and mother—even when the parents discipline him, he won't listen to them—19the father and mother will take the son before the elders of that city at its gates. 20Then they will inform the city's elders: "This son of ours is consistently stubborn and rebellious, refusing to listen to us. What's more, he's wild and a drunkard."

21Then all the people of that town will stone him until he dies.

Remove[q] such evil from your community! All Israel will hear about this and be afraid.

21:10 Josh 21:44
21:11 Gn 6:2, Gn 34:8
21:12 Lv 14:9
21:13 Ps 45:10
21:15 Gn 29:30, Gn 29:33
21:17 Gn 25:31, Gn 49:3
21:18 Ex 21:15; Prv 30:17
21:21 Dt 13:11, Dt 19:19, Dt 22:21

[p] Or *burn* [q] Or *burn*

Hanging

22 Now if someone is guilty of a capital crime, and they are executed, and you then hang them on a tree, 23 you must not leave the body hanging on the tree but must bury it the same day because God's curse is on those who are hanged.[r] Furthermore, you must not pollute the ground that the LORD your God is giving to you as an inheritance.

Rules for property and mixtures

22 Don't just watch your fellow Israelite's ox or sheep wandering around and do nothing about it. You must return the animal to its owner. 2 If the owner doesn't live nearby, or you don't know who owns the animal, then you must take care of it. It should stay with you until your fellow Israelite comes looking for it, at which point you must return it to him.

3 Do the same thing in the case of a donkey. Do the same thing in the case of a piece of clothing. Do the same thing in the case of anything that your fellow Israelite loses and you end up finding. You are not allowed to sit back and do nothing about it.

4 Don't just watch your fellow Israelite's donkey or ox fall down in the road and do nothing about it. You must help your fellow Israelite get the animal up again.

5 Women must not wear men's clothes, and men must not wear women's clothes. Everyone who does such things is detestable to the LORD your God.

6 If you come across a bird's nest along your way, whether in a tree or on the ground, with baby birds or eggs, and the mother is sitting on the baby birds or eggs, do not remove the mother from her young. 7 You must let the mother go, though you may take the young for yourself so that things go well for you and so you can prolong your life.

8 Whenever you build a new house, you must build a railing for the roof so that you don't end up with innocent blood on your hands because someone fell off of it.

9 Don't plant your vineyards with two types of seed; otherwise, the entire crop that you have planted and the produce of the vineyard will be unusable.[s]

10 Don't plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 Don't wear clothes that mix wool and linen together.

12 Make tassels for the four corners of the coat you wear.

Virgin bride

13 Suppose a man gets married and consummates the marriage but subsequently despises his wife. 14 He then spreads false claims about her to the point that she has a bad reputation, because he said such things as, "I married this woman, but when I went to have sex with her, I couldn't find any proof that she was a virgin."

15 At that point, the young woman's father and mother will bring proof of her virginity to the city's elders at the city gate. 16 The young woman's father will say to the elders: "I gave my daughter to this man to be his wife, but he doesn't like her anymore. 17 That's why he has spread false claims about her, saying, 'I couldn't find any proof that your daughter was a virgin.' But look! Here's proof of my daughter's virginity." At that point they will spread out the blanket in front of the city's elders. 18 The city's elders must then take that husband and punish him. 19 They will fine him one hundred silver shekels, giving that to the young woman's father, because that husband gave one of Israel's virgin daughters a bad reputation. Moreover, she must remain his wife; he is never allowed to divorce her.

20 However, if the claim is true and proof of the young woman's virginity can't be produced, 21 then the city's elders will bring the young woman to the

21:22 Nm 25:4; Dt 22:26; Josh 8:29; Mt 26:66; Ac 23:29

21:23 Lv 18:25; Josh 8:29, Josh 10:26-27; Ga 3:13

22:1 Ex 23:4; Zec 7:9

22:4 Ex 23:5

22:5 Dt 18:12

22:9 Lv 19:19

22:10 2Co 6:14

22:12 Nm 15:37-38; Mt 23:5

22:13 Gn 29:21; Dt 24:1; Jgs 15:1

22:15 Dt 21:19

22:18 Ex 18:21; Dt 1:9

22:19 Dt 22:29

22:20 Dt 17:4

22:21 Gn 34:7; Dt 13:5, Dt 21:21; 2Sa 13:12

[r] LXX, Vulg, Tg Neofiti *God's curse is on those who are hanged;* Syr, Tg Onqelos *those who curse God are to be hanged;* Heb uncertain [s] Or *sanctified*

door of her father's house. The citizens of that city must stone her until she dies because she acted so sinfully in Israel by having extramarital sex while still in her father's house.

Remove[t] such evil from your community!

Inappropriate sexual behavior

[22]If a man is found having sex with a woman who is married to someone else, both of them must die—the man who was having sex with the woman and the woman herself.

Remove such evil from Israel!

[23]If a young woman who is a virgin is engaged to one man and another man meets up with her in a town and has sex with her, [24]you must bring both of them to the city gates there and stone them until they die—the young woman because she didn't call for help in the city, and the man because of the fact that he humiliated his neighbor's wife.

Remove such evil from your community!

[25]But if the man met up with the engaged woman in a field, grabbing her and having sex with her there, only the man will die. [26]Don't do anything whatsoever to the young woman. She hasn't committed any capital crime—rather, this situation is exactly like the one where someone attacks his neighbor and kills him.[u] [27]Since the man met up with her in a field, the engaged woman may well have called out for help, but there was no one to rescue her.

[28]If a man meets up with a young woman who is a virgin and not engaged, grabs her and has sex with her, and they are caught in the act, [29]the man who had sex with her must give fifty silver shekels to the young woman's father. She will also become his wife because he has humiliated her. He is never allowed to divorce her.

[30][v]A man cannot marry his father's former wife so that his father's private matters are not exposed.[w]

22:22 Lv 20:10; Jn 8:5; Heb 13:4

22:23 Mt 1:18, Mt 1:19

22:24 Dt 22:21

22:28 Ex 22:16, Ex 22:17

22:29 Ex 22:16; Dt 22:19

23:1 Lv 21:20; Is 56:3

23:3 Gn 19:38; Dt 23:4; Neh 13:1, Neh 13:2

23:7 Gn 25:24; Ex 22:21, Ex 23:9; Lv 19:34; Dt 10:19

The Lord's assembly

23 [x]No man whose testicles are crushed or whose penis is cut off can belong to the Lord's assembly. [2]No illegitimate children[y] can belong to the Lord's assembly either. Not even the tenth generation of such children can belong to the Lord's assembly. [3]Ammonites and Moabites can't belong to the Lord's assembly. Not even the tenth generation of such people can belong to the Lord's assembly, as a rule, [4]because they didn't help you with food or water on your journey out of Egypt, and because they hired Balaam, Beor's son, from Pethor of Mesopotamia to curse you. [5]But the Lord your God wasn't interested in listening to Balaam. The Lord your God turned that curse into a blessing because the Lord your God loves you. [6]So don't be concerned with their health and well-being as long as you live.

[7]Don't detest Edomites, because they are your relatives. Don't detest Egyptians because you were immigrants in their land. [8]Children born to them are permitted to belong to the Lord's assembly starting with the third generation.

Rules for the war camp

[9]When you are camped in battle against your enemies, guard yourself from every possible evil. [10]If an individual in the camp becomes polluted due to a nighttime emission, he must exit the camp area and not reenter. [11]When the next evening arrives, he must wash with water; and when the sun sets, he can come back to the camp.

[12]The latrines[z] must be outside the camp. You will use them there, outside the camp. [13]Carry a shovel with the rest of your gear; once you have relieved yourself, use it to dig a hole, then refill it, covering your excrement.

[14]Do these things because the Lord your God travels with you, right in the middle of your camp, ready to save you and to hand your enemies over to you.

[t]Or *burn*; so also 22:22, 24 [u]See 19:4-7. [v]23:1 in Heb [w]Or *so that he doesn't uncover his father's skirt* [x]23:2 in Heb [y]Heb uncertain [z]LXX, Syr, Vulg *place of the hand* (a euphemism); MT has only *hand*.

For this reason your camp must be holy. The LORD must not see anything indecent among you, or he will turn away from you.

Escaped slaves

15 Don't return slaves to owners if they've escaped and come to you. 16 They can stay with you: in your own community or in any place they select from one of your cities, whatever seems good to them. Don't oppress them.

Consecrated workers

17 No Israelite daughter is allowed to be a consecrated worker.[a] Neither is any Israelite son allowed to be a consecrated worker.[b] 18 Don't bring a female prostitute's fee or a male prostitute's[c] payment to the LORD your God's temple to pay a solemn promise because both of these things are detestable to the LORD your God.

Charging interest

19 Don't charge your fellow Israelites interest—whether on money, provisions, or anything one might loan. 20 You can charge foreigners interest, but not your fellow Israelite. Do this so that the LORD your God blesses you in all your work on the land you are entering to possess.

Solemn promise

21 When you make a promise to the LORD your God, don't put off making good on it, because the LORD your God will certainly be expecting it from you; delaying would make you guilty. 22 Now if you simply don't make any promises, you won't be guilty of anything. 23 But whatever you say, you should be sure to make good on, exactly according to the promise you freely made to the LORD your God because you promised it with your own mouth.

Neighbor's goods

24 If you go into your neighbor's vineyard, you can eat as many grapes as you like, until full, but don't carry any away in a basket. 25 If you go into your neighbor's grain field, you can pluck ears by hand, but you aren't allowed to cut off any of your neighbor's grain with a sickle.

23:17 Lv 19:29; 1Ki 14:24, 1Ki 15:12, 1Ki 22:46; 2Ki 23:7

23:18 Lv 20:13; Dt 23:21; Rev 22:15

23:19 Ex 22:25; Lv 25:35

23:20 Dt 15:3, Dt 15:10

23:21 Nm 30:2; Job 22:27; Ps 76:11; Ecc 5:4

23:23 Dt 16:10

23:24 Ex 20:15, Ex 22:5; Lv 19:10; Dt 22:9; Zec 5:3

23:25 Mt 12:1; Mk 2:23; Lk 6:1

24:1 Is 50:1; Jer 3:8; Mt 5:31, Mt 19:7; Mk 10:4

24:4 Jer 3:1

Marriage and divorce

24 Let's say a man marries a woman, but she isn't pleasing to him because he's discovered something inappropriate about her. So he writes up divorce papers, hands them to her, and sends her out of his house. 2 She leaves his house and ends up marrying someone else. 3 But this new husband also dislikes her, writes up divorce papers, hands them to her, and sends her out of his house (or suppose the second husband dies). 4 In this case, the first husband who originally divorced this woman is not allowed to take her back and marry her again after she has been polluted in this way because the LORD detests that. Don't pollute the land the LORD your God is giving to you as an inheritance.

5 A newly married man doesn't have to march in battle. Neither should any related duties be placed on him. He is to live free of such responsibilities for one year, so he can bring joy to his new wife.

Pawning

6 Millstones or even just the upper millstone must not be pawned, because that would be pawning someone's livelihood.

Kidnapping

7 If someone is caught kidnapping their fellow Israelites, intending to enslave the Israelite or sell them, that kidnapper must die. Remove[d] such evil from your community!

Skin disease

8 Be on guard against outbreaks of skin disease[e] by being very careful about what you do. You must carefully do everything the levitical priests teach you, just as I have commanded

[a] Traditionally *cultic prostitute* [b] Traditionally *cultic prostitute* [c] Or *a dog* [d] Or *burn* [e] Heb uncertain; traditionally *leprosy*—a term used for several different skin diseases

them. [9]Remember, after all, what the LORD your God did to Miriam on your departure from Egypt!

Loans

[10]When you make any type of loan to your neighbor, don't enter their house to receive the collateral. [11]You must wait outside. The person to whom you are lending will bring the collateral to you out there. [12]Moreover, if the person is poor, you are not allowed to sleep in their pawned coat. [13]Instead, be certain to give the pawned coat back by sunset so they can sleep in their own coat. They will bless you, and you will be considered righteous before the LORD your God.

Payment for workers

[14]Don't take advantage of poor or needy workers, whether they are fellow Israelites or immigrants who live in your land or your cities. [15]Pay them their salary the same day, before the sun sets, because they are poor, and their very life depends on that pay, and so they don't cry out against you to the LORD. That would make you guilty.

Generational punishment

[16]Parents shouldn't be executed because of what their children have done; neither should children be executed because of what their parents have done. Each person should be executed for their own guilty acts.

Rights of widows, orphans, and immigrants

[17]Don't obstruct the legal rights of an immigrant or orphan. Don't take a widow's coat as pledge for a loan. [18]Remember how you were a slave in Egypt but how the LORD your God saved you from that. That's why I'm commanding you to do this thing.

[19]Whenever you are reaping the harvest of your field and you leave some grain in the field, don't go back and get it. Let it go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so that the LORD your God blesses you in all that you do. [20]Similarly, when you beat the olives off your olive trees, don't go back over them twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. [21]Again, when you pick the grapes of your vineyard, don't pick them over twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. [22]Remember how you were a slave in Egypt. That's why I am commanding you to do this thing.

Corporal punishment

25 Now two people have a disagreement and they enter into litigation and their case is decided, with the judges declaring one person legally right and the other legally liable. [2]If the guilty party is to be beaten, the presiding judge will have that person lie down and be punished in his presence—the number of blows in measure with the guilt determined. [3]Give no more than forty blows. If more than that is given, your fellow Israelite would be completely disgraced in your eyes.

Working oxen

[4]Don't muzzle an ox while it is threshing grain.

The brother-in-law's duty

[5]If brothers live together and one of them dies without having a son, the dead man's wife must not go outside the family and marry a stranger. Instead, her brother-in-law should go to her and take her as his wife. He will then consummate the marriage according to the brother-in-law's duty. [6]The brother-in-law will name the oldest male son that she bears after his dead brother so that his brother's legacy will not be forgotten in Israel. [7]If the brother does not want to marry his sister-in-law, she can go to the elders at the city gate, informing them: "My brother-in-law refuses to continue his brother's legacy in Israel. He's not willing to perform the brother-in-law's

24:10 Ex 22:25-27; Dt 24:11; Prv 22:26

24:11 Dt 24:10

24:12 Ex 22:26, Ex 23:11; Lv 25:25; Ps 41:1; Prv 28:27

24:13 Ex 22:26-27; Dt 6:25; Ps 106:31; Dn 4:27

24:16 2Ki 14:6; 2Ch 25:4; Jer 31:29, Jer 31:30; Eze 18:20

24:19 Lv 19:9-10, Lv 23:22; Dt 14:29; Prv 19:17

24:20 Lv 19:10

24:21 Lv 19:10

25:3 Mt 27:26; 2Co 11:24

25:4 Prv 12:10; 1Co 9:9; 1Ti 5:18

25:5 Gn 38:8; Ru 3:9, Ru 4:5; Mt 22:24; Mk 12:19

25:6 Ru 4:5, Ru 4:10

25:7 Dt 21:19; Ru 4:1

duty with me." [8]The city's elders will summon him and talk to him about this. If he doesn't budge, insisting, "I don't want to marry her," [9]then the sister-in-law will approach him while the elders watch. She will pull the sandal off his foot and spit in his face. Then she will exclaim: "That's what's done to any man who won't build up his own brother's family!" [10]Subsequently, that man's family will be known throughout Israel as "the house of the removed sandal."

Improper touching

[11]If two men are fighting with each other—a man and his fellow Israelite—and the wife of one of them gets into the fight, trying to save her husband from his attacker and does so by reaching out and grabbing his genitals, [12]you must cut off her hand. Show no mercy.

Honest business practices

[13]Don't have two different types of money weights in your bag, a heavy one and a light one. [14]Don't have two different types of ephahs in your house, a large one and a small one. [15]Instead, you must have only one weight, complete and correct, and only one ephah, also complete and correct, so that your life might be long in the fertile land the LORD your God is giving you. [16]What's more, all who do such things, all who do business dishonestly, are detestable to the LORD your God. [17]Remember, after all, what Amalek did to you on your departure from Egypt: [18]how he met up with you on the way, striking from behind those who were lagging back because you were weak and tired, and because he didn't fear God. [19]So once the LORD your God gives you relief from all the enemies that surround you in the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, you must wipe out Amalek's memory from under the heavens. Don't forget this!

[f]LXX; MT and most versions read *your*.

25:8 Ru 4:6

25:9 Nm 12:14; Ru 4:7-8, Ru 4:11; Job 30:10

25:13 Lv 19:36; Prv 11:1, Prv 16:11; Eze 45:10; Mi 6:11

25:15 Ex 20:12; Dt 4:40

26:9 Ex 3:8

26:12 Lv 27:30; Dt 14:28-29

The ceremony upon entering the land

26 Once you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, [2]take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the LORD your God selects for his name to reside. [3]Go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him: "I am declaring right now before the LORD my[f] God that I have indeed arrived in the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

[4]The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the LORD your God's altar. [5]Then you should solemnly state before the LORD your God:

"My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. [6]The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. [7]So we cried out for help to the LORD, our ancestors' God. The LORD heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. [8]The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. [9]He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. [10]So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, LORD, have given me."

Set the produce before the LORD your God, bowing down before the LORD your God. [11]Then celebrate all the good things the LORD your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

[12]When you have finished paying the entire tenth part of your produce on the third year—that is the year for paying the tenth part—you will give it

to the Levites, the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so they can eat in your cities until they are full. 13Then announce before the LORD your God: "I have removed the holy portion from my[g] house, and I have given it to the Levites, the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows—in full compliance with your entire commandment that you commanded me. I haven't broken your commandments. I haven't forgotten one! 14I haven't eaten from the holy portion while mourning, nor did I remove it while I was polluted, nor have I dedicated any of it to the dead. I've obeyed the LORD my God's voice. I've done everything just as you commanded me. 15Please look down from your holy home, from heaven itself, and bless your people Israel and the fertile land that you have given us—a land full of milk and honey—just like you promised our ancestors."

Conclusion to the regulations and case laws

16This very moment the LORD your God is commanding you to keep these regulations and case laws. So keep them and do them with all your mind and with your entire being! 17Today you have affirmed that the LORD will be your God and that you will walk in his ways and follow his regulations, his commandments, and his case laws, and that you will obey his voice. 18Today the LORD has gotten your agreement[h] that you will be his treasured people, just like he promised—by keeping his commandments—19in order to set you high above all the other nations that he made in praise, fame, and honor; and so that you are a people holy to the LORD your God, just as he said you would be.

Stones of the Instruction

27 Then Moses and Israel's elders commanded the people:

Keep all of the commandment that I am giving you right now. 2The same day you cross the Jordan River to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, set up large stones and cover them with plaster. 3Once you have crossed over, write on the stones all the words of this Instruction because you will have entered[i] the land the LORD your God is giving to you—a land full of milk and honey—exactly as the LORD, your ancestors' God, promised you. 4Once you have crossed over the Jordan River, set up these stones that I'm telling you about right now on Mount Ebal. Cover them with plaster 5and build an altar there for the LORD your God—an altar of stones that haven't been cut with iron tools. 6(You must build the LORD your God's altar with uncut stones.) Then offer up on that altar entirely burned sacrifices to the LORD your God. 7Offer up well-being sacrifices and eat them there, celebrating in the LORD your God's presence. 8Make sure to write all the words of this Instruction on the stones plainly and clearly.

9Then Moses and the levitical priests said to all Israel: Quiet down and listen, Israel! This very moment you have become the people of the LORD your God. 10So obey the LORD your God's voice. Do his commandments and his regulations that I'm giving you right now.

Ceremony on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal

11That same day Moses commanded the people: 12Once you have crossed over the Jordan River, the following tribes will stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin. 13And these are the tribes that will stand on Mount Ebal for the cursing: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. 14The Levites will address every individual Israelite with a loud voice:

15"Cursed is anyone who makes an idol or an image—things detestable to the LORD, made by artisans—and sets it up secretly."

26:15 Is 63:15; Zec 2:13
26:17 Ex 19:8, Ex 24:7
26:18 Ex 6:7, Ex 19:5; Dt 7:6, Dt 14:2
27:1 Ex 3:16, Ex 3:18, Ex 4:29, Ex 12:21; Dt 4:1
27:5 Ex 20:24-25; Josh 8:31
27:8 Josh 8:32; Hab 2:2
27:9 Ex 3:6, Ex 4:22, Ex 29:45; Lv 22:32; Dt 26:18
27:15 Ex 20:4, Ex 34:17; 1Co 14:16

[g] LXX, Vulg; MT lacks *my*. [h] Heb uncertain [i] Or *in order that you might enter*; Heb uncertain

All the people will reply: "We agree!"[j]

16 "Cursed is anyone who belittles
their father or mother."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

17 "Cursed is anyone who tampers
with their neighbor's property lines."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

18 "Cursed is anyone who misleads a
blind person on a road."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

19 "Cursed is anyone who obstructs
the legal rights of immigrants, or-
phans, or widows."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

20 "Cursed is anyone who has sex
with his father's wife, because that ex-
poses his father's private matters."[k]

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

21 "Cursed is anyone who has sex
with any kind of animal."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

22 "Cursed is anyone who has sex
with his sister, whether his father's
daughter or his mother's daughter."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

23 "Cursed is anyone who has sex
with his mother-in-law."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

24 "Cursed is anyone who kills his
neighbor in secret."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

25 "Cursed is anyone who accepts
money to kill an innocent person."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

26 "Cursed is anyone who doesn't
support the words of this Instruction
by carrying them out."

All the people will reply: "We agree!"

Future blessing

28 Now if you really obey the LORD
your God's voice, by carefully
keeping all his commandments that
I am giving you right now, then the
LORD your God will set you high above
all nations on earth. 2 All these bless-
ings will come upon you and find you
if you obey the LORD your God's voice:
3 You will be blessed in the city and
blessed in the field. 4 Your own fertility,
your soil's produce, and your livestock's
offspring—the young of both cattle
and flocks—will be blessed. 5 Your
basket and your kneading bowl will be
blessed. 6 You will be blessed when you
are out and about and blessed when
you come back. 7 The LORD will defeat
any enemies who attack you. They
will come against you from one direc-
tion but will run for their lives away
from you in seven different directions.
8 The LORD will command the bless-
ing to be with you—in your barns and
on all the work you do—and he will
bless you on the land the LORD your
God is giving you. 9 The LORD will es-
tablish you as his own, a holy nation,
just as he swore to you, if you keep
the LORD your God's commandments
and walk in his ways. 10 All the earth's
peoples will see that you are called
by the LORD's name, and they will be
in awe of you. 11 The LORD will make
good things abound for you—whether
the fertility of your womb, your live-
stock's offspring, or your fertile soil's
produce—on the very land that the
LORD swore to your ancestors to give
to you. 12 The LORD will open up for you
his own well-stocked storehouse, the
heavens, providing your land with rain
at just the right time and blessing all
your work. You will lend to many na-
tions, but you won't have any need to
borrow. 13 The LORD will make you the
head of things, not the tail; you will be
at the top of things, not the bottom, as
long as you obey the LORD your God's
commandments that I'm commanding
you right now, by carefully doing them.
14 Don't deviate even a bit from any of
these words that I'm commanding you
right now by following other gods and
serving them.

Future curses

15 But if you don't obey the LORD
your God's voice by carefully doing all
his commandments and his regula-
tions that I am commanding you right
now, all these curses will come upon
you and find you. 16 You will be cursed

27:17 Dt 19:14; Prv 22:28, Prv 23:10; Hos 5:10

27:25 Ex 23:7-8; Dt 16:19; Eze 22:12

27:26 Dt 28:15; Ps 119:21; Jer 11:3; Ga 3:10

28:4 Gn 49:25; Dt 7:13

28:12 Lv 26:4; Dt 11:14, Dt 15:6, Dt 28:44; Ps 135:7

28:16 Dt 28:3

[j] Heb *Amen*; also in the following verses [k] Or *because that uncovers his father's skirt*

in the city and cursed in the field.
17 Your basket and kneading bowl will
be cursed. 18 Your own fertility, your
soil's produce, your cattle's young, and
your flock's offspring will be cursed.
19 You will be cursed when you are out
and about and cursed when you come
back. 20 The LORD will send calamity,
confusion, and frustration on you no
matter what work you are doing until
you are wiped out and until you dis-
appear—it'll be quick!—because of
the evil acts by which you have aban-
doned him.[l] 21 The LORD will make a
plague stick to you until he has totally
wiped you off the fertile land you are
entering to possess. 22 The LORD will
strike you with consumption, fever,
and inflammation; with scorching heat
and drought;[m] with destruction and
disease for your crops.[n] These things
will chase you until you are dead and
gone. 23 The sky over your head will
be as hard as bronze; the earth under
your feet will be like iron. 24 The LORD
will turn the rain on your land into
dust. Only dirt will fall down on you
from the sky until you are completely
wiped out. 25 The LORD will hand you
over defeated to your enemies. You
will go out against them by one di-
rection, but you will run for your life
away from them in seven different di-
rections. All the earth's kingdoms will
be horrified by you. 26 Your corpses
will be food for every bird in the sky
and animal on earth; no one will
frighten them off. 27 The LORD will af-
flict you with Egyptian inflammation,
hemorrhoids,[o] rash, and itch. You will
be untreatable. 28 The LORD will make
you go crazy, make you blind, make
your mind confused. 29 You will fumble
around at high noon as blind people
fumble around in darkness. Your plans
won't prosper. Instead, you will be con-
stantly oppressed and taken advantage
of without any savior. 30 You might get
engaged to a woman, but another man
will have sex with her. You might build
a house, but you won't get to live in it.
You might plant a vineyard, but you
won't enjoy it. 31 Your ox will be slaugh-
tered while you watch, but you won't
get to eat any of it. Your donkey will
be stolen right out from under you,
and it won't come back. Your flocks
will be given to your enemies. No one
will save you. 32 Your sons and daugh-
ters will be given to another nation
while you watch; you will long for them
constantly, but you won't have the
power to do anything about it. 33 The
produce of your land and all your hard
work will be consumed by people you
don't know. You will be nothing but
oppressed and mistreated constantly.
34 The sights your eyes see will drive
you insane. 35 The LORD will strike you
with horrible inflammation in your
knees and legs, from the sole of your
foot to the top of your head. You will be
untreatable. 36 The LORD will send you
and the king that you appoint over
you far away to a nation that neither
you nor your ancestors have known.
There you will worship other gods made
of wood and stone. 37 You will become a
horror, fit only for use in proverbs and
in insults by all the nations where the
LORD drives you. 38 You might scat-
ter a lot of seed on the field, but you
will gather almost nothing because
the locusts will eat it all. 39 You might
plant lots of vineyards and work hard
in them, but you won't drink any wine
or harvest the grapes because worms
will devour them. 40 You might have
many olive trees throughout your ter-
ritories, but you won't cover yourself
with their oil because your olive trees
will fail. 41 You might have sons and
daughters, but they won't be yours for
long because they will be taken away
as prisoners. 42 Crickets will take over
all your trees and your soil's produce.
43 The immigrants who live among you
will be promoted over you, higher and
higher! But you will be demoted, lower
and lower! 44 They will lend to you, but

28:23 Lv 26:19
28:39 Jl 1:4; Zep 1:13
28:44 Dt 28:12

[l] Or *me*, in which case the text shifts to direct divine discourse. [m] Heb uncertain [n] Or *blight and mildew*
[o] Qere; Kethib *tumors*

you will have nothing to lend to them. They will be the head of things; you will be the tail.

45 That's how all these curses will come over you, pursuing you, reaching you until you are completely wiped out, because you didn't obey the LORD your God's voice by keeping his commandments and his regulations that he gave you. 46 These things will be a sign and a wonder on you and your descendants forever. 47 Because you didn't serve the LORD your God joyfully and gladly above all else,[p] 48 you will serve your enemies—the ones the LORD will send against you—during famine, drought, nakedness, and total depravation. God will put an iron yoke on your neck until he has wiped you out. 49 The LORD will bring a distant nation—one from the far ends of the earth—against you as fast as the eagle flies: a nation that speaks a language you can't understand, 50 a stern nation that doesn't go easy on the very old or show pity to the very young. 51 That nation will devour your livestock's offspring and your soil's produce until you yourselves are destroyed because you will have no grain, wine, or oil left—nor any young from your cattle or offspring from your flocks—that is, until that nation annihilates you. 52 That nation will attack you in all your cities until your high, reinforced walls that you thought were so safe fall down across your entire countryside. That nation will attack you in all your cities throughout the land the LORD your God has given you. 53 You will eat the offspring of your own womb—the flesh of your own sons and daughters, whom the LORD your God gave you—because of the desperate and dire circumstances that your enemy has brought on you.

54 Even the most gentle and refined man among you will scowl at his brother or his own dear wife, or the last of his surviving children. 55 He won't want to give them any of his children's flesh that he will be eating because he has no other food due to the desperate and dire circumstances that your enemy has brought on you in all your cities. 56 Even the most gentle and refined woman among you, who is so refined and gentle she wouldn't stomp her foot on the ground, will scowl at her own dear husband, her son, or her daughter— 57 not wanting to give them any of the afterbirth she pushed out or the babies she bore, because she will be eating them secretly while starving due to the desperate and dire circumstances that your enemy will bring on you in your cities.

58 If you don't carefully keep all the words of this Instruction that are written in this scroll, by fearing the awesome and glorious name of the LORD your God— 59 the LORD will overwhelm you and your descendants with severe and chronic afflictions, and with terrible and untreatable sicknesses. 60 He'll put on you all the Egyptian diseases about which you were so afraid; they will stick to you! 61 What's more, the LORD will bring on you all the other diseases and plagues that aren't written in this Instruction scroll until you are completely wiped out. 62 Once as countless as the stars in the night sky, only a few of you will be left alive—all because you didn't obey the LORD your God's voice. 63 And just as before, the LORD enjoyed doing good things for you and increasing your numbers, now the LORD will enjoy annihilating and destroying you. You will be torn off the very fertile land you are entering to possess. 64 The LORD will scatter you among every nation, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will serve other gods that neither you nor your ancestors have known—gods of wood and stone. 65 Among those nations you will have no rest and no place to call your own.[q] There the LORD will give you an agitated mind, failing eyes, and a depressed spirit. 66 Your life will seem to dangle before your very eyes. You will be afraid night and day. You

28:48 Jer 28:14
28:49 Is 5:26; Jer 4:13, Jer 5:15, Jer 48:40, Jer 49:22; Lam 4:19
28:52 2Ki 25:1
28:53 Lv 26:29; Dt 28:57; 2Ki 6:28; Jer 19:9; Lam 2:20, Lam 4:10; Eze 5:10
28:58 Dt 6:13; Neh 9:5; Ps 96:4; Is 29:23; Eze 36:23; Mt 10:28
28:63 Dt 30:9; Prv 1:26; Jer 12:14, Jer 32:41; Zep 3:17

[p] Heb uncertain [q] Or *resting place for the sole of your foot*

won't be able to count on surviving for long. 67In the morning you will say: "I wish it was nighttime," but at nighttime you will say, "I wish it was morning"—on account of your tortured mind, which will be terrified, and because of the horrible sights that your eyes will see. 68Finally, the LORD will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the route I promised you would never see again. There you will try to sell yourselves as slaves—both male and female—but no one will want to buy you.

The third heading:
The new covenant at Moab

29 [r]These are the words of the covenant the LORD commanded Moses to make with the Israelites in the land of Moab in addition to the covenant he had made with them at Horeb. 2[s]Moses summoned all Israel, saying to them:

You've seen with your own eyes everything the LORD did in Egypt, to Pharaoh, his servants, and all his land—3the great trials your eyes witnessed, those awesome signs and wonders! 4But until this very moment, the LORD hasn't given you insight to understand, eyes to see, or ears to hear. 5I've led you in the wilderness forty years now; neither the clothes on your back nor the sandals on your feet have worn out. 6Neither have you eaten bread nor drunk wine or beer during this time—so that you would know that I am the LORD your God.[t] 7When you arrived here, Sihon, Heshbon's king, and Og, Bashan's king, marched out to fight against us, but we defeated them. 8We took possession of their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, Gadites, and half of Manasseh's tribe. 9So then keep the words of this covenant and do them so you can succeed in all you do.

10Right now, all of you are in the presence of the LORD your God—the leaders of your tribes,[u] your elders, and your officials, all the Israelite males, 11your children, your wives, and the immigrants who live with you in your camp, the ones who chop your wood and those who draw your water—12ready to enter into the LORD your God's covenant and into the agreement that the LORD your God is making with you right now. 13That means the Lord will make you his own people right now—he will be your God just as he promised you and just as he swore to our ancestors: to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 14But I'm not making this covenant and this agreement with you alone 15but also with those standing here with us right now before the LORD our God, and also with those who aren't here with us right now.

16You know firsthand how we used to live in Egypt and how we passed right through the nations that you passed through. 17You saw the horrific things, the filthy idols of wood and stone, silver and gold, that they had with them. 18Make sure there isn't any one among you right now—male or female, clan or tribe—whose mind is turning from being with the LORD our God in favor of going to serve these nations' gods. Make sure there isn't any root among you that is sprouting poison and bitterness. 19When that kind of person hears the words of this agreement, they congratulate themselves, thinking: I'll be fine even though I insist on being stubborn. This would cause something wet to dry up and become like something parched.[v] 20The LORD won't be willing to forgive that kind of person; instead, the LORD's anger and passion will smolder against that person. Every curse written in this scroll will stretch out over them, and the LORD will wipe out their name from under the heavens. 21Out of all Israel's tribes, the LORD will single them out for disaster in compliance with all the

28:67 Dt 28:34; Job 7:3-4
29:5 Dt 8:2, Dt 8:4; Neh 9:21
29:17 Dt 4:28
29:18 Jer 9:15; Lam 3:19; Heb 12:15

[r]28:69 in Heb [s]29:1 in Heb [t]Or *that I, the LORD, am your God.* [u]LXX, Syr; MT *your leaders, your tribes* [v]Heb uncertain; perhaps the agricultural imagery of 29:18 is continued here or the terms are metaphors for human states.

covenant curses that are written in this Instruction scroll.

22 Future generations, your children after you, or foreigners from distant lands will say: Look[w] at all that land's plagues and the sicknesses that the LORD laid on it! 23 Look at all its land burned by sulfur and salt, unsuitable for planting, unable to grow or produce any vegetation, as devastated as Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD devastated in anger and wrath! 24 Indeed, all nations will ask: Why did the LORD do this to this land? What led to this terrible display of anger? 25 They will deduce: It was because those people abandoned the covenant of the LORD, their ancestors' God, which he made with them when he brought them out of Egypt. 26 They followed other gods, serving them and worshipping them—other gods that they hadn't experienced before and that the Lord hadn't designated for them. 27 Then the LORD's anger burned against that land, and he brought against it every curse written in this scroll. 28 The LORD ripped them off their land in anger, wrath, and great fury. He threw them into other lands, and that's how things still stand today.

29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God. The revealed things belong to us and to our children forever: to keep all the words of this covenant.

30 Now, once all these things happen to you, the blessing and the curse that I'm setting before you, you must call them to mind as you sit among the various nations where the LORD your God has driven you; 2 and you must return to the LORD your God, obeying his voice, in line with all that I'm commanding you right now—you and your children—with all your mind and with all your being. 3 Then the LORD your God will restore you as you were before and will have compassion on you, gathering you up from all the peoples where the LORD your God scattered you. 4 Even if he has driven you to the far end of heaven, the LORD your God will gather you up from there; he will take you back from there. 5 The LORD your God will bring you home to the land that your ancestors possessed; you will possess it again. And he will do good things for you and multiply you—making you more numerous even than your ancestors!

6 Then the LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants so that you love the LORD your God with all your mind and with all your being in order that you may live. 7 The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you and chase you. 8 But you will change and obey the LORD's voice and do all his commandments that I'm commanding you right now. 9 The LORD your God will help you succeed in everything you do—in your own fertility, your livestock's offspring, and your land's produce—everything will be great! Because the LORD will once again enjoy doing good things for you just as he enjoyed doing them for your ancestors, 10 and because you will be obeying the LORD your God's voice, keeping his commandments and his regulations that are written in this Instruction scroll, and because you will have returned to the LORD your God with all your heart and all your being.

11 This commandment that I'm giving you right now is definitely not too difficult for you. It isn't unreachable. 12 It isn't up in heaven somewhere so that you have to ask, "Who will go up for us to heaven and get it for us that we can hear it and do it?" 13 Nor is it across the ocean somewhere so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the ocean for us and get it for us that we can hear it and do it?" 14 Not at all! The word is very close to you. It's in your mouth and in your heart, waiting for you to do it.

29:23 Gn 19:24; Hos 11:8; Zep 2:9
29:29 Ac 1:7
30:1 Lv 26:40; Dt 11:26, Dt 30:15; 1Ki 8:47
30:2 Dt 4:30; Neh 1:9
30:6 Dt 6:5, Dt 10:16; Jer 4:4; Ro 2:29; Col 2:11
30:9 Dt 28:11, Dt 28:63; Jer 32:41
30:10 Dt 4:29, Dt 29:21, Dt 30:2
30:11 Is 45:19
30:12 Ro 10:6
30:14 Ro 10:8

[w] Or *after they see*

Life and death

15 Look here! Today I've set before you
life and what's good versus death and
what's wrong. 16 If you obey the LORD
your God's commandments that[x] I'm
commanding you right now by loving the
LORD your God, by walking in his ways,
and by keeping his commandments, his
regulations, and his case laws, then you
will live and thrive, and the LORD your
God will bless you in the land you are
entering to possess. 17 But if your heart
turns away and you refuse to listen, and
so are misled, worshipping other gods
and serving them, 18 I'm telling you right
now that you will definitely die. You will
not prolong your life on the fertile land
that you are crossing the Jordan River
to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and
earth as my witnesses against you right
now: I have set life and death, blessing
and curse before you. Now choose life—
so that you and your descendants will
live— 20 by loving the LORD your God, by
obeying his voice, and by clinging to him.
That's how you will survive and live long
on the fertile land the LORD swore to give
to your ancestors: to Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob.

Moses announces his death

31 Then Moses said[y] these words to
all Israel, 2 telling them:

I'm 120 years old today. I can't move
around well anymore. Plus, the LORD
told me "You won't cross the Jordan
River." 3 But the LORD your God, he's
the one who will cross over before you!
He's the one who will destroy these na-
tions before you so you can displace
them. Joshua too will cross over be-
fore you just like the LORD indicated.
4 The LORD will do to these enemies the
same thing he did to the Amorite kings
Sihon and Og, and to their land, when
he destroyed them. 5 The LORD will lay
them out before you, and you will do
to them exactly what the command
I've given you dictates. 6 Be strong!
Be fearless! Don't be afraid and don't
be scared by your enemies, because
the LORD your God is the one who
marches with you. He won't let you
down, and he won't abandon you.

7 Then Moses called Joshua and, with
all Israel watching, said to him: "Be
strong and fearless because you are the
one who will lead[z] this people to the
land the LORD swore to their ancestors
to give to them; you are the one who will
divide up the land for them. 8 But the
LORD is the one who is marching before
you! He is the one who will be with you!
He won't let you down. He won't aban-
don you. So don't be afraid or scared!"

Regular reading of the Instruction

9 Then Moses wrote this Instruction
down and gave it to the priests—the
Levites who carry the chest contain-
ing the LORD's covenant—and to all of
the Israelite elders. 10 Moses then com-
manded them:

At the end of seven years, at the
appointed time in the year of debt
cancellation, during the Festival of
Booths, 11 when all Israel comes to ap-
pear before the LORD your God at the
location he selects, you must read this
Instruction aloud, in the hearing of all
the people. 12 Gather everyone—men,
women, children, and the immigrants
who live in your cities—in order that
they hear it, learn it, and revere the
LORD your God, carefully doing all the
words of this Instruction, 13 and so that
their children, who don't yet know the
Instruction, may hear it and learn to
revere the LORD your God for as long
as you live on the ground you are cross-
ing the Jordan River to possess.

Joshua commissioned

14 Then the LORD said to Moses: "It's
almost time for you to die. Summon
Joshua. The two of you must present
yourselves at the meeting tent so I can
command him." So Moses and Joshua
went and presented themselves at the
meeting tent. 15 The LORD appeared in

30:15 Dt 11:26, Dt 30:1, Dt 32:47
30:16 Dt 6:5, Dt 30:6, Dt 30:19
30:19 Dt 4:26, Dt 11:26, Dt 30:1; Josh 24:15
30:20 Dt 32:47; Ac 17:28
31:1 Nm 35:1, Nm 36:1; Dt 29:1, Dt 33:1
31:2 Ex 7:7; Nm 27:17; Dt 3:27, Dt 34:7; 1Ki 3:7
31:3 Nm 27:18; Dt 1:38, Dt 3:28, Dt 9:3, Dt 31:7
31:7 Dt 1:38, Dt 3:28, Dt 31:23

[x] LXX; MT lacks *if you obey the LORD your God's commandments.* [y] LXX, DSS (1QDeut[b]) *When Moses had finished speaking* [z] Sam, Vulg, Syr; MT, Tg *accompany*

the tent in a pillar of cloud; the cloud pillar stood at the tent's entrance.
16 The LORD then said to Moses:

"Soon you will rest with your ancestors, and the people will rise up and act unfaithfully, going after strange gods of the land they are entering. They will abandon me, breaking my covenant that I made with them. 17 At that point my anger will burn against them, and I'll be the one who abandons them! I'll hide my face from them. They will become nothing but food for their enemies,[a] and all sorts of bad things and misfortunes will happen to them. Then they will say: 'Haven't these terrible things happened to us because our God is no longer with us?' 18 But I will hide my face at that time because of the many wrong things they have done, because they have turned to other gods! 19 So in light of all that, you must write down this poem and teach it to the Israelites. Put it in their mouths so that the poem becomes a witness for me against them. 20 When I bring the Israelites to the land I swore to their ancestors, which is full of milk and honey, and they eat, get full, then fat, and then turn toward other gods, serving them and disrespecting me and breaking my covenant, 21 then, when all kinds of bad things and misfortunes happen to them, this poem will witness against them, giving its testimony, because it won't be lost from the mouths of their descendants. Yes, I know right now what they are inclined to do, even before I've brought them into the land I swore."

22 So Moses wrote this poem down that very day, and he taught it to the Israelites.

23 Then the Lord commissioned Joshua, Nun's son: "Be strong and fearless because you are the one who will bring the Israelites to the land I swore to them. I myself will be with you."

Life after Moses

24 Once Moses had finished writing in their entirety all the words of this Instruction scroll, 25 he commanded the Levites who carry the chest containing the LORD's covenant as follows:

26 "Take this Instruction scroll and put it next to the chest containing the LORD your God's covenant. It must remain there as a witness against you 27 because I know how rebellious and hardheaded you are. If you are this rebellious toward the LORD while I'm still alive, it's bound to get worse once I'm dead! 28 Assemble all of your tribes' elders and your officials in front of me, so I can speak these words in their hearing, and so I can call heaven and earth as my witnesses against them, 29 because I know that after I'm dead, you will ruin everything, departing from the path I've commanded you. Terrible things will happen to you in the future because you will do evil in the LORD's eyes, aggravating him with the things your hands have made."

The poem of Instruction

30 Then Moses recited in their entirety the words of this poem in the hearing of the entire assembly of Israel:

32 Heaven! Pay attention
and I will speak;
Earth! Listen to the words
of my mouth.
2 My teaching will fall like raindrops;
my speech will settle like dew—
like gentle rains on grass,
like spring showers
on all that is green—
3 because I proclaim
the LORD's name:
Give praise to our God!

4 The rock: his acts are perfection!
No doubt about it:
all his ways are right!
He's the faithful God,
never deceiving;
altogether righteous and true is he.
5 But children who weren't his own[b]
sinned against him
with their defects;[c]

31:16 Ex 34:15; Jgs 2:12, Jgs 2:17, Jgs 10:6
31:17 Nm 14:42; Dt 32:20; Jgs 6:13; 2Ch 15:2, 2Ch 24:20
31:18 Dt 31:17; Is 59:2, Is 64:7; Mi 3:4
31:20 Dt 6:10, Dt 8:10, Dt 32:15
31:23 Dt 31:7, Dt 31:14; Josh 1:5
32:1 Dt 4:26; Is 1:2
32:2 2Sa 23:4; Job 29:22; Ps 72:6; Is 55:11; Mi 5:7
32:4 Gn 18:25; 1Sa 2:2; 2Sa 22:31; Ps 18:30; Dn 4:37
32:5 Mt 17:17; Lk 9:41; Phi 2:15

[a] Heb lacks *for their enemies.* [b] Heb uncertain [c] LXX, Vulg; Heb uncertain

they are a twisted
and perverse generation.
6 Is this how you thank the LORD,
you stupid, senseless people?
Isn't he your father, your creator?
Didn't he make you
and establish you?

7 Remember the days long past;
consider the years long gone.
Ask your father,
he will tell you about it;
ask your elders,
they will give you the details:
8 When God Most High
divided up the nations—
when he divided up humankind—
he decided the people's boundaries
based on the number of the gods.[d]
9 Surely the LORD's property
was his people;
Jacob was his part of the inheritance.

10 God found[e] Israel in a wild land—
in a howling desert wasteland—
he protected him, cared for him,
watched over him
with his very own eye.
11 Like an eagle protecting its nest,
hovering over its young,
God spread out his wings,
took hold of Israel,
carried him on his back.
12 The LORD alone led Israel;
no foreign god assisted.
13 God[f] made Israel[g] glide
over the highlands;
he fed him[h] with food
from the field,
nursed him with honey
from a boulder,
with oil from a hard rock:
14 curds from the herd,
milk from the flock,
along with the best of lambs,
rams from Bashan, he-goats too,
along with the finest wheat—

32:6 Dt 32:15; Is 63:16

32:7 Dt 4:32; Job 8:8; Ps 44:1

32:8 Ac 17:26

32:9 Jer 10:16, Jer 51:19

32:10 Ps 17:8; Prv 7:2; Zec 2:8

32:11 Ex 19:4

32:12 Is 43:12

32:13 Dt 8:8, Dt 8:15; Job 29:6; Ps 81:16; Is 58:14

32:14 Gn 49:11; 2Sa 17:29; Ps 147:14; Is 7:22

32:15 Dt 31:20, Dt 33:5, Dt 33:26; Ps 89:26; Is 44:2

32:16 Nm 25:11; Ps 78:58; 1Co 10:22

32:17 Lv 17:7; Dt 28:64; Jgs 5:8; Ps 106:37; 1Co 10:20

32:18 Ps 106:21; Jer 2:32; Hos 8:14

32:19 Ps 78:59, Ps 106:40

32:20 Dt 31:17, Dt 32:5

32:21 Dt 32:17; 1Ki 16:13, 1Ki 16:26; Ps 31:6; Ro 10:19

32:22 Ps 86:13; Jer 15:14; Lam 4:11

and for drink,
wine from the juiciest grapes!

15 Jacob ate until he was stuffed;[i]
Jeshurun[j] got fat, then rebellious.[k]

It was you who got fat, thick,
stubborn![l]

Jeshurun[m] gave up
on the God who made him,
thought the rock of his salvation
was worthless.
16 They made God[n] jealous
with strange gods,
aggravated him
with detestable things.
17 They sacrificed to demons,
not to God,
to deities of which
they had no knowledge—
new gods only recently
on the scene,
ones about which your ancestors
had never heard.[o]
18 You deserted[p] the rock
that sired you;
you forgot the God
who gave birth to you!

19 The LORD saw this and rejected
out of aggravation
his sons and his daughters.[q]
20 He said: I will hide my face
from them—
I will see what becomes of them—
because they are a confused
generation;
they are children lacking loyalty.
21 They provoked me with "no-gods,"
aggravated me with their pieces
of junk.
So I am going to provoke them
with "No-People,"
aggravate them with a nation
of fools.
22 A fire burns in me—

[d] DSS (4QDeut[j]), LXX; MT *the Israelites* [e] Vulg, Syr, and others; Sam, LXX, Tg Onkelos *sustained him* [f] Or *he* [g] Or *him* [h] Sam, Syr, LXX, Tg; MT *he ate* [i] DSS (4QPhyl[n]), Sam, LXX; MT lacks *Jacob ate until he was stuffed.* [j] A poetic name for Israel; see also 33:5, 26. [k] Or *kicked* [l] Heb uncertain [m] Or *he* [n] Or *him* [o] Heb uncertain [p] LXX, Vulg; Heb uncertain [q] Or, following LXX, DSS (4QPhyl[n]), and correcting *The LORD saw this and was jealous; he spurned his sons and daughters.*

it will blaze to the depths
of the grave;[r]
it will destroy the land
and its crops;
it will blacken the base
of the mountains.
23 I'll throw[s] on them disaster
after disaster;
I'll destroy them with my arrows:
24 devastating hunger, consuming
plague, bitter sickness.
I'll send animal fangs after them,
venom from dust crawlers too.
25 Outside, in the streets,
the sword will bereave!
Inside, in the safest room,
there will be terror
for young men and women,
nursing baby and senior citizen.
26 I thought about it:
I could have struck them down,[t]
erased them from human memory,
27 but their enemies' rage
concerned me;
their opponents might
misunderstand.
They might say, "Our strong hands,
not the LORD's, did all this,"
28 because they are not
a thoughtful nation;
they lack any insight.
29 If they had any wisdom,
they would understand this;
they would discern
what will become of them.
30 How could one person
chase off a thousand in battle?
How could two people make ten
thousand flee for their lives?
Only because their rock sold
them off,
only because the LORD
handed them over!
31 But, no, their rocks
can't compare to our rock!
Our enemies are completely
stupid.[u]
32 Their roots run straight
from Sodom—
from the fields of Gomorrah!
Their grapes are pure poison;

32:23 Ps 7:13; Eze 5:16

32:24 Lv 26:22; Ps 58:4

32:25 Lam 1:20, Lam 2:21; Eze 7:15

32:30 Lv 26:8; Josh 23:10; Jgs 2:14; Ps 44:12

32:31 Ex 14:25; 1Sa 2:2

32:32 Dt 29:18; Is 1:10; Jer 23:14; Lam 4:6

32:33 Dt 32:24; Job 20:14, Job 20:16; Ps 58:4; Is 11:8

32:34 Job 14:17; Jer 2:22; Hos 13:12

32:35 Ps 94:1; Na 1:2; Ro 12:19; Heb 10:30

32:39 1Sa 2:6; Job 5:18, Job 10:7; Ps 68:20; Is 41:4

32:41 Dt 32:35; Ps 7:12; Is 27:1, Is 34:6, Is 66:16

32:42 Dt 32:23; Jer 46:10

their grape clusters,
nothing but bitter;
33 their wine is snake poison,
venom from a cruel cobra.
34 Don't I have this stored up,
sealed in my vaults?
35 Revenge is my domain,
so is punishment-in-kind,
at the exact moment their step
slips up,
because the day of their
destruction is just around
the corner;
their final destiny is speeding
on its way!

36 But the LORD will acquit his people,
will have compassion
on those who serve him,
once he sees that their strength
is all gone,
that both prisoners and free
people are wiped out.[v]
37 The Lord will ask,
"Where are their gods—
the rocks they trusted in—
38 who ate up the fat
of their sacrifices,
who drank their sacred wine?
They should stand up and help you!
They should protect you now!
39 Now, look here: I myself,
I'm the one;
there are no other gods with me.
I'm the one who deals death
and gives life;
I'm the one who wounded,
but now I will heal.
There's no escaping my hand.
40 But now I'm lifting my hand
to heaven—
I swear by my own eternity:
41 when I sharpen my blazing sword
and my hand grabs hold
of justice,
I'll pay my enemies back;
I'll punish in kind
everyone who hates me.
42 I'll make my arrows drink
much blood,
while my sword devours flesh,

[r]Heb *Sheol* [s]LXX [t]Heb uncertain; LXX *scattered them* [u]LXX; Heb uncertain [v]Heb uncertain

the blood of the dead
and captured,
flowing from the heads
of enemy generals."[w]

43 Heavens:[x] Rejoice with God![y]
All you gods:
bow down to the Lord![z]
Because he will avenge
his children's[a] blood;
he will pay back his enemies;
he will punish in kind
those who hate him;[b]
he will cleanse his people's land.[c]

44 So Moses came and recited all the words of this poem in everyone's hearing; Joshua,[d] Nun's son, joined him. 45 When Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, 46 he told them: Set your mind on all these words I'm testifying against you right now, because you must command your children to perform carefully all the words of this Instruction. 47 This is no trivial matter for you—this is your very life! It is by this means[e] alone that you will prolong your life on the fertile land you are crossing the Jordan River to possess.

Moses' death imminent

48 The LORD spoke to Moses that very same day: 49 "Hike up the Abarim mountains, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab opposite Jericho. Take a good look at the land of Canaan, which I'm giving to the Israelites as their property. 50 You will die on the mountain you have hiked up, and you will be gathered to your people just like your brother Aaron, who died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, 51 because the two of you were unfaithful toward me in front of the Israelites at the waters of Meribath-kadesh, in the Zin wilderness, because you didn't treat me with proper respect before the Israelites. 52 You can look at the land from the other side of the river,[f] but you won't enter there."[g]

32:43 Ro 15:10; Rev 6:10
32:49 Nm 27:12, Nm 33:48; Dt 34:1
32:50 Gn 25:8; Nm 20:22, Nm 20:24, Nm 20:28, Nm 33:38
32:51 Nm 13:21, Nm 20:1, Nm 20:11-12, Nm 27:14
32:52 Dt 3:27, Dt 34:1
33:1 Josh 14:6; 1Ti 6:11
33:2 Ex 19:18; Jgs 5:4; Ps 68:8; Hab 3:3; Ac 7:53
33:5 Nm 23:21; Dt 32:15, Dt 33:26; Is 44:2
33:6 Gn 49:3, Gn 49:4
33:8 Gn 49:5; Ex 17:7, Ex 28:30; Lv 8:8; Nm 20:13

The fourth heading: Moses' blessing

33 This is the blessing that Moses the man of God gave the Israelites before he died. 2 He said:
The LORD came from Sinai:
from Seir he shone like
the dawn on us,[h]
from Paran Mountain
he beamed down.
Thousands of holy ones were
with him;[i]
his warriors were next to him,
ready.[j]
3 Yes, those who love[k] the nations—
all his holy ones—
were at your command;
they followed your footsteps;
they got moving when you said so.

4 Moses gave the Instruction to us—
it's the prized possession
of Jacob's assembly.
5 A king came to rule in Jeshurun,
when the people's leaders
gathered together,
when Israel's tribes were one.

6 "I pray that Reuben lives,
doesn't die,
though his numbers are so few."

7 Moses said this to Judah:
"LORD, listen to Judah's voice!
Bring him back to his own people,
strengthen his hands;[l]
be his help against every enemy."

8 Then he told Levi:
"Give your Thummim to Levi,[m]
your Urim to your faithful one—

[w] Heb uncertain [x] DSS (4QDeut[q]), LXX; MT *nations* [y] DSS (4QDeut[q]), LXX; MT *his people* [z] This line is missing in Heb; it is found in DSS (4QDeut[q]); LXX *him for the Lord* [a] DSS (4QDeut[q]), LXX; MT *his servants* [b] DSS (4QDeut[q]), LXX; MT lacks this line. [c] Sam, DSS (4QDeut[q]), LXX, Vulg; MT *his land his people* or *his land for his people;* or, correcting, *he will wipe away his people's tears.* [d] Sam, Syr, Tg Neofiti; MT *Hoshea* [e] Or *word* [f] Heb lacks *of the river.* [g] LXX; MT, Sam, Vulg, Syr, Tg add *to the land that I am giving to the Israelites* [h] Correcting with LXX, Vulg, Syr, Tg Onkelos (see 33:4); MT and Sam *on them* [i] Correction; cf LXX, Sam, Syr, Vulg; MT *he came from Ribeboth-kodesh* [j] LXX *angels;* Heb uncertain [k] Correction; MT *lover of* [l] Or *with his hands he contended* [m] DSS (4QDeut[h], 4QTest) and LXX; MT lacks *Give to Levi.*

the one you tested at Massah,
the one you challenged
by Meribah's waters;
9 the one who said
of his own mother and father:
'I don't consider them as such';
of their siblings:
'I don't recognize them';
of their own children,
'I don't know them'—
but who obeyed your words
and who guarded your covenant!
10 They teach your case laws to Jacob,
your Instruction to Israel.
They hold sweet incense
to your nose;
put the entirely burned offering
on your altar.
11 I pray that the LORD
blesses Levi's strength,
favors his hard work,
and crushes the insides
of his enemies
so that those who hate him
can't fight anymore."

12 He said to Benjamin:
"The LORD's dearest one
rests safely on him.
The Lord always shields him;
he rests on God's chest."

13 Then he told Joseph:
"I pray that his land is blessed
by God:
with heaven's gifts from above,[n]
with the deep waters
stretching out underneath;
14 with the gifts produced
by the sun,
with the gifts generated
by the moon;[o]
15 with the best fruit
from ancient mountains,
with the gifts of eternal hills;
16 with the gifts of the earth
and all that fills it,
and the favor of the one
who lives on Sinai.[p]
I pray that all these rest
on Joseph's head,
on the crown of that prince
among brothers.
17 A firstborn bull[q]—
that's how majestic he is!
A wild ox's horns—
those are his horns!
With them he gores all peoples
completely, to the far ends
of the earth!
His horns[r] are Ephraim's
tens of thousands.
His horns are Manasseh's
thousands."

18 Then he told Zebulun:
"Zebulun: celebrate
when you are out and about;
Issachar: celebrate when you are
at home in your tents!
19 They call all sorts of people
to the mountain,
where they offer right sacrifices.
It's true: They're nourished
on the sea's abundance;
they are nourished
on buried treasures in the sand."

20 Then he told Gad:
"May Gad's broad lands[s] be blessed!
He lives like a lion:
he rips an arm, even a head!
21 He chose the best part for himself
because there, where the
commander's portion was,
the leaders of the people
gathered together.[t]
Gad executed the LORD's justice
and the Lord's judgments for
Israel."[u]

22 Then he told Dan:
"Dan is a lion cub.
He jumps up from Bashan."

33:9 Ex 32:26; Mal 2:5
33:11 2Sa 24:23; Ps 20:3; Eze 20:40-41, Eze 43:27
33:12 Gn 35:18, Gn 49:27; Ex 19:4, Ex 28:12; Dt 12:10
33:13 Gn 27:28, Gn 49:22
33:14 Ps 104:19
33:15 Gn 49:26; Hab 3:6
33:16 Gn 49:26; Ex 3:2
33:17 Nm 23:22; 1Ki 22:11; Ps 44:5
33:18 Gn 49:13
33:22 Gn 49:16-17; Josh 19:47

[n] Or *from the dew* [o] Or *moons* or *months* [p] Or *lives in a bush* [q] Sam, LXX, Vulg; DSS (4QDeut[h]) and Heb *the oldest offspring of his bull* [r] Or *they*; also in the next line [s] Or *the one who makes Gad large* [t] Cf LXX; MT *there the commander's portion was reserved; he came at the front of the people* or *there was the portion of the respected commander; the people's leaders came.* [u] Heb uncertain

[23] Then he told Naphtali:
"Naphtali—you are full of favor,
overflowing with the
LORD's blessing—
go possess the west and the south!"

[24] Finally, he told Asher:
"Asher is the most blessed of sons.
I pray that he's his brothers'
favorite—
one who dips his foot in fine oil.
[25] I pray that your dead bolts
are iron and copper,
and that your strength
lasts all your days."[v]

[26] Jeshurun! No one compares to God!
He rides through heaven
to help you,
rides majestically
through the clouds.
[27] The most ancient God
is a place of safety;[w]
the eternal arms are a support.[x]
He drove out the enemy before you.
He commanded: "Destroy them!"
[28] So Israel now lives in safety—
Jacob's residence[y] is secure—
in a land full of grain and wine,
where the heavens drip dew.

[29] Happy are you, Israel!
Who is like you?
You are a people saved
by the LORD!
He's the shield that helps you,
your majestic sword!
Your enemies will come crawling
on their knees to you,
but you will stomp on their backs![z]

Moses' death

34 Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The LORD showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; [2] all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; [3] also the arid southern plain, and the plain—including the Jericho Valley, Palm City—as far as Zoar.

[4] Then the LORD said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it."

[5] Then Moses, the LORD's servant, died—right there in the land of Moab, according to the LORD's command. [6] The Lord buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is.

[7] Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigor hadn't diminished a bit.

[8] Back down in the Moabite plains, the Israelites mourned Moses' death for thirty days. At that point, the time for weeping and for mourning Moses was over.

[9] Joshua, Nun's son, was filled with wisdom because Moses had placed his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua, and they did exactly what the LORD commanded Moses.

[10] No prophet like Moses has yet emerged in Israel; Moses knew the LORD face-to-face! [11] That's not even to mention all those signs and wonders that the LORD sent Moses to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to his entire land—[12] as well as all the extraordinary power that Moses displayed before Israel's own eyes!

33:24 Gn 30:13, Gn 49:20; Job 29:6
34:5 Josh 1:1
34:6 Dt 3:29, Dt 4:46; Jud 1:9
34:7 Gn 27:1, Gn 48:10; Dt 31:2; Josh 14:11
34:8 Gn 50:3; Nm 20:29
34:9 Nm 27:18, Nm 27:23; Is 11:2
34:10 Ex 33:11; Nm 12:8; Dt 18:15, Dt 18:18
34:11 Dt 4:34
34:12 Ex 3:10, Ex 6:13, Ex 7:2, Ex 19:3, Ex 33:11

[v] Heb uncertain [w] Or *He humiliates the oldest gods.* [x] Or *He shatters the most ancient forces.* [y] Or *fountain* [z] Or *their shrines*

JOSHUA

Orders from the LORD

1 After Moses the LORD's servant died, the LORD spoke to Joshua, Nun's son. He had been Moses' helper. 2"My servant Moses is dead. Now get ready to cross over the Jordan with this entire people to the land that I am going to give to the Israelites. 3I am giving you every place where you set foot, exactly as I promised Moses. 4Your territory will stretch from the desert and the Lebanon as far as the great Euphrates River, including all Hittite land, up to the Mediterranean Sea on the west. 5No one will be able to stand up against you during your lifetime. I will be with you in the same way I was with Moses. I won't desert you or leave you. 6Be brave and strong, because you are the one who will help this people take possession of the land, which I pledged to give to their ancestors.

7"Be very brave and strong as you carefully obey all of the Instruction that Moses my servant commanded you. Don't deviate even a bit from it, either to the right or left. Then you will have success wherever you go. 8Never stop speaking about this Instruction scroll. Recite it day and night so you can carefully obey everything written in it. Then you will accomplish your objectives and you will succeed. 9I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua gives orders

10Then Joshua gave orders to the people's officers: 11"Go through the camp and give orders to the people. Say, 'Get supplies ready for yourselves because in three days you will be crossing over the Jordan to enter the land and take it over. The LORD your God is going to give it to you as your possession.'"

12Then Joshua addressed the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh: 13"Remember the command that Moses the LORD's servant gave you: 'The LORD your God will give you rest and give you this land.' 14Your wives, children, and cattle may remain in the land that Moses has given you on the east side of the Jordan. But all you brave fighters, organized for war, must cross over in front of your fellow Israelites. You must help them 15until the LORD gives a rest like yours to your fellow Israelites and they too take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you may return and take over the land that belongs to you, which Moses the LORD's servant has given you on the east side of the Jordan."

16They answered Joshua, "We will obey everything you have commanded us and go anywhere you send us. 17We will obey you in the same way that we obeyed Moses. Just let the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses! 18Anybody who stubbornly opposes what you declare and doesn't obey any of your commands will be put to death. Be brave and strong!"

Joshua sends spies

2 Joshua, Nun's son, secretly sent two men as spies from Shittim. He said, "Go. Look over the land, especially Jericho." They set out and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab. They bedded down there.

2Someone told the king of Jericho, "Men from the Israelites have come here tonight to spy on the land."

3So the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab: "Send out the men who came to you, the ones who came to your house, because they have come to spy on the entire land."

Rahab takes action

4But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. Then she said,

1:1 Ex 24:13; Dt 1:38, Dt 34:5
1:2 Dt 34:5
1:5 Dt 7:24, Dt 31:6; Josh 1:17, Josh 3:7; Heb 13:5
1:6 Dt 31:6; Josh 10:25
1:7 Dt 5:32; Josh 11:15, Josh 23:6
1:8 Dt 29:9; Ps 1:2
1:9 Dt 31:6, Dt 31:8; Josh 1:7
1:13 Nm 32:20; Dt 3:18
1:14 Josh 4:12
1:15 Josh 22:4
2:1 Nm 25:1; Josh 3:1, Josh 6:17; Heb 11:31; Jas 2:25

"Of course the men came to me. But I didn't know where they were from. [5]The men left when it was time to close the gate at dark, but I don't know where the men went. Hurry! Chase after them! You might catch up with them." [6]But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the flax stalks that she had laid out on the roof. [7]The men from Jericho[a] chased after them in the direction of the Jordan up to the fords. As soon as those chasing them went out, the gate was shut behind them.

Rahab sets terms

[8]Before the spies bedded down, Rahab went up to them on the roof. [9]She said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land. Terror over you has overwhelmed us. The entire population of the land has melted down in fear because of you. [10]We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Reed Sea[b] in front of you when you left Egypt. We have also heard what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites on the other side of the Jordan. You utterly wiped them out. [11]We heard this and our hearts turned to water. Because of you, people can no longer work up their courage. This is because the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below. [12]Now, I have been loyal to you. So pledge to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal loyally with my family. Give me a sign of good faith. [13]Spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, and sisters, along with everything they own. Rescue us from death."

[14]The men said to her, "We swear by our own lives to secure yours. If you don't reveal our mission, we will deal loyally and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land."

The spies escape

[15]So she lowered the spies on a rope through the window. Her house was on the outer side of the city wall, and she lived inside the wall. [16]Then she said to them, "Go toward the highlands so that those chasing you don't run into you. Hide there for three days until those chasing you return. Then you may go on your way."

[17]The men said to her, "We won't be responsible for this pledge you made us swear [18]unless, when we come into the land, you tie this red woven cord in the window through which you lowered us. Gather your father, your mother, your brothers, and your whole family into the house with you. [19]Those who go outside the doors of your house into the street will have only themselves to blame for their own deaths. We won't be responsible. If anyone lays a hand on those who are with you in the house, we will take the blame for their death. [20]But if you reveal our mission, we won't be responsible for this pledge you made us swear."

[21]She said, "These things will happen just like you said." She sent them away and they went off. Then she tied the red cord in the window.

Mission accomplished

[22]The spies went out and entered the highlands. They stayed there for three days until those chasing them came back. Those chasing them had searched all along the road but never found them. [23]Then the two men came back down from the highlands. They crossed the Jordan and came to Joshua, Nun's son. They told him everything that had happened to them. [24]They said to Joshua, "The LORD has definitely given the entire land into our power. In addition, all of the land's population has melted down in fear because of us."

Directions for crossing the Jordan

3 Joshua took down the camp early in the morning. He and all the Israelites marched out of Shittim and came to the Jordan, where they

2:9 Ex 15:15-16, Ex 23:27; Josh 2:11
2:10 Ex 14:21; Nm 21:21; Josh 9:10
2:11 Dt 4:39; Josh 5:1, Josh 7:5; Is 13:7
2:15 1Sa 19:12; Ac 9:25; 2Co 11:33
2:18 Josh 2:21, Josh 6:23
2:19 Mt 27:25
3:1 Nm 25:1; Josh 2:1, Josh 6:12, Josh 7:16

[a]Heb lacks *from Jericho*. [b]Or *Red Sea*

stayed overnight before crossing.
2 At the end of three days the officers went through the middle of the
camp. 3 They commanded the people,
"As soon as you see the LORD your
God's chest containing the covenant
and the levitical priests carrying it,
you are to march out from your places
and follow it. 4 But let there be some
distance between you and it, about
three thousand feet. Don't come near
it! You will know the way you should
go, even though you've never traveled
this way before."

5 Joshua said to the people, "Make
yourselves holy! Tomorrow the LORD
will do wonderful things among you."
6 Then Joshua said to the priests, "Lift
up the covenant chest. Go along in
front of the people." So they lifted up
the covenant chest and went in front
of the people.

7 The LORD said to Joshua, "Today
I will begin to make you great in the
opinion of all Israel. Then they will
know that I will be with you in the
same way that I was with Moses. 8 You
are to command the priests who carry
the covenant chest, 'As soon as you
come to the bank of the Jordan, stand
still in the Jordan.'"

9 Joshua said to the Israelites,
"Come close. Listen to the words of
the LORD your God." 10 Then Joshua
said, "This is how you will know that
the living God is among you and will
completely remove the Canaanites,
Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites
before you. 11 Look! The covenant
chest of the ruler of the entire earth
is going to cross over in front of you
in the Jordan. 12 Now pick twelve
men from the tribes of Israel, one
per tribe. 13 The soles of the priests'
feet, who are carrying the chest of
the LORD, ruler of the whole earth,
will come to rest in the water of
the Jordan. At that moment, the
water of the Jordan will be cut off.
The water flowing downstream will
stand still in a single heap."

3:5 Ex 19:10; Lv 20:7; Josh 7:13; 1Sa 16:5

3:7 Josh 1:5, Josh 4:14; 1Ch 29:25

3:8 Josh 3:3

3:9 Ex 24:4; Dt 4:1, Dt 31:9, Dt 31:19; Josh 8:32

3:10 Dt 5:26, Dt 7:1; 1Sa 17:26

3:11 Job 41:11; Ps 24:1; Mi 4:13; Zec 4:14, Zec 6:5

3:12 Nm 13:2; Josh 4:2, Josh 4:4

3:13 Ex 15:8; Josh 3:16

3:14 Ac 7:44, Ac 7:45

3:15 Josh 4:18; 1Ch 12:15; Jer 12:5, Jer 49:19

3:16 Gn 14:3; 1Ki 4:12, 1Ki 7:46

3:17 Ex 14:22, Ex 14:29

4:3 Josh 4:19-20

Marching across the Jordan

14 The people marched out from
their tents to cross over the Jordan.
The priests carrying the covenant
chest were in front of the people.
15 When the priests who were carrying the chest came to the Jordan, their
feet touched the edge of the water.
The Jordan had overflowed its banks
completely, the way it does during the
entire harvest season. 16 But at that
moment the water of the Jordan coming downstream stood still. It rose up
as a single heap very far off, just below
Adam, which is the city next to Zarethan. The water going down to the
desert sea (that is, the Dead Sea) was
cut off completely. The people crossed
opposite Jericho. 17 So the priests carrying the LORD's covenant chest stood
firmly on dry land in the middle of the
Jordan. Meanwhile, all Israel crossed
over on dry land, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Twelve stones at Gilgal

4 When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the
LORD said to Joshua, 2 "Pick twelve
men from the people, one man per
tribe. 3 Command them, 'Pick up
twelve stones from right here in the
middle of the Jordan, where the feet
of the priests had been firmly planted.
Bring them across with you and put
them down in the camp where you are
staying tonight.'"

4 Joshua called for the twelve men
he had appointed from the Israelites,
one man per tribe. 5 Joshua said to
them, "Cross over into the middle of
the Jordan, up to the LORD your God's
chest. Each of you, lift up a stone on
his shoulder to match the number of
the tribes of the Israelites. 6 This will
be a symbol among you. In the future
your children may ask, 'What do these
stones mean to you?' 7 Then you will
tell them that the water of the Jordan
was cut off before the LORD's covenant
chest. When it crossed over the Jordan, the water of the Jordan was cut

off. These stones will be an enduring memorial for the Israelites."

[8]The Israelites did exactly what Joshua ordered. They lifted twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, matching the number of the tribes of the Israelites, exactly as the LORD had said to Joshua. They brought them over to the camp and put them down there. [9]Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan where the feet of the priests had stood while carrying the covenant chest. They are still there today.

Crossing completed

[10]Meanwhile, the priests carrying the chest were standing in the middle of the Jordan. They stood there until every command that the LORD had ordered Joshua to tell the people had been carried out. This was exactly what Moses had commanded Joshua. The people crossed over quickly. [11]As soon as all the people had finished crossing, the LORD's chest crossed over. The priests then moved to the front of the people. [12]The people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over, organized for war ahead of the Israelites, exactly as Moses had told them. [13]Approximately forty thousand armed for war crossed over in the LORD's presence to the plains of Jericho, ready for battle. [14]The LORD made Joshua great in the opinion of all Israel on that day. So they revered him in the same way that they had revered Moses during all of his life.

[15]The LORD said to Joshua, [16]"Command the priests carrying the chest containing the testimony to come up out of the Jordan."

[17]So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up from the Jordan." [18]The priests carrying the LORD's covenant chest came up from the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of their feet touched dry ground. At that moment, the water of the Jordan started flowing again. It ran as before, completely over its banks.

4:20 Josh 4:3, Josh 4:8-9
5:2 Gn 17:10; Ex 4:25
5:4 Nm 26:64-65
5:6 Ex 3:8; Nm 14:23; Dt 2:14

[19]The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month.[c] They camped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.

Stones at Gilgal

[20]Joshua set up at Gilgal those twelve stones they had taken from the Jordan. [21]He said to the Israelites, "In the future your children will ask their parents, 'What about these stones?' [22]Then you will let your children know: 'Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.' [23]This was because the LORD your God dried up the water of the Jordan before you until you crossed over. This was exactly what the LORD your God did to the Reed Sea.[d] He dried it up before us until we crossed over. [24]This happened so that all the earth's peoples might know that the LORD's power is great and that you may always revere the LORD your God."

Enemy kings react

5 All the Amorite kings on the west side of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings near the sea heard that the LORD had dried up the water of the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over. Then their hearts melted. They lost all courage because of the Israelites.

Circumcision

[2]At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make yourself flint knives. Circumcise the Israelites for a second time." [3]So Joshua made flint knives for himself. He circumcised the Israelites at Foreskins Hill. [4]This is the reason Joshua did so: All the people who went out of Egypt, that is, all the men who were soldiers, had died in the desert on the way after they left Egypt. [5]All the people who went out were circumcised. But none of the people born in the desert on the way after they had left Egypt had been circumcised. [6]This was because the Israelites journeyed forty years in the desert

[c]March–April, Nisan [d]Or *Red Sea*

until the whole nation died off. These were the men old enough to fight who went out from Egypt and who hadn't obeyed the LORD. The LORD had pledged to them never to show them the land that the LORD had pledged to their ancestors to give us. It is a land full of milk and honey. 7Joshua circumcised their children, the ones the LORD had set in their place. They were uncircumcised because they hadn't been circumcised on the way. 8After the whole nation had undergone circumcision, they remained in the camp until they got well again. 9Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." So the place was called Gilgal,[e] as it is today.

Passover

10The Israelites camped in Gilgal. They celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month[f] on the plains of Jericho. 11On the very next day after Passover, they ate food produced in the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. 12The manna stopped on that next day, when they ate food produced in the land. There was no longer any manna for the Israelites. So that year they ate the crops of the land of Canaan.

Commander of the LORD's heavenly force

13When Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up. He caught sight of a man standing in front of him with his sword drawn. Joshua went up and said to him, "Are you on our side or that of our enemies?"

14He said, "Neither! I'm the commander of the LORD's heavenly force. Now I have arrived!"

Then Joshua fell flat on his face and worshipped. Joshua said to him, "What is my master saying to his servant?"

15The commander of the LORD's heavenly force said to Joshua, "Take your sandals off your feet because the place where you are standing is holy." So Joshua did this.

5:7 Dt 1:39; Josh 5:2
5:8 Gn 34:25
5:9 Gn 34:14; Josh 4:19
5:10 Ex 12:6; Nm 9:5
5:11 Lv 23:14
5:12 Ex 16:35
5:13 Gn 18:2, Gn 32:24; Nm 22:23, Nm 22:31
5:14 Gn 17:3; Josh 5:15
5:15 Ex 3:5; Josh 5:14; Ac 7:33
6:1 Nm 21:21, Nm 22:1; Josh 7:1, Josh 10:1, Josh 12:1
6:2 Dt 7:24; Josh 2:24, Josh 8:1
6:4 Lv 25:9
6:5 Josh 6:20; 1Sa 4:5
6:6 Josh 3:6
6:7 Josh 4:13, Josh 6:6; 1Sa 4:4
6:8 Josh 6:4
6:9 Josh 6:13; Is 52:12
6:12 Josh 3:1, Josh 3:6

Instructions about Jericho

6 Now Jericho was closed up tightly because of the Israelites. No one went out or came in. 2The LORD said to Joshua, "Look. I have given Jericho and its king into your power, along with its mighty warriors. 3Circle the city with all the soldiers, going around the city one time. Do this for six days. 4Have seven priests carry seven trumpets made from rams' horns in front of the chest. On the seventh day, circle the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

5"Have them blow a long blast on the ram's horn. As soon as you hear that trumpet blast, have all the people shout out a loud war cry. Then the city wall will collapse, and the people will rise up, attacking straight ahead."

Israel destroys Jericho

6So Joshua, Nun's son, called the priests. He said to them, "Lift up the covenant chest. Let seven priests carry seven trumpets made from rams' horns in front of the LORD's chest." 7He said to the people, "Go forward. Circle the city. Let the armed soldiers go in front of the LORD's chest." 8As soon as Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying seven ram's horn trumpets moved forward in front of the LORD. They blew the trumpets. The LORD's covenant chest followed. 9The initial group of soldiers was going in front of the priests who were blowing the trumpets. The rear guard was coming behind the chest, with trumpets blowing continuously. 10Joshua ordered the people, "Don't shout. Don't let your voice be heard. Don't let a word come out of your mouth until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then shout!"

11He made the LORD's chest circle the city, going around one time. They went back to the camp and stayed there overnight. 12Joshua got up early

[e]Gilgal sounds like the Heb verb *galal*, "to roll away." [f]March–April, Nisan

in the morning. The priests lifted up the LORD's chest. [13]The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets made from rams' horns were going in front of the LORD's chest, blowing trumpets continuously. The armed soldiers were going in front of them. The rear guard was coming after the LORD's chest, blowing trumpets continuously. [14]They circled the city one time on the second day. Then they went back to the camp. They did this for six days.

[15]On the seventh day, they got up at dawn. They circled the city in this way seven times. It was only on that day that they circled the city seven times. [16]The seventh time, the priests blew the trumpets. Then Joshua said to the people, "Shout, because the LORD has given you the city! [17]The city and everything in it is to be utterly wiped out as something reserved for the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute is to stay alive, along with everyone with her in her house. This is because she hid the messengers we sent. [18]But you, keep away from the things set aside for God so that you don't desire[g] and take some of the things reserved. That would turn the camp of Israel into a thing doomed to be utterly wiped out and bring calamity on it. [19]All silver and gold, along with bronze and iron equipment, are holy to the LORD. They must go into the LORD's treasury." [20]Then the people shouted. They blew the trumpets. As soon as the people heard the trumpet blast, they shouted a loud war cry. Then the wall collapsed. The people went up against the city, attacking straight ahead. They captured the city. [21]Without mercy, they wiped out everything in the city as something reserved for God—man and woman, young and old, cattle, sheep, and donkeys.

Consequences

[22]Joshua spoke to the two men who had scouted out the land. "Go to the prostitute's house. Bring out the woman from there, along with everyone related to her, exactly as you pledged to her." [23]So the young men who had been spies went and brought Rahab out, along with her father, her mother, her brothers, and everyone related to her. They brought her whole clan out and let them stay outside Israel's camp. [24]They burned the city and everything in it. But they put the silver and gold, along with the bronze and iron equipment, into the treasury of the LORD's house. [25]Joshua let Rahab the prostitute live, her family, and everyone related to her. So her family still lives among Israel today, because she hid the spies whom Joshua had sent to scout out Jericho.

[26]At that time Joshua made this decree:

> "Anyone who starts to rebuild this city of Jericho will be cursed before the LORD.
>
> Laying its foundations will cost them their oldest child.
>
> Setting up its gates will cost them their youngest child."

[27]The LORD was with Joshua. News about him spread throughout the land.

Israel defeated at Ai

7 The Israelites did a disrespectful thing concerning the items reserved for God. Achan was the son of Carmi, grandson of Zabdi, great-grandson of Zerah. He was from the tribe of Judah. He took some of the things reserved for God. So the LORD was furious with the Israelites.

[2]Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven to the east of Bethel. He said to them, "Go up. Scout out the land."

So the men went up and scouted out Ai. [3]They came back to Joshua and said to him, "There is no need for all of the people to go up. Two or three thousand men could go up and strike Ai. Don't make all of the people bother going there. There are just a few of them." [4]So about three thousand men from

6:13 Josh 6:4
6:15 Josh 3:1; Ps 119:147
6:16 Josh 6:2
6:17 Lv 27:28; Dt 20:17; Josh 2:1, Josh 2:4; Heb 11:31
6:18 Dt 7:26, Dt 13:17; Josh 7:1, Josh 7:12, Josh 7:25
6:19 Josh 6:24
6:20 Josh 6:5; Heb 11:30
6:21 Dt 2:34, Dt 7:2, Dt 20:16
6:22 Josh 2:1, Josh 2:12, Josh 2:14; Heb 11:31
6:23 Heb 11:31
6:25 Josh 6:17; Jgs 1:25; Heb 11:31
7:1 Josh 6:18, Josh 22:20; 1Ch 2:7
7:2 Josh 8:1, Josh 18:12; 1Sa 13:5, 1Sa 14:23; Hos 4:15
7:3 Josh 7:2
7:4 Lv 26:17; Dt 28:25

[g]LXX; Heb *wipe out as something reserved for God*

the people went up in that direction. But they fled from the men of Ai. 5The men of Ai struck down approximately thirty-six of them. They chased them from outside the gate as far as Shebarim. They struck them down on the slope. Then the hearts of the people melted and turned to water.

Cause of Israel's defeat

6Joshua ripped open his clothes. He, along with the elders of Israel, lay flat on their faces before the LORD's chest until evening. They put dust on their heads. 7Then Joshua said, "Oh no, LORD God! Why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan? Was it to hand us over to the power of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been prepared to live on the other side of the Jordan! 8Please forgive me, LORD. What can I say now that Israel has retreated before its enemies? 9The Canaanites and the whole population of the land will hear of it. They will surround us and make our name disappear from the earth. What will you do about your great name then?"

10The LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why do you lie flat on your face like this? 11Israel has sinned. They have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the things reserved for me and put them with their own things. They have stolen and kept it a secret. 12The Israelites can't stand up to their enemies. They retreat before their enemies because they themselves have become a doomed thing reserved for me. I will no longer be with you unless you destroy the things reserved for me that are present among you. 13Go and make the people holy. Say, 'Get ready for tomorrow by making yourselves holy. This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "Israel! Things reserved for me are present among you. You won't be able to stand up to your enemies until you remove from your presence the things reserved for me."' 14In the morning, come forward tribe by tribe. Whichever tribe the LORD selects must come forward clan by clan. Whichever clan the LORD selects must come forward family by family. Whichever family the LORD selects will come forward by individual soldiers. 15The person selected, who has the things reserved for God, must be put to death by burning. Burn everything that belongs to him too. This is because he has violated the LORD's covenant and has committed an outrage in Israel."

Achan discovered and punished

16Joshua got up early in the morning. He made Israel come forward tribe by tribe. The tribe of Judah was selected. 17He made the clans of Judah come forward. He selected the clan of Zerah. He made the clan of Zerah come forward as individual soldiers. Zabdi was selected. 18He made each soldier of his family come forward. Achan was selected. He was a son of Carmi, grandson of Zabdi, great-grandson of Zerah, and of the tribe of Judah. 19Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD the God of Israel. Tell me what you have done. Don't hide anything from me."

20Achan answered Joshua, "It's true. I've sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: 21Among the booty I saw a single beautiful robe in the Babylonian style, two hundred shekels of silver, and a single gold bar weighing fifty shekels. I desired them and took them. Now they are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver on the bottom."

22Then Joshua sent messengers. They ran to the tent. There it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver on the bottom. 23They took the things from inside the tent. They brought them to Joshua and to all the Israelites and emptied them out before the LORD. 24Then Joshua seized Achan, Zerah's son, along with the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys, flocks, tent, and everything that belonged to him. All

7:5 Lv 26:36; Josh 2:11

7:6 Gn 37:29; Nm 14:6; Jgs 20:23, Jgs 20:26; Job 2:12

7:7 Ex 5:22

7:8 1Ki 8:25-26, 1Ki 8:59, 1Ki 18:36; 2Ki 19:15

7:9 Ex 32:12; Nm 14:13; Dt 9:28

7:10 Ex 14:15; Josh 1:1, Josh 6:2, Josh 7:6, Josh 8:1

7:11 Josh 6:17, Josh 6:18, Josh 7:1, Josh 7:15; Jgs 2:20

7:12 Josh 6:18; Jgs 2:14

7:13 Josh 3:5

7:14 1Sa 10:19; Prv 16:33

7:15 Gn 34:7; Josh 7:11; Jgs 20:6; 1Sa 14:39

7:16 Josh 3:1

7:17 Nm 26:20

7:18 Josh 7:1

7:19 Nm 5:6; 1Sa 6:5, 1Sa 14:43; Jer 13:16; Jn 9:24

7:20 Josh 7:1, Josh 7:25, Josh 22:20; 1Sa 15:30; 1Ch 2:7

7:21 Gn 3:6; 1Ti 6:10

7:24 Josh 7:26, Josh 15:7; Is 65:10; Hos 2:15

Israel joined Joshua. They brought them up to Achor Valley. 25 Joshua said, "You have brought disaster to us! May the LORD bring disaster to you today!" Then all Israel stoned him. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. 26 They raised over him a great pile of stones that is still there today. Then the LORD turned away from his fury. So he named that place Achor Valley.[h] It is still called that today.

7:25 Lv 20:2; Dt 17:5; Josh 6:18; 1Ch 2:7

7:26 Josh 8:29; 2Sa 18:17; Is 65:10; Hos 2:15

Plan to capture Ai

8 The LORD said to Joshua, "Don't be afraid or terrified. Take the entire army with you. Start to go up to Ai. Look! I have given the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land into your power. 2 Do to Ai and its king what you did to Jericho and its king. But you may take its booty and cattle as plunder. Set your ambush behind the city."

3 So Joshua and the whole army got ready to go up to Ai. Joshua chose thirty thousand brave soldiers. He sent them out by night. 4 He commanded them, "Look. You are to ambush the city from behind. Don't move too far away from the city. Be ready, all of you. 5 I will approach the city with all the people. When they come out against us the same way as before, we will flee from them. 6 They will come out after us until we have drawn them away from the city. They will think, They are fleeing from us as before. So we will flee from them. 7 But you will rise up from the ambush and take over the city. The LORD your God will give it into your power. 8 As soon as you seize the city, set it on fire. Act according to the LORD's word. Indeed, I have given you an order!"

9 Joshua sent them off, and they went to set the ambush. They stayed between Bethel and Ai, to the west of Ai. Joshua spent that night among the people. 10 Joshua got up early in the morning and mustered the people. Then he and the elders of Israel went up in front of the people to Ai. 11 The entire army that was with him went up. They moved in close, in front of the city. Then they camped north of Ai, with the valley between them and Ai. 12 He took about five thousand men and positioned them as an ambush between Bethel and Ai to the west of the city. 13 The people positioned the main camp on the north side of the city and its rear guard on its west side. That night, Joshua went into the middle of the valley.

Israel's successful strategy

14 As soon as the king of Ai saw this, he and all his troops, the men of the city, hurried out early in the morning to meet Israel in battle. They moved out to the battleground on the slopes down toward the Jordan.[i] He didn't know that there was an ambush set against him behind the city. 15 Then Joshua and all Israel let themselves be beaten before them. They fled in the direction of the desert. 16 Next, all the troops who were still in the city were called out to chase them. They chased after Joshua and so let themselves be drawn away from the city. 17 No one who hadn't gone out after Israel was left in either Ai or Bethel. They left the city wide open and chased after Israel.

18 The LORD said to Joshua, "Point the dagger in your hand toward Ai, because I will give it into your power." So Joshua pointed the dagger in his hand toward the city. 19 The ambush quickly rose from its place. As soon as he reached out his hand, it charged. They entered the city and captured it. They set the city on fire at once. 20 Then the men of Ai turned around. They caught sight of the smoke of the city rising toward the sky. They had no chance to flee one way or the other. The troops who were fleeing toward the desert turned against the pursuit. 21 Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had captured the city and that the smoke of

[h] Or *Calamity Valley* [i] Or *the Arabah*

the city was rising. So they turned and struck down the men of Ai. 22When other Israelites came out of the city to confront them, the men of Ai were caught in the middle. Some Israelites were on one side of them and some on the other. The Israelites struck them down until there was no one left to escape. 23But they seized the king of Ai alive and brought him to Joshua.

24Israel finished killing the entire population of Ai that had chased them out into the open wasteland. All of them were finished off without mercy. Then all Israel went back to Ai and struck it down without mercy. 25Twelve thousand men and women died that day, all the people of Ai. 26Joshua didn't pull back the hand that was stretched out holding a dagger until he had wiped out the whole population of Ai as something reserved for God. 27However, Israel did take the cattle and other booty of that city as plunder for themselves, in agreement with the command that the LORD had given Joshua. 28Then Joshua burned Ai. He made it a permanently deserted mound. That is still the case today. 29He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening. At sundown, Joshua gave an order, and they took his body down from the tree. They threw it down at the opening of the city gate. Then they raised over it a great pile of stones that is still there today.

Joshua reads the Instruction

30Then Joshua built an altar on Mount Ebal to the LORD, the God of Israel. 31This was exactly what Moses the LORD's servant had commanded the Israelites. It is what is written in the Instruction scroll from Moses: "an altar of crude stones against which no iron tool has swung."[j] On it they offered entirely burned offerings to the LORD and sacrificed well-being offerings. 32There, in the presence of the Israelites, Joshua wrote on the stones a copy of the Instruction from Moses, which Moses had written earlier. 33All Israel—with its elders, officers, and judges—were standing on either side of the chest. They were facing the levitical priests who carry the LORD's chest containing the covenant. They included both immigrants and full citizens. Half stood facing Mount Gerizim and half stood facing Mount Ebal. This was exactly what Moses the LORD's servant had initially commanded for the blessing of the Israelite people. 34Afterward, Joshua read aloud all the words of the Instruction, both blessing and curse, in agreement with everything written in the Instruction scroll. 35There wasn't a single word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua failed to read aloud in the presence of the entire assembly of Israel. This assembly included the women and small children, along with the immigrants who lived among them.

The Gibeonites' trick

9 All the kings on the west side of the Jordan heard about this, including those in the highlands, the lowlands, and along the entire coast of the Mediterranean Sea toward Lebanon. They were Hittites and Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. 2They formed an alliance to fight Joshua and Israel. 3In contrast, when the population of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4they acted cleverly. They set out pretending to be messengers.[k] They took worn-out sacks for their donkeys and worn-out wineskins that were split and mended. 5They had worn-out, patched sandals on their feet and were wearing worn-out clothes. All the bread in their supplies was dry and crumbly.

6They went to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal. They said to him and to Israel, "We have come from a distant country. So now, make a treaty with us."

7Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us. How then could we make a treaty with you?"

8:23 Josh 8:29, Josh 10:17, Josh 10:22; 1Sa 15:8

9:1 Nm 34:6

9:3 Josh 9:17; 2Sa 21:2

[j]Deut 27:5-6 [k]Heb uncertain

[8]Then they said to Joshua, "We are your servants."

Joshua said to them, "Who are you? Where have you come from?"

[9]They said to him, "Your servants have come from a very distant country because of the reputation of the LORD your God. We have heard a report about him and everything he did in Egypt. [10]We heard about everything he did to the two kings of the Amorites on the east side of the Jordan, Heshbon's King Sihon and Bashan's King Og, who was in Ashtaroth. [11]Our elders and all the population of our land said to us, 'Take along supplies for the journey. Go meet them and say to them, "We are your servants. So now make a treaty with us."' [12]This is our bread. On the day we left to come to you we took it warm from our houses as supplies. But now here it is, dried up and crumbly. [13]These wineskins were new when we filled them. But here they are, split open. These clothes and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey." [14]The Israelites[l] took some of their supplies, but they didn't ask for any decision from the LORD. [15]Joshua made peace with them. He made a treaty with them to protect their lives. The leaders of the community made a solemn pledge to them.

Israel discovers the trick

[16]Three days after the Israelites made a treaty with the Gibeonites, the Israelites heard that they were actually their neighbors and were living among them. [17]So on the third day the Israelites marched out and came to their cities: Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. [18]But the Israelites didn't strike at them. This was because the leaders of the community had made a solemn pledge to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. The entire community grumbled against the leaders. [19]Then all the leaders said to the whole community, "We have made a solemn pledge to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. So we can't touch them now. [20]This is what we'll do with them. We'll let them live so that wrath won't come down on us because of the solemn pledge that we made to them." [21]The leaders went on to say to them, "Let them live." So they became woodcutters and water haulers for the whole community, exactly as the leaders had intended for them.

[22]Joshua called for the Gibeonites and spoke to them: "Why have you deceived us by saying, 'We live very far away from you,' when actually you live among us? [23]So now you are cursed. Some of you will always serve as woodcutters and water haulers for my God's house."

[24]They answered Joshua, "Your servants had been told that the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you the entire land and to wipe out all its population on your account. So we feared for our very lives because of you and did this thing. [25]Now, here we are in your power. Do to us whatever seems good and proper to you." [26]So Joshua treated them in this way. He spared them from the power of the Israelites, and they didn't kill them. [27]That day Joshua assigned them as woodcutters and water haulers for the community and for the LORD's altar, located wherever God[m] would choose. That is still the case today.

Gibeonites under attack

10 Jerusalem's King Adoni-zedek heard that Joshua had captured Ai and had wiped it out as something reserved for God. Joshua did the same thing to Ai and its king that he had done to Jericho and its king. He also heard that the population of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were living among them. [2]Adoni-zedek and his people[n] were very afraid, because Gibeon was a large city, like one of the royal cities. It was larger than Ai. All its men were soldiers. [3]So Jerusalem's King Adoni-zedek sent word to

9:15 Josh 9:3, Josh 11:19; 2Sa 21:2
9:27 Dt 12:5; Josh 9:21
10:1 Josh 8:1, Josh 8:22, Josh 9:15
10:3 Josh 10:5, Josh 10:23

[l]Or *men* [m]Or *he* [n]Or *they*

Hebron's King Hoham, Jarmuth's King Piram, Lachish's King Japhia, and Eglon's King Debir: 4"Come up and help me. We will strike at Gibeon, because it has made peace with Joshua and with the Israelites." 5Then the five kings of the Amorites gathered. These were the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon. They went up with all their armies, camped against Gibeon, and attacked it. 6The people of Gibeon sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: "Don't desert your servants! Come to us quickly. Rescue us! Help us! All the Amorite kings from the highlands have assembled together against us." 7So Joshua went up from Gilgal with the entire army and all the bravest soldiers.

The LORD fights for Israel

8Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Don't be afraid of them. I have given them into your power. Not a single one of them can stand up against you." 9Joshua quickly attacked them, having come up overnight from Gilgal. 10Then the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel. Joshua struck a mighty blow against them at Gibeon. He chased them on the way up to Beth-horon and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11When they were fleeing from Israel and were on the slope of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from the sky all the way to Azekah. So they died. More died from the hailstones than the Israelites killed with the sword.

12On the day the LORD gave the Amorites into the power of Israel, Joshua spoke to the LORD in the presence of the Israelites:

"Sun, stand still at Gibeon!
and Moon, at the Aijalon Valley!"
13The sun stood still
and the moon stood motionless
until a nation took revenge
on its enemies.

Isn't this written in the Jashar scroll? So the sun stood motionless in the middle of the sky. For a whole day, it was in no hurry to go down. 14There hasn't been a day like it before or since, when the LORD responded to a human voice. The LORD fought for Israel. 15Then Joshua along with all Israel came back to the camp at Gilgal.

10:12 Josh 19:42; Hab 3:11
10:13 2Sa 1:18; Is 38:8; Hab 3:11
10:14 Ex 14:14; Josh 10:42, Josh 23:3
10:16 Jgs 6:2; 1Sa 13:6
10:26 Dt 21:23; Josh 8:29; Ga 3:13

Israel executes five kings

16Then those five kings fled and hid in the cave at Makkedah. 17It was reported to Joshua, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

18Joshua said, "Roll large stones over the mouth of the cave. Station some men by it to guard them, 19but don't you stay there. Chase after your enemies and attack them from the rear. Don't let them enter their cities, because the LORD your God has given them into your power." 20Joshua and the Israelites finished dealing them a stunning blow until they were finished off. Some survivors among them escaped into the fortified cities. 21Then the whole people came back safely to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a single person threatened the Israelites.

22Joshua said, "Open up the mouth of the cave. Bring those five kings out of the cave to me." 23They did so. They brought the five kings out of the cave to him: the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon. 24When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for every Israelite. He said to the military commanders who had gone out with him, "Come forward. Put your feet on the necks of these kings." So they went forward and put their feet on their necks. 25Then Joshua said to them, "Don't be afraid or terrified. Be brave and strong, because this is how the LORD will deal with all the enemies you fight." 26Next, Joshua struck them down. He put them to death and then hanged them on five trees. They were hanging on the trees until evening. 27At sundown, Joshua gave an order, and they took them down from the trees. They threw them into the cave where they had hidden

themselves, and they set large stones over the mouth of the cave. The stones are still there to this very day.

Victories in the south

[28]On that day, Joshua captured Makkedah. With a sword, he struck it and its king without mercy. He wiped them out, treating everyone in the city as something reserved for God. He left no survivors. He did to the king of Makkedah exactly as he had done to the king of Jericho.

[29]Then Joshua along with all Israel moved on from Makkedah to Libnah. They attacked Libnah. [30]The LORD also gave it and its king into the power of Israel. With a sword, he struck it and everyone in it without mercy. He left no survivors in it. He did to its king exactly as he had done to the king of Jericho.

[31]Joshua along with all Israel moved on from Libnah to Lachish. They camped near it and attacked it. [32]The LORD gave Lachish into the power of Israel. Joshua captured it on the second day. With a sword, he struck it and everyone in it without mercy, just exactly as he had done to Libnah. [33]Then Gezer's King Horam came up to help Lachish. But Joshua struck him and his people down, until no survivors were left.

[34]Joshua along with all Israel moved on from Lachish to Eglon. They camped against it and attacked it. [35]They captured it on the same day and struck it down without mercy. On that day, he wiped out everyone in it as something reserved for God, just exactly as he had done to Lachish.

[36]Joshua along with all Israel went up from Eglon to Hebron and attacked it. [37]They captured it and struck it down without mercy, along with its king, all its towns, and everyone in it. He left no survivors, just exactly as he had done to Eglon. He wiped out the city and everyone in it as something reserved for God.

[38]Joshua along with all Israel turned back to Debir and attacked it. [39]He captured it along with its king and all its cities. They struck them down without mercy and wiped out everyone in it as something reserved for God. He left no survivors. Exactly as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king—exactly as he had done to Libnah and its king.

[40]So Joshua struck at the whole land: the highlands, the arid southern plains, the lowlands, the slopes, and all their kings. He left no survivors. He wiped out everything that breathed as something reserved for God, exactly as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded. [41]Joshua struck them down from Kadesh-barnea to Gaza, and the whole land of Goshen as far as Gibeon. [42]Joshua captured all these kings and their land all at the same time. This was because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. [43]Then Joshua along with all Israel came back to the camp at Gilgal.

Victories in the north

11 King Jabin of Hazor heard about this. So he sent word to Madon's King Jobab, to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph. [2]He sent word to the kings from the north part of the highlands, in the desert plain south of Chinneroth, in the lowlands, and in Naphoth-dor on the west. [3]He sent word to the Canaanites from east and west, to the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, and Jebusites in the highlands, and to the Hivites at the foot of Hermon in the land of Mizpah. [4]They went out with all their battalions as a great army. They were as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore. There were very many horses and chariots. [5]All these kings came together. They came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

[6]The LORD said to Joshua, "Don't be afraid of them. By this time tomorrow, I will make them all dead bodies in Israel's presence. Cripple their horses! Burn their chariots!"

10:28 Dt 20:16; Josh 6:21

10:36 Gn 13:18; Nm 13:22; Josh 14:13, Josh 15:13; 2Sa 5:1

10:38 Josh 15:15; Jdg 1:11

10:40 Dt 1:7, Dt 20:16; Josh 8:27

11:2 Nm 34:11; Josh 12:23, Josh 12:3

[7]Then Joshua along with the entire army launched a surprise attack against them at the waters of Merom. [8]The LORD gave them into Israel's power. They struck them down. They chased them as far as Great Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, then to the east as far as the Mizpeh Valley. They struck them down until no survivors were left. [9]Joshua dealt with them exactly as the LORD had told him. He crippled their horses and burned their chariots.

[10]Joshua turned back at that time. He captured Hazor and struck down its king with the sword. Hazor had been the head of all those kingdoms in the past. [11]They struck down everyone there without mercy, wiping them out as something reserved for God. Nothing that breathed was left. Hazor itself he burned. [12]Joshua captured all these kings and their cities. He struck them down without mercy. He wiped them out as something reserved for God. This was exactly as Moses the LORD's servant had commanded. [13]But Israel didn't burn any of the cities that still are standing on their mounds. Joshua burned only Hazor. [14]The Israelites took all the valuable things from those cities and the cattle as plunder for themselves. But they struck down every person without mercy until they had wiped them out. They didn't let anything that breathed survive. [15]What the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, Moses had commanded Joshua, and Joshua did exactly that. He didn't deviate a bit from any command that the LORD had given Moses.

Summary of Israel's victories

[16]So Joshua took this whole land: the highlands, the whole arid southern plain, the whole land of Goshen, the lowlands, the desert plain, and both the highlands and the lowlands of Israel. [17]He took land stretching from Mount Halak, which goes up toward Seir, as far as Baal-gad at the foot of Mount Hermon in the Lebanon Valley. He captured all their kings. He struck them down and killed them. [18]Joshua waged war against all these kings for a long time. [19]There wasn't one city that made peace with the Israelites, except the Hivites who lived in Gibeon. They captured every single one in battle. [20]Their stubborn resistance came from the LORD and led them to wage war against Israel. Israel was then able to wipe them out as something reserved for God, without showing them any mercy. This was exactly what the LORD had commanded Moses.

[21]At that time, Joshua went and wiped out the Anakim from the highlands. He wiped them out from Hebron, from Debir, and from Anab, from the whole highlands of Judah, and the whole highlands of Israel. Joshua wiped them out along with their cities as something reserved for God. [22]The Anakim no longer remained in the land of the Israelites. They survived only in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod. [23]So Joshua took the whole land, exactly as the LORD had promised Moses. Joshua gave it as a legacy to Israel according to their tribal shares. Then the land had a rest from war.

Moses defeated two kings

12 The Israelites struck down these kings of the land and took over their land on the east side of the Jordan. This ran from the Arnon Valley as far as Mount Hermon and included the whole eastern part of the desert plain. [2]First there was the Amorites' King Sihon, who lived in Heshbon. He ruled from Aroer by the rim of Arnon Valley and then from the middle of the valley as far as the Jabbok Valley, the border of the Ammonites. This was half of Gilead. [3]He ruled the desert plain up to the east side of the Chinneroth Sea. This ran southward in the direction of Beth-jeshimoth at the foot of the Pisgah slopes as far as the east side of the desert plain (that is, the Dead Sea) and [a]the territory next to it.[a] Then there was Bashan's King Og. He was one of the last of the Rephaim. He

11:10 Josh 11:1; Jgs 4:2
11:20 Ex 4:21
11:21 Nm 13:22; Dt 9:2; Josh 15:13-14
11:22 Josh 11:21; 1Sa 5:1, 1Sa 5:8, 1Sa 17:4

[a]Heb lacks *next to it.*

lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei. 5He ruled over Mount Hermon, Salecah, and all of Bashan as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half of Gilead down to the border of Heshbon's King Sihon. 6Moses the LORD's servant and the Israelites struck them down. Moses the LORD's servant gave their land as property to the Reubenites, Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh.

12:5 Dt 3:10, 14; Josh 13:11; 1Sa 27:8
13:1 Dt 31:3; Josh 14:10, Josh 23:1
13:3 Jdg 3:3; 1Sa 6:4
13:5 Nm 34:8; Josh 12:7, Josh 11:17; 1Ki 5:18; Ps 83:7; Eze 27:9
13:8 Nu 32:33; Josh 12:6

Kings west of the Jordan

7Joshua and the Israelites struck down these kings of the land and took over their land on the west side of the Jordan. This ran from Baal-gad in the Lebanon Valley as far as Mount Halak, which goes up toward Seir. Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as shares of property. 8This was in the highlands, in the lowlands, in the desert plain, in the slopes, in the desert, and in the arid southern plain. The land belonged to Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. They were:

9the king of Jericho	one
the king of Ai (which is near Bethel)	one
10the king of Jerusalem	one
the king of Hebron	one
11the king of Jarmuth	one
the king of Lachish	one
12the king of Eglon	one
the king of Gezer	one
13the king of Debir	one
the king of Geder	one
14the king of Hormah	one
the king of Arad	one
15the king of Libnah	one
the king of Adullam	one
16the king of Makkedah	one
the king of Bethel	one
17the king of Tappuah	one
the king of Hepher	one
18the king of Aphek	one
the king of Lasharon	one
19the king of Madon	one
the king of Hazor	one
20the king of Shimron-meron	one
the king of Achshaph	one
21the king of Taanach	one
the king of Megiddo	one
22the king of Kedesh	one
the king of Jokneam in Carmel	one
23the king of Dor in Naphath-dor	one
the king of Goiim of Gilgal	one
24the king of Tirzah	one

Total of all kings: thirty-one.

Land still unconquered

13 Now Joshua had reached old age. The LORD said to him, "You have reached old age, but much of the land remains to be taken over. 2This is the land that remains: All the districts of the Philistines and all those of the Geshurites. 3(The land stretching from the Shihor near Egypt northward as far as the Ekron territory is considered to be Canaanite. There are five rulers of the Philistines, for Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron.) The land of the Avvites 4in the south. The whole land of the Canaanites, along with Mearah, which belongs to the Sidonians, as far as Aphek and as far as the Amorite border. 5The land of the Gebalites and the whole Lebanon eastward, stretching from Baal-gad at the foot of Mount Hermon to Lebohamath.

6"I myself will remove the entire population of the highlands from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim before the Israelites, that is, all the Sidonians. You have only to allot it to Israel as a legacy exactly as I commanded you. 7So now divide up this land as a legacy for the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh. You will give it out from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. The Mediterranean Sea is the border."[p]

Land east of the Jordan

8As for the other half of the tribe of Manasseh,[q] the Reubenites and Gadites together with it had already

[p]LXX; MT lacks *You will give it out from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. The Mediterranean Sea is the border.* [q]LXX; MT lacks *As for the other half of the tribe of Manasseh.*

taken their legacy that Moses had given them on the east side of the Jordan. It was exactly what Moses the LORD's servant had given them. [9]It ran from Aroer by the rim of the Arnon Valley and the city in the middle of the valley through the whole Medeba plateau as far as Dibon. [10]It included all the cities of the Amorites' King Sihon, who ruled in Heshbon, as far as the Ammonite border. [11]It also included Gilead and the territory of the Geshurites and Maacathites, all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salecah—[12]the entire kingdom of Og in Bashan, who ruled in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. He survived as the last of the Rephaim. Moses had struck down and removed them. [13]But the Israelites didn't remove the Geshurites or the Maacathites. So Geshur and Maacath still live among Israel today. [14]It was only to the tribe of Levi that he gave no legacy. Their legacy consists of the fire offerings for the LORD, the God of Israel, exactly as he had promised them.

For Reuben

[15]Moses provided for the clans of the Reubenite tribe. [16]Their territory ran from Aroer by the rim of the Arnon Valley and the city in the middle of the ravine, and the whole plateau as far as Medeba. [17]It included Heshbon and all its cities that are on the plateau: Dibon, Bamoth-baal, Beth-baal-meon, [18]Jahaz, Kedemoth, Mephaath, [19]Kiriathaim, Sibmah, the Zereth-shahar highlands, [20]Beth-peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth. [21]It included all the cities of the plateau and the whole kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who ruled in Heshbon. Moses had struck him down, along with Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the leaders of Midian. They had lived in the land as princes of Sihon. [22]In addition to those others slain, the Israelites killed the fortune-teller Balaam, Beor's son, with the sword. [23]The border of the people of Reuben was the Jordan and the territory next to it. This was the legacy of the people of Reuben—for their clans, their cities, and their settlements.

14:1 Nm 34:17; Josh 19:51, Josh 21:1

14:3 Josh 13:14, Josh 13:33

For Gad

[24]Moses provided for the clans of the Gadite tribe. [25]Their territory was Jazer, all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites as far as Aroer near Rabbah. [26]It also ran from Heshbon as far as Ramath-mizpeh and Betonim, and from Mahanaim as far as the territory of Lidebir. [27]In the valley were Beth-haram, Beth-nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon. This was the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon. It included the Jordan and the territory next to it up to the tip of the Chinnereth Sea on the east side of the Jordan. [28]This was the legacy of the Gadites—for their clans, their cities, and their settlements.

For half of Manasseh

[29]Moses provided for half the tribe of Manasseh. It was for the clans in half the tribe of the people of Manasseh. [30]Their territory ran from Mahanaim, all Bashan, the whole kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all sixty of the tent villages of Jair that are in Bashan. [31]Half of Gilead along with Ashtaroth and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, belonged to the people of Machir son of Manasseh. It belonged to the clans for half of the people of Machir.

[32]Moses assigned these territories when he was in the Moab plains on the other side of the Jordan, east of Jericho. [33]But Moses gave no legacy to the tribe of Levi. The LORD God of Israel is their legacy, exactly as he promised them.

Dividing up Canaan

14 The Israelites received these inheritances in the land of Canaan. Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the families of the Israelite tribes assigned them. [2]Their legacy was assigned by lot, exactly as the LORD had commanded the nine and a half tribes through Moses. [3]In fact, Moses had given out the legacy of the two and

a half tribes on the other side of the Jordan. But he gave no legacy among them to the Levites. 4The people of Joseph consisted of two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. The Levites weren't given any portion of the land, except cities to live in and pastureland for their cattle and flocks. 5The Israelites divided up the land exactly as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Caleb receives Hebron

6In Gilgal, the people of Judah approached Joshua. Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses, man of God, about you and me when we were in Kadesh-barnea. 7I was 40 years old when Moses the LORD's servant sent me from Kadesh-barnea to scout out the land. I brought back a report to him of what I really thought. 8My companions who had gone up with me made the people's heart melt. But I remained loyal to the LORD my God. 9So Moses pledged on that day, 'The land on which you have walked will forever be a legacy for you and your children. This is because you remained loyal to the LORD my God.' 10Now look. The LORD has kept me alive, exactly as he promised. It is forty-five years since the LORD spoke about this to Moses. It was while Israel was journeying in the desert. Now look. Today I'm 85 years old. 11I'm just as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out. My strength then was as my strength is now, whether for war or for everyday activities. 12So now, give me this highland that the LORD promised me that day. True, the Anakim are there with large fortified cities, as you yourself heard that day. But if the LORD is with me, I should be able to remove them, exactly as the LORD promised."

13So Joshua blessed him. He gave Hebron to Caleb, Jephunneh's son, as a legacy. 14So Hebron still belongs to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite as a legacy today. This was because he remained loyal to the LORD God of Israel. 15(Hebron used to be called Kiriath-arba. Arba had been the greatest of the Anakim.) Then the land rested from war.

14:6 Nm 13:6, Nm 13:26, Nm 14:24, Nm 14:30; Dt 33:1

14:15 Gn 23:2; Josh 11:23, Josh 15:13; Jgs 3:11; 1Ki 4:24

Border of Judah

15 The land determined by lot for the clans of the Judahite tribe ran southward to the border of Edom. The Zin wasteland was the southern limit. 2Their south border ran from the end of the Dead Sea, from the bay that faces south. 3It went south from the ascent of Akrabbim, passed on to Zin, and went up south of Kadesh-barnea. It passed on to Hezron, went up to Addar, and turned toward Karka. 4It passed on to Azmon and went by the border[r] of Egypt. The border ended at the sea. This will be their south border.

5The east border was the Dead Sea as far as the mouth of the Jordan.

The border on the north side ran from the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan. 6The border went up to Beth-hoglah and passed north of Beth-arabah. The border went up to the Stone of Bohan (Reuben's son). 7The border went up to Debir from the Achor Valley, turning north to Gilgal. Gilgal was opposite the ascent of Adummim, which was south of the ravine. The border passed on to the waters of En-shemesh and ended at En-rogel. 8The border went up by the valley of Ben-Hinnom to the slope of the Jebusite city, Jerusalem, on the south. The border went up to the top of the mountain that is opposite the Hinnom Valley on the west, which is at the north end of the Rephaim Valley. 9The border turned from the top of the mountain to the waters of Nephtoah Spring and went to the cities of Mount Ephron. The border turned toward Baalah (that is, Kiriath-jearim). 10The border turned westward from Baalah to Mount Seir. It passed on to the slope of Mount Jearim on the north (that is, Chesalon), went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed by

[r]Or *Wadi*, traditionally Brook; LXX *their south border*; MT *your south border*

Timnah. [11]The border went to the slope of Ekron on the north. The border turned toward Shikkeron, passed on to Mount Baalah, and went to Jabneel. The border ended at the sea.

[12]The west border was the Mediterranean Sea and its shoreline. This was the border surrounding the clans of the Judahites.

Caleb and Achsah

[13]In agreement with the LORD's command to him, Joshua gave a portion among the Judahites to Caleb, Jephunneh's son. It was Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). [14]Caleb removed the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai. They were the offspring of Anak. [15]Then he went up from there against the population of Debir. Debir used to be called Kiriath-sepher. [16]Caleb said, "I will give Achsah my daughter in marriage to whoever strikes Kiriath-sepher and captures it." [17]So Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, captured it, and Caleb gave him Achsah his daughter in marriage.

[18]Now when she arrived, she prodded Othniel into asking for a field from her father. After she got down off her donkey, Caleb asked her, "What do you want?"

[19]She said, "Give me a blessing. Since the land you've given me is in the arid southern plain, you should also give me springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

Cities of Judah

[20]This is the legacy for the clans of the tribe of the people of Judah. [21]The outlying cities of the tribe of the people of Judah ran down to the border of Edom.

In the arid southern plain: Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur, [22]Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah, [23]Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan, [24]Ziph, Telem, Bealoth, [25]Hazor-hadattah, Kerioth-hezron (that is, Hazor), [26]Amam, Shema, Moladah, [27]Hazar-gaddah, Heshmon, Beth-pelet, [28]Hazar-shual, Beer-sheba and its dependent cities,[s] [29]Baalah, Iim, Ezem, [30]Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah, [31]Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah, [32]Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon. In total: twenty-nine cities and their surrounding areas.

[33]In the lowlands: Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah, [34]Zanoah, En-gannim, Tappuah, Enam, [35]Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah, [36]Shaaraim, Adithaim, Gederah, and Gederothaim. In total: fourteen cities and their surrounding areas.

[37]Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal-gad, [38]Dilan, Mizpeh, Jokthe-el, [39]Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon, [40]Cabbon, Lahmam, Chitlish, [41]Gederoth, Beth-dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah. In total: sixteen cities and their surrounding areas.

[42]Libnah, Ether, Ashan, [43]Iphtah, Ashnah, Nezib, [44]Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah. In total: nine cities and their surrounding areas.

[45]Ekron, its dependent cities and surrounding areas. [46]From Ekron toward the sea, everything that was near Ashdod and its surrounding areas. [47]Ashdod, its dependent cities and surrounding areas. Gaza, its dependent cities and surrounding areas as far as the border of Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea and its shoreline.

[48]In the highlands: Shamir, Jattir, Socoh, [49]Dannah, Kiriath-sannah (that is, Debir), [50]Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim, [51]Goshen, Holon, and Giloh. In total: eleven cities and their surrounding areas.

[52]Arab, Dumah, Eshan, [53]Janim, Beth-tappuah, Aphekah, [54]Humtah, Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), and Zior. In total: nine cities and their surrounding areas.

[55]Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah, [56]Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah, [57]Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah. In total: ten cities and their surrounding areas.

[58]Halhul, Beth-zur, Gedor, [59]Maarath, Beth-anoth, and Eltekon. In total: six cities and their surrounding areas.

Tekoah, Ephrathah (that is, Beth-

15:13 Nm 13:22; Josh 14:13, Josh 14:15

15:14 Nm 13:22; Jgs 1:10, Jgs 1:20

15:15 Josh 10:38, Josh 15:49; Jgs 1:11

15:18 Jgs 1:14

15:34 Josh 12:17; Neh 3:13, Neh 11:30

15:44 1Sa 23:1; Neh 3:17

[s]LXX and Neh 11:27; Heb *Biziothiah*

lehem), Peor, Etam, Koulon, Tatam, Sores, Karem, Gallim, Bether, and Manahath. In total: eleven cities and their surrounding areas.[t]

[60]Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim) and Rabbah. In total: two cities and their surrounding areas.

[61]In the desert: Beth-arabah, Middin, Secacah, [62]Nibshan (the Salt City), and En-gedi. In total: six cities and their surrounding areas.

[63]But the people of Judah couldn't remove the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem. So today the Jebusites still live along with the people of Judah in Jerusalem.

Ephraim

16 The land determined by lot for the people of Joseph went out from the Jordan near Jericho eastward to the waters of Jericho. It went up by the desert from Jericho to the Bethel highlands. [2]It goes from Bethel to Luz and passes on to the border of the Archites at Ataroth. [3]It goes down westward to the border of the Japhletites as far as the border of Lower Beth-horon and as far as Gezer. It ends at the sea. [4]The people of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their legacy.

[5]This was the territory for the clans of the people of Ephraim. The border of their legacy ran from Ataroth-adar on the east as far as Upper Beth-horon. [6]The border goes to the sea. Michmethath is on the north. The border turns east of Taanath-shiloh and passes along beyond it east of Janoah. [7]It goes down from Janoah to Ataroth and to Naarah, touches Jericho, and goes to the Jordan. [8]From Tappuah the border goes westward by the Kanah Valley. It ends at the sea. This is the legacy for the clans of the Ephraimite tribe. [9]It included cities set apart for the people of Ephraim within the legacy of the people of Manasseh, all the cities and their surrounding areas. [10]But they didn't remove the Canaanites who lived in Gezer. So today the Canaanites, who were used for forced labor, still live within Ephraim.

16:8 Josh 12:17, Josh 17:8-9
17:8 Josh 12:17, Josh 16:8

Manasseh

17 Land was determined by lot for the tribe of Manasseh, who was actually Joseph's oldest son. Gilead and Bashan belonged to Machir, who was Manasseh's oldest son and Gilead's father. This was because he was a warrior. [2]So an allotment took place for the rest of the clans of the people of Manasseh—for the people of Abiezer, Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hepher, and Shemida. These were the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the male descendants by their clans.

[3]Zelophehad was Hepher's son, Gilead's grandson, Machir's great-grandson and Manasseh's great-great-grandson. Zelophehad had no sons, only daughters, who were named Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. [4]The daughters approached Eleazar the priest, Joshua, Nun's son, and the leaders. They said, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us a legacy along with our male relatives." So in agreement with the LORD's command, they were given a legacy along with their uncles. [5]Manasseh had ten parcels in addition to the land of Gilead and Bashan on the other side of the Jordan. [6]This was because the daughters of Manasseh received a legacy along with his sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the people of Manasseh.

[7]The border of Manasseh ran from Asher to Michmethath, which is opposite Shechem. The border went south to the population of En-tappuah. [8]The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh. But Tappuah itself belonged to the people of Ephraim, even though it was on the border of Manasseh. [9]The border went down by the Kanah Valley. South of the ravine are those cities that belong to Ephraim, even though they are located among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh lay on the north side of the ravine and

[t]LXX; MT lacks *Tekoa, Ephrathah . . . surrounding areas.*

ended at the sea. [10]What lay south of the border belonged to Ephraim, and what lay north of it belonged to Manasseh. The sea was its border. The territory bordered Asher on the north and Issachar on the east.

[11]Belonging to Manasseh in Issachar and in Asher were Beth-shean and its dependent cities, Ibleam and its dependent cities, the population of Dor and its dependent cities, the population of En-dor and its dependent cities, the population of Taanach and its dependent cities, and the population of Megiddo and its dependent cities. (The third one is Naphath.)[u] [12]The people of Manasseh couldn't take over these cities, and the Canaanites were determined to live in this land. [13]When the Israelites grew strong, they subjected the Canaanites to hard labor but didn't remove them.

Future expansion for Joseph

[14]The tribe of Joseph spoke to Joshua: "Why have you only given us a single lot and a solitary parcel for a legacy? We are a numerous people whom the LORD has blessed so richly."

[15]Then Joshua said, "Yes, you are a numerous people. So go up to the forest and clear ground for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaim, because the Ephraimite highland is too small for you."

[16]The people of Joseph said, "The highland isn't enough for us. But all the Canaanites who live in the valley region have iron chariots, both those in Beth-shean and its dependent cities and those in the Jezreel Valley."

[17]Joshua then said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, "You are a numerous people and possess great strength. You will have more than a single lot. [18]The highland will belong to you. Because it is a forest, you can clear it. Its farthest limits will be yours. You will definitely remove the Canaanites, even though they have iron chariots and are strong."

[u] Heb uncertain

18:1 Josh 19:51, Josh 21:2; Jgs 18:31; 1Sa 1:3, 1Sa 4:3

Remainder of the land

18 The whole community of the Israelites assembled at Shiloh and set up the meeting tent there. The conquered land lay before them. [2]Among the Israelites, seven tribes were left that had not yet received their legacy. [3]Joshua said to the Israelites, "How long will you avoid going to take over the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you? [4]Pick out three men for each tribe. I will send them out, and they will go up and travel throughout the land. They will write a description of it as the basis for determining their legacy. Then they will come back to me. [5]They will divide up the land among themselves into seven portions. Judah will stay on its territory to the south. The house of Joseph will stay on their territory to the north. [6]But you will write a report in seven parts and bring the report back here to me. Then I will cast the lot for you here, before the LORD our God. [7]However, there won't be a portion among you for the Levites because their legacy is the priesthood of the LORD. Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have already received their legacy on the east side of the Jordan. Moses the LORD's servant gave it to them."

[8]When the men had prepared to go, Joshua gave orders to those going to write a description of the land. "Go and travel around the land, write about it, and return to me. I will cast the lot for you before the LORD here in Shiloh." [9]So the men went and passed through the land and wrote about it in a document, city by city, in seven sections. They came back to Joshua in the camp at Shiloh. [10]Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD. There Joshua divided up the shares of the land for the Israelites.

Border of Benjamin

[11]The lot for the clans of the Benjaminite tribe appeared first. The border of their allotment went out

between the people of Judah and the people of Joseph. [12]Their border on the north side ran from the Jordan. The border went up to the slope of Jericho on the north. It went up westward in the highlands and ended at the wasteland of Beth-aven. [13]The border passed on from there to Luz, to the slope of Luz on the south (that is, Bethel). The border went down to Ataroth-adar on the mountain that is south of Lower Beth-horon. [14]The border turned and came around southward on the west side, running from the mountain that is opposite Beth-horon on the south. It ended at Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), a city of the people of Judah. This was its west side.

[15]The south side ran from the limits of Kiriath-jearim. The border went out westward. It then proceeded to the waters of Nephtoah Spring. [16]The border went down to the foot of the mountain that is opposite the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is in the north part of the Rephaim Valley. It went down through the Hinnom Valley to the slope of the Jebusite city on the south. It then went down to En-rogel. [17]It turned northward. Then it went to En-shemesh and then to Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim. It went down to the Stone of Bohan (Reuben's son). [18]It passed on to the slope of Beth-arabah[v] on the north and went down into the desert plain. [19]The border passed on to the slope of Beth-hoglah on the north. The border ended at the north bay of the Dead Sea, at the southern mouth of the Jordan. This was the southern border. [20]The Jordan bordered it on the east side. This is the legacy of the Benjaminite clans according to its borders.

Cities of Benjamin

[21]The cities of the clans of the Benjaminite tribe are Jericho, Beth-hoglah, Emek-keziz, [22]Beth-arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel, [23]Avvim, Parah, Ophrah, [24]Chephar-ammoni, Ophni, and Geba. In total: twelve cities and their surrounding areas.

[25]Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth, [26]Mizpeh, Chephirah, Mozah, [27]Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah, [28]Zela, Haeleph, the Jebusite city (that is, Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kiriath. In total: fourteen cities and their surrounding areas. This is the legacy of the Benjaminite clans.

Simeon

19 The second lot fell to Simeon. The legacy of the clans of the Simeonite tribe lay inside the legacy of the people of Judah. [2]They had in their legacy: Beer-sheba, Sheba, Moladah, [3]Hazar-shual, Balah, Ezem, [4]Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah, [5]Ziklag, Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susah, [6]Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen. In total: thirteen cities and their surrounding areas. [7]Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan. In total: four cities and their surrounding areas. [8]In addition were all the areas that surround these cities as far as Baalath-beer and Ramah of the arid southern plain. This is the legacy of the clans of the Simeonite tribe. [9]Some of the portion of the people of Judah belonged to the legacy of the people of Simeon. This was because the portion of the people of Judah was too large for them. So the people of Simeon received a legacy inside Judah's legacy.

Zebulun

[10]The lot turned up third for the clans of Zebulun. The border of their legacy ran as far as Sarid. [11]Their border went up westward to Maralah, touched Dabbesheth, and touched the ravine that is opposite Jokneam. [12]It reversed from Sarid eastward toward the east to the border of Chisloth-tabor. It went to Daberath and then up to Japhia. [13]From there it passed on the east side, running eastward to Gath-hepher and Eth-kazin. Going to Rimmon, it bent toward Neah. [14]The border turned north of Hannathon and ended at the Iphtah-el Valley. [15]They also owned

18:28 Josh 15:8; Jgs 19:10; 2Sa 21:14

19:1 Gn 49:7; Josh 19:9; Jgs 1:3

19:15 Josh 11:1, Josh 21:35; Jgs 1:30

[v]LXX and Josh 15:6; MT *slope opposite the desert plain*

Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem; in total: twelve cities and their surrounding areas. [16]These cities and their surrounding areas are the legacy of Zebulun's clans.

Issachar

[17]The lot went out fourth for the clans of Issachar. [18]Their border ran toward Jezreel. They also owned Chesulloth, Shunem, [19]Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath, [20]Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez, [21]Remeth, En-gannim, En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez. [22]The border touched Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh. Their border ended at the Jordan; in total: sixteen cities with their surrounding areas. [23]These cities and their surrounding areas are the legacy for the clans of the Issachar tribe.

Asher

[24]The lot went out fifth for the clans of the tribe of Asher. [25]Their border included Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph, [26]Allammelech, Amad, and Mishal. It touched Carmel on the west and Shihor-libnath. [27]The border reversed eastward to Beth-dagon. It touched Zebulun and the Iphtah-el Valley on the north, also Beth-emek and Neiel. It went to Cabul on the north, [28]as far as Great Sidon. They also owned Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah. [29]The border turned around to Ramah as far as the fortified city of Tyre. The border turned around to Hosah and ended at the sea. They also owned Mahalab,[w] Achzib, [30]Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob; in total: twenty-two cities and their surrounding areas. [31]These cities and their surrounding areas are the legacy for the clans of the Asher tribe.

Naphtali

[32]For the people of Naphtali, the lot went out sixth. For the clans of Naphtali [33]their border ran from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel as far as Lakkum. It ended at the Jordan. [34]The border reversed westward to Aznoth-tabor. It went from there to Hukkok. It touched Zebulun on the south, Asher on the west, and Judah at the Jordan on the east. [35]They also owned the fortified cities Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth, [36]Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, [37]Kedesh, Edrei, En-hazor, [38]Iron, Migdal-el, Horem, Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; in total: nineteen cities and their surrounding areas. [39]These cities and their surrounding areas are the legacy for the clans of the Naphtali tribe.

19:30 Josh 12:18, Josh 19:28, Josh 21:31

19:43 Gn 38:12

19:50 Josh 24:30; Jgs 2:9

Dan

[40]The lot went out seventh for the clans of the Danite tribe. [41]The territory of their legacy was Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir-shemesh, [42]Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah, [43]Elon, Timnah, Ekron, [44]Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath, [45]Jehud, Bene-berak, Gath-rimmon, [46]Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, along with the territory opposite Joppa. [47]But the territory of the people of Dan was lost to them. So the people of Dan went up and attacked Leshem and captured it. They struck it down without mercy. They took it over and settled it. Then they named Leshem as Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor. [48]These cities and their surrounding areas are the legacy for the clans of the Danite tribe.

Legacy for Joshua

[49]So when they finished assigning the borders of the land, the Israelites gave to Joshua, Nun's son, a legacy among them. [50]By the LORD's command, they gave him the city that he asked for. This was Timnath-serah in the highlands of Ephraim. He built a city and lived in it. [51]These are the legacies that Eleazar the priest, Joshua, Nun's son, and the heads of the families of the Israelite tribes assigned by lot at Shiloh. They did this before the LORD at the entrance of the meeting tent and finished dividing up the land.

[w]LXX; MT *Mehebel*

Refuge cities

20 The LORD spoke to Joshua:
2 "Say to the Israelites, 'Set up
refuge cities for yourselves. I spoke to
you about these through Moses. 3 Any-
one who kills by striking down someone
unintentionally or by mistake may flee
there. These places will be a refuge for
you from any member of the victim's
family seeking revenge. 4 The killer will
flee to one of these cities, stand at the
entrance of the city gate, and explain
their situation to the elders of that city.
The elders are to let the killer into the
city and provide a place of refuge for the
killer to live with them. 5 If a member of
the victim's family follows, seeking re-
venge, they won't hand the killer over.
This is because the killer struck down
the neighbor by accident and hadn't
been an enemy in the past. 6 The killer
will live in that city until there can be
a trial before the community or[x] until
the death of the one who is high priest
at that time. Then the killer may return
home, back to the city from which the
flight began.'"

7 So they set apart Kedesh in Galilee
in the highlands of Naphtali, Shechem
in the highlands of Ephraim, and
Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the
highlands of Judah. 8 On the other
side of the Jordan east of Jericho, they
set up Bezer in the wasteland on the
plateau from the tribe of Reuben, Ra-
moth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad,
and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of
Manasseh. 9 These cities were the ones
designated for all the Israelites and
for immigrants residing among them.
Anyone who struck down a person by
mistake could flee there and escape
death at the hand of some member of
the victim's family seeking revenge,
until there could be a trial before the
community.

Cities for the Levites

21 The heads of the levitical families
approached Eleazar the priest,
Joshua, Nun's son, and the heads of
the families of the Israelite tribes.
2 They spoke to them at Shiloh in the
land of Canaan: "The LORD gave a com-
mand through Moses to give us cities
to live in and their pasturelands for
our cattle." 3 So the Israelites gave the
Levites the following cities and their
pasturelands out of their own legacy.
This was in agreement with the LORD's
command.

4 The lot went out for the clans of the
Kohathites. The descendants of Aaron
the priest from among the Levites ac-
quired thirteen cities by lot from the
tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benja-
min. 5 The rest of the descendants of
Kohath acquired ten cities by lot from
the clans of the tribes of Ephraim, Dan,
and half of Manasseh. 6 The descen-
dants of Gershon acquired thirteen cit-
ies by lot from the clans of the tribes of
Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and the half
of Manasseh located in Bashan. 7 The
descendants of Merari acquired twelve
cities for their clans from the tribes of
Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun. 8 So the Is-
raelites gave these cities and their pas-
turelands to the Levites by lot, exactly
as the LORD had commanded through
Moses.

9 They gave the following cities,
identified here by name, from the
tribe of the Judahites and the tribe of
the Simeonites. 10 The cities belonged
to the descendants of Aaron, one of
the Kohathite clans of the Levites, be-
cause the lot had fallen to them first.
11 They gave them Kiriath-arba (that
is, Hebron) in the highlands of Judah
and the pastures around it. (Arba was
the father of Anak.) 12 But they had al-
ready given the fields of the city and
its surrounding areas to Caleb, Je-
phunneh's son, as his property. 13 To
the descendants of Aaron the priest
they gave: Hebron, the refuge city for
a killer, and its pastures; Libnah and
its pastures; 14 Jattir and its pastures;
Eshtemoa and its pastures; 15 Holon
and its pastures; Debir and its pas-
tures; 16 Ain and its pastures; Juttah

20:2 Ex 21:13; Nu 35:6; Dt 4:41
20:4 Dt 21:19; Dt 22:15; Ru 4:1; Jer 38:7; Zec 8:16
20:8 Dt 4:43; Josh 21:36, 27, 38; 1Ch 6:78
21:1 Nu 34:17; Josh 14:1, Josh 17:4, Josh 19:51

[x] Heb uncertain

and its pastures; and Beth-shemesh and its pastures. Total from these two tribes: nine cities. [17]From the tribe of Benjamin: Gibeon and its pastures, Geba and its pastures, [18]Anathoth and its pastures, and Almon and its pastures. In total: four cities. [19]This is the total of all the cities of the priests descended from Aaron: thirteen cities with their pastures.

[20]Other clans from the levitical descendants of Kohath still remained from among the descendants of Kohath. Some of their allotted cities were from the tribe of Ephraim. [21]They gave them: Shechem, the refuge city for a killer, and its pastures in the highlands of Ephraim; Gezer and its pastures; [22]Kibzaim and its pastures; and Beth-horon and its pastures; in total: four cities. [23]From the tribe of Dan: Elteke and its pastures, Gibbethon and its pastures, [24]Aijalon and its pastures, Gath-rimmon and its pastures; in total: four cities. [25]From half the tribe of Manasseh: Taanach and its pastures, and Gath-rimmon and its pastures; in total: two cities. [26]This is the total of all cities for the clans of the remaining descendants of Kohath: ten cities with their pastures.

[27]To the descendants of Gershon, one of the clans of the Levites, from half the tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan, the refuge city for a killer, and its pastures; and Beeshterah and its pastures; in total: two cities. [28]From the tribe of Issachar: Kishion and its pastures, Daberath and its pastures, [29]Jarmuth and its pastures, En-gannim and its pastures; in total: four cities. [30]From the tribe of Asher: Mishal and its pastures, Abdon and its pastures, [31]Helkath and its pastures, and Rehob and its pastures; in total: four cities. [32]From the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee, the refuge city for the killer, and its pastures; Hammoth-dor and its pastures; and Kartan and its pastures; in total: three cities. [33]This is the total of all cities of the Gershonites for their clans: thirteen cities with their pastures.

[34]To the clans of the descendants of Merari, the rest of the Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun: Jokneam and its pastures, Kartah and its pastures, [35]Dimnah and its pastures, Nahalal and its pastures; in total: four cities. [36]From the tribe of Reuben: Bezer and its pastures, Jahaz and its pastures, [37]Kedemoth and its pastures, and Mephaath and its pastures; in total: four cities.[y] [38]From the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead, the refuge city for a killer, and its pastures; Mahanaim and its pastures; [39]Heshbon and its pastures; Jazer and its pastures; in total: four cities. [40]As for the cities of the descendants of Merari for their clans, the remaining clans of the Levites, their total allotment was twelve cities.

[41]This is the total of all the cities of the Levites within the property of the Israelites: forty-eight cities with their pastures. [42]Each of these cities had its pastures around it. This was the case for all these cities.

Summary of the conquest

[43]The LORD gave to Israel all the land he had pledged to give to their ancestors. They took it over and settled there. [44]The LORD gave them rest from surrounding danger, exactly as he had pledged to their ancestors. Not one of all their enemies held out against them. The LORD gave all their enemies into their power. [45]Not one of all the good things that the LORD had promised to the house of Israel failed. Every promise was fulfilled.

Eastern tribes go home

22 Then Joshua summoned the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh. [2]He said to them, "You obeyed everything that Moses the LORD's servant commanded you. You have also obeyed me in everything that I have commanded you. [3]During these many years, you never

21:18 1Ki 2:26; Jer 1:1
21:20 Josh 21:5; 1Ch 6:66
21:27 Dt 4:43; Josh 20:8, Josh 21:6; 1Ch 6:71
21:34 Josh 21:7; 1Ch 6:77
21:38 Gn 32:2; Dt 4:43; Josh 20:8; 1Ch 6:80
21:43 Gn 12:7, Gn 13:15, Gn 26:3, Gn 28:4, Gn 28:13; Dt 11:31, Dt 17:14, Dt 34:4, Jdg 1:1
21:44 Dt 7:24; Josh 11:23
21:45 Josh 23:14; 1Ki 8:56

[y] LXX and 1 Chron 6:78-79 (Heb 6:63-64); some Heb manuscripts lack 21:36-37.

once deserted your fellow Israelites. You faithfully obeyed the command of the LORD your God. 4The LORD your God has now given rest to your fellow Israelites, exactly as he promised them. So turn around and go back home. Go to the land where you hold property, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on the other side of the Jordan. 5Just be very careful to carry out the commandment and Instruction that Moses the LORD's servant commanded you. Love the LORD your God. Walk in all his ways and obey his commandments. Hold on to him and serve him with all your heart and being." 6Then Joshua blessed them. He sent them away, and they went home.

7Moses had provided for half of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan. But Joshua provided for the other half on the west side of the Jordan along with their fellow Israelites. When he sent them back home, Joshua also blessed them. 8He said to them, "Return home with great wealth and many cattle, with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with much clothing. Divide the spoil taken from your enemies among your own people."

Disagreement about an altar

9So the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh went back. They left the Israelites at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. They went to the land of Gilead, to the land that they owned. They had settled there at the LORD's command given by Moses. 10They came to the districts[z] of the Jordan that are in the land of Canaan. The people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, an altar that appeared to be immense. 11Then the Israelites heard a report: "Look. The people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar at the far edge of the land of Canaan. It lies in the districts of the Jordan on the Israelite side!" 12When the Israelites heard this, the entire Israelite community assembled at Shiloh to go up to war against them.

13Then the Israelites sent Phinehas son of Eleazar the priest to the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead. 14They sent with him ten leaders, one leader from each important family among the tribes of Israel. Each was the head of an important family among the military units of Israel. 15They came to the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead and spoke with them. 16They said, "Here is what the LORD's entire community says: 'What's this disrespectful thing that you've done to the God of Israel? Today you've turned away from following the LORD by building yourselves an altar as an act of rebellion against the LORD. 17Wasn't the offense of Peor enough for us? Even today we still haven't cleansed ourselves from that sin, when there was a plague on the LORD's community! 18Today you are turning away from following the LORD. If you rebel against the LORD today, he will be angry with the entire community of Israel tomorrow. 19If your own property is unclean land, then cross over into the land of the LORD's property and settle among us. That's where the dwelling of the LORD stands. But don't rebel against the LORD. And don't involve us in rebellion[a] by building an altar for yourselves other than the altar of the LORD our God. 20Didn't Achan, Zerah's son, do such a disrespectful thing with the items reserved for God? Wrath came on the entire community of Israel. And he wasn't the only one to die for his crime.'"

21Then the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh answered the heads of the military units of Israel: 22"The LORD is God of gods! The LORD is God of

22:9 Nm 32:1, Nm 32:26, Nm 32:29

22:10 Nm 32:1; Josh 18:17, Josh 22:25, Josh 22:34

22:11 Lv 17:8, Lv 17:9; Nm 32:1; Dt 12:5, Dt 13:12

22:12 Josh 18:1; Jgs 20:1

[z]Heb *Geliloth* [a]Or *rebel against us*

gods! He already knows, and now let Israel also know it! If we acted in rebellion or in disrespect against the LORD, don't spare us today. [23]If we've built ourselves an altar to turn away from following the LORD or to offer on it an entirely burned offering or gift offering, or to perform well-being sacrifices on it, let the LORD himself seek punishment. [24]No! The truth is we did this out of concern for what might happen. In the future your children might say to our children, 'What have you got to do with the LORD, the God of Israel? [25]The LORD has set the Jordan as a border between us and you people of Reuben and Gad. You have no portion in the LORD!' So your children might make our children stop worshipping the LORD. [26]As a result we said, 'Let's protect ourselves by building an altar. It isn't to be for an entirely burned offering or for sacrifice.' [27]But it is to be a witness between us and you and between our descendants after us. It witnesses that we too perform the service of the LORD in his presence through our entirely burned offerings, sacrifices, and well-being offerings. So in the future your children could never say to our children, 'You have no portion in the LORD.' [28]We thought, If in the future they ever say this to us or to our descendants, we could say, 'Look at this replica of the altar of the LORD that our ancestors made. It isn't for entirely burned offerings or for sacrifice but to be a witness between us and you.' [29]God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away today from following the LORD by building an altar for an entirely burned offering, gift offering, or sacrifice, other than the altar of the LORD our God that stands before his dwelling!"

[30]Phinehas the priest, the leaders of the community, and the heads of the military units of Israel who were with him heard the words that the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh spoke and approved them. [31]So Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh, "Today we know that the LORD is among us, because you haven't done a disrespectful thing against the LORD. Now you've delivered the Israelites from the power of the LORD." [32]Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the leaders left the people of Reuben and Gad in the land of Gilead and came back to the Israelites in the land of Canaan. They brought word back to them. [33]The Israelites agreed and blessed God. They no longer spoke of going to war against them to destroy the land where the people of Reuben and Gad were living. [34]The people of Reuben and Gad referred to the altar in this way: "It is a witness between us that the LORD is God."

22:27 Gn 31:48; Dt 12:6; Josh 22:34, Josh 24:27
23:6 Dt 5:32; Josh 1:7
23:7 Ex 23:13; Dt 7:2; Jer 5:7
23:8 Dt 10:20, Dt 13:4; Josh 22:5; Ac 11:23

Joshua's word of warning

23 A long time passed. The LORD had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies, and Joshua had grown very old. [2]Joshua summoned all Israel, their elders, their heads, their judges, and their officers. He said to them, "I've grown very old. [3]You've seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you. It is the LORD your God who fights for you. [4]Look. I've allotted to you these remaining nations as a legacy for your tribes, along with all the nations I have destroyed. They stretch from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea. [5]The LORD your God will force them out before you and remove them from you. Then you will take over their land, exactly as the LORD your God has promised you. [6]Be very strong. Carefully obey everything written in the Instruction scroll from Moses. Don't deviate a bit from it either to the right or to the left. [7]Don't have anything to do with these nations that remain with you. Don't invoke the names of their gods or take oaths by them. Don't serve them or worship them. [8]Hold on to the LORD your God instead, exactly as you've done right up to today.

9 "The LORD has removed great and
powerful nations before you. To this
day, no one has stood up to you. 10 A
single one of you puts a thousand to
flight. This is because the LORD your
God fights for you, exactly as he prom-
ised you. 11 For your own sake, be very
careful to love the LORD your God.
12 But if you should turn away and
join the rest of these nations that re-
main with you, intermarry with them,
and associate with each other, 13 then
know for certain that the LORD your
God won't keep on removing these na-
tions before you. Instead, they will be
a snare and a trap for you. They will
be a whip on your sides and thorns in
your eyes, until you vanish from this
fertile land that the LORD your God
has given you.

14 "Look. I'm now walking on the
road to death that all the earth must
take. You know with all your heart and
being that not a single one of all the
good things that the LORD your God
promised about you has failed. They
were all fulfilled for you. Not a single
one of them has failed. 15 But in the
same way that every good thing that
the LORD your God promised about
you has been fulfilled, so the LORD
could bring against you every bad
thing as well. He could wipe you out
from this fertile land that the LORD
your God has given you. 16 If you vio-
late the covenant of the LORD your
God, which he commanded you to
keep, and go on to serve other gods
and worship them, then the LORD will
be furious with you. You will quickly
vanish from the fertile land that he has
given you."

What God has done

24 Joshua gathered all the tribes
of Israel at Shechem. He sum-
moned the elders of Israel, its leaders,
judges, and officers. They presented
themselves before God. 2 Then Joshua
said to the entire people, "This is what
the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Long
ago your ancestors lived on the other
side of the Euphrates. They served
other gods. Among them was Terah
the father of Abraham and Nahor. 3 I
took Abraham your ancestor from the
other side of the Euphrates. I led him
around through the whole land of Ca-
naan. I added to his descendants and
gave him Isaac. 4 To Isaac I gave Jacob
and Esau. I gave Mount Seir to Esau to
take over. But Jacob and his sons went
down to Egypt. 5 Then I sent Moses and
Aaron. I plagued Egypt with what I did
to them. After that I brought you out.
6 I brought your ancestors out of Egypt,
and you came to the sea. The Egyptians
chased your ancestors with chariots
and horses to the Reed Sea.[b] 7 Then
they cried for help to the LORD. So
he set darkness between you and the
Egyptians. He brought the sea down
on them, and it covered them. With
your own eyes you saw what I did to
the Egyptians. You lived in the desert
for a long time.

8 "Then I brought you into the land
of the Amorites who lived on the other
side of the Jordan. They attacked you,
but I gave them into your power, and
you took over their land. I wiped them
out before you. 9 Then Moab's King
Balak, Zippor's son, set out to attack
Israel. He summoned Balaam, Beor's
son, to curse you. 10 But I wasn't will-
ing to listen to Balaam, so he actually
blessed you. I rescued you from his
power. 11 Then you crossed over the
Jordan. You came to Jericho, and the
citizens of Jericho attacked you. They
were Amorites, Perizzites, Canaan-
ites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites, and
Jebusites. But I gave them into your
power. 12 I sent the hornet[c] before you.
It drove them out before you and did
the same to the two kings of the Amor-
ites. It wasn't your sword or bow that
did this. 13 I gave you land on which you
hadn't toiled and cities that you hadn't
built. You settled in them and are enjoy-
ing produce from vineyards and olive
groves that you didn't plant.

23:10 Ex 14:14; Lv 26:8; Dt 3:22, Dt 32:30
23:12 Ex 34:16; Dt 7:3-4; Ezr 9:12
23:14 Josh 21:45; 1Ki 2:2, 1Ki 8:56
24:1 Josh 23:2
24:2 Gn 11:26, Gn 11:31
24:12 Ex 23:28; Dt 7:20; Ps 44:3

[b] Or *Red Sea* [c] Heb uncertain

Challenge to be faithful

14 "So now, revere the LORD. Serve
him honestly and faithfully. Put aside
the gods that your ancestors served be-
yond the Euphrates and in Egypt and
serve the LORD. 15 But if it seems wrong
in your opinion to serve the LORD,
then choose today whom you will
serve. Choose the gods whom your an-
cestors served beyond the Euphrates or
the gods of the Amorites in whose land
you live. But my family and I will serve
the LORD."

16 Then the people answered, "God
forbid that we ever leave the LORD to
serve other gods! 17 The LORD is our
God. He is the one who brought us
and our ancestors up from the land
of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
He has done these mighty signs in our
sight. He has protected us the whole
way we've gone and in all the nations
through which we've passed. 18 The
LORD has driven out all the nations
before us, including the Amorites who
lived in the land. We too will serve the
LORD, because he is our God."

19 Then Joshua said to the people,
"You can't serve the LORD, because he is
a holy God. He is a jealous God. He won't
forgive your rebellion and your sins. 20 If
you leave the LORD and serve foreign
gods, then he will turn around and do
you harm and finish you off, in spite of
having done you good in the past."

21 Then the people said to Joshua,
"No! The LORD is the one we will serve."

22 So Joshua said to the people, "You
are witnesses against yourselves that
you have chosen to serve the LORD."

They said, "We are witnesses!"

23 "So now put aside the foreign gods
that are among you. Focus your hearts
on the LORD, the God of Israel."

24:14 Dt 10:12; Josh 24:23; 1Sa 12:24

24:19 Ex 20:5, Ex 23:21, Ex 34:14; Lv 19:2; Ps 99:9

24:23 Gn 35:2; Josh 24:14; Jgs 10:16; 1Sa 7:3

24:26 Gn 28:18, Gn 35:4; Dt 31:24; Jgs 9:6

24:27 Josh 22:27, Josh 22:34

24:28 Jgs 2:6

24:29 Jgs 2:8

24:30 Josh 19:50; Jgs 2:9; 2Sa 23:30

24:32 Gn 33:19, Gn 50:25; Ex 13:19; Ac 7:16; Heb 11:22

24:33 Josh 22:13

24 The people said to Joshua, "We
will serve the LORD our God and will
obey him."

Joshua makes a covenant

25 On that day Joshua made a
covenant for the people and estab-
lished just rule for them at Shechem.
26 Joshua wrote these words in God's
Instruction scroll. Then he took a
large stone and put it up there under
the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD.
27 Joshua said to all the people, "This
stone will serve here as a witness
against us, because it has heard all
the LORD's words that he spoke to us.
It will serve as a witness against you
in case you aren't true to your God."
28 Then Joshua sent the people away to
each one's legacy.

Three important graves

29 After these events, Joshua, Nun's
son, the LORD's servant, died. He was
110. 30 They buried him within the
border of his own legacy, in Timnath-
serah in the highlands of Ephraim
north of Mount Gaash. 31 Israel served
the LORD all the days of Joshua and
all the days of the elders who outlived
Joshua. They had known every act the
LORD had done for Israel.

32 The Israelites had brought up the
bones of Joseph from Egypt. They
buried them at Shechem in the por-
tion of field that Jacob had purchased
for one hundred qesitahs from the
descendants of Hamor the father of
Shechem. They became a legacy of the
descendants of Joseph.

33 Eleazar son of Aaron died. They
buried him at Gibeah, which belonged
to his son Phinehas. It had been given
to him in the highlands of Ephraim.

JUDGES

The tribes and their military conflicts

1 After Joshua's death, the Israelites asked the LORD, "Who should
go up first to fight for us against the
Canaanites?"

2 The LORD said, "The tribe of Judah
will go up. I've handed over the land
to them."

3 So the tribe of Judah said to the
tribe of Simeon, their brothers, "Come
up with us into our territory, and let's
fight against the Canaanites. Then
we'll go with you into your territory
too." So Simeon went with them.

4 When Judah went up, the LORD
handed them the Canaanites and
Perizzites. They defeated ten thou-
sand men at Bezek. 5 There they found
Adoni-bezek at Bezek, fought against
him, and defeated the Canaanites
and Perizzites. 6 Adoni-bezek fled, but
they chased after him, captured him,
and cut off his thumbs and big toes.
7 He said, "Seventy kings with sev-
ered thumbs and big toes used to pick
up scraps under my table, so God has
paid me back exactly for what I did."
They brought him to Jerusalem, where
he died. 8 The people of Judah fought
against Jerusalem and captured it.
They killed its people with their swords
and set the city on fire.

9 Afterward, the people of Judah
went down to fight against the Ca-
naanites who lived in the highlands,
the southern plain,[a] and the western
foothills.[b] 10 Judah moved against
the Canaanites who lived in Hebron,
known before as Kiriath-arba, and they
defeated Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.
11 From there they moved against those
who lived in Debir, known before as
Kiriath-sepher. 12 Caleb said, "I'll give
my daughter Achsah as a wife to the
one who defeats and captures Kiriath-
sepher." 13 Othniel son of Kenaz, Ca-

1:1 Nm 27:21; Josh 24:29; Jgs 3:1, Jgs 20:18

1:13 Josh 15:17; Jgs 1:12, Jgs 3:9, Jgs 3:11

1:14 Josh 15:18

1:15 Nm 13:6

leb's younger brother, captured it; so
Caleb gave him his daughter Achsah
as a wife. 14 When she arrived, she con-
vinced Othniel to ask her father for a
certain piece of land. As she got down
from her donkey, Caleb said to her,
"What do you want?"

15 Achsah said to Caleb, "Give me
a gift. Since you've given me land in
the southern plain, give me springs
of water." So Caleb gave her the upper
and lower springs.

16 The descendants of Moses' father-
in-law the Kenite went up with the
people of Judah from Palm City into
the Judean desert, which was in the
southern plain near Arad. They went
and lived with the Amalekites.[c] 17 Then
the Judahites went with the Simeon-
ites, their brothers, and they defeated
the Canaanites who lived in Zephath,
and they completely destroyed it. So
the city was called Hormah.[d] 18 Judah
also captured Gaza, Ashkelon, Ekron,
and all their territories. 19 Thus the
LORD was with the tribe of Judah,
and they took possession of the high-
lands. However, they didn't drive
out those who lived in the plain be-
cause they had iron chariots. 20 They
gave Hebron to Caleb, just as Moses
had commanded, and they drove out
from there the three sons of Anak.
21 But the people of Benjamin didn't
drive out the Jebusites who lived
in Jerusalem. So the Jebusites still
live with the people of Benjamin in
Jerusalem today.

22 In the same way, Joseph's house-
hold went up against Bethel, and the
LORD was with them. 23 When they
sent men to spy on Bethel, previously
named Luz, 24 the spies saw a man
coming out of the city, and they said
to him, "Show us the way into the city,
and we'll be loyal to you in return."
25 So he showed them the way into the

[a] Heb *negeb* [b] Heb *shephelah* [c] LXX (cf 1 Sam 15:6); MT *people* [d] Or *destruction*

city. They killed the city's people with their swords, but they let that man and all his relatives go. [26]The man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city. He named it Luz, which is still its name today.

[27]The tribe of Manasseh didn't drive out the people in Beth-shean, Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, Megiddo, or any of their villages. The Canaanites were determined to live in that land. [28]When Israel became stronger they forced the Canaanites to work for them, but they didn't completely drive them out. [29]The tribe of Ephraim didn't drive out the Canaanites living in Gezer, so the Canaanites kept on living there with them.

[30]The tribe of Zebulun didn't drive out the people living in Kitron or Nahalol. These Canaanites lived with them but were forced to work for them. [31]The tribe of Asher didn't drive out the people living in Acco, Sidon, Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob. [32]The people of Asher settled among the Canaanites in the land because they couldn't drive them out. [33]The tribe of Naphtali didn't drive out the people living in Beth-shemesh or Beth-anath but settled among the Canaanites in the land. The people living in Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath were forced to work for them.

[34]The Amorites pushed the people of Dan back into the highlands because they wouldn't allow them to come down to the plain. [35]The Amorites were determined to live in Harheres, Aijalon, and Shaalbim, but Joseph's household became strong, and the Amorites were forced to work for them. [36]The border of the Amorites ran from the Akrabbim pass, from Sela, and upward.

The LORD's messenger condemns

2 The LORD's messenger came up from Gilgal to Bochim and said, "I brought you up from Egypt and led you into the land that I had promised to your ancestors. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, [2]and you are not to make a covenant with those who live in this land. You should break down their altars.' But you didn't obey me. What have you done? [3]So now I tell you, I won't drive them out before you, but they'll be a problem[e] for you, and their gods will be a trap for you." [4]When the LORD's messenger spoke these words to all the Israelites, they raised their voices and cried out loud. [5]So they named that place Bochim,[f] and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD there.

2:1 Gn 16:7, Gn 17:7, Gn 17:8; Lv 26:42; Jgs 2:5
2:3 Nm 33:55; Josh 23:13
2:8 Ex 17:9, Ex 24:13, Ex 32:17, Ex 33:11; Josh 24:29
2:9 Josh 17:15, Josh 19:50, Josh 24:30
2:10 Ex 5:2
2:11 Jgs 3:7, Jgs 4:1, Jgs 6:1, Jgs 10:6, Jgs 13:1
2:12 Dt 4:25, Dt 6:14, Dt 31:16; Jgs 2:17
2:13 Jgs 3:7, Jgs 10:6; 1Ki 11:33; 2Ki 23:13

Death of Joshua and his generation

[6]When Joshua dismissed the people, the Israelites each went to settle on their own family property in order to take possession of the land. [7]The people served the LORD throughout the rest of Joshua's life and throughout the next generation of elders who outlived him, those who had seen all the great things that the LORD had done for Israel. [8]Joshua, Nun's son and the LORD's servant, died when he was 110 years old. [9]They buried him within the boundaries of his family property in Timnath-heres in the highlands of Ephraim north of Mount Gaash. [10]When that whole generation had passed away, another generation came after them who didn't know the LORD or the things that he had done for Israel.

Israel's pattern of sin and punishment

[11]Then the Israelites did things that the LORD saw as evil: They served the Baals; [12]and they went away from the LORD, their ancestors' God, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods from among the surrounding peoples, they worshipped them, and they angered the LORD. [13]They went away from the LORD and served Baal and the Astartes. [14]So the LORD became angry with Israel, and he handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He let them be defeated by their enemies

[e]Heb uncertain [f]Or *weepers or weeping*

around them, so that they were no longer able to stand up to them. 15Whenever the Israelites marched out, the LORD's power worked against them, just as the LORD had warned them. And they were very distressed.

16Then the LORD raised up leaders[g] to rescue them from the power of these raiders. 17But they wouldn't even obey their own leaders because they were unfaithful, following other gods and worshipping them. They quickly deviated from the way of their ancestors, who had obeyed the LORD's commands, and didn't follow their example.

18The LORD was moved by Israel's groaning under those who oppressed and crushed them. So the LORD would raise up leaders for them, and the LORD would be with the leader, and he would rescue Israel from the power of their enemies as long as that leader lived.

19But then when the leader died, they would once again act in ways that weren't as good as their ancestors', going after other gods, to serve them and to worship them. They wouldn't drop their bad practices or hardheaded ways. 20So the LORD became angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated my covenant that I required of their ancestors and hasn't obeyed me, 21I in turn will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died." 22As a test for Israel, to see whether they would carefully walk in the LORD's ways just as their ancestors had done, 23the LORD left these nations instead of driving them out immediately or handing them over to Joshua.

Nations remaining in the land

3 These are the nations that the LORD left to test all those Israelites who had no firsthand knowledge of the wars of Canaan. 2They survived only to teach war to the generations of Israelites who had no firsthand knowledge of the earlier wars: 3the five rulers of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, Sidonians, and Hivites who lived in the highlands of Lebanon from Mount Baal-hermon to Lebo-hamath. 4They were to be the test for Israel, to find out whether they would obey the LORD's commands, which he had made to their ancestors through Moses. 5So the Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. 6But the Israelites intermarried with them and served their gods.

2:20 Josh 23:16; Jgs 2:14

2:21 Josh 23:13

2:22 Dt 8:2, Dt 13:3; Jgs 3:1, Jgs 3:4

3:1 Jgs 1:1, Jgs 2:21-22

3:3 Josh 13:2, Josh 13:3, Josh 13:5

3:4 Jgs 2:22, Jgs 3:1

3:6 Ex 34:16; Dt 7:3; Ezr 10:18; Neh 13:23

3:8 Jgs 2:14

3:9 Jgs 1:13; Jgs 3:15, Jgs 4:3, Jgs 10:10; Neh 9:27

3:10 Jgs 6:34, Jgs 11:29, Jgs 13:25, Jgs 14:6, Jgs 14:19

3:12 Jgs 2:11, Jgs 2:14, Jgs 3:13; 1Sa 12:9

3:15 Jgs 3:9, Jgs 20:16; 1Ch 12:2

Othniel, the model judge

7The Israelites did things that the LORD saw as evil, and they forgot the LORD their God. They served the Baals and the Asherahs.[h] 8The LORD became angry with Israel and gave them over to King Cushan-rishathaim of Aram-naharaim. The Israelites served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. 9But then they cried out to the LORD. So the LORD raised up a deliverer for the Israelites, Othniel, Kenaz's son, Caleb's younger brother, who rescued them. 10The LORD's spirit was in Othniel, and he led Israel. When he marched out for war, the LORD handed over Aram's King Cushan-rishathaim. Othniel overpowered Cushan-rishathaim, 11and the land was peaceful for forty years, until Othniel, Kenaz's son, died.

Ehud

12The Israelites again did things that the LORD saw as evil, and the LORD put Moab's King Eglon in power over them, because they did these things that the LORD saw as evil. 13He convinced the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, defeated Israel, and took possession of Palm City. 14So the Israelites served Moab's King Eglon eighteen years.

15Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD. So the LORD raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud, Gera's son, a Benjaminite, who was left-handed. The Israelites sent him to take their tribute payment to Moab's King Eglon. 16Now Ehud made for himself a double-

[g] Or *judges* [h] Heb *asherim*; perhaps objects or a pole devoted to the goddess Asherah

edged sword that was about a foot and a half long, and he strapped it on his right thigh under his clothes. [17]Then he presented the tribute payment to Moab's King Eglon, who was a very fat man. [18]When he had finished delivering the tribute payment, Ehud sent on their way the people who had carried it. [19]But he himself turned back at the carved stones near Gilgal, and he said, "I have a secret message for you, King."

So Eglon said, "Hush!" and all his attendants went out of his presence. [20]Ehud approached him while he was sitting alone in his cool second-story room, and he said, "I have a message from God for you." At that, Eglon got up from his throne. [21]Ehud reached with his left hand and grabbed the sword from his right thigh. He stabbed it into Eglon's stomach, [22]and even the handle went in after the blade. Since he did not pull the sword out of his stomach, the fat closed over the blade, and his guts spilled out.[i] [23]Ehud slipped out to the porch, and closed and locked the doors of the second-story room behind him.

[24]After Ehud had slipped out, the king's servants came and found that the room's doors were locked. So they thought, He must be relieving himself in the cool chamber. [25]They waited so long that they were embarrassed, but he never opened the doors of the room. Then they used the key to open them, and there was their master lying dead on the ground!

[26]Ehud had gotten away while they were waiting and had passed the carved stones and escaped to Seirah. [27]When he arrived, he blew the ram's horn in the Ephraim highlands. So the Israelites went down from the highlands with Ehud leading them. [28]He told them, "Follow me, for the LORD has handed over your enemies the Moabites." So they followed him, and they took control of the crossing points of the Jordan in the direction of Moab, allowing no one to cross. [29]This time, they defeated the Moabites, about ten thousand big and strong men, and no one escaped. [30]Moab was brought down by the power of Israel on that day, and there was peace in the land for eighty years.

3:30 Jgs 3:11, Jgs 8:28, Jgs 11:33

4:1 Jgs 2:11, Jgs 2:19

4:2 Josh 11:1, Josh 11:10; Jgs 4:13; 1Sa 12:9; Ps 83:9

4:4 Jgs 4:5, Jgs 5:1, Jgs 5:7

4:6 Josh 21:32, Jgs 4:10, Jgs 4:14, Jgs 8:18; Heb 11:32

4:7 Jgs 4:13, Jgs 5:21; 1Ki 18:40; Ps 83:9

Shamgar

[31]After Ehud, Shamgar, Anath's son, struck down six hundred Philistines with an animal prod. He too rescued Israel.

Deborah, Barak, and Jael

4 After Ehud had died, the Israelites again did things that the LORD saw as evil. [2]So the LORD gave them over to King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, and he was stationed in Harosheth-ha-goiim. [3]The Israelites cried out to the LORD because Sisera[j] had nine hundred iron chariots and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

[4]Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth,[k] was a leader of Israel at that time. [5]She would sit under Deborah's palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the Ephraim highlands, and the Israelites would come to her to settle disputes. [6]She sent word to Barak, Abinoam's son, from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "Hasn't the LORD, Israel's God, issued you a command? 'Go and assemble at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand men from the people of Naphtali and Zebulun with you. [7]I'll lure Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, to assemble with his chariots and troops against you at the Kishon River, and then I'll help you overpower him.'"

[8]Barak replied to her, "If you'll go with me, I'll go; but if not, I won't go."

[9]Deborah answered, "I'll definitely go with you. However, the path you're taking won't bring honor to you, because the LORD will hand over Sisera to a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. [10]He

[i]Heb uncertain [j]Or *he* [k]Or *a woman of torches*

summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand men marched out behind him. Deborah marched out with him too.

[11]Now Heber the Kenite had moved away from the other Kenites, the descendants of Hobab, Moses' father-in-law, and had settled as far away as Elon-bezaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

[12]When it was reported to Sisera that Barak, Abinoam's son, had marched up to Mount Tabor, [13]Sisera summoned all of his nine hundred iron chariots and all of the soldiers who were with him from Harosheth-ha-goiim to the Kishon River. [14]Then Deborah said to Barak, "Get up! This is the day that the LORD has handed Sisera over to you. Hasn't the LORD gone out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men behind him. [15]The LORD threw Sisera and all the chariots and army into a panic[l] before Barak; Sisera himself got down from his chariot and fled on foot. [16]Barak pursued the chariots and the army all the way back to Harosheth-ha-goiim, killing Sisera's entire army with the sword. No one survived.

[17]Meanwhile, Sisera had fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was peace between Hazor's King Jabin and the family of Heber the Kenite. [18]Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Come in, sir, come in here. Don't be afraid." So he went with her into the tent, and she hid him under a blanket.

[19]Sisera said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink. I'm thirsty." So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and hid him again. [20]Then he said to her, "Stand at the entrance to the tent. That way, if someone comes and asks you, 'Is there a man here?' you can say, 'No.'"

[21]But Jael, Heber's wife, picked up a tent stake and a hammer. While Sisera was sound asleep from exhaustion, she tiptoed to him. She drove the stake through his head and down into the ground, and he died. [22]Just then, Barak arrived after chasing Sisera. Jael went out to meet him and said, "Come and I'll show you the man you're after." So he went in with her, and there was Sisera, lying dead, with the stake through his head.

[23]So on that day God brought down Canaan's King Jabin before the Israelites. [24]And the power of the Israelites grew greater and greater over Canaan's King Jabin until they defeated him completely.

4:11 Nm 10:29; Josh 19:33; Jdg 1:16
4:14 Dt 9:3; 2Sa 5:24; Ps 68:7
4:15 Josh 10:10; 1Sa 12:9; Ps 83:9; Heb 11:32
4:23 Neh 9:24; Ps 18:47
5:3 Ex 15:1; Ps 22:23, Ps 27:6, Ps 68:26, Ps 71:22, Ps 106:48, Ps 135:19
5:4 Nm 24:18; Dt 33:2; 2Sa 22:8; Ps 68:8, Ps 18:7

Deborah's song

5 At that time, Deborah and Barak, Abinoam's son, sang:

[2]When hair is long in Israel,
when people willingly offer
themselves—bless the LORD!

[3]Hear, kings!
Listen, rulers!
I, to the LORD,
I will sing.
I will make music to the LORD,
Israel's God.

[4]LORD, when you set out from Seir,
when you marched out
from Edom's fields,
the land shook,
the sky poured down,
the clouds poured down water.
[5]The mountains quaked
before the LORD,
the one from Sinai,
before the LORD, the God of Israel.

[6]In the days of Shamgar, Anath's son,
in the days of Jael,
caravans ceased.
Those traveling by road
kept to the backroads.
[7]Villagers disappeared;
they disappeared in Israel,
until you,[m] Deborah, arose,
until you arose as a mother
in Israel.

[l]MT adds *before the edge of the sword.* [m]Or *I*

[8] When they chose new gods,
then war came to the city gates.[n]
Yet there wasn't a shield
or spear to be seen
among forty thousand in Israel!
[9] My heart is with
Israel's commanders,
who willingly offered themselves
among the people—
bless the LORD!

[10] You who ride white donkeys,
who sit on saddle blankets,[o]
who walk along the road: tell of it.
[11] To the sound of instruments[p]
at the watering places,
there they repeat
the LORD's victories,
his villagers' victories in Israel.

Then the LORD's people marched
down to the city gates.
[12] "Wake up, wake up, Deborah!
Wake up, wake up, sing a song!
Arise, Barak!
Capture your prisoners,
Abinoam's son!"
[13] Then a remnant marched down
against royalty;
the LORD's people marched down[q]
against warriors.
[14] From Ephraim they set out[r]
into the valley,[s]
after you, Benjamin,
with your people!
From Machir
commanders marched down,
and from Zebulun
those carrying the official's staff.
[15] The leaders of Issachar came
along with Deborah;
Issachar was attached to Barak,
and was sent into the valley
behind him.
Among the clans of Reuben
there was deep soul-searching.
[16] "Why did you stay back
among the sheep pens,
listening to the music
for the flocks?"
For the clans of Reuben
there was deep soul-searching.
[17] Gilead stayed on the other side
of the Jordan,
and Dan, why did he remain
with the ships?
Asher stayed by the seacoast,
camping at his harbors.
[18] Zebulun is a people
that readily risked death;
Naphtali too in the high
countryside.

[19] Kings came and made war;
the kings of Canaan fought
at Taanach by Megiddo's waters,
but they captured no spoils
of silver.
[20] The stars fought from the sky;
from their orbits
they fought against Sisera.
[21] The Kishon River swept them away;
the advancing river,
the Kishon River.
March on, my life, with might!

[22] Then the horses' hooves pounded
with the galloping,
galloping of their stallions.
[23] "Curse Meroz,"
says the LORD's messenger,
"curse its inhabitants bitterly,
because they didn't come
to the LORD's aid,
to the LORD's aid against
the warriors."

[24] May Jael be blessed above all women;
may the wife of Heber the Kenite
be blessed above all
tent-dwelling women.
[25] He asked for water,
and she provided milk;
she presented him cream
in a majestic bowl.
[26] She reached out her hand
for the stake,
her strong hand
for the worker's hammer.
She struck Sisera;

5:8 Dt 32:17; 1Sa 13:19, 1Sa 13:22

5:10 1Sa 12:7; Mic 6:5

5:20 Josh 10:11; Jdg 4:15; 1Sa 12:9; Ps 83:9

5:21 Jgs 4:7; Ps 83:9

5:24 Lk 1:42

[n] Heb uncertain [o] Heb uncertain [p] Heb uncertain [q] Heb adds *for me.* [r] Or *From Ephraim their root*
[s] LXX; MT *in Amalek*

she crushed his head;
she shattered and pierced his skull.
27 At her feet he sank, fell, and lay flat;
at her feet he sank, he fell;
where he sank, there he fell—dead.

28 Through the window she watched,
Sisera's mother looked longingly[t]
through the lattice.
"Why is his chariot taking
so long to come?
Why are the hoofbeats
of his chariot horses delayed?"
29 Her wisest attendants answer;
indeed, she replies to herself:
30 "Wouldn't they be finding
and dividing the loot?
A girl or two for each warrior;
loot of colored cloths for Sisera;
loot of colored,
embroidered cloths;
two colored, embroidered cloths
as loot for every neck."

31 May all your enemies perish
like this, LORD!
But may your allies be like the sun,
rising in its strength.

And the land was peaceful for forty years.

Oppression by the Midianites

6 The Israelites did things that the LORD saw as evil, and the LORD handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. 2 The power of the Midianites prevailed over Israel, and because of the Midianites, the Israelites used crevices and caves in the mountains as hidden strongholds. 3 Whenever the Israelites planted seeds, the Midianites, Amalekites, and other easterners would invade. 4 They would set up camp against the Israelites and destroy the land's crops as far as Gaza, leaving nothing to keep Israel alive, not even sheep, oxen, or donkeys. 5 They would invade with their herds and tents, coming like a swarm of locusts, so that no one could count them or their camels. They came into the land to destroy it. 6 So Israel became very weak on account of Midian, and the Israelites cried out to the LORD.

7 This time when the Israelites cried out to the LORD because of Midian, 8 the LORD sent them a prophet, who said to them, "The LORD, Israel's God, proclaims: I myself brought you up from Egypt, and I led you out of the house of slavery. 9 I delivered you from the power of the Egyptians and from the power of all your oppressors. I drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10 I told you, 'I am the LORD your God; you must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living.' But you have not obeyed me."

Gideon's commissioning

11 Then the LORD'S messenger came and sat under the oak at Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to hide it from the Midianites. 12 The LORD'S messenger appeared to him and said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior!"

13 But Gideon replied to him, "With all due respect, my Lord, if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his amazing works that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, 'Didn't the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and allowed Midian to overpower us."

14 Then the LORD turned to him and said, "You have strength, so go and rescue Israel from the power of Midian. Am I not personally sending you?"

15 But again Gideon said to him, "With all due respect, my Lord, how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I'm the youngest in my household."

16 The LORD replied, "Because I'm with you, you'll defeat the Midianites as if they were just one person."[u]

17 Then Gideon said to him, "If I've gained your approval, please show me a sign that it's really you speaking with

6:1 Gn 25:2; Jgs 2:11
6:2 1Sa 13:6; Heb 11:38
6:11 Josh 17:2, Josh 18:23; Jgs 2:1, Jgs 8:13; Heb 11:32
6:14 1Sa 12:11
6:15 Ex 3:11; 1Sa 9:21
6:16 Ex 3:12; Josh 1:5
6:17 Ex 4:1; Jgs 6:36

[t] LXX; MT *cried* [u] Or *each and every one of them*

me. 18Don't leave here until I return,
bring out my offering, and set it in
front of you."

The Lord replied, "I'll stay until you
return."

19So Gideon went and prepared
a young goat and used an ephah[v] of
flour for unleavened bread. He put the
meat in a basket and the broth in a pot
and brought them out to him under
the oak and presented them. 20Then
God's messenger said to him, "Take
the meat and the unleavened bread
and set them on this rock, then pour
out the broth." And he did so. 21The
LORD'S messenger reached out the tip
of the staff that was in his hand and
touched the meat and the unleavened
bread. Fire came up from the rock and
devoured the meat and the unleavened
bread; and the LORD'S messenger van-
ished before his eyes. 22Then Gideon
realized that it had been the LORD'S
messenger. Gideon exclaimed, "Oh
no, LORD God! I have seen the LORD'S
messenger face-to-face!"

23But the LORD said to him, "Peace!
Don't be afraid! You won't die."

24So Gideon built an altar there
to the LORD and called it "The LORD
makes peace." It still stands today in
Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25That night the LORD said to him,
"Take your father's bull and a second
bull seven years old. Break down your
father's altar to Baal and cut down
the Asherah[w] that is beside it. 26Build
an altar to the LORD your God in the
proper way on top of this high ground.
Then take the second bull and offer
it as an entirely burned offering with
the wood of the Asherah that you cut
down." 27So Gideon took ten of his ser-
vants and did just as the LORD had told
him. But because he was too afraid of
his household and the townspeople to
do it during the day, he did it at night.

28When the townspeople got up
early in the morning, there was the
altar to Baal broken down, with the
asherah image that had been beside
it cut down, and the second bull of-
fered on the newly built altar! 29They
asked each other, "Who did this?" They
searched and investigated, and finally
they concluded, "Gideon, Joash's son,
did this!" 30The townspeople said to
Joash, "Bring out your son for execu-
tion because he tore down the altar to
Baal and cut down the Asherah that
was beside it."

31But Joash replied to all who were
lined up against him, "Will you make
Baal's complaint for him? Will you
come to his rescue? Anyone who argues
for him will be killed before morning.
If he is a god, let him argue for him-
self, because it was his altar that was
torn down." 32So on that day Gideon
became known as Jerubbaal, meaning,
"Let Baal argue with him," because he
tore down his altar.

Gideon seeks a sign

33Some time later, all the Midian-
ites, Amalekites, and other easterners
joined together, came over, and set up
camp in the Jezreel Valley. 34Then the
LORD'S spirit came over Gideon, and
he sounded the horn and summoned
the Abiezrites to follow him. 35He sent
messengers into all of Manasseh, and
they were also summoned to follow
him. Then he sent messengers into
Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali too, and
they marched up to meet them.

36But then Gideon said to God, "To
see if you really intend to rescue Is-
rael through me as you have declared,
37I'm now putting a wool fleece on the
threshing floor. If there is dew only
on the fleece but all the ground is dry,
then I'll know that you are going to res-
cue Israel through me, as you have de-
clared." 38And that is what happened.
When he got up early the next morn-
ing and squeezed the fleece, he wrung
out enough dew from the fleece to fill a
bowl with water.

39Then Gideon said to God, "Don't

6:18 Gn 18:3; Jgs 13:15
6:19 Gn 18:6; Lv 19:36
6:20 Jgs 13:19
6:21 Lv 9:24; 1Ki 18:38
6:22 Gn 32:30; Ex 33:20; Jgs 13:21-13:22
6:25 Ex 34:13
6:26 Gn 8:20; Jgs 6:27; 2Sa 24:18
6:27 Jgs 6:11, Jgs 6:26, Jgs 6:36, Jgs 7:5, Jgs 7:19
6:28 Jgs 6:30; 1Ki 16:32; 2Ki 10:26, 2Ki 11:18, 2Ki 21:3
6:29 Jgs 6:11
6:30 Jgs 6:28; 1Ki 16:32; 2Ki 21:3
6:31 Dt 17:2; Jgs 6:11, Jgs 6:29, Jgs 7:14, Jgs 8:13
6:32 Jgs 7:1; 1Sa 12:11
6:34 Josh 17:2; Jgs 3:10, Jgs 3:27, Jgs 13:25; 1Sa 13:3
6:36 Jgs 6:14, Jgs 6:17
6:37 Gn 24:14, Gn 50:10; Ex 12:31, Ex 14:25; 2Sa 6:6
6:39 Gn 18:32; Jgs 6:22, Jgs 6:36

[v]An ephah is approximately twenty quarts. [w]Heb *asherim*; perhaps objects or a pole devoted to the goddess Asherah

be angry with me, but let me speak just one more time. Please let me make just one more test with the fleece: now let only the fleece be dry and let dew be on all the ground." [40]And God did so that night. Only the fleece was dry, but there was dew on all the ground.

Battle with Midian

7 Then Jerubbaal, that is, Gideon, and all of the people with him rose early and set up camp beside the Harod spring; Midian's camp was north of theirs, in the valley by the Moreh hill. [2]The LORD said to Gideon: "You have too many people on your side. If I were to hand Midian over to them, the Israelites might claim credit for themselves rather than for me, thinking, We saved ourselves. [3]So now, announce in the people's hearing, 'Anyone who is afraid or unsteady may return home from Gideon's mountain.'"[x] At this, twenty-two thousand people went home, and ten thousand were left.

[4]The LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many people. Take them down to the water, and I will weed them out for you there. Whenever I tell you, 'This one will go with you,' he should go with you; but whenever I tell you, 'This one won't go with you,' he should not go." [5]So he took the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Set aside those who lap the water with their tongues, as a dog laps, from those who bend down on their knees to drink." [6]The number of men who lapped was three hundred, and all the rest of the people bent down on their knees to drink water, with their hands to their mouths.[y] [7]Then the LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men who lapped I will rescue you and hand over the Midianites to you. Let everyone else go home." [8]So the people gathered their supplies and trumpets,[z] and Gideon sent all the Israelites home, but kept the three hundred.

Now Midian's camp was below Gideon in the valley. [9]That night the LORD said to him, "Get up and attack the camp, because I've handed it over to you. [10]But if you're afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah, [11]and you'll hear what they are saying. May you then get the courage to attack the camp." So he went down with his servant Purah to the outpost of the armies that were in the camp. [12]The Midianites, Amalekites, and other easterners were spread across the valley like a swarm of locusts; their camels were too many to count, like the grains of sand on the seashore.

[13]Just when Gideon arrived, there was a man telling his friend about a dream. He said, "Get this! I had a dream that a loaf of barley bread was rolling into the Midianite camp. It came to a tent and hit it, and the tent collapsed. In fact, it rolled the tent over upside down, so it fell flat."

[14]His friend replied, "Can this be anything other than the sword of the Israelite Gideon, Joash's son? God has handed over Midian and its entire camp to him!"

[15]When Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its meaning, he worshipped. Then he returned to the Israelite camp and said, "Get up! The LORD has handed over the Midianite camp to you." [16]He divided the three hundred men into three units and equipped every man with a trumpet and an empty jar, with a torch inside each jar. [17]"Now watch me," he ordered them, "and do what I do. When I get to the outpost of the camp, do just what I do. [18]When I blow the trumpet, along with all who are with me, then you blow the trumpets, all of you surrounding the whole camp. And then shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon!'"

[19]Gideon and one hundred of his men moved to the outpost of the camp at the middle watch of the night, when they had just changed the guards. Then they blew the trumpets and

7:1 Gn 12:6; Dt 11:30; Jgs 6:11, Jgs 6:32
7:2 Dt 8:17; Is 10:13; 2Co 4:7
7:3 Dt 20:8
7:4 Jgs 6:36, Jgs 7:7; 1Sa 14:6; Ps 66:10
7:5 Jgs 6:11, Jgs 6:27, Jgs 6:36, Jgs 7:19, Jgs 7:25
7:7 1Sa 14:6
7:8 Gn 25:2; Ex 18:1; Lv 23:24; Nm 22:4, Nm 31:3
7:9 Jgs 3:28
7:16 Jgs 9:43; 1Sa 11:11; 2Sa 18:2
7:18 Jgs 7:20
7:19 Ex 14:24

[x]Or *Mount Gilead* [y]MT places the words *with their hands to their mouths* after the word *lapped.* [z]Or *the ones who lapped took the people's supplies and trumpets for themselves.*

smashed the jars that were in their hands. [20]So the three units blew their trumpets and broke their jars, holding the torches with their left hands and blowing the trumpets in their right hands. And they called out, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" [21]Each man stood fast in his position around the camp, and the entire camp took off running, shouting, and fleeing. [22]When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD turned the swords of fellow soldiers against each other throughout the whole camp. The camp fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, to the border of Abel-meholah, beside Tabbath.

[23]The Israelites from Naphtali, Asher, and all of Manasseh were called out, and they chased after the Midianites. [24]Then Gideon sent messengers into all of the Ephraim highlands, saying, "Go down to meet the Midianites and take control of the Jordan's waters as far as Beth-barah." So all the Ephraimite men were called out, and they took control of the Jordan's waters as far as Beth-barah. [25]They also captured two Midianite officers, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at Oreb's Rock, and killed Zeeb at Zeeb's Winepress. Then they went on chasing the Midianites, and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Jordan.

Gideon's acts of vengeance

8 Then the Ephraimites said to him, "Why did you offend us this way by not calling us when you went to fight the Midianites?" And they argued with him fiercely.

[2]But he said to them, "What have I done now, compared to you? Aren't Ephraim's leftovers better than Abiezer's main harvest? [3]God handed you the Midianite officers Oreb and Zeeb. What have I been able to do compared to you?" When he said this, their anger against him passed.

[4]Then Gideon came to the Jordan. As he and the three hundred men with him crossed over, they were exhausted but still giving chase. [5]So he said to the people of Succoth, "Please give some loaves of bread to those who are on foot, because they're exhausted, but I'm chasing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."

[6]But the officials of Succoth replied, "Haven't you already almost gotten your hands on Zebah and Zalmunna? Why should we give food to your army now?"

[7]"Just for that," Gideon said, "when the LORD has handed over Zebah and Zalmunna to me, I'm going to beat your skin with desert thorns and briars!" [8]From there he went up to Penuel and made the same request. And the people of Penuel responded in the same way the people of Succoth had. [9]So he also told the people of Penuel, "When I return in victory,[a] I'll break down this tower!"

[10]Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with their camp, about fifteen thousand men, all the ones who were left from the easterners' entire camp. One hundred twenty thousand armed men had fallen. [11]Gideon marched up the caravan road[b] east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and attacked the camp while it was off-guard. [12]Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he chased after them. He captured the two Midianite kings Zebah and Zalmunna and threw the entire army into panic.

[13]Then Gideon, Joash's son, returned from the battle by the Heres Pass. [14]He captured a young man from the people of Succoth and interrogated him. He listed for Gideon the seventy-seven officials and elders of Succoth. [15]So Gideon went to the people of Succoth and said, "Here are Zebah and Zalmunna! You made fun of me because of them by saying, 'Haven't you already almost gotten your hands on Zebah and Zalmunna? Why should we give food to your exhausted men now?'" [16]Then he seized the city's elders, and he beat[c] the

7:20 Dt 32:41; Jgs 7:18
7:21 2Ki 7:7
7:22 1Sa 14:20; 1Ki 4:12; 2Ch 20:23

[a]Or *in peace* [b]Or *the road of the tent dwellers* [c]Cf 8:7, cf LXX; MT *he taught a lesson to*

people of Succoth with desert thorns and briars. 17He also broke down Penuel's tower, and killed the city's people.

18Then he asked Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men were those whom you killed at Tabor?"

They replied, "They were just like you; each one looked like a king's son."

19"They were my brothers," Gideon said, "my own mother's sons. As surely as the LORD lives, I promise that if you had let them live, I wouldn't kill you!" 20So he ordered his oldest son Jether, "Stand up and kill them." But the young man didn't draw his sword because he was afraid, since he was still young.

21So Zebah and Zalmunna said, "You stand up and strike us yourself, because as they say, 'A man is measured by his strength!'" So Gideon stood up and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescents that were on their camels' necks.

Gideon's request

22Then the Israelites said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and then your son and then your grandson, because you've rescued us from Midian's power."

23Gideon replied to them, "I'm not the one who will rule over you, and my son won't rule over you either. The LORD rules over you." 24But Gideon said to them, "May I make one request of you? Everyone give me the earrings from their loot"; the Midianites had worn gold earrings because they were Ishmaelites.

25"We'll gladly give them," they replied. And they spread out a piece of cloth, and everyone pitched in the earrings from their loot. 26The weight of the gold earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred shekels of gold, not counting the crescents, the pendants, and the purple robes worn by the Midianite kings, or the collars that were on their camels' necks. 27Gideon fashioned a priestly vest[d] out of it, and put it in his hometown of Ophrah. All Israel became unfaithful there because of it, and it became a trap for Gideon and his household.

28So Midian was brought down before the Israelites and no longer raised its head. The land was peaceful for forty years during Gideon's time.

Gideon's death

29Jerubbaal, Joash's son, went home to live with his own household. 30Gideon had seventy sons of his own because he had many wives. 31His secondary wife who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he named him Abimelech. 32Gideon, Joash's son, died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33Right after Gideon died, the Israelites once again acted unfaithfully by worshipping the Baals, setting up Baal-berith as their god. 34The people of Israel didn't remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the power of all their enemies on every side. 35Nor did they act loyally toward the household of Jerubbaal, that is, Gideon, in return for all the good that he had done on Israel's behalf.

Abimelech becomes a king

9 Abimelech, Jerubbaal's son, went to his mother's brothers in Shechem. He spoke to them and to the entire clan of the household to which his mother belonged: 2"Ask all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which do you think is better to have ruling over you: seventy men—all of Jerubbaal's sons—or one man?' And remember that I'm your flesh and blood!"

3So his mother's brothers spoke all these words on his behalf to all the leaders of Shechem. They decided to follow Abimelech because they said, "He's our relative." 4They gave him seventy pieces of silver from the temple of Baal-berith, with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless men, who became his posse. 5He went to his household in Ophrah and killed

8:19 Ru 3:13
8:22 Jgs 8:23
8:23 Jgs 8:22; 1Sa 8:7, 1Sa 10:19, 1Sa 12:12
8:30 Jgs 9:2, Jgs 9:5; 2Ki 10:1
9:1 Jgs 6:32, Jgs 8:31
9:2 Gn 29:14; Jgs 8:30

[d]Heb *ephod*

all seventy of his brothers, Jerubbaal's sons, on a single stone. Only Jotham the youngest of Jerubbaal's sons survived, because he had hidden himself. [6]Then all the leaders of Shechem and all Beth-millo assembled and proceeded to make Abimelech king by the oak at the stone pillar[e] in Shechem.

Jotham's fable

[7]When Jotham was told about this, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim. He raised his voice and called out, "Listen to me, you leaders of Shechem, so that God may listen to you!

[8]"Once the trees went out to anoint a king over themselves. So they said to the olive tree, 'Be our king!'

[9]"But the olive tree replied to them, 'Should I stop producing my oil, which is how gods and humans are honored, so that I can go to sway over the trees?'

[10]"So the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and be king over us!'

[11]"The fig tree replied to them, 'Should I stop producing my sweetness and my delicious fruit, so that I can go to sway over the trees?'

[12]"Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come and be king over us!'

[13]"But the vine replied to them, 'Should I stop providing my wine that makes gods and humans happy, so that I can go to sway over the trees?'

[14]"Finally, all the trees said to the thornbush, 'You come and be king over us!'

[15]"And the thornbush replied to the trees, 'If you're acting faithfully in anointing me king over you, come and take shelter in my shade; but if not, let fire come out of the thornbush and burn up the cedars of Lebanon.'

[16]"So now, if you acted faithfully and innocently when you made Abimelech king, and if you've done right by Jerubbaal and his household, and have treated him as his actions deserve— [17]my father fought for you and risked his life to rescue you from Midian's power, [18]but today you've risen up against my father's household, killed his seventy sons on a single stone, and made Abimelech, his female servant's son, king over the leaders of Shechem, because he's your relative— [19]so if you've acted faithfully and innocently toward Jerubbaal and his household today, then be happy with Abimelech and let him be happy with you. [20]But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and burn up the leaders of Shechem and Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the leaders of Shechem and Beth-millo and burn up Abimelech."

[21]Then Jotham ran away. He fled to Beer and stayed there for fear of his brother Abimelech.

Abimelech's monarchy fails

[22]Abimelech ruled over Israel for three years. [23]Then God stirred up ill will between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem, and they acted like traitors toward Abimelech. [24]This occurred because of the violence done to Jerubbaal's seventy sons. Their blood came back on their brother Abimelech, who killed them, and on the leaders of Shechem, who supported him when he killed his brothers. [25]As an act against him, the leaders of Shechem set ambushes on the hilltops that robbed everyone who passed by them on the road. This was reported to Abimelech.

[26]Then Gaal, Ebed's son, and his relatives came passing through Shechem, and the leaders of Shechem shifted their allegiance to him. [27]They went out into the field, cut off clusters from their vineyards, trampled them out, and had a celebration. They entered their god's temple and ate, drank, and made fun of Abimelech. [28]Gaal, Ebed's son, said, "Who is Abimelech, and who are we of Shechem that we ought to serve him? Didn't this son of Jerubbaal and his deputy Zebul once serve the men of Hamor, Shechem's father? Why should we of all people serve him? [29]If only this people were under

9:8 2Ki 14:9
9:9 Ro 11:17
9:13 Ps 104:15
9:14 2Ki 14:9
9:15 Is 2:13, Is 30:2

[e]Heb uncertain

my command! I would push Abimelech aside! I[f] would tell Abimelech, 'Build up your army and march out for battle.'"

[30]When Zebul the city's ruler heard the words of Gaal, Ebed's son, he became angry. [31]He sent messengers to Abimelech at Arumah[g] to say, "Watch out! Gaal, Ebed's son, and his relatives have come to Shechem and are stirring up the city against you. [32]Now, you and the men who are with you: Get up tonight and set an ambush in the fields. [33]Then in the morning, at sunrise, rise early and rush on the city. Just as he and the men with him are marching out to face you, you can do to him whatever you wish."

[34]So Abimelech and all the men who were with him got up that night and set an ambush around Shechem in four companies. [35]When Gaal, Ebed's son, came out and stood in the entrance of the city's gate, Abimelech and the men with him sprang up from the ambush. [36]Gaal saw the men and said to Zebul, "Look! People are coming down from the hilltops."

Zebul replied to him, "The shadows on the hills just look like persons to you."

[37]But Gaal spoke up again, "Look! People are coming down from Tabbur-erez, and one company is coming from the direction of Elon-meonenim."[h]

[38]Then Zebul replied to him, "Where's all your talk now, you who said, 'Who is Abimelech that we ought to serve him?' Aren't these the men you despised? Now march out and fight them!" [39]So Gaal marched out at the head of the leaders of Shechem and fought with Abimelech. [40]Abimelech routed him, and he ran away. Many fell wounded, all the way up to the entrance of the gate. [41]Afterward, Abimelech stayed in Arumah, and Zebul drove away Gaal and his relatives so they couldn't stay in Shechem.

[42]The next day, the men of Shechem went out into the fields. When it was reported to Abimelech, [43]he took his men, divided them into three companies, and set an ambush in the fields. As soon as he saw the men coming from the city, he sprang upon them and attacked them. [44]Abimelech and his company charged forward and took a position at the entrance of the city's gate, while the other two companies charged at all those in the fields and attacked them. [45]Abimelech fought against the city that entire day. He captured the city and killed its people. Then he leveled the city and scattered salt over it.

[46]When all the leaders in the Tower of Shechem heard about this, they entered the side rooms in the El-berith temple. [47]It was reported to Abimelech that all the leaders from the Tower of Shechem had gathered in one place. [48]So Abimelech and all the men who were with him went up on Mount Zalmon. He grabbed an ax, cut off a bundle of branches, and hoisted them onto his shoulder. Then he ordered the men who were with him, "Hurry up and do what you've seen me do!" [49]Each one of the men cut off a bundle as well and followed Abimelech. They piled them up against the side rooms and set fire to the side rooms above them. So all the people in the Tower of Shechem died too, about one thousand men and women.

[50]Then Abimelech moved on to Thebez, set up camp against it, and captured it. [51]But there was a strong tower inside the city. All the men and women and all the city's leaders had fled there, shut themselves inside, and climbed to the tower's roof. [52]Abimelech came to the tower to storm it. But when he approached the tower's entrance to set it on fire, [53]a woman dropped an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and cracked his skull. [54]He quickly cried out to the servant who carried his armor, "Draw your sword and kill me. Don't let it be said of me, 'A woman killed him.'" So his servant stabbed him, and he died. [55]When the Israelites saw that Abimelech was dead, they all went home.

[56]Thus God paid back Abimelech for

9:46 Jgs 8:33, Jgs 9:4, Jgs 9:49

9:53 Jgs 9:20; 2Sa 11:21

[f]LXX; MT *he* [g]Cf 9:41; Heb *Tormah* [h]Or *the Diviners' Oak*

the evil he had done to his father by killing his seventy brothers. 57 God also paid back the people of Shechem for their evil. The curse of Jotham, Jerubbaal's son, had come upon them.

Tola and Jair

10 After Abimelech, Tola son of Puah and grandson of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose to rescue Israel. He lived in Shamir in the Ephraim highlands. 2 For twenty-three years he led Israel; then he died and was buried in Shamir.

3 After Tola, Jair from Gilead arose, and he led Israel for twenty-two years. 4 He had thirty sons who were mounted on thirty donkeys and controlled thirty towns in the land of Gilead—these are still known as Havvoth-jair today. 5 When Jair died, he was buried in Kamon.

Israel's unfaithfulness and oppression by the Ammonites

6 Then the Israelites again did things that the LORD saw as evil. They served the Baals and the Astartes, as well as the gods of Aram, Sidon, Moab, the Ammonites, and the Philistines. They went away from the LORD and didn't serve him. 7 The LORD became angry with Israel and handed them over to the Philistines and the Ammonites. 8 Starting that year and for the next eighteen years, they beat and bullied the Israelites, especially all the Israelites who lived on the east side of Jordan in the territory of the Ammonites in Gilead. 9 The Ammonites also crossed the Jordan to make raids into Judah, Benjamin, and the households of Ephraim. So Israel was greatly distressed.

10 Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD, "We've sinned against you, for we went away from our God and served the Baals."

11 The LORD replied to the Israelites, "When the Egyptians, Amorites, Ammonites, Philistines, 12 Sidonians, Amalekites, and Maonites oppressed you and you cried out to me, didn't I rescue you from their power? 13 But you have gone away from me and served other gods, so I won't rescue you anymore! 14 Go cry out to the gods you've chosen. Let them rescue you in the time of your distress."

15 The Israelites responded to the LORD, "We've sinned. Do to us whatever you see as right, but please save us this time." 16 They put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD. And the LORD could no longer stand to see Israel suffer.

17 The Ammonites called out their army and made camp in Gilead, while the Israelites gathered and set up their camp at Mizpah. 18 Gilead's rulers said to each other, "Whoever is willing to launch the attack against the Ammonites will become the leader over all those living in Gilead."

Rise of Jephthah

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty warrior. Gilead was his father, but he was a prostitute's son. 2 Gilead's wife gave birth to other sons for him, and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah away. They told him, "You won't get an inheritance in our father's household because you're a different woman's son." 3 So Jephthah ran away from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Worthless men gathered around Jephthah and became his posse.

4 Sometime afterward, the Ammonites made war against Israel. 5 And when the Ammonites attacked Israel, Gilead's elders went to bring Jephthah back from the land of Tob. 6 They said to him, "Come be our commander so we can fight against the Ammonites."

7 But Jephthah replied to Gilead's elders, "Aren't you the ones who hated me and drove me away from my father's household? Why are you coming to me now when you're in trouble?"

8 Gilead's elders answered Jephthah, "That may be, but now we're turning back to you, so come with us and fight the Ammonites. Then you'll become

10:1 Josh 15:48; Jgs 2:16
11:1 Jgs 6:12; Heb 11:32
11:5 Dt 25:7; Jgs 10:9, Jgs 10:17, Jgs 11:1, Jgs 11:3

the leader over us and everyone who lives in Gilead."

[9]And Jephthah said to Gilead's elders, "If you bring me back to fight the Ammonites and the LORD gives them over to me, I alone will be your leader."

[10]Gilead's elders replied to him, "The LORD is our witness; we will surely do what you've said." [11]So Jephthah went with Gilead's elders, and the people made him leader and commander over them. At Mizpah before the LORD, Jephthah repeated everything he had said.

[12]Then Jephthah sent messengers to the Ammonite king, saying, "What is the problem between us that you've come against me to make war in my land?"

[13]The Ammonite king responded to Jephthah's messengers, "When the Israelites were coming up from Egypt, they seized my land from the Arnon to the Jabbok and all the way to the Jordan. Now give it back peacefully!"

[14]Then Jephthah again sent messengers to the Ammonite king [15]and said to him, "Jephthah states: Israel didn't seize the land of the Moabites or the land of the Ammonites. [16]When they were coming up from Egypt, the Israelites went through the desert to the Reed Sea[i] and came to Kadesh. [17]Then the Israelites sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, 'Please allow us to pass through your land'; but the Edomite king refused. They sent the same request to the king of Moab, and he was unwilling. So the Israelites stayed at Kadesh.

[18]"Later they journeyed into the desert but went around the lands of Edom and Moab, arriving on the east side of the land of Moab and setting up camp on the other side of the Arnon. They never entered Moabite territory, because the Arnon was the boundary of Moab. [19]Then the Israelites sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites and king of Heshbon and said to him, 'Please allow us to pass through your land to our own place.' [20]Yet Sihon didn't trust the Israelites to pass through his territory. He assembled his entire army, set up camp at Jahaz, and went to war with the Israelites. [21]The LORD, Israel's God, handed over Sihon and his entire army to the Israelites, and they defeated Sihon. So the Israelites took possession of all the land of the Amorites who were living in that area. [22]They took possession of all the Amorite territory from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the desert to the Jordan.

[23]"So now that the LORD, Israel's God, has driven out the Amorites before his people Israel, will you take possession of their land? [24]Shouldn't you possess what Chemosh your god has given you to possess? And shouldn't we possess everything that the LORD our God has given us to possess? [25]Do you now have a better case than Moab's King Balak, Zippor's son? Did he make an accusation against the Israelites or go to war with them? [26]Why didn't you take back this territory while the Israelites lived in Heshbon and its villages, in Aroer and its villages, and in all the towns along the branches of the Arnon for three hundred years? [27]I haven't sinned against you, but you're doing me wrong by making war against me. Let the LORD, who is the judge, decide today between the Israelites and the Ammonites!"

[28]But the Ammonite king refused to listen to the message that Jephthah sent to him.

Jephthah's promise

[29]Then the LORD's spirit came on Jephthah. He passed through Gilead and Manasseh, then through Mizpah in Gilead, and from there he crossed over to the Ammonites. [30]Jephthah made a solemn promise to the LORD: "If you will decisively hand over the Ammonites to me, [31]then whatever comes out the doors of my house to meet me when I return victorious from the Ammonites will be given over to the LORD. I will sacrifice it as an entirely

11:29 Jgs 3:10, Jgs 10:17
11:30 Gn 28:20; Jgs 11:31, Jgs 11:34; 1Sa 1:11
11:31 Jgs 11:30

[i]Or *Red Sea*

burned offering." [32]Jephthah crossed over to fight the Ammonites, and the LORD handed them over to him. [33]It was an exceptionally great defeat; he defeated twenty towns from Aroer to the area of Minnith, and on as far as Abel-keramim. So the Ammonites were brought down before the Israelites.

[34]But when Jephthah came to his house in Mizpah, it was his daughter who came out to meet him with tambourines and dancing! She was an only child; he had no other son or daughter except her. [35]When he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Oh no! My daughter! You have brought me to my knees! You are my agony! For I opened my mouth to the LORD, and I can't take it back."

[36]But she replied to him, "My father, you've opened your mouth to the LORD, so you should do to me just what you've promised. After all, the LORD has carried out just punishment for you on your enemies the Ammonites." [37]Then she said to her father, "Let this one thing be done for me: hold off for two months and let me and my friends wander the hills in sadness, crying over the fact that I never had children."

[38]"Go," he responded, and he sent her away for two months. She and her friends walked on the hills and cried because she would never have children.

[39]When two months had passed, she returned to her father, and he did to her what he had promised. She had not known a man intimately. But she gave rise to a tradition in Israel where [40]for four days every year Israelite daughters would go away to recount the story of the Gileadite Jephthah's daughter.

Jephthah defeats the Ephraimites

12 The Ephraimites were called up for battle and crossed over to Zaphon. They said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight the Ammonites and not call us to go with you? We're going to burn down your house over you!"

[2]Jephthah replied to them, "My people and I were in a great conflict with the Ammonites. But when I cried out to you, you didn't rescue me from their power. [3]When I saw that you weren't going to rescue me, I risked my own life and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the LORD handed them over to me. So why have you marched against me today to fight me?"

[4]So Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought the Ephraimites. The Gileadites defeated the Ephraimites, because they had said, "You are fugitives from Ephraim! Gilead stands within Ephraim and Manasseh."

[5]The Gileadites took control of the Jordan's crossing points into Ephraim. Whenever one of the Ephraimite fugitives said, "Let me cross," the Gileadites would ask him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No," [6]they would tell him, "Then say *shibboleth*." But he would say, "*sibboleth*," because he couldn't pronounce it correctly. So they would seize him and kill him at the Jordan's crossing points. Forty-two thousand of the Ephraimites fell at that time.

[7]Jephthah led Israel for six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in one of the towns in Gilead.

Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon

[8]After Jephthah, Ibzan from Bethlehem led Israel. [9]He had thirty sons and thirty daughters. He married his thirty daughters to those outside his clan, and brought in thirty young women from outside for his sons. He led Israel for seven years. [10]Then Ibzan died and was buried in Bethlehem.

[11]After Ibzan, Elon from Zebulun led Israel; he did so for ten years. [12]Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

[13]After Elon, Abdon, Hillel's son from Pirathon, led Israel. [14]He had forty sons and thirty grandsons mounted on seventy donkeys. He led Israel for eight years. [15]Then Abdon, Hillel's son from Pirathon, died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the Amalekite highlands.

11:34 Ex 15:20; Jgs 10:17, Jgs 11:11; 1Sa 18:6; Jer 31:4

11:35 Gn 37:29; Nm 30:2

11:36 2Sa 18:19

11:37 Ps 78:63; Is 4:1; Lk 1:25

11:39 Dt 12:31; Jgs 11:31

11:40 Jgs 5:11, Jgs 11:1, Jgs 11:5, Jgs 11:14, Jgs 11:30

12:8 Mi 5:2

12:11 Jgs 12:12

Samson's birth

13 The Israelites again did things
that the LORD saw as evil, and
he handed them over to the Philistines
for forty years.

2 Now there was a certain man from
Zorah, from the Danite clan, whose
name was Manoah. His wife was unable
to become pregnant and had not given
birth to any children. 3 The LORD's mes-
senger appeared to the woman and said
to her, "Even though you've been unable
to become pregnant and haven't given
birth, you are now pregnant and will
give birth to a son! 4 Now be careful not
to drink wine or brandy or to eat any-
thing that is ritually unclean, 5 because
you are pregnant and will give birth to
a son. Don't allow a razor to shave his
head, because the boy is going to be a
nazirite for God from birth. He'll be the
one who begins Israel's rescue from the
power of the Philistines."

6 Then the woman went and told her
husband, "A man of God came to me,
and he looked like God's messenger—
very scary! I didn't ask him where he
was from, and he didn't tell me his
name. 7 He said to me, 'You are preg-
nant and will give birth to a son, so
don't drink wine or brandy or eat any-
thing that is ritually unclean, because
the boy is going to be a nazirite for God
from birth until the day he dies.'"

8 Manoah asked the LORD, "Please,
my Lord," he said, "let the man of God
whom you sent come back to us once
more, so he can teach us how we should
treat the boy who is to be born."

9 God listened to Manoah, and God's
messenger came once more to the
woman. She was sitting in the field,
but her husband Manoah wasn't with
her. 10 So the woman hurriedly ran and
informed her husband. She said to him,
"The man who came to me the other day
has just appeared to me."

11 Manoah got up and followed his
wife. He came to the man and said to
him, "Are you the man who spoke to
this woman?"

"I am," he replied.

13:1 Jgs 2:11

13:2 Gn 11:30; Josh 15:33, Josh 19:41; Jgs 13:25, Jgs 16:31

13:3 Gn 16:7; Jgs 2:1, Jgs 6:11-12; Lk 1:11

13:4 Nm 6:2-3; Jgs 13:14; Lk 1:15

13:5 Nm 6:2, Nm 6:5; Jgs 16:17; 1Sa 1:11, 1Sa 7:13

13:6 1Sa 2:27

13:8 Jgs 13:2, Jgs 13:9

13:9 Jgs 13:8

13:11 Jgs 13:8

13:12 Jgs 13:17

13:13 Jgs 2:1, Jgs 6:11, Jgs 13:3, Jgs 13:4, Jgs 13:9

13:14 Nm 6:4; Jgs 13:4

13:15 Jgs 6:19

13:16 2Ki 17:36

13:17 Gn 32:29

13:18 Gn 32:29; Is 9:6

13:19 Jgs 6:19-21, Jgs 13:20

13:20 Lv 9:24; Jgs 13:19; 1Ch 21:16; Eze 1:28

13:21 Jgs 6:22, Jgs 13:22

13:22 Gn 32:30; Dt 5:26; Jgs 6:22, Jgs 13:21

13:23 Ps 25:14

13:24 1Sa 2:21, 1Sa 3:19; Lk 1:80; Heb 11:32

13:25 Josh 15:33; Jgs 3:10, Jgs 13:2, Jgs 16:31, Jgs 18:12

12 Manoah said, "Now when your
words come true, what should be the
rules for the boy and how he should act?"

13 The LORD's messenger answered
Manoah, "The woman should be care-
ful to do everything that I told her.
14 She must not consume anything that
comes from the grapevine, drink wine
or brandy, or eat anything that is ritu-
ally unclean. She must be careful to do
everything I have commanded her."

15 Manoah said to the LORD's mes-
senger, "Please let us persuade you to
stay so we can prepare a young goat
for you."

16 But the LORD's messenger replied
to Manoah, "If you persuaded me to
stay, I wouldn't eat your food. If you pre-
pare an entirely burned offering, offer it
to the LORD." Indeed, Manoah didn't
know that he was the LORD's messen-
ger. 17 Manoah said to the LORD's mes-
senger, "What's your name, so that we
may honor you when your words come
true?"

18 The LORD's messenger responded
to him, "Why do you ask my name? You
couldn't understand it."

19 So Manoah took a young goat
and a grain offering and offered them
on a rock to the LORD. While Manoah
and his wife were looking, an amazing
thing happened: 20 as the flame from
the altar went up toward the sky, the
LORD's messenger went up in the al-
tar's flame. When Manoah and his wife
saw this, they fell facedown on the
ground. 21 The LORD's messenger didn't
reappear to Manoah or his wife, and
Manoah then realized that it had been
the LORD's messenger. 22 Manoah said
to his wife, "We are certainly going to
die, because we've seen God!"

23 But his wife replied to him, "If the
LORD wanted to kill us, he wouldn't
have accepted the entirely burned of-
fering and grain offering from our
hands. He wouldn't have shown us all
these things or told us all of this now."

24 The woman gave birth to a son
and named him Samson. The boy grew
up, and the LORD blessed him. 25 The

LORD's spirit began to move him when he was in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Samson's marriage to a Philistine woman

14 Samson traveled down to Timnah. While he was in Timnah, a Philistine woman caught his eye. [2]He went back home and told his father and mother, "A Philistine woman in Timnah caught my eye; now get her for me as a wife!"

[3]But his father and mother replied to him, "Is there no woman among your own relatives or among all our people that you have to go get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?"

Yet Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, because she's the one I want!" [4]His father and mother didn't know that the LORD was behind this. He was looking for an opening with the Philistines, because they were ruling over Israel at that time.

[5]Then Samson traveled down to Timnah with his father and mother. When he came to the vineyards in Timnah, suddenly a lone young lion came roaring to meet him. [6]The LORD's spirit rushed over him, and he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as one might tear apart a young goat. But he didn't tell his father or mother what he had done. [7]Then he traveled down and talked with the woman; she was the one Samson wanted.

[8]After a while, he came back again to marry her. He turned aside to look at the lion's remains, and there was a swarm of bees with honey inside the lion's skeleton. [9]He scooped the honey into his hands, eating it as he continued along. When he got to his father and mother, he gave some to them, and they ate it too. But he didn't tell them that he had scooped the honey from the lion's skeleton.

[10]His father traveled down to the woman, and Samson put on a feast there, as was the custom for young men. [11]When the townspeople saw him, they selected thirty companions to be with him. [12]Then Samson said to them, "Let me tell you a riddle. If you can figure it out and tell me the answer within the seven days of the feast, I'll give you thirty linen robes and thirty sets of clothes. [13]But if you can't tell me the answer, then it's you who have to give me thirty linen robes and thirty sets of clothes."

So they replied to him, "Tell your riddle; let's hear it."

[14]He said to them,

"Out of the eater
there came something to eat.
Out of the strong
there came something sweet."

For three days they couldn't tell the answer to the riddle. [15]On the fourth[j] day they said to Samson's wife, "Seduce your husband so he'll tell us the answer to the riddle, or else we'll set fire to you and your household. Were we invited here just to become poor?"

[16]So Samson's wife cried on his shoulder and said, "You hate me! You don't love me! You told a riddle to my people but didn't tell me the answer."

He replied to her, "Look, I haven't even told the answer to my father and mother. Why should I tell it to you?" [17]But she cried on his shoulder for the rest of the seven days of the feast. Finally, on the seventh day, he told her the answer, for she had nagged him. And she told her people the answer to the riddle. [18]So on the seventh day, before the sun set, the townspeople said to him,

"What's sweeter than honey?
What's stronger than a lion?"

He replied to them,

"If you hadn't plowed
with my heifer,
you wouldn't have figured out
my riddle!"

[19]Then the LORD's spirit rushed over him, and he went down to Ashkelon. He killed thirty of their men, stripped them of their gear, and gave the sets of clothes to the ones who had told

14:1 Gn 38:12
14:6 Jgs 3:10, Jgs 14:19, Jgs 16:30; 1Sa 17:34-35
14:7 Jgs 14:5
14:8 Ps 118:12; Is 7:18
14:10 Gn 29:22
14:11 Jn 3:29
14:12 Gn 29:27, Gn 45:22; 1Ki 10:1; 2Ki 5:22; Eze 17:2
14:14 Jgs 14:18
14:15 Jgs 12:1, Jgs 15:6, Jgs 16:5
14:16 Jgs 16:15
14:17 Jgs 16:16
14:18 Jgs 14:14; Prv 30:30
14:19 Jgs 1:18, Jgs 3:10, Jgs 13:25, Jgs 14:6; 1Sa 11:6

[j]LXX, Syr; MT *seventh*

the answer to the riddle. In anger, he went back up to his father's household.
20 And Samson's wife married one of those who had been his companions.

Samson attacks the Philistines

15 Later on, at the time of the wheat harvest, Samson went to visit his wife, bringing along a young goat. He said, "Let me go into my wife's bedroom."

But her father wouldn't allow him to go in. 2 Her father said, "I was so sure that you had completely rejected her that I gave her in marriage to one of your companions. Don't you think her younger sister is even better? Let her be your wife instead."

3 Samson replied, "No one can blame me now for being ready to bring down trouble on the Philistines!"

4 Then Samson went and caught three hundred foxes. He took torches, turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. 5 He lit the torches and released the foxes into the Philistines' grain fields. So he burned the stacked grain, standing grain, vineyards, and olive orchards.

6 The Philistines inquired, "Who did this?"

So it was reported, "Samson the Timnite's son-in-law did it, because his father-in-law gave his wife in marriage to one of his companions." So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to death.

7 Samson then responded to them, "If this is how you act, then I won't stop until I get revenge on you!" 8 He struck them hard, taking their legs right out from under them.[k] Then he traveled down and stayed in a cave in the rock at Etam.

9 The Philistines marched up, made camp in Judah, and released their forces on Lehi. 10 The people of Judah asked, "Why have you marched up against us?"

"We've marched up to take Samson prisoner," they replied, "and to do to him just what he did to us."

15:1 Gn 38:17; Jgs 16:1
15:11 Jgs 13:1, Jgs 14:4
15:14 Jgs 3:10, Jgs 14:6, Jgs 14:19
15:15 Lv 26:8; Josh 23:10; Jgs 3:31
15:17 Jgs 15:9
15:18 Jgs 14:3, Jgs 16:28
15:19 Gn 45:27; 1Sa 30:12

11 So three thousand people from Judah traveled down to the cave in the rock at Etam and said to Samson, "Don't you realize that the Philistines rule over us? What have you done to us?"

But he told them, "I did to them just what they did to me."

12 Then the people of Judah said to him, "We've come down to take you prisoner so we can turn you over to the Philistines."

Samson responded to them, "Just promise that you won't attack me yourselves."

13 "We won't," they said to him. "We'll only take you prisoner so we can turn you over to them. We won't kill you." Then they tied him up with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock.

14 When Samson arrived at Lehi, the Philistines met him and came out shouting. The LORD's spirit rushed over him, the ropes on his arms became like burned-up linen, and the ties melted right off his hands. 15 He found a donkey's fresh jawbone, picked it up, and used it to attack one thousand men.
16 Samson said,

"With a donkey's jawbone,
stacks on stacks!
With a donkey's jawbone,
I've killed one thousand men."

17 When he finished speaking, he tossed away the jawbone. So that place became known as Ramath-lehi.[l]

18 Now Samson was very thirsty, so he called out to the LORD, "You are the one who allowed this great victory to be accomplished by your servant's hands. Am I now going to die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?"
19 So God split open the hollow rock in Lehi, and water flowed out of it. When Samson drank, his energy returned and he was recharged. Thus that place is still called by the name En-hakkore[m] in Lehi today.

20 Samson led Israel for twenty years during the time of the Philistines.

[k] Or *struck them hip and thigh* [l] Or *Jawbone Hill* [m] Or *Caller's Spring*

Samson and the prostitute

16 One day Samson traveled to Gaza. While there, he saw a prostitute and had sex with her. [2]The word spread[n] among the people of Gaza, "Samson has come here!" So they circled around and waited in ambush for him all night at the city gate. They kept quiet all night long, thinking, We'll kill him at the first light in the morning. [3]But Samson slept only half the night. He got up in the middle of the night, grabbed the doors of the city gate and the two gateposts, and pulled them up with the bar still across them. He put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the hill that is beside Hebron.

Samson and Delilah

[4]Some time after this, in the Sorek Valley, Samson fell in love with a woman whose name was Delilah. [5]The rulers of the Philistines confronted her and said to her, "Seduce him and find out what gives him such great strength and what we can do to overpower him, so that we can tie him up and make him weak. Then we'll each pay you eleven hundred pieces of silver."

[6]So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what gives you such great strength and how you can be tied up and made weak."

[7]Samson replied to her, "If someone ties me up with seven fresh bowstrings that aren't dried out, I'll become weak. I'll be like any other person." [8]So the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh bowstrings that weren't dried out, and she tied him up with them.

[9]While an ambush was waiting for her signal in an inner room, she called out to him, "Samson, the Philistines are on you!" And he snapped the bowstrings like a thread of fiber snaps when it touches a flame. So the secret of his strength remained unknown.

[10]Then Delilah said to Samson, "You made a fool out of me and lied to me. Now please tell me how you can really be tied up!"

[11]He replied to her, "If someone ties me up with new ropes that haven't been used for work, I'll become weak. I'll be like any other person."

[12]So Delilah took new ropes and tied him up with them. Then she called out to him, "Samson, the Philistines are on you!" Once again, an ambush was waiting in an inner room. Yet he snapped them from his arms like thread.

[13]And Delilah said to Samson, "Up to now, you've made a fool out of me and lied to me. Tell me how you can be tied up!"

He responded to her, "If you weave the seven braids of my hair into the fabric on a loom and pull it tight with a pin, then I'll become weak. I'll be like any other person."[o]

[14]So she got him to fall asleep, wove the seven braids of his hair into the fabric on a loom,[p] and pulled it tight with a pin. Then she called out to him, "Samson, the Philistines are on you!" He woke up from his sleep and pulled loose the pin, the loom, and the fabric.

[15]Delilah said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't trust me? Three times now you've made a fool out of me and not told me what gives you such great strength!" [16]She nagged him with her words day after day and begged him until he became worn out to the point of death.

[17]So he told her his whole secret. He said to her, "No razor has ever touched my head, because I've been a nazirite for God from the time I was born. If my head is shaved, my strength will leave me, and I'll become weak. I'll be like every other person."

[18]When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come one more time, for he has told me his whole secret." The rulers of the Philistines came up to her and brought the silver with them.

[19]She got him to fall asleep with

16:6 Jgs 16:3-4, Jgs 16:30
16:7 Jgs 16:10
16:11 Jgs 15:13
16:15 Jgs 14:16
16:17 Nm 6:5; Jgs 13:5; Mi 7:5
16:19 Prv 7:26; Ecc 7:26

[n]LXX; MT lacks *spread.* [o]LXX; MT lacks *and pull it . . . other person.* [p]LXX; MT lacks *so she got him . . . on a loom.*

his head on her lap. Then she called a man and had him shave off the seven braids of Samson's hair. He began to weaken,[q] and his strength left him.
20She called out, "Samson, the Philistines are on you!"

He woke up from his sleep and thought, I'll escape just like the other times and shake myself free. But he didn't realize that the LORD had left him. 21So the Philistines captured him, put out his eyes, and took him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze chains, and he worked the grinding mill in the prison.

22But the hair on his head began to grow again right after it had been shaved.

Samson's death

23The rulers of the Philistines gathered together to make a great sacrifice to their god Dagon and to hold a celebration. They cheered, "Our god has handed us Samson our enemy!"
24When the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said, "Our god has handed us our enemy, the very one who devastated our land and killed so many of our people." 25At the height of the celebration,[r] they said, "Call for Samson so he can perform for us!" So they called Samson from the prison, and he performed in front of them. Then they had him stand between the pillars.

26Samson said to the young man who led him by the hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that hold up the temple, so I can lean on them."
27Now the temple was filled with men and women. All the rulers of the Philistines were there, and about three thousand more men and women were on the roof watching as Samson performed. 28Then Samson called out to the LORD, "LORD God, please remember me! Make me strong just this once more, God, so I can have revenge on the Philistines, just one act of revenge for my two eyes."[s] 29Samson grabbed the two central pillars that held up the temple. He leaned against one with his right hand and the other with his left.
30And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" He strained with all his might, and the temple collapsed on the rulers and all the people who were in it. So it turned out that he killed more people in his death than he did during his life.

31His brothers and his father's entire household traveled down, carried him back up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had led Israel for twenty years.

16:20 1Sa 16:14
17:5 Gn 31:19; Jgs 8:27, Jgs 18:14

Micah's sanctuary and the Levite priest

17 Once there was a man named Micah who lived in the Ephraim highlands. 2He said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you led you to declare a curse and even to repeat it when I could hear. I have that silver. I'm the one who took it, and now I'll give it back to you."[t]

His mother replied, "May the LORD bless you, my son!" 3When he gave the eleven hundred pieces of silver back to his mother, she said, "I wholeheartedly devote this silver to the LORD, to be made into a sculpted image and a molded image for my son." 4So he gave the silver back to his mother, and she took two hundred pieces of silver and gave them to a silversmith, who used it for a sculpted image and a molded image. And they were placed in Micah's house. 5This man Micah had his own sanctuary.[u] He made a priestly vest[v] and divine images[w] and appointed one of his sons to be his personal priest. 6In those days there was no king in Israel; each person did what they thought to be right.

7Now there was a young man from

[q] LXX; MT *she began to torment him.* [r] Or *When their hearts were glad* [s] Or *so I can have revenge on the Philistines for one of my two eyes* [t] The words *and now I'll give it back to you* are relocated from the end of 17:3 in Heb. [u] Or *god's house* [v] Heb *ephod* [w] Heb *terafim*

Bethlehem in Judah, from the area of the Judahite clan. He was a Levite residing there as an immigrant. [8]The man left the town of Bethlehem in Judah to settle as an immigrant wherever he could find a place. He came to Micah's house in the Ephraim highlands while he was making his way.[x]

[9]"Where are you from?" Micah asked him.

He replied, "I'm a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I'm looking to settle as an immigrant anywhere I can find a place."

[10]So Micah said to him, "Stay with me and be a father and a priest to me, and I'll give you ten pieces of silver a year, a set of clothes, and your basic needs."[y] [11]The Levite agreed to stay with him; and the young man became like one of his own sons. [12]Micah appointed the Levite so that the young man became his personal priest and lived in Micah's sanctuary. [13]And Micah said to himself, Now I know that the LORD will give me good things, because a Levite has become my priest.

Dan's search for a land

18 In those days there was no king in Israel. Also in those days the tribe of Dan was searching for a territory of their own to live in, since no permanent territory had been assigned to them among the tribes of Israel up to that point. [2]The Danites sent five men from their whole clan, strong men from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy on the land and explore it. They told them, "Go explore the land." So they went into the Ephraim highland as far as Micah's house, and they spent the night there. [3]When they were in the area of Micah's house, they recognized the accent of the young Levite. They turned in there and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in these parts? What is there for you here?"

[4]"Micah has done a lot for me," he replied to them. "He hired me to be his personal priest."

18:1 Jgs 1:34, Jgs 17:6, Jgs 19:1, Jgs 21:25

18:2 Josh 2:1, Jgs 13:25, Jgs 17:1

18:14 Jgs 8:27, Jgs 17:5

[5]They said to him, "Ask for an answer from God so we can know whether we'll be successful on this trip we've taken."

[6]The priest replied to them, "Go in peace. The LORD is watching over you on this trip you've taken."

[7]So the five men journeyed on until they reached Laish. There they saw that its people were living without worry in the same way as the Sidonians, undisturbed and secure. Nobody held back anything in the land, so no one had to hoard.[z] Yet they lived far away from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone else.[a]

[8]When the men came back to their relatives at Zorah and Eshtaol, they asked them, "What did you find?"

[9]"Come on," they replied, "let's march up against them! Indeed, we've seen the land, and it's very good. Right now you're doing nothing! Don't hold back from going and taking possession of the land. [10]When you arrive, you'll come upon a secure people and a wide-open land, because God has given to you a place where nothing on earth is lacking." [11]At this, six hundred men from the Danite clan at Zorah and Eshtaol set out armed for battle. [12]They marched up and made camp at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. This is why the place west of Kiriath-jearim is still known as Dan's Camp today. [13]From there they crossed into the Ephraim highlands and came to Micah's house.

Dan acquires a levitical priest

[14]Then the five men who had gone to spy on the land around Laish reported to their relatives, "Did you know that there is a priestly vest, divine images, a sculpted image, and a molded image in these buildings? Now think about what you should do!" [15]So they turned in there and went to the young Levite's house in Micah's compound and greeted him. [16]While the six hundred Danites armed for battle stood at the entrance of the gate, [17]the five men who had gone to spy on the land

[x]Or *to carry on his work* [y]Heb adds *and the Levite went.* [z]Heb uncertain [a]Or *with Aram*

moved up, went inside, and took the sculpted image, the priestly vest, the divine images, and the molded image. The priest was standing at the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed for battle [18]when these five entered Micah's sanctuary and took the sculpted image, the priestly vest, the divine images, and the molded image.

The priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

[19]"Shut up!" they said to him. "Put your hand over your mouth! Come with us and be a father and a priest for us. Would you rather be a priest for one man's household or a priest for a tribe and a clan in Israel?" [20]The priest was convinced, so he took the priestly vest, the divine images, and the sculpted image and went along with the people.

[21]They headed back on their way, but they put the children, the livestock, and the prized possessions in front of them. [22]After they had gone a good distance away from Micah's house, the men who were in the houses around Micah's home were summoned for battle and caught up to the Danites. [23]They called out to the Danites, who turned around and said to Micah, "Why have you summoned men for battle?"

[24]Micah replied, "You've taken my gods that I made, and the priest, and have gone off! What do I have left? How can you ask me what is wrong?"

[25]But the Danites said to him, "Don't raise your voice with us or else hotheaded men will attack you, and you and your household will lose your lives." [26]Then the Danites went on their way. When Micah realized that they were too strong for him, he turned around and went home.

The Danites take possession of Laish

[27]The Danites took along the things that Micah had made, as well as the priest who had been with him, and came to Laish, to a people who were undisturbed and secure. They killed the people and burned down the city.

19:1 Jgs 17:6, Jgs 18:1, Jgs 21:25
19:3 Gn 34:3

[28]No one was there to rescue them because the city was far away from Sidon and had no dealings with anyone else.[b] It was in the Beth-rehob Valley.

They rebuilt the city and settled in it. [29]They renamed the city Dan, after their ancestor Dan who had been one of Israel's sons; but in fact, the original name of the city was Laish. [30]The Danites set up the sculpted image for themselves, and Jonathan son of Gershom and grandson of Moses,[c] and his sons became priests for the Danite tribe until the land went into exile. [31]They kept for themselves the sculpted image that Micah had made throughout the whole time that God's sanctuary was in Shiloh.

A Levite, a woman, and her father

19 In those days when there was no king in Israel, there was a certain Levite living as an immigrant in the far corners of the Ephraim highlands. He married a secondary wife from Bethlehem in Judah. [2]In an act of unfaithfulness toward him, his secondary wife left him and went back to her father's household at Bethlehem in Judah. She stayed there four full months. [3]Then her husband set out after her to convince her to come back. He had his servant and a couple of donkeys with him. She took him into her father's house, and when the young woman's father saw him, he was happy to welcome him. [4]Since his father-in-law, the young woman's father, insisted, he stayed with him three days, eating, drinking, and spending the night there.

[5]On the fourth day, they got up early in the morning, and he got ready to set out. But the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, "Eat a little food to give you strength, and then you can go." [6]So the two of them sat down and ate and drank together. The young woman's father said to the man, "Why not spend the night and enjoy yourself?" [7]When the man got ready to set out, his father-in-law per-

[b]Or *with Aram* [c]Or *Manasseh*

suaded him, and he spent the night there again. [8]On the fifth day, he got up early in the morning to set out, and the young woman's father said, "Have some food for strength." So the two of them ate, sitting around until late in the day. [9]When the man got ready to set out with his secondary wife and servant, his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said, "Look, the day has turned to evening, so spend the night. Seriously, the day is over. Spend the night here and enjoy yourself. Then you can get up early tomorrow for your journey, and you can head home."

[10]But the man was unwilling to spend another night. He got up, set out, and went as far as the area of Jebus, that is, Jerusalem. He had a couple of saddled donkeys and his secondary wife with him. [11]When they were near Jebus, the day was totally gone. The servant said to his master, "Come on, let's turn into this Jebusite city and spend the night in it."

[12]But his master replied to him, "We won't turn into a city of foreigners who aren't Israelites. We'll travel on to Gibeah. [13]"Come on," he said to his servant, "let's reach Gibeah or Ramah and spend the night in one of those places." [14]So they traveled on, and the sun set when they were near Gibeah in Benjamin. [15]They turned in to enter there, so they could spend the night in Gibeah, and he went and sat down in the city square. But no one offered to take them home to spend the night.

Rape and murder at Gibeah

[16]Then in the evening, an old man was coming home from his daily work in the fields. This man was from the Ephraim highlands and was an immigrant in Gibeah, the people of that place being Benjaminites. [17]He looked up and saw the traveler in the city square. "Where are you heading and where have you come from?" the old man asked.

[18]"We're traveling from Bethlehem in Judah to the far corners of the Ephraim highlands," he replied to the old man. "That's where I'm from. I went to Bethlehem in Judah, and I'm heading to my home.[d] But no one has offered to take me in tonight. [19]We've got our own straw and feed for our donkeys, plus food and wine to provide for me, the woman, and my servant with us. We don't need anything."

[20]The old man answered, "You're welcome to stay with me,[e] but let me take care of all your needs. Just don't spend the night in the square." [21]And he took him into his house. He mixed feed for the donkeys, and they washed their feet, ate, and drank.

[22]While they were relaxing, suddenly the men of the city, a perverse bunch, surrounded the house and started pounding on the door. They said to the old man, the owner of the house, "Send out the man who came to your house, so we can get to know him!"

[23]The owner of the house went outside and said to them, "No, my friends, please don't commit such an evil act, given that this man has come to my home as a guest. Don't do this disgraceful thing! [24]Here's my daughter, the young woman, and his secondary wife. Let me send them out, and you can abuse them and do whatever you want to them. But don't do such a disgraceful thing to this man!" [25]But the men refused to listen to him.

So the Levite grabbed his secondary wife and sent her outside to them. They raped her and abused her all night long until morning. They finally let her go as dawn was breaking.

[26]At daybreak, the woman came and collapsed at the door of the man's house where her husband was staying, where she lay until it was daylight. [27]When her husband got up in the morning, he opened the doors of the house and went outside to set out on his journey. And there was his secondary wife, lying at the entrance of the house, with her hands clutching the doorframe. [28]"Get up," he said to her, "let's go." But there was no response. So he laid her across a

19:10 Josh 15:8; Josh 18:28
19:11 Jgs 1:21
19:12 Jgs 20:13; Hos 10:9
19:13 Josh 18:25; Hos 5:8
19:14 1Sa 13:2
19:15 Gn 19:2; Jgs 19:18
19:16 Jgs 19:1
19:17 Gn 16:8
19:18 Jgs 18:31
19:19 Gn 24:25, Gn 42:27
19:20 Gn 19:2, Gn 43:23; Jgs 6:23
19:21 Gn 18:4, Gn 24:32, Gn 43:24; Lk 7:44; Jn 13:5
19:22 Gn 19:4-5; Dt 13:13
19:23 Gn 19:6, Gn 34:7; Josh 7:15; Jgs 20:6; 2Sa 13:12
19:24 Gn 19:8
19:25 Gn 4:1; Hos 9:9, Hos 10:9; Eph 4:19
19:26 Gn 18:12

[d]LXX; MT *to the* LORD*'s house* [e]Or *Peace be with you*

donkey, and the man set out for home.
29When he got home, he picked up
a knife, took his secondary wife, and
chopped her, limb by limb, into twelve
pieces. Then he sent them into all the
areas of Israel. 30Everyone who saw it
said, "Has such a thing ever happened
or been seen since the time when the Is-
raelites came up from the land of Egypt
until today? Think about it, decide what
to do, and speak out!"

Civil war between the Benjaminites and the Israelites

20 Then all the Israelites from
Dan to Beer-sheba, as well as
from the area of Gilead, marched out,
and the group assembled as one body
in the LORD's presence at Mizpah.
2The commanders of the people and
of all the tribes of Israel took their
place in the assembly of God's people,
four hundred thousand foot soldiers
armed with swords. 3And the Benjamin-
ites got word that the Israelites had
marched up to Mizpah.

The Israelites inquired, "Tell us how
this evil act happened."

4So the Levite, the husband of the
murdered woman, answered, "My sec-
ondary wife and I came to Gibeah of
Benjamin to spend the night, 5and the
leading citizens of Gibeah tried to at-
tack me. They surrounded me in the
house at night and were determined to
kill me. They abused my secondary wife
until she died. 6I took her, chopped her
up, and sent her pieces into every part
of Israel's territory, because they had
committed a disgraceful act in Israel.
7All you Israelites, say what you think
should be done here and now!"

8At this, all the people stood as
one to say, "Not a single one of us is
going home or returning to our house!
9This is what we're now going to do
to Gibeah: We'll march up[f] against it
as the lot determines. 10From all the
tribes of Israel, we'll get ten men for
every hundred, one hundred for every
thousand, and one thousand for every
ten thousand to take supplies for the
troops who are going to pay back[g] Gib-
eah of Benjamin for the disgraceful act
they've done in Israel." 11So all the Isra-
elites joined together and were united
as one against the city.

12The Israelite tribes sent men
throughout the whole tribe of Benja-
min with this message: "What about
this evil act that happened among you?
13Now hand over those perverse men
in Gibeah so that we can execute them
and remove the evil from Israel." But the
Benjaminites refused to comply with the
demand of their own relatives the Isra-
elites. 14Instead, the Benjaminites from
all the cities came together at Gibeah
to march out for battle against the Isra-
elites. 15On that day, the Benjaminites
called up from their cities twenty-six
thousand men armed with swords, not
counting those living in Gibeah.[h] 16Out
of this entire army, seven hundred spe-
cially chosen men were left-handed, and
every one of them could sling a stone at
a hair and not miss. 17Not counting Ben-
jamin, the Israelites called up four hun-
dred thousand men armed with swords,
and every one of them was a trained
warrior.

18Then the Israelites marched up to
Bethel to ask for direction from God.
They inquired, "Who should go up first
to fight against the Benjaminites for us?"

And the LORD said, "Let the tribe of
Judah be first."

19So the next morning, the Israelites
got up and camped near Gibeah. 20They
marched out to fight against the Ben-
jaminites, lining up in battle formation
against them at Gibeah. 21But the Ben-
jaminites marched out from Gibeah
and cut down twenty-two thousand
Israelite men that day.

22[i]So the Israelites went back up
and wept before the LORD until eve-
ning. They asked the LORD, "Should we
move in again to fight our relatives the
Benjaminites?"

19:29 Jgs 20:6; 1Sa 11:7

20:1 Jgs 21:5; 1Sa 3:20, 1Sa 7:5, 1Sa 11:7; 2Sa 3:10

20:16 Jgs 3:15; 1Ch 12:2; 2Ch 26:14

[f] LXX; MT lacks *We'll march up.* [g] Cf LXX; Heb uncertain [h] LXX, Vulg, Syr; MT adds *seven hundred specially chosen men were called up.* [i] 20:22 and 20:23 are reversed.

And the LORD replied, "March out against them."

[23]The Israelite troops regrouped and lined up in battle formation again in the same place they had lined up the first day. [24]The Israelites moved in against the Benjaminites the second day. [25]But the Benjaminites marched out of Gibeah to meet them on that second day and cut down another eighteen thousand Israelite men, all of whom were armed with swords.

[26]Then all the Israelite troops went back up to Bethel and wept, just sitting there in the LORD's presence. They fasted that whole day until evening. Then they offered entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices to the LORD. [27]Now in those days the chest containing God's covenant was there, [28]and Phinehas, Eleazar's son and Aaron's grandson, was in charge of ministering before it. The Israelites asked the LORD, "Should we march out once again to fight our relatives the Benjaminites or should we give up?"

And the LORD replied, "March up, for I'll hand them to you tomorrow."

[29]So the Israelites set ambushes around Gibeah. [30]Three days later, the Israelites marched out against the Benjaminites. They lined up for battle against Gibeah as before. [31]When the Benjaminites came out to meet them, they were drawn away from the city. They began to strike down some of the troops just like the last time, about thirty Israelites along the main roads, one of which goes up to Bethel and one to Gibeah, as well as in the open fields. [32]The Benjaminites thought, They're being wiped out before us like the first time. But the Israelites had planned, We'll retreat and draw them away from the city toward the main roads. [33]The Israelites moved from their position and reformed their battle lines at Baal-tamar. Then the Israelites who had been set in ambush charged out from their positions west of Gibeah.[j] [34]Ten thousand specially chosen men from all the Israelites came against Gibeah. The fighting was fierce, and the Benjaminites didn't realize that disaster was almost on them. [35]The LORD wiped out the Benjaminites before Israel. The Israelites slaughtered twenty-five thousand one hundred Benjaminite men that day, all of them armed with swords. [36]Then the Benjaminites saw that they had been defeated.

The Israelites had given ground to the Benjaminites because they relied on the ambush that they had set around Gibeah. [37]Indeed, those in the ambush had dashed swiftly into Gibeah and killed all the people in the city with their swords. [38]The plan between the main force of the Israelites and those in the ambush was that when they sent up a big cloud of smoke from the city, [39]the Israelites would turn around in battle. The Benjaminites had begun to defeat some of the Israelites and had killed about thirty men, thinking, They are definitely going to be wiped out before us, as in the first battle! [40]But then the column of smoke began to rise from the city. When the Benjaminites looked back, there was the entire city going up in smoke to the sky. [41]The main force of the Israelites turned around, and the Benjaminites lost heart, because they recognized that disaster had fallen on them. [42]They turned back before the Israelites in the direction of the desert, but the fighting caught up with them, and those from the towns were slaughtering them there.[k] [43]They encircled the Benjaminites, chased them from Nohah,[l] and trampled them to the east of Gibeah. [44]Eighteen thousand Benjaminites fell, all of whom were strong warriors. [45]When they turned back and fled toward the desert to the rock of Rimmon, the Israelites picked off another five thousand men on the main roads. And when they caught up with them at Gidom, they struck down two thousand more.

[46]All in all, the total number of Ben-

20:28 Ex 6:25; Nm 25:7, Nm 31:6; Dt 18:5; Josh 24:33

[j]Heb *Geba* [k]Heb uncertain [l]LXX; MT *to a resting place*

jaminites who fell that day was twenty-five thousand men, all of whom were armed with swords and were strong warriors. [47]Six hundred men turned back and fled toward the desert to the rock of Rimmon. They stayed at the rock of Rimmon for four months. [48]But the Israelites turned their attention to the rest of the Benjaminites and massacred them entirely—the city, the people, even the animals, and everything else they found. They also burned down every city they came across.

Wives for the Benjaminites

21 The Israelites had made a pledge at Mizpah, declaring, "None of us will allow his daughter to marry a Benjaminite." [2]But the people came to Bethel and sat there until evening before God, raising their voices and crying bitterly. [3]"LORD, God of Israel," they said, "why has this happened among us that as of today one tribe will be missing from Israel?" [4]And the next day, the people got up early and built an altar there. They offered entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices.

[5]Then the Israelites asked, "Were there any out of all the tribes of Israel who didn't march up to the assembly before the LORD?" Indeed, they had made a solemn pledge that anyone who didn't march up before the LORD at Mizpah would be put to death. [6]The Israelites had a change of heart concerning their relatives the Benjaminites. They said, "Today one tribe has been cut off from Israel. [7]What can we do to provide wives for the ones who are left, since we ourselves have made a pledge before the LORD not to allow our daughters to marry them?" [8]So they asked, "Is there anyone from the tribes of Israel who didn't march up before the LORD at Mizpah?" There was! No one from Jabesh-gilead had come to the assembly at the camp. [9]When the people's attendance was taken, not one of those who lived in Jabesh-gilead had been there.

[10]The community dispatched twelve thousand warriors there with these orders: "Go kill all the people in Jabesh-gilead, including women and children. [11]Here's what you should do: Exterminate every man and every woman who has slept with a man." [12]Among the people of Jabesh-gilead, they found four hundred young women who had not known a man intimately or slept with one, and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh in the land of Canaan. [13]The whole community then sent word to the Benjaminites who were at the rock of Rimmon and offered them a truce.[m] [14]So the Benjaminites returned at that time, and they gave them the women from Jabesh-gilead that they had allowed to live. Even so, there weren't enough for them.

[15]Since the people had a change of heart concerning the Benjaminites because the LORD had caused a rupture in the tribes of Israel, [16]the community elders said, "What can we do to provide wives for the ones who are left, seeing that the Benjaminite women have been destroyed? [17]There must be a surviving line for those who remain from Benjamin," they continued, "so that a tribe won't be erased from Israel. [18]But we can't allow our daughters to marry them, for we Israelites have made this pledge: 'Let anyone who provides a wife for Benjamin be cursed!' [19]However," they said, "the annual festival of the LORD is under way in Shiloh, which is north of Bethel, east of the main road that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and south of Lebonah." [20]So they instructed the Benjaminites, "Go and hide like an ambush in the vineyards [21]and watch. At the moment the women of Shiloh come out to participate in the dances, rush out from the vineyards. Each one of you, capture a wife for yourself from the women of Shiloh and go back to the land of Benjamin. [22]When their fathers or brothers come to us to object, we'll tell them, 'Do us a favor for their sake. We didn't

20:47 Jgs 20:45, Jgs 21:13
20:48 Dt 13:15; Jgs 21:23
21:1 Jgs 20:1, Jgs 21:18
21:5 Jgs 5:23, Jgs 20:1; 1Sa 11:7
21:6 Jgs 21:15
21:8 1Sa 11:1, 1Sa 31:11
21:10 Jgs 5:23, Jgs 21:5; 1Sa 11:7, 1Sa 15:3
21:11 Nm 31:17
21:19 Josh 18:1; Jgs 18:31; 1Sa 1:3
21:21 Ex 15:20; Jgs 11:34; Jer 31:13
21:22 Jgs 21:1, Jgs 21:18

[m]Or *peace*

capture enough women for every man during the battle, and this way you are not guilty because you didn't give them anything willingly.'" 23And that is what the Benjaminites did. They took wives for their whole group from the dancers whom they abducted. They returned to their territory, rebuilt the cities, and lived in them. 24Likewise, the Israelites set out from there at that time, heading home to their respective tribes and clans. They all left there for their own territories.

25In those days there was no king in Israel; each person did what they thought to be right.

21:23 Jgs 20:48

RUTH

The family in Moab

1During the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. A man with his wife and two sons went from Bethlehem of Judah to dwell in the territory of Moab. 2The name of that man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and settled there.

3But Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died. Then only she was left, along with her two sons. 4They took wives for themselves, Moabite women; the name of the first was Orpah and the name of the second was Ruth. And they lived there for about ten years.

5But both of the sons, Mahlon and Chilion, also died. Only the woman was left, without her two children and without her husband.

6Then she arose along with her daughters-in-law to return from the field of Moab, because while in the territory of Moab she had heard that the LORD had paid attention to his people by providing food for them. 7She left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law went with her. They went along the road to return to the land of Judah.

8Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, "Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the LORD deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me. 9May the LORD provide for you so that you may find security, each woman in the household of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

1:14 Gn 31:28, Gn 31:55; Dt 10:20; Ru 1:4

1:16 Ru 2:11; Ps 45:10

10But they replied to her, "No, instead we will return with you, to your people."

11Naomi replied, "Turn back, my daughters. Why would you go with me? Will there again be sons in my womb, that they would be husbands for you? 12Turn back, my daughters. Go. I am too old for a husband. If I were to say that I have hope, even if I had a husband tonight, and even more, if I were to bear sons—13would you wait until they grew up? Would you refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters. This is more bitter for me than for you, since the LORD's will has come out against me."

14Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. 15Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law."

16But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. 17Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you." 18When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go

with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

[19]So both of them went along until they arrived at Bethlehem. When they arrived at Bethlehem, the whole town was excited on account of them, and the women of the town asked, "Can this be Naomi?"

[20]She replied to them, "Don't call me Naomi,[a] but call me Mara,[b] for the Almighty[c] has made me very bitter. [21]I went away full, but the LORD has returned me empty. Why would you call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me, and the Almighty has deemed me guilty?"

[22]Thus Naomi returned. And Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, returned with her from the territory of Moab. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Gleaning in Bethlehem

2 Now Naomi had a respected relative, a man of worth, through her husband from the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz. [2]Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field so that I may glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose eyes I might find favor."

Naomi replied to her, "Go, my daughter." [3]So she went; she arrived and she gleaned in the field behind the harvesters. By chance, it happened to be the portion of the field that belonged to Boaz, who was from the family of Elimelech.

[4]Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem. He said to the harvesters, "May the LORD be with you."

And they said to him, "May the LORD bless you."

[5]Boaz said to his young man, the one who was overseeing the harvesters, "To whom does this young woman belong?"

[6]The young man who was overseeing the harvesters answered, "She's a young Moabite woman, the one who returned with Naomi from the territory of Moab. [7]She said, 'Please let me glean so that I might gather up grain from among the bundles behind the harvesters.' She arrived and has been on her feet from the morning until now, and has sat down for only a moment."[d]

[8]Boaz said to Ruth, "Haven't you understood, my daughter? Don't go glean in another field; don't go anywhere else. Instead, stay here with my young women. [9]Keep your eyes on the field that they are harvesting and go along after them. I've ordered the young men not to assault you. Whenever you are thirsty, go to the jugs and drink from what the young men have filled."

[10]Then she bowed down, face to the ground, and replied to him, "How is it that I've found favor in your eyes, that you notice me? I'm an immigrant." [11]Boaz responded to her, "Everything that you did for your mother-in-law after your husband's death has been reported fully to me: how you left behind your father, your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people you hadn't known beforehand. [12]May the LORD reward you[e] for your deed. May you receive a rich reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you've come to seek refuge." [13]She said, "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, sir, because you've comforted me and because you've spoken kindly to your female servant—even though I'm not one of your female servants."

[14]At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here, eat some of the bread, and dip your piece in the vinegar." She sat alongside the harvesters, and he served roasted grain to her. She ate, was satisfied, and had leftovers. [15]Then she got up to glean.

Boaz ordered his young men, "Let her glean between the bundles, and don't humiliate her. [16]Also, pull out some from the bales for her and leave them behind for her to glean. And don't scold her."

[17]So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed what she

1:20 Job 6:4

2:2 Lv 19:9-10, Lv 23:22; Dt 24:19

[a]Naomi means *pleasant*. [b]Mara means *bitter*. [c]Heb *El Shaddai* or *God of the Mountain* [d]Heb uncertain [e]LXX

had gleaned; it was about an ephah[f] of barley. [18]She picked it up and went into town. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She brought out what she had left over after eating her fill and gave it to her. [19]Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? May the one who noticed you be blessed."

She told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

[20]Naomi replied to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, who hasn't abandoned his faithfulness with the living or with the dead." Naomi said to her, "The man is one of our close relatives; he's one of our redeemers."

[21]Ruth the Moabite replied, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they've finished all of my harvest.'"

[22]Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It's good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, so that men don't assault you in another field."

[23]Thus she stayed with Boaz's young women, gleaning until the completion of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Encounter at the threshing floor

3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shouldn't I seek security for you, so that things might go well for you? [2]Now isn't Boaz, whose young women you were with, our relative? Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. [3]You should bathe, put on some perfume, wear nice clothes, and then go down to the threshing floor. Don't make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. [4]When he lies down, notice the place where he is lying. Then go, uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what to do."

[5]Ruth replied to her, "I'll do everything you are telling me."

2:20 Lv 25:25; 2Sa 2:5

3:3 2Sa 14:2; Ecc 9:8

3:7 Jdg 19:6; 2Sa 13:28; Est 1:10

3:13 Dt 25:5; Jdg 8:19; Rut 4:5; Mt 22:24

[6]So she went down to the threshing floor, and she did everything just as her mother-in-law had ordered.

[7]Boaz ate and drank, and he was in a good mood. He went over to lie down by the edge of the grain pile. Then she quietly approached, uncovered his legs, and lay down. [8]During the middle of the night, the man shuddered and turned over—and there was a woman lying at his feet. [9]"Who are you?" he asked.

She replied, "I'm Ruth your servant. Spread out your robe[g] over your servant, because you are a redeemer."

[10]He said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter! You have acted even more faithfully than you did at first. You haven't gone after rich or poor young men. [11]And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I'll do for you everything you are asking. Indeed, my people—all who are at the gate—know that you are a woman of worth. [12]Now, although it's certainly true that I'm a redeemer, there's a redeemer who is a closer relative than I am. [13]Stay the night. And in the morning, if he'll redeem you—good, let him redeem. But if he doesn't want to redeem you, then—as the LORD lives—I myself will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

[14]So she lay at his feet until morning. Then she got up before one person could recognize another, for he had said, "No one should know that the woman came to the threshing floor." [15]He said, "Bring the cloak that you have on and hold it out." She held it out, and he measured out six measures of barley and placed it upon her. Then she[h] went into town.

[16]She came to her mother-in-law, who said, "How are you, my daughter?"

So Ruth told her everything the man had done for her. [17]She said, "He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said to me, 'Don't go away empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

[18]"Sit tight, my daughter," Naomi

[f]An ephah is approximately twenty quarts of grain. [g]Or *wing;* cf 2:12; Ps 91:4 [h]MT *he;* other Heb sources, Syr, Vulg *she*

replied, "until you know how it turns out. The man won't rest until he resolves the matter today."

A new family brings fulfillment

4 Meanwhile, Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there. Just then, the redeemer about whom Boaz had spoken was passing by. He said, "Sir, come over here and sit down." So he turned aside and sat down. [2]Then he took ten men from the town's elders and said, "Sit down here." And they sat down.

[3]Boaz said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has returned from the field of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelech. [4]I thought that I should let you know and say, 'Buy it, in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you[i] won't redeem it, tell me so that I may know. There isn't anyone to redeem it except you, and I'm next in line after you."

He replied, "I will redeem it."

[5]Then Boaz said, "On the day when you buy the field from Naomi, you also buy[j] Ruth the Moabite, the wife of the dead man, in order to preserve the dead man's name for his inheritance."

[6]But the redeemer replied, "Then I can't redeem it for myself, without risking damage to my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself. You can have my right of redemption, because I'm unable to act as redeemer."

[7]In Israel, in former times, this was the practice regarding redemption and exchange to confirm any such matter: a man would take off his sandal and give it to the other person. This was the process of making a transaction binding in Israel. [8]Then the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," and he took off his sandal.

[9]Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I've bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. [10]And also Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, I've bought to be my wife, to preserve the dead man's name for his inheritance so that the name of the dead man might not be cut off from his brothers or from the gate of his hometown—today you are witnesses."

[11]Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD grant that the woman who is coming into your household be like Rachel and like Leah, both of whom built up the house of Israel. May you be fertile in Ephrathah and may you preserve a name in Bethlehem. [12]And may your household be like the household of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah—through the children that the LORD will give you from this young woman."

[13]So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife.

He was intimate with her, the LORD let her become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. [14]The women said to Naomi, "May the LORD be blessed, who today hasn't left you without a redeemer. May his name be proclaimed in Israel. [15]He will restore your life and sustain you in your old age. Your daughter-in-law who loves you has given birth to him. She's better for you than seven sons." [16]Naomi took the child and held him to her breast, and she became his guardian. [17]The neighborhood women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They called his name Obed.[k] He became Jesse's father and David's grandfather.

[18]These are the generations of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, [19]Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, [20]Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, [21]Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed, [22]Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.

4:5 Gn 38:8; Dt 25:5, Dt 25:6; Ru 3:13; Mt 22:24

4:6 Lv 25:25; Dt 25:7; Ru 3:13

4:7 Dt 25:7; Ru 4:8

4:12 Gn 38:6, Gn 38:29, Gn 46:12; 1Ch 2:4

[i]MT *he;* LXX, Syr *you* [j]Vulg; MT *On the day that you buy the field from Naomi and from Ruth the Moabite*
[k]Obed means *one who serves (God).*

1 SAMUEL

Samuel's birth

1 Now there was a certain man from
Ramathaim, a Zuphite[a] from the
highlands of Ephraim, whose name
was Elkanah. He was from the tribe of
Ephraim, and he was the son of Jero-
ham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of
Zuph. [2]Elkanah had two wives, one
named Hannah and the other named
Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but
Hannah didn't.

[3]Every year this man would leave
his town to worship and sacrifice to
the LORD of heavenly forces in Shiloh,
where Eli's two sons Hophni and Phine-
has were the LORD's priests. [4]When-
ever he sacrificed, Elkanah would give
parts of the sacrifice to his wife Penin-
nah and to all her sons and daughters.
[5]But he would give only one part of
it to Hannah, though he loved her,
because the LORD had kept her from
conceiving.[b] [6]And because the LORD
had kept Hannah from conceiving, her
rival would make fun of her mercilessly,
just to bother her. [7]So that is what took
place year after year. Whenever Han-
nah went to the LORD's house, Penin-
nah would make fun of her. Then she
would cry and wouldn't eat anything.

[8]"Hannah, why are you crying?" her
husband Elkanah would say to her.
"Why won't you eat? Why are you[c] so
sad? Aren't I worth more to you than
ten sons?"

[9]One time, after eating and drink-
ing in Shiloh, Hannah got up and pre-
sented herself before the LORD.[d] (Now
Eli the priest was sitting in the chair by
the doorpost of the LORD's temple.)
[10]Hannah was very upset and couldn't
stop crying as she prayed to the LORD.
[11]Then she made this promise: "LORD
of heavenly forces, just look at your
servant's pain and remember me! Don't
forget your servant! Give her a boy!
Then I'll give him to the LORD for his
entire life. No razor will ever touch his
head."

[12]As she kept praying before the
LORD, Eli watched her mouth. [13]Now
Hannah was praying in her heart; her
lips were moving, but her voice was si-
lent, so Eli thought she was drunk.

[14]"How long will you act like a
drunk? Sober up!" Eli told her.

[15]"No sir!" Hannah replied. "I'm
just a very sad woman. I haven't had
any wine or beer but have been pour-
ing out my heart to the LORD. [16]Don't
think your servant is some good-for-
nothing woman. This whole time I've
been praying out of my great worry
and trouble!"

[17]Eli responded, "Then go in peace.
And may the God of Israel give you
what you've asked from him."

[18]"Please think well of me, your ser-
vant," Hannah said. Then the woman
went on her way, ate some food, and
wasn't sad any longer.[e]

[19]They got up early the next morn-
ing and worshipped the LORD. Then
they went back home to Ramah. El-
kanah had sex with his wife Hannah,
and the LORD remembered her. [20]So in
the course of time, Hannah conceived
and gave birth to a son. She named
him Samuel, which means "I asked the
LORD for him."[f]

Samuel's dedication

[21]When Elkanah and all his house-
hold went up to make the annual sac-
rifice and keep his solemn promise,
[22]Hannah didn't go.

"I'll bring the boy when he is
weaned," she told her husband, "so he
can be presented to the LORD and stay
there permanently. I will offer him as a
nazirite forever."[g]

[23]"Do what seems best to you," said

1:1 1Sa 1:19; 1Ch 6:27, 1Ch 6:34
1:2 Gn 4:19
1:3 Ex 23:14; Dt 12:5; Josh 18:1; 1Sa 1:21; Lk 2:41
1:6 1Sa 1:7
1:7 1Sa 1:6
1:8 Ru 4:15
1:9 1Sa 3:3, 1Sa 4:13
1:10 1Sa 1:11; Job 7:11, Job 10:1
1:11 Nm 6:5; Jgs 11:30, Jgs 13:5; 1Sa 1:19
1:13 Gn 24:42; Ps 27:8; Ac 2:13
1:14 1Sa 1:12
1:15 Job 30:16; Ps 42:4, Ps 62:8; Lam 2:19
1:16 1Sa 2:12
1:17 2Ki 5:19
1:18 Gn 33:15; Ru 2:13; Ro 15:13
1:19 1Sa 1:1, 1Sa 2:11
1:20 Gn 30:6; Ex 2:10; Jer 15:1; Mt 1:21; Heb 11:32
1:23 Gn 21:8; Nm 30:7; 1Sa 1:1, 1Sa 1:4; 2Sa 7:25

[a]LXX; MT *Ramathaim-zophim* [b]Heb uncertain; Syr *But he would give a double portion to Hannah, because he loved her, though the* LORD *had kept her from conceiving.* [c]Or *your heart* [d]LXX; MT lacks *presented herself before the* LORD. [e]LXX; MT lacks *sad.* [f]Samuel means *God has heard* but here is connected to the Heb verb *to ask.* [g]DSS (4QSam[a]); MT lacks *I will offer . . . forever.*

her husband Elkanah. "Stay here until you've weaned him. But may the LORD bring to pass what you've[h] promised." So the woman stayed home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

24 When he had been weaned and was still very young,[i] Hannah took him, along with a three-year-old bull,[j] an ephah[k] of flour, and a jar of wine, and brought him to the LORD's house at Shiloh. 25 They slaughtered the bull, then brought the boy to Eli.

26 "Excuse me, sir!" Hannah said. "As surely as you live, sir, I am the woman who stood here next to you, praying to the LORD. 27 I prayed for this boy, and the LORD gave me what I asked from him. 28 So now I give this boy back to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is given to the LORD."

Then they worshipped there before the LORD.[l]

Hannah's song

2 Then Hannah prayed:
My heart rejoices in the LORD.
My strength[m] rises up in the LORD!
My mouth mocks my enemies
because I rejoice
in your deliverance.
2 No one is holy like the LORD—
no, no one except you!
There is no rock like our God!

3 Don't go on and on,
talking so proudly,
spouting arrogance
from your mouth,
because the LORD is the God
who knows,
and he weighs every act.

4 The bows of mighty warriors
are shattered,
but those who were stumbling
now dress themselves in power!
5 Those who were filled full
now sell themselves for bread,
but the ones who were starving
are now fat from food!
The woman who was barren
has birthed seven children,
but the mother with many sons
has lost them all!
6 The LORD!
He brings death, gives life,
takes down to the grave,[n]
and raises up!
7 The LORD!
He makes poor, gives wealth,
brings low, but also lifts up high!
8 God raises the poor from the dust,
lifts up the needy
from the garbage pile.
God sits them with officials,
gives them the seat of honor!
The pillars of the earth
belong to the LORD;
he set the world on top of them!
9 God guards the feet
of his faithful ones,
but the wicked die in darkness
because no one succeeds
by strength alone.

10 The LORD!
His enemies are terrified!
God thunders against them
from heaven!
The LORD!
He judges the far corners
of the earth!

May God give strength to his king
and raise high the strength
of his anointed one.

11 Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy served the LORD under Eli the priest.

Corruption of Eli's sons

12 Now Eli's sons were despicable men who didn't know the LORD. 13 This was how the priest was supposed to act with the people: Whenever anyone made a sacrifice, while the meat was boiling, the priest's assistant would

1:24 Josh 18:1
1:26 1Sa 17:55; 2Ki 2:2; 2Ki 2:4, 2Ki 2:6, 2Ki 4:30
1:27 1Sa 1:11; Ps 66:19
1:28 Gn 24:26, Gn 24:52; 1Sa 1:11
2:1 Ps 9:14, Ps 13:5, Ps 35:9, Ps 89:17, Ps 89:24
2:2 Ex 15:11; Dt 32:31; 2Sa 22:32
2:3 1Ki 8:39; Ps 94:4; Prv 8:13
2:4 Ps 37:15, Ps 46:9, Ps 76:3; Is 40:31
2:5 Ru 4:15; Ps 113:9; Is 54:1; Jer 15:9
2:6 Dt 32:39; 2Ki 5:7; Is 26:19; Rev 1:18
2:7 Dt 8:18; Job 1:21, Job 5:11; Ps 75:7
2:8 2Sa 7:8; Job 36:7, Job 38:4; Ps 104:5, Ps 113:7
2:9 Ps 33:16, Ps 121:3; Prv 2:8, Prv 3:26; Zec 4:6
2:10 1Sa 7:10; Ps 18:13, Ps 89:24, Ps 96:13, Ps 98:9
2:11 1Sa 1:19, 1Sa 2:18, 1Sa 3:1
2:12 Dt 13:13; 1Ki 21:10
2:13 Dt 18:3

[h] LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]); MT *he* [i] Or *and the boy was a boy*; Heb uncertain [j] LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]), Syr; MT *three bulls* [k] An ephah was approximately twenty quarts. [l] Some Heb manuscripts, Syr, Vulg; MT he (Eli?) *worshipped*; DSS (4QSam[a]) *and she* (Hannah) *left him there and worshipped the LORD.* [m] Or *my horn*; also in 2:10 [n] Heb *Sheol*

come with a three-pronged fork in hand. 14He would thrust it into the cauldron or the pot.[o] Whatever the fork brought up, the priest would take for himself. This is how it was done for all the Israelites who came to Shiloh.

15But with Eli's sons,[p] even before the fat was burned, the priest's assistant would come and say to the person offering the sacrifice, "Give the priest some meat to roast. He won't accept boiled meat from you."[q] 16If anyone said, "Let the fat be burned off first, as usual, then take whatever you like for yourself," the assistant would reply, "No, hand it over now. If not, I'll take it by force." 17The sin of these priestly assistants was very serious in the LORD's sight because they were disrespecting the LORD's own offering.

18Now Samuel was serving the LORD. He was a young boy, clothed in a linen priestly vest.[r] 19His mother would make a small robe for him and take it to him every year when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. 20Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife: "May the LORD replace[s] the child of this woman that you gave back to the LORD." Then they would return home. 21The LORD paid attention to Hannah, and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the LORD's service.

22Eli was very old, but he heard everything his sons were doing to the Israelites, and how they had sex with the women who served at the meeting tent's entrance. 23Eli said to his sons, "Why are you doing these terrible things that I'm hearing about from everybody? 24No, my sons. Don't do this.[t] The report I hear spreading among God's people isn't good. 25If someone sins against someone else, God can intercede; but if someone sins against the LORD, who will intercede then?" But they wouldn't obey their father because the LORD wanted to kill them. 26Meanwhile, the boy Samuel kept growing up and was more and more liked by both the LORD and the people.

27Now a man of God came to Eli and said, "This is what the LORD says: I revealed myself very clearly to your father's household when they were slaves[u] in Egypt to the house of Pharaoh. 28I chose your father from all of Israel's tribes to be my priest, to go up onto my altar, to burn incense, and to wear the priestly vest[v] in my presence. I also gave all of the Israelites' food offerings to your father's household. 29Why then do you kick my sacrifices and my offerings—the very ones I commanded for my dwelling place? Why do you respect your sons more than me, getting fat off the best parts of every offering from my people Israel? 30Because of all that, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: I had promised that your household and your father's household would serve me forever. But now—this is what the LORD declares: I'll do no such thing! No. I honor those who honor me, and whoever despises me will be cursed. 31The days are coming soon when I will eliminate both your children[w] and the children of your father's household. There won't be an old person left in your family tree. 32You'll see trouble in my dwelling place, though all will go well for Israel.[x] But there will never be an old person in your family tree. 33Any one of your descendants whom I don't eliminate from serving at my altar will cry their[y] eyes out and be full of grief. Any new children in your household will die by the sword.[z] 34And what happens to your two sons Hophni and Phinehas will be a sign for you: they will both die on the same day. 35Then I will establish for myself a trustworthy priest who will act in accordance with my thoughts

2:14 Ex 29:27; Josh 18:1, Josh 19:51; Jgs 18:31, Jgs 21:19

2:15 Lv 3:3, Lv 3:16

2:16 Ex 23:18, Ex 29:13; Lv 1:8, Lv 3:3, Lv 3:14

2:17 Gn 6:11; Mal 2:7, Mal 2:8

2:18 Ex 28:4; 1Sa 2:11, 1Sa 3:1; 2Sa 6:14

2:19 1Sa 1:3, 1Sa 1:21

2:21 Gn 21:1; Jgs 13:24; 1Sa 2:26, 1Sa 3:19; Lk 1:80

2:22 Ex 38:8

2:24 Ex 32:21

2:25 Dt 25:1; Josh 11:20; 1Sa 3:14; Heb 10:26

2:26 1Sa 2:21; Prv 3:4; Lk 2:52

2:27 Dt 33:1; Jgs 13:6; 1Ki 13:1

2:28 Ex 28:1, Ex 30:7

2:29 Dt 12:5

2:30 Ex 29:9; Jer 18:10

2:31 1Sa 4:11; 1Ki 2:27

2:32 Ps 78:59; Zec 8:4

2:34 1Sa 1:3, 1Sa 4:11, 1Sa 4:17; 1Ki 13:3

2:35 1Sa 25:28; 2Sa 7:11, 2Sa 7:27; 1Ki 2:35, 1Ki 11:38

[o]Cf DSS (4QSam[a]); Heb has four different words for pots. [p]MT lacks *with Eli's sons*. [q]LXX; MT adds *only raw*. [r]Heb *ephod* [s]DSS (4QSam[a]); MT *give* [t]LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]); MT lacks *Don't do this*. [u]DSS (4QSam[a]), LXX; MT lacks *slaves*. [v]Heb *ephod* [w]LXX; MT *arm* or *power* [x]Heb uncertain; LXX and DSS (4QSam[a]) omit 2:31*b*-32*a*. [y]DSS (4QSam[a]), LXX; MT *your* [z]LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]); MT *die by men* or *die as men*

and desires. I will build a trustworthy household for him, and he will serve before my anointed one forever. 36Anyone left from your household will come and beg him for a bit of silver or a loaf of bread, saying: 'Please appoint me to some priestly duty so I can have a scrap of bread to eat.'"

Samuel's call

3 Now the boy Samuel was serving the LORD under Eli. The LORD's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. 2One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. 3God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's chest[a] was.

4The LORD called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said.

5Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did.

6Again the LORD called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(7Now Samuel didn't yet know the LORD, and the LORD's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

8A third time the LORD called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

Then Eli realized that it was the LORD who was calling the boy. 9So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

10Then the LORD came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

11The LORD said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! 12On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it![b] 13I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God,[c] but he wouldn't stop them. 14Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

15Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the LORD's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16But Eli called Samuel, saying: "Samuel, my son!"

"I'm here," Samuel said.

17"What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you." 18So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

"He is the LORD," Eli said. "He will do as he pleases."

19So Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. 20All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the LORD's prophet. 21The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh because the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh through the LORD's own word. 4:1And Samuel's word went out to all Israel.

The Philistines capture God's chest

In those days the Philistines gathered for war against Israel,[d] so Israel went out to engage the Philistines in war. Israel camped at Ebenezer, while the Philistines camped at Aphek. 2The Philistines readied themselves to fight Israel. When the battle was joined, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the battlefield. 3When the troops returned to the camp, Israel's elders said, "Why did the LORD defeat us

2:36 1Ki 2:27; 2Ki 23:9; Eze 44:10

3:1 1Sa 2:11, 1Sa 2:18, 1Sa 3:21; Ps 74:9; Am 8:11

3:3 Ex 25:31, Ex 27:20-21; Lv 24:2; 1Sa 1:9

3:4 Gn 22:1; Ex 3:4; 1Sa 3:1, 1Sa 3:20-21

3:10 1Sa 2:26, 1Sa 3:4, 1Sa 3:8

3:11 2Ki 21:12; Jer 19:3

3:12 1Sa 2:27

3:13 1Sa 2:12, 1Sa 2:17, 1Sa 2:22, 1Sa 2:27; 1Ki 1:6

3:14 Is 22:14

3:15 1Sa 1:9

3:16 1Sa 3:4

3:17 Ru 1:17

3:18 Jgs 10:15; Job 1:21, Job 2:10; Ps 39:9; Is 39:8

3:20 Jgs 20:1; 2Sa 3:10

4:1 1Sa 5:1, 1Sa 7:12, 1Sa 29:1

[a]Traditionally *ark* [b]Or *the beginning and the end* [c]LXX; MT *to themselves*, one of several intentional scribal corrections to avoid the phrase *cursing God* [d]LXX; MT lacks *In those days . . . against Israel.*

today before the Philistines? Let's bring the chest containing the LORD's covenant from Shiloh so it can go with us and save us from our enemies' power." [4]So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the chest containing the covenant of the LORD of heavenly forces, who sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures.[e] Eli's two sons Hophni and Phinehas were there with the chest containing God's covenant.

[5]When the chest containing the LORD's covenant entered the camp, all Israel let out such a loud shout that the ground shook. [6]When the Philistines heard the sound of that shout, they asked, "What is that loud shouting in the Hebrew camp about?" When they learned that the LORD's chest had come into the camp, [7]the Philistines were afraid and said, "A god has come into that camp! We're doomed," they said, "because nothing like this has ever happened before. [8]We're doomed! Who will deliver us from the grip of these powerful deities? They are the same gods who struck the Egyptians in the desert with every kind of wound. [9]Pull yourselves together and act like men, Philistines! Otherwise, you'll serve the Hebrews like they've been serving you. Act like men and fight!"

[10]So the Philistines fought. Israel was defeated, and everyone fled to their homes. It was a massive defeat: thirty thousand Israelite foot soldiers fell, [11]God's chest was taken, and Eli's two sons Hophni and Phinehas died.

[12]That very day, a Benjaminite ran from the battle to Shiloh. His clothes were torn, and dirt was on his head. [13]When he got there, Eli was sitting in a chair beside the road, waiting because he was nervous about God's chest. The man arrived and gave the news to the city, and the whole city cried out.

[14]Eli heard the sound of the cry and said, "What's all this noise about?"

The man hurriedly went and told Eli the news. ([15]Now Eli was 98 years old, and his eyes stared straight ahead, unable to see.) [16]The man told Eli, "I'm the one who just came from the battle. I fled from the battle today."

"What's the report, my son?" Eli asked.

[17]The messenger answered, "Israel has fled from the Philistines. The army has suffered a massive defeat. Also, your own two sons Hophni and Phinehas have died, and God's chest has been taken!" [18]At the mention of God's chest, Eli fell backward off the chair beside the gate. His neck broke, and he died because he was an old man and overweight. Eli had judged Israel for forty years.

[19]Now Eli's daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant and about to give birth. When she heard the news that God's chest had been captured and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she doubled over and gave birth because her labor pains overwhelmed her. [20]As she was about to die, the women standing by helping her said, "Don't be afraid. You've given birth to a son!" But she didn't answer or pay them any attention. [21]She named the boy Ichabod,[f] saying, "The glory has left Israel," referring to the capture of God's chest and the death of her father-in-law and her husband. [22]"The glory has left Israel because God's chest has been taken," she said.

God's chest among the Philistines

5 After the Philistines took God's chest, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. [2]Then the Philistines took God's chest and brought it into Dagon's temple and set it next to Dagon. [3]But when the citizens of Ashdod got up early the next morning, there was Dagon, fallen facedown on the ground before the LORD's chest! So they took Dagon and set him back up where he belonged. [4]But when they got up early the next morning, there was Dagon again, fallen facedown on the ground before the LORD's chest—and

4:10 Dt 28:25; 1Sa 4:2; 2Ki 14:12
4:13 1Sa 1:9, 1Sa 4:18
4:17 1Sa 4:11
4:18 Josh 7:6; Jgs 16:31, Jgs 20:27; 1Sa 2:31-32
4:20 Gn 35:17
4:21 1Sa 14:3; Ps 26:8; Jer 2:11
4:22 1Sa 4:21
5:1 Josh 11:22, Josh 13:3; 1Sa 4:1, 1Sa 7:12
5:3 Is 19:1, Is 46:1-2, Is 46:7
5:4 Eze 6:4, Eze 6:6; Mi 1:7

[e]Heb *cherubim* [f]Meaning *Where is the glory?*

this time Dagon's head along with both his hands were cut off and lying on the doorstep! Only Dagon's body[g] was left intact. 5That's why to this day Dagon's priests or anyone else who enters his temple in Ashdod doesn't step on the threshold.

6The LORD's hand was heavy on the people of Ashdod: God terrified them and struck them in Ashdod and its surroundings with tumors.[h] 7When Ashdod's inhabitants saw what was happening, they said, "The chest of Israel's God must not stay here with us because his hand is hard against us and against our god Dagon."

8So they summoned all the Philistine rulers to a meeting and asked, "What should we do with the chest of Israel's God?" The people of Gath said, "Let the chest of Israel's God be moved to us." So they moved the chest of Israel's God to Gath.[i] 9But once they moved it, the LORD's hand came against the city, causing a huge panic. God struck the city's inhabitants, both young and old, and tumors broke out on them.

10Then they sent God's chest to Ekron, but as soon as God's chest entered Ekron, the inhabitants cried out, "Why have you moved the chest of Israel's God to us? In order to kill us and our people?"[j]

11So they summoned all the Philistine rulers to a meeting and said, "Send the chest of Israel's God away! Let it go back to its own home so it doesn't kill us and our people," because there was a deadly panic throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there. 12The people who didn't die were struck with tumors, and the screams of the city went all the way up to heaven.

God's chest is returned

6 The LORD's chest was in Philistine territory for seven months. 2The Philistines called for the priests and the diviners. "What should we do with the LORD's chest?" they asked. "Tell us how we should send it back to its own home."

3They replied, "If you are returning the chest of Israel's God, don't send it back empty, but be sure to return a guilt offering to him.[k] Then you will be healed, and it will become clear to you why God's hand hasn't left you alone."

4"What compensation offering should we return to him?" they asked.

The priests and diviners replied: "Five gold tumors[l] and five gold mice,[m] matching the number of the Philistine rulers, because the same plague came on all of you and your rulers. 5You must make images of your tumors and the mice that have devastated the land. Honor Israel's God. Perhaps he will lighten the weight of his hand on you, your gods, and your land. 6Why be stubborn like the Egyptians and Pharaoh? After God had dealt harshly with them, didn't they send the Israelites on their way? 7So get a new cart ready along with two nursing cows that have never been yoked before. Harness the cows to the cart, but take any of their calves that are following back home. 8Next, take the LORD's chest and put it in the cart. Set the gold items that you are giving God as a compensation offering in a box next to the chest. Then send it on its way. 9Then watch what happens: If the cart goes up the road to its own territory toward Beth-shemesh, then Israel's God has brought this great disaster on us. If the cart goes another way, then we'll know that it wasn't God's hand that struck us. It happened to us randomly."

10The rulers[n] did just that. They took two nursing cows and harnessed them to the cart, penning their calves up at home. 11They put the LORD's chest on the cart along with the box containing the gold mice and the images of their tumors.[o] 12The cows went straight ahead, following the road to Beth-

5:6 Ex 9:3; Dt 28:27; 1Sa 6:5; Ps 32:4; Ac 13:11

6:1 Josh 4:11; 1Sa 5:1

6:6 Ex 7:13, Ex 8:15, Ex 8:32, Ex 12:31, Ex 14:17

6:9 Josh 15:10, Josh 21:16; 1Sa 6:3

6:12 Nm 20:19; Josh 15:10; 1Sa 6:9

[g]Cf LXX [h]Kethib; Qere *hemorrhoids* (cf Deut 28:27); also in 5:9, 12 [i]LXX [j]DSS (4QSam[a]), LXX [k]Or *be sure to return it with a compensation offering.* [l]Kethib; Qere *hemorrhoids* (cf Deut 28:27); also in 6:5; see note at 6:11. [m]LXX lacks *and five gold mice.* [n]See 6:12; MT *men* [o]Or *hemorrhoids;* also in 6:17, the Qere form for the Hebrew written form of *tumors* used in 6:4-5

shemesh. They kept to one route, mooing as they went, without turning right or left. The Philistine rulers followed them as far as the territory of Beth-shemesh.

13 Now the people of Beth-shemesh were harvesting wheat in the valley. When they looked up and saw the chest, they were overjoyed at the sight. 14 The cart entered the field belonging to Joshua of Beth-shemesh and stopped right by a large stone. They chopped up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as an entirely burned offering to the LORD. 15 The Levites unloaded the LORD's chest and the box that was with it that contained all the gold items, and they set them on the large stone. That very day the people of Beth-shemesh offered entirely burned offerings and made sacrifices to the LORD. 16 When the five Philistine rulers witnessed this, they went straight back to Ekron.

17 These are the gold tumors that the Philistines returned as a compensation offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, and one for Ekron. 18 The gold mice matched the number of Philistine cities belonging to the five rulers, from fortified cities to country villages. And the large stone[p] they set the LORD's chest on is a witness even now in the field that belongs to Joshua of Beth-shemesh.

19 But God struck down some of the people from Beth-shemesh because they looked into the LORD's chest. God struck seventy people,[q] and the community grieved because the LORD had struck them so severely. 20 The people of Beth-shemesh said, "Who can stand before the LORD, this holy God? Where can he go that is away from us here?" 21 They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim. "The Philistines returned the LORD's chest!" they said. "Come down and take it back with you."

7 So the people of Kiriath-jearim came and took the LORD's chest. They brought it to Abinadab's house, which was on the hill. Then they dedicated Eleazar, Abinadab's son, to care for the LORD's chest.

6:14 1Sa 6:18; 2Sa 24:22; 1Ki 19:21
7:4 Jgs 2:7, Jgs 2:10, Jgs 2:11, Jgs 2:13, Jgs 10:16
7:5 Jgs 20:1; 1Sa 8:6, 1Sa 10:17; Jer 15:1
7:7 1Sa 13:6, 1Sa 17:11
7:9 Ps 99:6; Jer 15:1
7:10 Josh 10:10; 1Sa 2:10
7:11 1Sa 4:1

Samuel leads Israel

2 Now a long time passed—a total of twenty years—after the chest came to stay in Kiriath-jearim, and the whole house of Israel yearned for[r] the LORD.

3 Then Samuel said to the whole house of Israel, "If you are turning to the LORD with all your heart, then get rid of all the foreign gods and the Astartes you have. Set your heart on the LORD! Worship him only! Then he will deliver you from the Philistines' power." 4 So the Israelites got rid of the Baals and the Astartes and worshipped the LORD only.

5 Next Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah. I will pray to the LORD for you."

6 So they assembled at Mizpah, and they drew water and poured it out in the LORD's presence. They fasted that same day and confessed, "We have sinned against the LORD." Samuel served as judge of the Israelites at Mizpah.

7 When the Philistines heard that the Israelites had assembled at Mizpah, the Philistine rulers went up to attack Israel. When the Israelites learned of this, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 The Israelites said to Samuel, "Please don't stop praying to the LORD our God for us, so God will save us from the Philistines' power!" 9 So Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it as an entirely burned offering to the LORD. Samuel cried out in prayer to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him.

10 While Samuel was offering the entirely burned offering, the Philistines advanced to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered against the Philistines with a great blast on that very day, throwing the Philistines into such a panic that they were defeated by Israel. 11 The Israelite soldiers came out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines. They struck them down

[p] LXX [q] LXX; MT adds *fifty thousand people.* [r] Heb uncertain; LXX *searched for*

until they reached a place just below Beth-car. 12Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah.[s] He named it Ebenezer,[t] explaining, "The LORD helped us to this very point."

13So the Philistines were defeated, and they stopped coming into Israelite territory. The LORD's hand was against the Philistines throughout Samuel's life. 14The towns the Philistines had captured from Israel, from Ekron to Gath, were returned to Israel. Israel also recovered the territory around those two cities from the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15Samuel served as Israel's judge his whole life. 16Each year he traveled between Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, serving as Israel's judge in each of those locations. 17Then he would return to Ramah because that's where his home was. In Ramah too he served as Israel's judge, and that is also where he built an altar to the LORD.

Israel demands a king

8 Now when Samuel got old, he appointed his sons to serve as Israel's judges. 2The name of his oldest son was Joel; the name of the second was Abijah. They served as judges in Beersheba. 3But Samuel's sons didn't follow in his footsteps. They tried to turn a profit, they accepted bribes, and they perverted justice.

4So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. 5They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have." 6It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he prayed to the LORD.

7The LORD answered Samuel, "Comply with the people's request—everything they ask of you—because they haven't rejected you. No, they've rejected me as king over them. 8They are doing to you only what they've been doing to me[u] from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. 9So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them and operate."[v]

10Then Samuel explained everything the LORD had said to the people who were asking for a king. 11"This is how the king will rule over you and operate," Samuel said:

"He will take your sons, and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. 12He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. 13He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. 14He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. 15He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. 16He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle[w] and donkeys, and make them do his work. 17He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! 18When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the LORD won't answer you."

19But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, "No! There must be a king over us 20so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles."

21Samuel listened to everything the people said and repeated it directly to the LORD. 22Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Comply with their request. Give them a king."

Samuel then told the Israelite people, "Go back, each of you, to your own hometown."

7:12 Gn 28:18, Gn 31:45, Gn 35:14; Josh 4:9; 1Sa 4:1
8:1 Dt 16:18
8:2 Gn 22:19; 1Ki 19:3; 1Ch 6:28
8:3 Ex 18:21, Ex 23:6, Ex 23:8; Dt 16:19; Prv 15:27
8:4 1Sa 7:17
8:5 Dt 17:14; 1Sa 8:19-20; Hos 13:10
8:6 1Sa 7:5, 1Sa 12:17, 1Sa 15:11
8:7 Ex 16:8; 1Sa 10:19
8:11 1Sa 10:25, 1Sa 14:52; 2Sa 15:1; 1Ki 1:5
8:12 1Ch 27:1
8:13 Gn 40:1
8:14 1Ki 21:7; Eze 46:18
8:15 Gn 41:34
8:18 Job 27:9; Is 1:15; Mi 3:4

[s]LXX, Syr; MT *Ha-shen* (the tooth) [t]Meaning *stone of help* [u]LXX; MT lacks *to me.* [v]Or *telling them the lawful practice of the king*; also in 8:11; cf 10:25 [w]LXX; MT *young men*

Saul chosen to lead Israel

9 There was a wealthy man from the tribe of Benjamin named Kish. He was the son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite. [2]He had a son named Saul, who was a handsome young man. No one in Israel was more handsome than Saul, and he stood head and shoulders above everyone else.

[3]When the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the servant boys with you and go look for the donkeys." [4]So he traveled through the highlands of Ephraim and the land of Shalishah, but they didn't find anything. They traveled through the land of Shaalim, but still found nothing, so they crossed back into the land of Benjamin, but they still couldn't find the donkeys. [5]When they came to the territory of Zuph, Saul said to the boy who was with him, "Let's go back before my father stops worrying about the donkeys and starts worrying about us."

[6]But the boy said to him, "Listen, there's a man of God in this town. He's famous—everything he says actually happens! So let's go there. Maybe he'll be able to tell us which way we should go."

[7]Saul said to his young boy, "But if we go, what should we bring to the man? The food in our bags is all gone. We don't have any gift to offer the man of God. Do we have anything?"

[8]"Here," the boy answered Saul, "I've got a quarter-shekel of silver. I'll give that to the man of God so he tells us which way to go." ([9]Earlier in Israel, someone going to consult with God would say, "Let's go to the seer," because the people who are called prophets today were previously called seers.)

[10]Saul said to the boy, "Great idea! Let's go." So they went into the town where the man of God lived. [11]They were going up the hill to the town when they met some young women coming out to draw water. "Is the seer here?" they asked them.

[12]"He's just ahead of you," they answered. "Hurry up! He has just come to town because there is a sacrifice today for the people at the shrine. [13]You'll find him as soon as you enter the town, before he goes up to the shrine to eat. The people won't eat until he gets there, because he must bless the sacrifice. Only after that can the invited guests eat. Now get going because you'll find him momentarily."

[14]So Saul and the boy went up to the town, and as they entered it, suddenly Samuel came toward them on his way up to the shrine. [15]Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed the following to Samuel: [16]"About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the Benjaminite territory. You will anoint him as leader of my people Israel. He will save my people from the Philistines' power because I have seen the suffering of[x] my people, and their cry for help has reached me." [17]When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, "That's the man I told you about. That's the one who will rule[y] my people."

[18]Saul approached Samuel in the city gate and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is."

[19]"I'm the seer," Samuel told Saul. "Go on ahead of me to the shrine. You can eat with me today. In the morning I'll send you on your way, and I will tell you everything you want to know. [20]As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, don't be worried about them because they've been found. Who owns all of Israel's treasures, anyway? Isn't it you and your whole family?"[z]

[21]"I'm a Benjaminite," Saul responded, "from the smallest Israelite tribe, and my family is the littlest of the families in the tribe of Benjamin. Why would you say something like that to me?"

[22]Then Samuel took Saul and his young servant and brought them to the banquet room. He gave them an hon-

9:1 1Sa 10:1, 1Sa 10:21, 1Sa 14:51; 2Sa 21:14; 1Ch 8:33

9:2 1Sa 10:23; 2Sa 14:25

9:3 1Sa 10:14

9:9 Gn 25:22; 2Sa 24:11; 2Ki 17:13; 1Ch 29:29

9:20 1Sa 8:5, 1Sa 9:3, 1Sa 12:13

9:21 Jgs 6:15, Jgs 20:46; 1Sa 15:17, 1Sa 18:18; Ps 68:27

9:22 Gn 43:32; Lk 14:10

[x]LXX; MT lacks *the suffering of.* [y]LXX; Heb uncertain, perhaps *restrain* or *gather (troops);* cf 10:1 [z]Or *But for whom does all Israel yearn if not for you and your whole family?*

ored place among the invited guests. There were about thirty total. 23 Samuel said to the cook, "Serve the portion I gave you—the one I told you to set aside." 24 So the cook took the thigh and what was on it,[a] and put it in front of Saul. Samuel said, "Look, what had been reserved is now in front of you. Eat up, because it was set apart for you for this specific occasion, ever since I invited the guests."[b] So Saul ate with Samuel that day. 25 When they came back from the shrine to the town, a bed was made for Saul on the roof, and he slept.[c]

26 Near dawn, Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Wake up! I will send you on your way." So Saul got up, and the two of them, he and Samuel, went outside. 27 As they were nearing the edge of town Samuel said, "Tell the boy to go on ahead of us" (the servant did so) "but you stop for a bit so I can tell you God's word."

Samuel anoints Saul as king

10 Samuel took a small jar of oil and poured it over Saul's head and kissed him. "The LORD hereby anoints you leader of his people Israel," Samuel said. "You will rule the LORD's people and save them from the power of the enemies who surround them. And this will be the sign for you that the LORD has anointed you as leader of his very own possession:[d] 2 When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will tell you, 'The donkeys you went looking for have been found. Now your father has stopped thinking about the donkeys and is worried about you. He's asking: What should I do about my son?' 3 Then, when you've gone on a bit farther, you will come to the oak at Tabor. Three men who are going to consult God at Bethel will meet up with you there, one carrying three young goats, one carrying three loaves of bread, and one carrying a jar of wine. 4 They will ask how you're doing and will offer you sacrificial bread,[e] which you should accept. 5 After that, you will come to Gibeath-elohim, which is a Philistine fort. When you enter the town, you will encounter a group of prophets coming down from the shrine preceded by harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres. They will be caught up in a prophetic frenzy. 6 Then the LORD's spirit will come over you, and you will be caught up in a prophetic frenzy right along with them; it will be like you've become a completely different person. 7 Once these signs have happened to you, do whatever you would like to do, because God is with you. 8 Then go down to Gilgal ahead of me. I'll come down to meet you to offer entirely burned offerings and to make well-being sacrifices. Wait seven days until I get to you, then I'll tell you what you should do next."

9 And just as Saul turned to leave Samuel's side, God gave him a different heart, and all these signs happened that very same day. 10 When Saul and the boy got to Gibeah, there was a group of prophets coming to meet him. God's spirit came over Saul, and he was caught up in a prophetic frenzy right along with them. 11 When all the people who had known Saul saw him prophesying with the prophets, they said to each other, "What's happened to Kish's son? Is Saul also one of the prophets?" 12 One of the locals then asked, "And who is their leader?"[f] So it became a proverb: "Is Saul also one of the prophets?" 13 When the prophetic frenzy was over, Saul went home.[g]

14 Saul's uncle said to him and to his young servant, "Where did you go?"

"To look for the donkeys," Saul replied, "but when we couldn't find anything, we went to Samuel."

15 "Please tell me what Samuel told you," Saul's uncle said.

16 "He reassured us that the donkeys

9:23 1Sa 1:5

10:1 1Sa 9:16, 1Sa 16:13; 1Ki 1:39; 2Ki 9:3; Ps 78:71

10:3 Gn 35:1, Gn 35:3, Gn 35:7

10:5 1Sa 10:10, 1Sa 13:3, 1Sa 19:20; 2Ki 3:15; 1Ch 25:1

10:6 Nm 11:25; 1Sa 10:10, 1Sa 19:23-24

10:10 1Sa 10:5-6, 1Sa 11:6, 1Sa 19:20

10:11 1Sa 19:24; Mt 13:54; Jn 7:15

[a]Heb uncertain [b]Heb uncertain [c]LXX; MT *He* (Samuel?) *talked with Saul on the roof. Then they got up early.*
[d]LXX; MT lacks *of his people Israel. . . . And this will be the sign for you that.* [e]LXX; DSS (4QSam[a]) *uplifted bread* (see Num 18:11); MT *two of bread* [f]Or *father* [g]Correction; MT *Saul entered the shrine.*

had been found," Saul answered. But Saul didn't tell his uncle what Samuel had said about the kingship.

Saul selected as king

17 Samuel summoned the people to the LORD at Mizpah. 18 Then he told the Israelites: "This is what the LORD God of Israel says: I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the Egyptians' power and from the power of all the kingdoms that oppressed you. 19 But today you've rejected your God who saved you from all your troubles and difficulties by saying, 'No! Appoint a king over us!' So now assemble yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and clans."

20 Then Samuel brought all the Israelite tribes forward, and the tribe of Benjamin was selected. 21 Next Samuel brought the tribe of Benjamin forward by its families, and the family of Matri was selected. Samuel then brought the family of Matri forward, person by person,[h] and Saul, Kish's son, was selected. But when they looked for him, he wasn't to be found. 22 So they asked another question of the LORD: "Has the man come here yet?"

The LORD said, "Yes, he's hiding among the supplies." 23 They ran and retrieved Saul from there, and when he stood up in the middle of the people, he was head and shoulders taller than anyone else.

24 "Can you see the one the LORD has chosen?" Samuel asked all the people. "He has no equal among the people."

Then the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

25 Samuel then explained to the people how the monarchy should operate[i] and wrote it in a scroll and placed it in the LORD's presence. Then Samuel sent every person back to their homes. 26 Saul also went back to his home in Gibeah. Along with him went courageous men whose hearts God had touched.

10:21 1Sa 9:1, 1Sa 10:20; 2Sa 21:14
10:22 1Sa 23:2
10:23 1Sa 9:2
10:25 Dt 17:14; 1Sa 8:11

27 But some despicable people said, "How can this man save us?" They despised Saul and didn't bring him gifts, but Saul didn't say anything.

Saul delivers Jabesh-gilead

[j] Nahash the Ammonite king had been severely oppressing the Gadites and the Reubenites. He gouged out everyone's right eye, thereby not allowing Israel to have a deliverer. There wasn't a single Israelite left across the Jordan River who hadn't had their right eye gouged out by the Ammonite king Nahash. But seven thousand people had escaped from the Ammonites' power and fled to Jabesh-gilead.

11 About a month later,[k] Nahash the Ammonite went up and laid siege to Jabesh-gilead. All the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a treaty with us, and we'll be your servants."

2 "I will make a treaty with you on one condition: that everyone's right eye be gouged out!" Nahash the Ammonite said to them. "That's how I bring humiliation on all Israel."

3 The elders of Jabesh replied to him, "Leave us alone for seven days so we can send messengers thoughout Israel's territory. If there's no one to save us, then we'll surrender to you."

4 When the messengers reached Gibeah where Saul lived, they reported the news directly to the people there. Then they all wept aloud. 5 At just that moment, Saul was coming back from keeping the cattle in the fields. "What's wrong with everybody?" he asked. "Why are they crying?" Saul was then told what the men from Jabesh had said.

6 God's spirit came over Saul when he heard those words, and he burned with anger. 7 He took two oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent them by messengers throughout Israel's territory. "This is exactly what will be done to the oxen of anyone who doesn't come to the aid of Saul and Samuel," he

[h] LXX; MT lacks *Samuel then brought the family of Matri forward, person by person.* [i] Or *the lawful practices of the monarchy* [j] This paragraph is found in DSS (4QSam[a]) and is also attested in Josephus (*Ant.* 6.5.1 [68-71]), but is missing in MT. [k] DSS (4QSam[a]), LXX; MT lacks *About a month later.*

said. Great fear of the LORD came over the people, and they came to Saul completely unified.[l] [8]When Saul counted them at Bezek, the soldiers from Israel totaled three hundred thousand and those from Judah thirty thousand.

[9]The messengers who had come were then told, "Say this to the people of Jabesh-gilead: Tomorrow by the time the sun is hot, you will be saved." When the messengers returned and reported this to the people of Jabesh, they were overjoyed.

[10]Then the people of Jabesh told the Ammonites, "We will surrender to you tomorrow. Then you can do whatever you want to us."

[11]The next day Saul organized his troops into three formations. They attacked the Ammonite camp during the morning watch and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. The survivors were so scattered that not even two of them could be found together.

[12]Then people asked Samuel, "Who was it who said, 'Will Saul rule over us?' Give us those people; we'll kill them!"

[13]But Saul said, "No one will be executed because today the LORD has saved Israel."

[14]"Let's go to Gilgal," Samuel told the people, "and inaugurate the monarchy there." [15]So everyone went to Gilgal, and there at Gilgal they made Saul king in the LORD's presence. They offered well-being sacrifices in the LORD's presence, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration there.

Samuel's last speech

12 Samuel said to all Israel: "Listen: I have done everything you asked of me and have placed a king over you. [2]The king will lead you now. I am old and gray, though my sons are still with you, and I've been your leader since I was young until now. [3]So I'm here: Tell the truth about me in the presence of the LORD and his anointed. Have I ever stolen someone's ox? Have I ever taken someone's donkey? Have I ever oppressed or mistreated anyone? Have I ever taken bribes from someone and looked the other way about something? Tell me the truth.[m] I will make it right."

12:3 Ex 20:17; Nm 16:15; 1Sa 10:1, 1Sa 24:6; 2Sa 1:14

12:4 1Sa 12:3

12:5 Gn 31:50; Ex 22:4; Ac 23:9, Ac 24:20

[4]"You haven't oppressed or mistreated us, and you've never taken anything from anyone," the people answered.

[5]Samuel replied, "The LORD and his anointed one are witnesses against you today that you haven't found anything in my possession."

"Agreed," they said.

[6]Then Samuel told the people: "The witness[n] is indeed the LORD, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up from the land of Egypt. [7]So now stand here, and I will judge you in the LORD's presence because of all the LORD's righteous acts that he has done for you and your ancestors:

[8]"When Jacob entered Egypt, the Egyptians oppressed them.[o] So your ancestors cried out to the LORD. The LORD then sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your ancestors out of Egypt and settled them here. [9]But your ancestors forgot the LORD their God, so he handed them over to Sisera the commander of Hazor's army, and to the Philistines, and to the Moabite king, all of whom fought against them. [10]Then your ancestors cried out to the LORD and said: 'We have sinned because we have abandoned the LORD and have worshipped the Baals and the Astartes. But now deliver us from the power of our enemies, and we will worship you.' [11]So the LORD sent Jerubbaal, Barak,[p] Jephthah, and Samson,[q] and he delivered you from the power of your enemies on every side. And you lived safe and secure. [12]But when you saw that Nahash the Ammonite king was coming against you, you said to me, 'No! There must be a king to rule over us.' But the LORD your God was already your king!

[l]MT lacks *to Saul.* [m]LXX [n]LXX; MT lacks *witness.* [o]LXX; MT lacks *the Egyptians oppressed them.* [p]LXX, Syr; MT *Bedan* [q]Syr (cf Targ), LXX[L] *Samson*; MT, LXX[AB] *Samuel*

13 "So now, here is the king you
chose, the one you asked for. Yes, the
LORD has put a king over you! 14 If you
will fear the LORD, worship him, obey
him, and not rebel against the LORD's
command, and if both you and the king
who rules over you follow the LORD
your God—all will be well. 15 But if you
don't obey the LORD and rebel against
the LORD's command, then the LORD's
power will go against you and your
king to destroy you.[r]

16 "So now take a stand! Look at this
awesome thing the LORD is doing.
17 Isn't the wheat harvest today? I will
call upon the LORD to send thun-
der and rain. Then you will know and
will see for yourselves what great evil
you've done in the LORD's eyes by ask-
ing for a king."

18 Samuel called upon the LORD, and
God sent thunder and rain on that very
day. Then all the people were in awe of
the LORD and Samuel.

19 All of them said to Samuel, "Please
pray for us, your servants, to the LORD
your God so we don't die because we
have added to our many sins the evil of
asking for a king."

20 But Samuel answered the people,
"Don't be afraid. Yes, you've done all
this evil; just don't turn back from
following the LORD. Serve the LORD
with all your heart. 21 Don't turn aside
to follow useless idols that can't help
you or save you. They're absolutely use-
less! 22 For the sake of his reputation,
the LORD won't abandon his people,
because the LORD has decided to make
you his very own people. 23 But me? I
would never sin against the LORD by
failing to pray for you. I will teach you
what is good and right. 24 Just fear the
LORD and serve him faithfully with all
your heart. Look at what great things
he has done for you! 25 But if you con-
tinue to do evil, then both you and
your king will be destroyed."

12:18 Ex 14:31; Ezr 10:9
12:22 Dt 7:7, Dt 31:6; Josh 7:9; Ps 94:14, Ps 106:8
12:23 1Ki 8:36; Ps 34:11; Prv 4:11; Jer 6:16; Ro 1:9
13:9 Dt 12:5; 1Sa 9:2, 1Sa 9:26, 1Sa 13:13; 1Ki 3:4
13:11 1Sa 13:2

Samuel rejects Saul's dynasty

13 Saul was 30 years old[s] when he
became king, and he ruled over
Israel forty-two years.[t] 2 Saul selected
three thousand men from Israel. Two
thousand of those were with Saul at
Michmash in the hills near Bethel,
and one thousand were with Jonathan
at Gibeah in Benjamin. He sent the
remaining men home. 3 Jonathan at-
tacked the Philistine fort at Geba, and
the Philistines heard about it. So Saul
sounded the alarm[u] throughout the
land and said, "Hebrews! Listen up!"
4 When all Israel heard that Saul had
attacked the Philistine fort and that
Israel was hated by the Philistines, the
troops were called to Saul's side at Gil-
gal. 5 The Philistines also were gathered
to fight against Israel. They brought
thirty thousand chariots with them,
six thousand cavalry, and as many sol-
diers as there is sand on the seashore
to fight Israel.[v] They marched up and
camped at Michmash, east of Beth-
aven. 6 When the Israelites saw that
they were in trouble and that their
troops were threatened, they hid in
caves, in thickets, among rocks, in tun-
nels, and in cisterns. 7 Some Hebrews
even crossed the Jordan River, going
into the land of Gad and Gilead.

Saul stayed at Gilgal, and the troops
followed him anxiously. 8 He waited
seven days, the time appointed by
Samuel, but Samuel didn't come to
Gilgal, and his troops began to de-
sert. 9 So Saul ordered, "Bring me the
entirely burned offering and the well-
being sacrifices." Then he offered the
entirely burned offering.

10 The very moment Saul finished of-
fering up the entirely burned offering,
Samuel arrived. Saul went out to meet
him and welcome him. 11 But Samuel
said, "What have you done?"

"I saw that my troops were desert-
ing," Saul replied. "You hadn't arrived

[r] LXX[L]; MT *against you and against your ancestors* [s] LXX[L]; Syr *twenty-one*; MT lacks a number; 13:1 is omitted in LXX[B]. [t] Part of the number is missing in MT (. . . *and two years*) and all ancient witnesses. Acts 13:21 says Saul ruled forty years, as does Josephus (*Ant.* 6.14.9 [378]), though Josephus also says Saul ruled twenty years (*Ant.* 10.8.4 [143]). [u] Heb *shofar* [v] LXX; MT lacks *They brought, with them, and to fight Israel.*

by the appointed time, and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash.
12I thought, The Philistines are about to march against me at Gilgal and I haven't yet sought the LORD's favor. So I took control of myself[w] and offered the entirely burned offering."

13"How stupid of you to have broken the commands the LORD your God gave you!" Samuel told Saul. "The LORD would have established your rule over Israel forever, 14but now your rule won't last. The LORD will search for a man of his own choosing,[x] and the LORD will commission him as leader over God's people, because you didn't keep the LORD's command."

15Samuel got up and went on his way from Gilgal, but the rest of the people followed Saul to join the army, and they went from Gilgal[y] to Gibeah in Benjamin. Saul counted about six hundred men still with him. 16Saul, his son Jonathan, and the people who were with him were staying at Geba in Benjamin, while the Philistines camped at Michmash. 17Three raiding parties left the Philistine camp. One took the road to Ophrah toward the territory of Shual. 18Another took the road to Beth-horon, and the last took the border road that overlooks the Zeboim Valley toward the desert.

Philistine ironworking

19No metalworker was to be found anywhere in Israelite territory because the Philistines had said, "The Hebrews must not make swords and spears."
20So every Israelite had to go down to the Philistines to sharpen their plowshares, mattocks, axes, and sickles.
21The cost was two-thirds of a shekel[z] for plowshares and mattocks, but one-third of a shekel for sharpening axes and for setting goads. 22So on the day of the battle, no swords or spears were to be found in the possession of any of the troops with Saul and Jonathan, but Saul and his son Jonathan had them.

13:12 1Sa 13:11, 1Sa 13:13
13:13 1Sa 15:11, 1Sa 15:28; 2Ch 16:9
13:14 1Sa 15:28, 1Sa 16:1; 2Sa 5:2; Ac 13:22
13:20 2Sa 12:31
14:1 Jgs 14:6; 1Sa 13:1-3, 1Sa 18:1

Jonathan leads Israel to victory

23Now a group of Philistine soldiers had marched out to the pass at Michmash.

14 One day Jonathan, Saul's son, said to his young armor-bearer, "Come on! Let's go over to the Philistine fort on the opposite side." But he didn't tell his father. 2Saul was sitting on the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree at Migron. He had about six hundred men with him, 3including Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, who was Ichabod's brother and the son of Phinehas the son of Eli, who was the LORD's priest at Shiloh. He was wearing a priestly vest.[a] None of the troops knew that Jonathan had gone.

4There were two stone outcroppings in the pass where Jonathan planned on crossing over to the Philistine fort—one on each side. One of these was named Bozez; the other was named Seneh. 5One outcropping was on the north side, in front of Michmash, and the other was on the south side, in front of Geba. 6Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come on, let's go over to the fort of these uncircumcised men. Maybe the LORD will act on our behalf. After all, nothing can stop the LORD from saving, whether there are many soldiers[b] or few."

7"Go ahead with whatever you're planning," his armor-bearer replied. "I'm with you, whatever you decide."

8"All right then," Jonathan said. "We'll go over to the men and show ourselves. 9If they say to us, 'Stay there until we get to you,' then we'll stay where we are and won't go up to them. 10But if they say, 'Come on up,' then we'll go up because that will be the sign that the LORD has handed them over to us."

11So they showed themselves to the Philistine fort, and the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes they've been hiding in!"
12Then the troops in the fort yelled to

[w]Or *forced myself*; Heb uncertain [x]Or *a man after his own heart* [y]LXX; MT lacks much of this verse. [z]Heb *pim*, which is two-thirds of a shekel [a]Heb *ephod* [b]MT lacks *soldiers*.

Jonathan and his armor-bearer, "Come on up! We'll teach you a lesson!"

So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Follow me, because the LORD has handed them over to Israel!" 13So Jonathan scrambled up on his hands and feet with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan. His armor-bearer, coming behind him, would then finish them off. 14In the first attack, Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed about twenty men in an area of about half an acre.[c] 15Panic broke out in the camp, in the field, and among all the troops. Even those in the fort and the raiders shook with fear. The very ground shook! It was a terror from God.

16Now Saul's lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the Philistine camp running all over the place.[d] 17Saul said to the troops with him, "Take a count and see who is missing." So they counted, and Jonathan and his armor-bearer were gone. 18Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the priestly vest!"[e] because at that time, Ahijah wore the priestly vest in Israel's presence.[f] 19As Saul was talking to the priest, the confusion in the Philistine camp continued to grow. Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."[g]

20Then Saul called all his troops together, and they went into battle. The Philistines were completely confused; every soldier's sword was turned against his fellow soldier. 21Even those Hebrews who had earlier joined up with the Philistines and moved into their camp changed sides to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 22Similarly, when all the Israelites who had been hiding in the highlands of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, they also joined the battle in hot pursuit of the Philistines. 23The LORD saved Israel that day, and the fighting carried on beyond Beth-aven.

14:24 Josh 6:26
14:27 1Sa 14:43; Prv 24:13

24Now the Israelite soldiers were in a difficult situation that day because Saul had bound the troops by a solemn pledge: "Anyone who eats anything before evening when I have taken revenge on my enemies is doomed." So none of the army ate anything. 25The troops[h] came across a honeycomb with honey on the ground. 26But even when they came across the honeycomb with the honey still flowing, no one ate any of it because the troops were afraid of the solemn pledge. 27But Jonathan hadn't heard his father make the people swear the pledge, so he dipped the end of the staff he was carrying into the honeycomb. When he ate some his eyes lit up. 28Then one of the soldiers spoke up: "Your father bound the troops by a solemn pledge: 'Anyone who eats food today is doomed.' That's why the troops are exhausted."

29Jonathan said, "My father has brought trouble to the land. Look how my eyes lit up when I tasted just a bit of that honey! 30It would have been even better if the troops had eaten some of their enemies' plunder today when they found it! But now the Philistine defeat isn't as thorough as it might have been."

31That day, after they had fought the Philistines from Michmash to Aijalon, the troops were completely exhausted. 32So the troops tore into the plunder, taking sheep, cattle, and calves. They slaughtered them right on the ground and devoured them with the blood still in them. 33When it was reported to Saul, "The troops are sinning against the LORD by eating meat with blood in it," Saul said, "All of you are traitors! Roll a large stone over here right now. 34Go among the troops and say to them, 'Everyone must bring their ox or sheep, and slaughter them here with me. Don't sin against the LORD by eating meat with blood still in it.'" So everyone brought whatever they had and

[c]Heb uncertain [d]LXX [e]LXX *ephod* [f]LXX; MT *"Bring out God's chest!" because at that time God's chest was with the Israelites;* cf 14:3. [g]That is, from the priestly vest (Heb *ephod*) or from the Urim and Thummim contained therein [h]MT *land*

slaughtered it there.[i] 35And Saul built an altar to the LORD. It was the first altar he had built to the LORD.

36"Let's go after the Philistines tonight and plunder them until morning," Saul said. "We won't leave them a single survivor!"

"Do whatever you think is best," the troops replied.

But the priest said, "Let's ask God first."

37So Saul questioned God: "Should I go after the Philistines? Will you hand them over to Israel?" But God did not answer him that day.

38Then Saul said, "All you officers in the army, come forward! Let's find out what sin was committed today. 39As surely as the LORD lives—the one who has saved Israel—even if it's my own son Jonathan, that person will be executed." Not one of the soldiers answered him. 40So Saul said to all Israel, "You be on one side, and my son Jonathan and I will be on the other."

"Do whatever you think is best," the troops said.

41Then Saul asked the LORD God of Israel, "Why haven't you answered your servant today? If the wrongdoing is mine or my son Jonathan's, respond with Urim, but if the wrongdoing belongs to your people Israel, respond with Thummim."[j] Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot, and the troops were cleared.

42Then Saul said, "Decide between me and my son Jonathan."[k] And Jonathan was selected.

43"Tell me what you've done," Saul said to Jonathan.

So Jonathan told him. "I only took a very small taste of honey on the end of my staff," he said. "And now I'm supposed to die?"

44"May God deal harshly with me and worse still if you don't die today!"[l] Saul swore.

14:36 1Sa 14:18-19
14:37 1Sa 28:6, 1Sa 30:8
14:38 Josh 7:11
14:42 1Sa 14:41
14:43 Josh 7:19; 1Sa 14:27
14:44 Ru 1:17; 1Sa 14:39
14:45 2Sa 14:11; 1Ki 1:52
15:1 1Sa 9:16, 1Sa 10:1

45But the troops said to Saul, "Why should Jonathan die when he has won this great victory for Israel? No way! As surely as the LORD lives, not one hair off his head will fall to the ground, because he did this today with God's help." So the troops rescued Jonathan, and he wasn't executed.

46Then Saul stopped chasing the Philistines, and the Philistines went back to their own country.

Saul's wars

47Saul secured his kingship over Israel. He fought against his enemies on every side: against Moab, the Ammonites, Edom, the king of Zobah,[m] and the Philistines. Wherever he turned, he was victorious.[n] 48He acted heroically, defeating the Amalekites and rescuing Israel from the power of any who had plundered them.

49Saul's sons were Jonathan, Ishvi, and Malchishua. The names of his two daughters were Merab, the oldest, and Michal, the younger daughter. 50The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, Ahimaaz's daughter. The name of his general was Abner, Ner's son, Saul's uncle. 51Kish, Saul's father, and Ner, Abner's father, were Abiel's sons.

52There was fierce warfare against the Philistines throughout Saul's lifetime. So whenever Saul saw any strong or heroic man, he would add him to his troops.

Samuel rejects Saul's kingship

15 Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel. Listen now to the LORD's words! 2This is what the LORD of heavenly forces says: I am going to punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel: how they attacked the Israelites as they came up from Egypt. 3So go! Attack the Amalekites; put everything that belongs to them under

[i] LXX; MT *brought their ox and slaughtered it there that night.* [j] LXX, Vulg; MT *Saul asked the LORD God of Israel, "Give the right answer."* Urim and Thummim were sacred lots carried by the priest. [k] LXX adds *"Whoever the LORD selects will die." The army said to Saul, "Don't do this!" But Saul forced them, so they decided between him and Jonathan his son.* [l] LXX; MT *if you don't die, Jonathan* [m] LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]); MT *kings of Zobah* [n] LXX

the ban.[o] Spare no one. Kill men and women, children and infants, oxen and sheep, camels and donkeys."

[4]Saul called out the troops and counted them at Telaim: two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand more troops from Judah. [5]Then Saul advanced on the Amalekite city and laid an ambush in the valley. [6]Saul told the Kenites, "Get going! Leave the Amalekites immediately because you showed kindness to the Israelites when they came out of Egypt. Otherwise, I'll destroy you right along with them." So the Kenites left the Amalekites. [7]Then Saul attacked the Amalekites from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is near Egypt. [8]He captured Agag the Amalekite king alive, but Saul placed all the people under the ban, killing them with the sword. [9]Saul and the troops spared Agag along with the best sheep, cattle, fattened calves,[p] lambs, and everything of value. They weren't willing to put them under the ban; but anything that was despised or of no value[q] they placed under the ban.

[10]Then the LORD's word came to Samuel: [11]"I regret making Saul king because he has turned away from following me and hasn't done what I said." Samuel was upset at this, and he prayed to the LORD all night long.

[12]Samuel got up early in the morning to meet Saul, and was told, "Saul went to Carmel, where he is setting up a monument for himself. Then he left and went down to Gilgal."

[13]When Samuel reached Saul,[r] Saul greeted him, "The LORD bless you! I have done what the LORD said."

[14]"Then what," Samuel asked, "is this bleating of sheep in my ears and mooing of cattle I hear?"

[15]"They were taken from the Amalekites," Saul said, "because the troops spared the best sheep and cattle in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God. The rest was placed under the ban."

[16]Samuel then said to Saul, "Enough! Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night."

"Tell me," Saul replied.

[17]Samuel said, "Even if you think you are insignificant, aren't you the leader of Israel's tribes? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. [18]The LORD sent you on a mission, instructing you, 'Go, and put the sinful Amalekites under the ban. Fight against them until you've wiped them out.' [19]Why didn't you obey the LORD? You did evil in the LORD's eyes when you tore into the plunder!"

[20]"But I did obey the LORD!" Saul protested to Samuel. "I went on the mission the LORD sent me on. I captured Agag the Amalekite king, and I put the Amalekites under the ban. [21]Yes, the troops took sheep and cattle from the plunder—the very best items placed under the ban—but in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

[22]Then Samuel replied,

"Does the LORD want entirely
burned offerings and sacrifices
as much as obedience
to the LORD?
Listen to this:
obeying is better than sacrificing,
paying attention
is better than fat from rams,
[23]because rebellion is as bad
as the sin of divination;
arrogance is like the evil of idolatry.[s]
Because you have rejected
what the LORD said,
he has rejected you as king."

[24]Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned because I disobeyed the LORD's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the troops and obeyed them. [25]But now please forgive my sin! Come back with me, so I can worship the LORD."

15:9 1Sa 15:3, 1Sa 15:15, 1Sa 15:19, 1Sa 28:18

15:11 Gn 6:6; Ex 32:14; Josh 22:16; 1Sa 8:6, 1Sa 15:35

15:17 1Sa 9:21

15:22 Prv 21:3; Is 1:11; Hos 6:6; Mi 6:6; Mk 12:33

15:23 Dt 18:10

15:24 Nm 22:34; Prv 29:25; Is 51:12

[o]A technique of holy war that often involves total destruction, in which everything that is destroyed is dedicated to the deity who helps in the battle; also in 15:8-9, 15, 18, 20-21. [p]LXX [q]LXX; Heb uncertain [r]LXX adds *he was offering entirely burned sacrifices to the LORD, the best of the plunder that he had taken from Amalek. As Samuel approached Saul.* [s]Sym, LXX[B]; MT *evil and idolatry*

[26]But Samuel said to Saul, "I can't[t] return with you because you have rejected what the LORD said, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

[27]Samuel turned to leave, but Saul grabbed at the edge of his robe, and it ripped. [28]Then Samuel told him, "The LORD has ripped the kingdom of Israel from you today. He will give it to a friend of yours, someone who is more worthy than you. [29]What's more, the enduring one of Israel doesn't take back what he says and doesn't change his mind. He is not a human being who would change his mind."

[30]"I have sinned," Saul said, "but please honor me in front of my people's elders and before Israel, and come back with me so I can worship the LORD your God." [31]So Samuel went back with Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

[32]"Bring me Agag the Amalekite king," Samuel said.

Agag came to him in chains, asking, "Would death have been as bitter as this is?"[u]

[33]Samuel said, "Just as your sword left women without their children, now your mother will be childless among women." Then Samuel cut Agag to pieces in the LORD's presence at Gilgal.

[34]Then Samuel went to Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah. [35]Samuel never saw Saul again before he died, but he grieved over Saul. However, the LORD regretted making Saul king over Israel.

Samuel anoints David

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found[v] my next king among his sons."

[2]"How can I do that?" Samuel asked. "When Saul hears of it he'll kill me!"

"Take a heifer with you," the LORD replied, "and say, 'I have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD.' [3]Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make clear to you what you should do. You will anoint for me the person I point out to you."

[4]Samuel did what the LORD instructed. When he came to Bethlehem, the city elders came to meet him. They were shaking with fear. "Do you come in peace?" they asked.

[5]"Yes," Samuel answered. "I've come to make a sacrifice to the LORD. Now make yourselves holy, then come with me to the sacrifice." Samuel made Jesse and his sons holy and invited them to the sacrifice as well.

[6]When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, That must be the LORD's anointed right in front.

[7]But the LORD said to Samuel, "Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God[w] doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the LORD sees into the heart."

[8]Next Jesse called for Abinadab, who presented himself to Samuel, but he said, "The LORD hasn't chosen this one either." [9]So Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, "No, the LORD hasn't chosen this one." [10]Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD hasn't picked any of these." [11]Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Is that all of your boys?"

"There is still the youngest one," Jesse answered, "but he's out keeping the sheep."

"Send for him," Samuel told Jesse, "because we can't proceed until he gets here."[x]

[12]So Jesse sent and brought him in. He was reddish brown, had beautiful eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, "That's the one. Go anoint him." [13]So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him right there in front of his brothers. The LORD's spirit came over David from that point forward.

Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

15:26 1Sa 13:14, 1Sa 16:1
15:27 1Sa 28:14; 1Ki 11:30-31
15:28 1Sa 13:14, 1Sa 28:17-18; 1Ki 11:31
15:29 Nm 23:19; Ti 1:2
15:35 Gn 6:6; 1Sa 15:11, 1Sa 15:29, 1Sa 16:1, 1Sa 19:24
16:1 Ru 4:17; 1Sa 10:1, 1Sa 13:14, 1Sa 15:35; Ac 13:22
16:7 1Ki 8:39; 1Ch 28:9; Jer 17:10; Rev 2:23
16:10 1Ch 2:13
16:11 1Sa 17:12; 2Sa 7:8; Ps 78:70-71
16:12 Gn 39:6; 1Sa 9:17, 1Sa 17:42; Ac 7:20
16:13 1Sa 10:1, 1Sa 10:6, 1Sa 10:10, 1Sa 16:1; 2Sa 2:4

[t]Or *won't* [u]LXX; Heb uncertain [v]Or *seen* [w]LXX; MT lacks *God*. [x]MT; LXX *we won't sit down* (that is, to eat)

David is introduced to Saul

14 Now the LORD's spirit had departed
from Saul, and an evil spirit from the
LORD tormented him. 15 Saul's servants
said to him, "Look, an evil spirit from
God is tormenting you. 16 If our master
just says the word, your servants will
search for someone who knows how
to play the lyre. The musician can play
whenever the evil spirit from God is af-
fecting you, and then you'll feel better."

17 Saul said to his servants, "Find me
a good musician and bring him to me."

18 One of the servants responded,
"I know that one of Jesse's sons from
Bethlehem is a good musician. He's a
strong man and heroic, a warrior who
speaks well and is good-looking too.
The LORD is with him."

19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse
to say, "Send me your son David, the
one who keeps the sheep."

20 Jesse then took a donkey and
loaded it with a homer of bread,[y] a jar
of wine, and a young goat, and he sent
it along with his son David to Saul.
21 That is how David came to Saul and
entered his service. Saul liked David
very much,[z] and David became his
armor-bearer. 22 Saul sent a message to
Jesse: "Please allow David to remain in
my service because I am pleased with
him." 23 Whenever the evil spirit from
God affected Saul, David would take
the lyre and play it. Then Saul would
relax and feel better, and the evil spirit
would leave him alone.

David defeats Goliath

17 The Philistines assembled their
troops for war at Socoh of Judah.
They camped between Socoh and Aze-
kah at Ephes-dammim. 2 Saul and the
Israelite army assembled and camped
in the Elah Valley, where they got orga-
nized to fight the Philistines. 3 The Phi-
listines took positions on one hill while
Israel took positions on the opposite
hill. There was a valley between them.

16:14 Jgs 9:23; 1Sa 18:10, 1Sa 18:12, 1Sa 19:9, 1Sa 28:15
16:16 1Sa 10:5, 1Sa 16:23, 1Sa 18:10; 2Ki 3:15
16:18 1Sa 3:19, 1Sa 17:32
16:19 1Sa 16:11, 1Sa 17:15, 1Sa 17:34
16:23 1Sa 16:14, 1Sa 16:16
17:1 Josh 10:10-11, Josh 15:35; 1Sa 13:5; 1Ch 11:13
17:14 1Sa 16:11

4 A champion named Goliath from
Gath came out from the Philistine
camp. He was more than nine feet
tall.[a] 5 He had a bronze helmet on his
head and wore bronze scale-armor
weighing one hundred twenty-five
pounds.[b] 6 He had bronze plates on
his shins, and a bronze scimitar hung
on his back. 7 His spear shaft[c] was as
strong as the bar on a weaver's loom,
and its iron head weighed fifteen
pounds.[d] His shield-bearer walked in
front of him.

8 He stopped and shouted to the
Israelite troops, "Why have you come
and taken up battle formations? I am
the Philistine champion,[e] and you are
Saul's servants. Isn't that right? Select
one of your men, and let him come
down against me. 9 If he is able to fight
me and kill me, then we will become
your slaves, but if I overcome him and
kill him, then you will become our
slaves and you will serve us. 10 I insult
Israel's troops today!" the Philistine
continued, "Give me an opponent, and
we'll fight!" 11 When Saul and all Israel
heard what the Philistine said, they
were distressed and terrified.[f]

12 Now David was Jesse's son, an
Ephraimite from Bethlehem in Judah
who had eight sons. By Saul's time,
Jesse was already quite old and far
along in age.[g] 13 Jesse's three oldest
sons had gone with Saul to war. Their
names were Eliab the oldest, Abin-
adab the second oldest, and Sham-
mah the third oldest. 14 (David was the
youngest.) These three older sons fol-
lowed Saul, 15 but David went back and
forth from Saul's side to shepherd his
father's flock in Bethlehem.

16 For forty days straight the Philis-
tine came out and took his stand, both
morning and evening. 17 Jesse said to
his son David, "Please take your broth-
ers an ephah[h] of this roasted grain and
these ten loaves of bread. Deliver them
quickly to your brothers in the camp.

[y] LXX [z] Or *David liked Saul very much.* [a] LXX *over six feet tall* [b] Five thousand shekels [c] Qere, LXX, Syr (cf 2 Sam 21:19); Kethib *the point of his spear* [d] Six hundred shekels [e] MT *the Philistine* lacks *champion.* [f] The following verses are absent from LXX[B]: 17:12-31, 41, 48*b*, 50, 55-58. [g] LXX, Syr [h] One ephah is approximately twenty quarts.

[18]And here, take these ten wedges of cheese to their unit commander. Find out how your brothers are doing and bring back some sign that they are okay. [19]They are with Saul and all the Israelite troops fighting the Philistines in the Elah Valley."

[20]So David got up early in the morning, left someone in charge of the flock, and loaded up and left, just as his father Jesse had instructed him. He reached the camp right when the army was taking up their battle formations and shouting the war cry. [21]Israel and the Philistines took up their battle formations opposite each other. [22]David left his things with an attendant and ran to the front line. When he arrived, he asked how his brothers were doing. [23]Right when David was speaking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came forward from the Philistine ranks and said the same things he had said before. David listened. [24]When the Israelites saw Goliath, every one of them ran away terrified of him. ([25]Now the Israelite soldiers had been saying to each other: "Do you see this man who keeps coming out? How he comes to insult Israel? The king will reward with great riches whoever kills that man. The king will give his own daughter to him and make his household exempt from taxes[i] in Israel.")

[26]David asked the soldiers standing by him, "What will be done for the person who kills that Philistine over there and removes this insult from Israel? Who is that uncircumcised Philistine, anyway, that he can get away with insulting the army of the living God?"

[27]Then the troops repeated to him what they had been saying. "So that's what will be done for the man who kills him," they said.

[28]When David's oldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the soldiers, he got very mad at David. "Why did you come down here?" he said. "Who is watching those few sheep for you in the wilderness? I know how arrogant you are and your devious plan: you came down just to see the battle!"

[29]"What did I do wrong this time?" David replied. "It was just a question!"

[30]So David turned to someone else and asked the same thing, and the people said the same thing in reply. [31]The things David had said were overheard and reported to Saul, who sent for him.

[32]"Don't let anyone[j] lose courage because of this Philistine!" David told Saul. "I, your servant, will go out and fight him!"

[33]"You can't go out and fight this Philistine," Saul answered David. "You are still a boy. But he's been a warrior since he was a boy!"

[34]"Your servant has kept his father's sheep," David replied to Saul, "and if ever a lion or a bear came and carried off one of the flock, [35]I would go after it, strike it, and rescue the animal from its mouth. If it turned on me, I would grab it at its jaw, strike it, and kill it. [36]Your servant has fought both lions and bears. This uncircumcised Philistine will be just like one of them because he has insulted the army of the living God.

[37]"The LORD," David added, "who rescued me from the power of both lions and bears, will rescue me from the power of this Philistine."

"Go!" Saul replied to David. "And may the LORD be with you!"

[38]Then Saul dressed David in his own gear, putting a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. [39]David strapped his sword on over the armor, but he couldn't walk around well because he'd never tried it before. "I can't walk in this," David told Saul, "because I've never tried it before." So he took them off. [40]He then grabbed his staff and chose five smooth stones from the streambed. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag and with sling in hand went out to the Philistine.

17:26 Dt 5:26; 1Sa 11:2, 1Sa 14:6, 1Sa 17:36; 2Ki 19:4
17:32 1Sa 16:18
17:34 1Sa 17:15; Am 3:12
17:35 Jgs 14:6; Am 3:12
17:39 1Sa 13:22, 1Sa 17:38, 1Sa 17:45; 2Co 10:4
17:40 Jgs 20:16

[i]Heb uncertain [j]LXX *my master* (the king)

41 The Philistine got closer and closer
to David, and his shield-bearer was in
front of him. 42 When the Philistine
looked David over, he sneered at David
because he was just a boy; reddish
brown and good-looking.

43 The Philistine asked David, "Am
I some sort of dog that you come at
me with sticks?" And he cursed David
by his gods. 44 "Come here," he said to
David, "and I'll feed your flesh to the
wild birds and the wild animals!"

45 But David told the Philistine, "You
are coming against me with sword,
spear, and scimitar, but I come against
you in the name of the LORD of heav-
enly forces, the God of Israel's army,
the one you've insulted. 46 Today the
LORD will hand you over to me. I will
strike you down and cut off your head!
Today I will feed your dead body and
the dead bodies of the entire Philistine
camp[k] to the wild birds and the wild
animals. Then the whole world will
know that there is a God on Israel's
side. 47 And all those gathered here will
know that the LORD doesn't save by
means of sword and spear. The LORD
owns this war, and he will hand all of
you over to us."

48 The Philistine got up and moved
closer to attack David, and David ran
quickly to the front line to face him.
49 David put his hand in his bag and
took out a stone. He slung it, and it
hit the Philistine on his forehead. The
stone penetrated his forehead, and he
fell facedown on the ground. 50 And
that's how David triumphed over the
Philistine with just a sling and a stone,
striking the Philistine down and kill-
ing him—and David didn't even have
a sword! 51 Then David ran and stood
over the Philistine. He grabbed the
Philistine's sword, drew it from its
sheath, and finished him off. Then
David cut off the Philistine's head with
the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their
hero was dead, they fled. 52 The sol-

17:41 1Sa 17:7

17:42 1Sa 16:12; 2Sa 6:16; Ps 123:4; Prv 16:18

17:43 1Sa 24:14; 2Sa 3:8, 2Sa 9:8, 2Sa 16:9; 2Ki 8:13

17:44 1Sa 17:46; 2Sa 21:10; 1Ki 20:10

17:45 2Ch 32:8; Ps 124:8

17:46 Dt 28:26; Josh 4:24; 1Ki 18:36

17:47 1Sa 14:6; 2Ch 14:11, 2Ch 20:15; Ps 44:6; Hos 1:7

17:49 1Sa 17:50; 2Sa 21:15

17:50 Jgs 3:31; Ru 4:22; 1Sa 16:13, 1Sa 17:14, 1Sa 17:39

17:51 1Sa 21:9; 2Sa 23:21; Heb 11:34

18:1 1Sa 19:1, 1Sa 20:16-17; 2Sa 1:26

diers from Israel and Judah jumped
up with a shout and chased the Phi-
listines all the way to Gath[l] and the
gates of Ekron. The dead Philistines
were littered along the Shaarim road
all the way to Gath and Ekron. 53 When
the Israelites came back from chasing
the Philistines, they plundered their
camp. 54 David took the head of the
Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem,
but he put the Philistine's weapons in
his own tent.

55 Now when Saul saw David go out
to meet the Philistine, he asked Abner
the army general, "Abner, whose son is
that boy?"

"As surely as you live, Your Majesty,
I don't know," Abner answered.

56 "Then find out whose son that
young man is," the king replied.

57 So when David came back from
killing the Philistine, Abner sent for
him and presented him to Saul. The
Philistine's head was still in David's
hand. 58 Saul said to him, "Whose son
are you, my boy?"

"I'm the son of your servant Jesse
from Bethlehem," David answered.

Jonathan and David

18 As soon as David had finished
talking with Saul, Jonathan's
life[m] became bound up with David's
life, and Jonathan cared about David
as much as he cared about himself.[n]
2 From that point forward, Saul kept
David in his service[o] and wouldn't
allow him to return to his father's
household. 3 And Jonathan and David
made a covenant together because
Jonathan cared about David as much
as he cared about himself. 4 Jonathan
took off the robe he was wearing and
gave it to David, along with his armor,
as well as his sword, his bow, and his
belt. 5 David went out and was success-
ful in every mission Saul sent him to
do. So Saul placed him in charge of the
soldiers, and this pleased all the troops
as well as Saul's servants.

[k] LXX; MT lacks *your dead body.* [l] LXX; MT *Gai* or *a valley* [m] Or *soul*; also twice more in this verse and in 18:3
[n] The following verses are absent from LXX[B]: 18:1-5, 10-11, 17-19, 29*b*-30. [o] MT lacks *in his service.*

Saul jealous of David

6 After David came back from killing the Philistine, and as the troops returned home, women from all of Israel's towns came out to meet King Saul[p] with singing and dancing, with tambourines, rejoicing, and musical instruments. 7 The women sang in celebration:

"Saul has killed his thousands,
but David has killed
his tens of thousands!"

8 Saul burned with anger. This song annoyed him. "They've credited David with tens of thousands," he said, "but only credit me with thousands. What's next for him—the kingdom itself?" 9 So Saul kept a close eye on David from that point on.

10 The next day an evil spirit from God came over Saul,[q] and he acted like he was in a prophetic frenzy in his house. So David played the lyre as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand, 11 and he threw it, thinking, I'll pin David to the wall. But David escaped from him two different times.

12 Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with David but no longer with Saul. 13 So Saul removed David from his service, placing him in command of a unit of one thousand men. David led the men out to war and back. 14 David was successful in everything he did because the LORD was with him. 15 Saul saw that he was very successful, and he was afraid of him. 16 Everyone in Israel and Judah loved David because he led them out in war and back again.

17 Saul said to David, "Look, here is my oldest daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage on this condition: you must be my warrior and fight the LORD's battles." I won't raise my hand against him, Saul thought; let the Philistines do that!

18 "I'm not worthy," David replied to Saul, "and neither is my family or my father's clan in Israel, to become the king's son-in-law." 19 And so when the time came for Saul's daughter Merab to be married to David, she was given to Adriel from Meholah instead.

20 Now Saul's younger daughter Michal loved David. When this was reported to Saul, he was happy about it. 21 I'll give her to him, Saul thought; she'll cause him problems, and the Philistines will be against him.

So Saul said to David a second time, "Become my son-in-law now."

22 Saul instructed his servants, "Tell David in private: 'Look, the king likes you, and all his servants love you. You should become the king's son-in-law.'"

23 Saul's servants whispered these things in David's ear. But David said, "Do you think it's a simple matter to become the king's son-in-law? I don't! I'm poor and insignificant."

24 Saul's servants reported what David said, 25 and Saul replied, "Tell David this: 'The king doesn't want any bridal gift, just a hundred Philistine foreskins as vengeance on the king's enemies.'" (Saul was hoping that David would die at the hands of the Philistines.) 26 When the servants reported this to David, he was happy to become the king's son-in-law. Even before the allotted time had expired,[r] 27 David got up and went with his soldiers and killed one hundred Philistines.[s] David brought their foreskins and counted them out for the king so he could become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave his daughter Michal to him in marriage.

28 When Saul knew for certain that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved him, 29 then Saul was even more afraid of David. Saul was David's enemy for the rest of his life.[t] 30 And whenever the Philistine commanders came out for battle, David would have more success than the rest of Saul's officers, so his fame spread widely.

18:6 Ex 15:20; Jgs 11:34; Ps 68:25
18:7 Ex 15:21; 1Sa 21:11, 1Sa 29:5
18:8 1Sa 15:28
18:9 1Sa 18:8
18:10 1Sa 16:14, 1Sa 16:16, 1Sa 19:9, 1Sa 19:24
18:18 Ex 3:11; 1Sa 9:21, 1Sa 18:23, 1Sa 24:14; 2Sa 7:18
18:29 1Sa 18:12

[p] MT; LXX *to meet David* [q] Or *to Saul* [r] Heb uncertain [s] LXX, cf 2 Sam 3:14; MT *two hundred* [t] Or *Saul became David's constant enemy.*

David escapes Saul

19 Saul ordered his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David, but Jonathan, Saul's son, liked David very much. [2]So Jonathan warned David, "My father Saul is trying to kill you. Be on guard tomorrow morning. Stay somewhere safe and hide. [3]I'll go out and stand by my father in the field where you'll be. I'll talk to my father about you, and I'll tell you whatever I find out."

[4]So Jonathan spoke highly about David to his father Saul, telling him, "The king shouldn't do anything wrong to his servant David, because he hasn't wronged you. In fact, his actions have helped you greatly. [5]He risked his own life when he killed that Philistine, and the LORD won a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and were happy about it. Why then would you do something wrong to an innocent person by killing David for no reason?"

[6]Saul listened to Jonathan and then swore, "As surely as the LORD lives, David won't be executed." [7]So Jonathan summoned David and told him everything they had talked about. Then Jonathan brought David back to Saul, and David served Saul as he had previously.

[8]War broke out again. When David went out to fight the Philistines, he struck them with such force that they ran from him.

[9]Then an evil spirit from the LORD came over Saul.[u] He was sitting in his house with his spear in hand while David was playing music. [10]Saul tried to pin David to the wall with his spear, but David escaped Saul. Saul drove the spear into the wall, but David fled and got away safely. That night [11]Saul sent messengers to David's house to keep watch on it and kill him in the morning. David's wife Michal warned him, "If you don't escape with your life tonight, you are a dead man tomorrow." [12]So Michal lowered David through a window. He took off and ran, and he got away. [13]Then Michal took the household's divine image and laid it in the bed, putting some goat's hair on its head and covering it with clothes.

[14]Saul sent messengers to arrest David, but she said, "He's sick."

[15]Saul sent the messengers back to check on David for themselves. "Bring him to me on his bed," he ordered, "so he can be executed." [16]When the messengers arrived, they found the idol in the bed with the goat's hair on its head. [17]Saul said to Michal, "Why could you betray me like this, letting my enemy go so that now he has escaped?"

Michal said to Saul, "David told me, 'Help me get away or I'll kill you!'"

[18]So David fled and escaped. When he reached Samuel at Ramah, he reported to him everything Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went to stay in the camps.[v]

[19]When Saul was told that David was in the camps at Ramah, [20]he sent messengers to arrest David. They saw a group of prophets in a prophetic frenzy, with Samuel standing there as their leader. God's spirit came over Saul's messengers, and they also fell into a prophetic frenzy. [21]This was reported to Saul, and he sent different messengers, but they also fell into a prophetic frenzy. So Saul sent a third group of messengers, and they did the very same thing.

[22]At that point, Saul went to Ramah himself. He came to the well at the threshing floor that was on the bare hill there[w] and asked, "Where are Samuel and David?"

"In the camps at Ramah," he was told. [23]So Saul went to the camps at Ramah, and God's spirit came over him too. So as he traveled, he was in a prophetic frenzy until he reached the camps at Ramah. [24]He even took off all his clothes and fell into a prophetic frenzy in front of Samuel. He lay naked that whole day and night. That's why people say, "Is Saul also one of the prophets?"

19:1 1Sa 18:1, 1Sa 18:8
19:4 Gn 42:22; 1Sa 20:32; Prv 17:13, Prv 31:8; Jer 18:20
19:5 Dt 19:10; Jgs 9:17; 1Sa 11:13, 1Sa 17:49; Mt 27:4
19:10 1Sa 18:11, 1Sa 19:6, 1Sa 20:33
19:11 Jgs 16:2; Ps 59:1
19:12 Josh 2:15; Ac 9:25; 2Co 11:33
19:13 Gn 31:19; Jgs 18:14
19:14 Josh 2:5
19:15 1Sa 19:6
19:16 1Sa 19:13
19:17 2Sa 2:22
19:18 1Sa 7:17, 1Sa 20:1
19:20 Nm 11:25; 1Sa 10:5-6, 1Sa 10:10, 1Sa 19:14
19:23 Nm 24:2; 1Sa 10:10, 1Sa 19:20
19:24 1Sa 10:11; 2Sa 6:20; Is 20:2

[u]Or *to Saul* [v]Or *Naioth*, also in 19:19, 22-23 [w]LXX; MT *the large well at Secu*

Jonathan and David's friendship

20:4 1Sa 14:1, 1Sa 14:27, 1Sa 14:43, 1Sa 14:49, 1Sa 18:1

20:5 Nm 10:10, Nm 28:11; 1Sa 19:2, 1Sa 20:18, 1Sa 20:24

20:23 1Sa 20:14-15, 1Sa 20:42

20 David fled from the camps at Ramah. He came to Jonathan and asked, "What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father that he wants me dead?"

2 Jonathan said to him, "No! You are not going to die! Listen: My father doesn't do anything big or small without telling me first. Why would my father hide this from me? It isn't true!"

3 But David solemnly promised in response, "Your father knows full well that you like me. He probably said, 'Jonathan must not learn about this or he'll be upset.'[x] But I promise you—on the LORD's life and yours!—that I am this close to death!"

4 "What do you want me to do?" Jonathan said to David. "I'll do it."

5 "Okay, listen," David answered Jonathan. "Tomorrow is the new moon, and I'm supposed to sit with the king at the feast. Instead, let me go and I'll hide in the field until nighttime.[y] 6 If your father takes note of my absence, tell him, 'David begged my permission to run down to his hometown Bethlehem, because there is an annual sacrifice there for his whole family.' 7 If Saul says 'Fine,' then I, your servant, am safe. But if he loses his temper, then you'll know for certain that he intends to harm me. 8 So be loyal to your servant, because you've brought your servant into a sacred covenant[z] with you. If I'm guilty, then kill me yourself; just don't take me back to your father."

9 "Enough!" Jonathan replied. "If I can determine for certain that my father intends to harm you, of course I'll tell you!"

10 "Who will tell me if your father responds harshly?" David asked Jonathan.

11 "Come on," Jonathan said to David. "Let's go into the field." So both of them went out into the field. 12 Then Jonathan told David, "I pledge by the LORD God of Israel that I will question my father by this time tomorrow or on the third day. If he seems favorable toward David, I will definitely send word and make sure you know. 13 But if my father intends to harm you, then may the LORD deal harshly with me, Jonathan, and worse still if I don't tell you right away so that you can escape safely. May the LORD be with you as he once was with my father. 14 If I remain alive, be loyal to me.[a] But if I die, 15 don't ever stop being loyal to my household. Once the LORD has eliminated all of David's enemies from the earth, 16 if Jonathan's name is also eliminated, then the LORD will seek retribution from David!"[b]

17 So Jonathan again made a pledge to David[c] because he cared about David as much as he cared about himself. 18 "Tomorrow is the festival of the new moon," Jonathan told David. "You will be missed because your seat will be empty. 19 The day after tomorrow, go all the way to the spot where you hid on the day of the incident, and stay close to that mound.[d] 20 On the third day I will shoot an arrow to the side of the mound as if aiming at a target.[e] 21 Then I'll send the servant boy, saying, 'Go retrieve the arrow.' If I yell to the boy, 'Hey! The arrow is on this side of you. Get it!' then you can come out because it will be safe for you. There won't be any trouble—I make a pledge on the LORD's life. 22 But if I yell to the young man, 'Hey! The arrow is past you,' then run for it, because the LORD has sent you away. 23 Either way, the LORD is witness[f] between us forever regarding the promise we made to each other." 24 So David hid himself in the field.

When the new moon came, the king sat at the feast to eat. 25 He took his customary seat by the wall. Jonathan sat opposite him[g] while Abner sat beside Saul. David's seat was empty.

[x] LXX *or he'll tell David;* cf 20:34 [y] LXX; MT *until the third evening;* cf 20:12, 19-20 [z] MT *the LORD's covenant* [a] LXX; MT *show me the LORD's faithful love* [b] 20:14-16 follows LXX. [c] LXX; MT *Jonathan made David pledge.* [d] LXX; MT *to the stone Ezel;* cf 20:41 [e] Correction; MT *arrows* (plural here and in 20:21-22, 36, 38 Qere) [f] LXX; MT lacks *witness;* also in 20:42. [g] LXX; MT *Jonathan arose*

[26]Saul didn't say anything that day because he thought, Perhaps David became unclean somehow. That must be it. [27]But on the next day, the second of the new moon, David's seat was still empty. Saul said to his son Jonathan, "Why hasn't Jesse's son come to the table,[h] either yesterday or today?"

[28]Jonathan answered Saul, "David begged my permission to go to Bethlehem. [29]He said, 'Please let me go because we have a family sacrifice there in town, and my brother has ordered me to be present. Please do me a favor and let me slip away so I can see my family.' That's why David hasn't been at the king's table."

[30]At that, Saul got angry at Jonathan. "You son of a stubborn, rebellious woman!" he said. "Do you think I don't know how you've allied yourself with Jesse's son? Shame on you and on the mother who birthed you![i] [31]As long as Jesse's son lives on this earth, neither you nor your dynasty will be secure. Now have him brought to me because he's a dead man!"

[32]But Jonathan answered his father Saul, "Why should David be executed? What has he done?"

[33]At that, Saul pointed[j] his spear at Jonathan to strike him, and Jonathan realized that his father intended to kill David. [34]Jonathan got up from the table in a rage. He didn't eat anything on the second day of the new moon because he was worried about David and because his father had humiliated him.

[35]In the morning, Jonathan went out to the field for the meeting with David, and a young servant boy went with him. [36]He said to the boy, "Go quickly and retrieve the arrow that I shoot." So the boy ran off, and he shot an arrow beyond him. [37]When the boy got to the spot where Jonathan shot the arrow, Jonathan yelled to him, "Isn't the arrow past you?" [38]Jonathan yelled again to the boy, "Quick! Hurry up! Don't just stand there!" So Jonathan's servant boy gathered up the arrow and came back to his master. [39]The boy had no idea what had happened; only Jonathan and David knew. [40]Jonathan handed his weapons to the boy and told him, "Get going. Take these back to town."

[41]As soon as the boy was gone, David came out from behind the mound[k] and fell down, face on the ground, bowing low three times. The friends kissed each other, and cried with each other, but David cried hardest. [42]Then[l] Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace because the two of us made a solemn pledge in the LORD's name when we said, 'The LORD is witness between us and between our descendants forever.'" Then David got up and left, but Jonathan went back to town.

20:27 1Sa 9:2, 1Sa 9:26, 1Sa 13:9, 1Sa 15:11, 1Sa 18:11

20:30 1Sa 16:14, 1Sa 18:8, 1Sa 18:10, 1Sa 19:1, 1Sa 19:9

20:34 1Sa 20:30; 2Sa 1:12, 2Sa 3:35, 2Sa 12:16

20:42 1Sa 1:17, 1Sa 20:23

21:1 1Sa 16:4, 1Sa 22:9, 1Sa 22:19; Neh 11:32; Is 10:32

21:2 1Sa 22:22; 1Ki 13:18

21:4 Ex 19:15, Ex 25:30; Lv 24:5; 1Sa 21:6; Mt 12:4

21:5 1Th 4:4

21:6 Lv 24:5; 1Sa 21:4; Mt 12:3-4; Mk 2:25

David helped at Nob

21 [m]David came to Nob where Ahimelech was priest. Ahimelech was shaking in fear when he met David. "Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?" he asked.

[2]David answered Ahimelech the priest, "The king has given me orders, but he instructed me, 'Don't let anyone know anything about the mission I'm sending you on or about your orders.' As for my troops, I told them to meet me at an undisclosed location. [3]Now what do you have here with you? Give me five loaves of bread or whatever you can find."

[4]"I don't have any regular bread on hand," the priest answered David, "just holy bread—but only if your troops have abstained from sexual activity."

[5]"Definitely," David answered the priest. "Whenever I go out to war, women are off-limits; that's our standard operating procedure. Even on regular missions, the men's gear is[n] kept holy. That's even more true today, with the mission holy along with the gear."[o] [6]So the priest gave David holy bread, because there was no other bread except the bread of the presence, which

[h]LXX, DSS (4QSam[b]); MT *to the feast* [i]Or *and shame on your mother's nakedness.* [j]LXX; MT *threw* [k]LXX; MT *beside the south* [l]21:1 in Heb [m]21:2 in Heb [n]MT; LXX *all the men are* [o]Heb uncertain

is removed from the LORD's presence and replaced by warm bread as soon as it is taken away.

[7]Now one of Saul's servants was there that day, detained in the LORD's presence. His name was Doeg. He was an Edomite and Saul's head shepherd.

[8]David asked Ahimelech, "Do you have a spear or sword on hand? I didn't bring my sword or gear with me because the king's mission was urgent."

[9]The priest said, "The sword of Goliath, the Philistine you killed in the Elah Valley, is here wrapped in a cloth behind a priestly vest.[P] If you want it, take it, because there are no other swords here."

David said, "No sword is as good as that one! Give it to me!"

David pretends to be crazy

[10]So David got up and continued running from Saul. He went to Achish, Gath's king. [11]Achish's servants said to him, "Isn't that David, king of the land? He's the one people sing about in their dances,

'Saul has killed his thousands,
but David has killed
his tens of thousands!'"

[12]David took these words very seriously and became very frightened of Achish, Gath's king. [13]So he changed the way he acted with them, pretending to be insane while he was with them.[Q] He scratched marks on the doors of the city gates[R] and let spit run down his chin.

[14]"Can't you see he's crazy?" Achish asked his servants. "Why bring him to me? [15]Am I short on insane people that you've brought this person to go crazy right in front of me? Do you really think I'm going to let this man enter my house?"

David gathers support

22 David left Gath and escaped to Adullam's fortress.[S] When David's siblings and all his extended family learned of this, they went to join him there. [2]Everyone who was in trouble, in debt, or in desperate circumstances gathered around David, and he became their leader. Approximately four hundred men joined him.

[3]From there David went to Mizpeh in Moab. He said to the Moabite king, "Please let my father and mother stay with you until I know what God will do to me." [4]So David left his parents with the Moabite king, and they stayed with him the whole time David was in the fortress.

[5]Then the prophet Gad told David, "Don't stay in the fortress any longer. Leave now and go to the land of Judah." So David left and went to Hereth forest.

Saul kills the priests of Nob

[6]Saul learned that David and his soldiers had been located. Saul was sitting under the tamarisk tree on the hill at Gibeah, spear in hand, with all his servants waiting on him. [7]He said to them, "Listen up, Benjaminites! Will Jesse's son give fields and vineyards to each and every one of you? Will he make each one of you commanders of units of one thousand men or commanders of units of one hundred? [8]Is that why all of you have conspired against me? No one informed me when my son made a covenant with Jesse's son! Not one of you is concerned about me or informs me when my own son sets my servant against me in an ambush—but that's what has happened today!"

[9]Doeg the Edomite, who was standing with Saul's servants, responded, "I saw Jesse's son go to Ahimelech, Ahitub's son, at Nob. [10]Ahimelech questioned the LORD for David, and gave him provisions as well as the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

[11]The king then sent for the priest Ahimelech, Ahitub's son, and all his extended family, who were the priests at Nob. All of them came to the king.

21:7 Gn 13:7; 1Sa 14:47, 1Sa 22:9, 1Sa 22:22; Ps 52:1

21:10 1Sa 27:2; 1Ki 2:39

21:13 Ps 34:1

22:2 Jgs 11:3; 1Sa 23:13, 1Sa 25:13

22:7 1Sa 8:12, 1Sa 8:14, 1Sa 20:27, 1Sa 20:30; 2Sa 20:1

22:8 1Sa 18:3, 1Sa 22:13, 1Sa 23:21

22:9 1Sa 14:3, 1Sa 21:1, 1Sa 21:7; Ps 52:1

22:10 Nm 27:21; 1Sa 21:6, 1Sa 21:9, 1Sa 23:2

[P]DSS (4QSam[b]); MT *behind the priestly vest* (Heb *ephod*) [Q]Or *in their hand*; Heb uncertain [R]Or with correction *he spit on the doors of the city gate* or *he fell down at the doors of the city gate* (cf LXX). [S]Correction; cf 22:4-5; MT *cave*

12 "Listen here, son of Ahitub," Saul said.

"Yes sir," he replied.

13 Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me—you with Jesse's son—giving him food and a sword and questioning God for him so that he is now against me, waiting in ambush, which is what has happened today?"

14 Ahimelech answered the king, "Out of all your servants, who is as trustworthy as David? He is the king's son-in-law, does whatever you ask, and is well respected in your house. 15 Was that the first time I questioned God for him? Of course not! But please, the king shouldn't accuse me, his servant, or anyone in my father's household of any wrongdoing, because your servant knew nothing whatsoever about this matter."

16 But the king said, "You will be executed, Ahimelech—you and all of your father's household!"

17 The king ordered the guards waiting on him: "Go ahead and kill the LORD's priests because they've joined up with David too. They knew he was on the run but didn't inform me."

But the king's servants were unwilling to lift a hand to attack the LORD's priests.

18 The king then ordered Doeg, "Doeg! You go attack the priests." So Doeg the Edomite went and attacked the priests, killing eighty-five men who wore the linen priestly vest[t] that day. 19 He put the whole priestly city of Nob to the sword: men and women, children and infants, even oxen, donkeys, and sheep.

20 But one of the sons of Ahimelech, Ahitub's son, escaped. His name was Abiathar, and he fled to David. 21 Abiathar reported to David that Saul had slaughtered the LORD's priests.

22 David told Abiathar, "That day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, I knew that he would tell Saul everything. I am to blame[u] for the deaths in your father's family. 23 Stay with me, and don't be afraid. The one who seeks my life now seeks yours too. But you'll be safe with me."

22:16 1Sa 21:1, 1Sa 22:9
22:17 Ex 1:17
22:18 1Sa 2:18, 1Sa 2:31
22:19 1Sa 15:3, 1Sa 21:1; Neh 11:32

Saul chases David

23 David was told, "The Philistines are now attacking Keilah and looting the threshing floors!"

2 David questioned the LORD, "Should I go and fight these Philistines?"

"Go!" the LORD answered. "Fight the Philistines and save Keilah!"

3 But David's men said to him, "Look how frightened we are here in Judah. It'll be worse if we go to Keilah against Philistine forces!"

4 So David questioned the LORD again, and the LORD reaffirmed, "Yes, go down to Keilah, because I will hand the Philistines over to you."

5 Then David and his soldiers went to Keilah and fought the Philistines, driving off their cattle and defeating them decisively. And that's how David saved the residents of Keilah.

6 Now after Abiathar, Ahimelech's son, fled to David, he had accompanied David to Keilah,[v] bringing a priestly vest[w] with him. 7 When Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah, he said, "God has handed him over[x] to me now because he has trapped himself by entering a town with gates and bars!" 8 So Saul called up all his troops for war, to go down to Keilah and attack David and his soldiers.

9 When David learned that Saul was planning to harm him, he told the priest Abiathar, "Bring the priestly vest now."

10 Then David said, "LORD God of Israel, I, your servant, have heard that Saul plans on coming to Keilah and will destroy the town because of me. 11 LORD God of Israel, will Saul come down as your servant has heard?[y] Please tell your servant."

"Yes, he will come down," the LORD answered.

[t] Heb *ephod* [u] LXX, Vulg; Heb uncertain [v] LXX; MT lacks *he had accompanied David to*. [w] Heb *ephod* [x] LXX, Targ; MT *made a stranger of him* [y] DSS (4QSam[b]), LXX; MT LORD *God of Israel, will the citizens of Keilah hand me over to him? Will Saul come down as your servant has heard?* Cf 23:12*a*

[12]Next David asked, "Will the citizens of Keilah hand me and my soldiers over to Saul?"

"Yes, they will hand you over," the LORD replied.

[13]So David and his troops—approximately six hundred men—got up and left Keilah. They kept moving, going from one place to the next. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he didn't go there.

[14]David lived in the fortresses in the wilderness and in the hills of the Ziph wilderness. Saul searched for him constantly, but God did not hand David over to Saul. [15]While David was at Horesh in the Ziph wilderness he learned that Saul was looking to kill him. [16]Saul's son Jonathan came to David at Horesh and encouraged him with God. [17]Jonathan said to him, "Don't be afraid! My father Saul's hand won't touch you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be your second in command. Even my father Saul knows this." [18]Then the two of them made a covenant before the LORD. David stayed at Horesh, but Jonathan went back home.

[19]Some Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah. "David is hiding among us in the fortresses at Horesh on the hill of Hachilah, south of Jeshimon," they said. [20]"So whenever you want to come down, Your Majesty, do it! Leave it to us to hand him over to the king."

[21]"The LORD bless you because you have shown this kindness to me!" Saul said. [22]"Go now and get everything ready. Find out everything you can: where he stays, where he goes, who has seen him. I am told he is very shrewd. [23]Find out every hiding place he uses there and come back to me when you know for certain. I will then go with you. If David is in the area, I will hunt him down among any of Judah's clans!" [24]So they got up and left for Ziph ahead of Saul.

Meanwhile, David and his soldiers were in the Maon wilderness in the desert plain south of Jeshimon. [25]When Saul and his troops went looking for him, David was told about it, so he went down to a certain rock there and stayed in the Maon wilderness. When Saul heard that, he went into the Maon wilderness after David. [26]Saul was going around one side of a hill there while David and his soldiers were going around the other. David was hurrying to get away from Saul while Saul and his troops were trying to surround David and his soldiers in order to capture them. [27]But a messenger suddenly came to Saul. "Come quick!" he said. "The Philistines have invaded the land!" [28]So Saul broke off his pursuit of David and went to fight the Philistines. That's why that place is called Escape Rock. [29z]Then David went from there and lived at the En-gedi fortresses.

23:20 1Sa 23:12
24:1 1Sa 23:19, 1Sa 23:28-29
24:3 Jgs 3:24; 1Sa 22:1; 2Sa 7:8; Ps 57:1, Ps 142:1
24:4 1Sa 26:8
24:5 2Sa 24:10; 2Ki 22:19
24:6 1Sa 26:9, 1Sa 26:11; 2Sa 1:14
24:7 2Sa 16:11, 2Sa 19:22-23; Ps 7:4

David spares Saul's life

24 [a]Even as Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was informed that David was in the En-gedi wilderness. [2]So Saul took three thousand men selected from all Israel and went to look for David and his soldiers near the rocks of the wild goats. [3]He came to the sheep pens beside the road where there was a cave. Saul went into the cave to use the restroom.[b] Meanwhile, David and his soldiers were sitting in the very back of the cave.

[4]David's soldiers said to him, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he promised you, 'I will hand your enemy over to you, and you can do to him whatever you think best.'" So David snuck up and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. [5]But immediately David felt horrible that he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.[c]

[6]"The LORD forbid," he told his men, "that I should do something like that to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lift my hand against him, because he's the LORD's anointed!" [7]So David held his soldiers in check by what he said,[d] and he wouldn't allow them to attack

[z]24:1 in Heb [a]24:2 in Heb [b]Or *to cover his feet* (a euphemism) [c]LXX, Syr, Targ; MT lacks *robe*. [d]Heb uncertain

Saul. Saul then left the cave and went on his way.

[8]Then David also went out of the cave and yelled after Saul, "My master the king!" Saul looked back, and David bowed low out of respect, nose to the ground.

[9]David said to Saul, "Why do you listen when people say, 'David wants to ruin you'? [10]Look! Today your own eyes have seen that the LORD handed you over to me in the cave. But I refused[e] to kill you. I spared you, saying, 'I won't lift a hand against my master because he is the LORD's anointed.' [11]Look here, my protector! See the corner of your robe in my hand? I cut off the corner of your robe but didn't kill you. So know now that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I haven't wronged you, but you are hunting me down, trying to kill me. [12]May the LORD judge between me and you! May the LORD take vengeance on you for me, but I won't lift a hand against you. [13]As the old proverb goes, 'Evil deeds come from evildoers!' but I won't lift a hand against you. [14]So who is Israel's king coming after? Who are you chasing? A dead dog? A single flea? [15]May the LORD be the judge and decide between you and me. May he see what has happened, argue my case, and vindicate me against you!"

[16]As soon as David finished saying all this to Saul, Saul said, "David, my son, is that your voice?" Then he broke down in tears, [17]telling David, "You are more righteous than I am because you have treated me generously, but I have treated you terribly. [18]Today you've told me the good you have done for me—how the LORD handed me over to you, but how you didn't kill me. [19]When someone finds an enemy, do they send the enemy away in peace? May the LORD repay you with good for what you have done for me today. [20]Now even I know that you will definitely become king, and Israel's kingdom will flourish in your hands. [21]Because of that, make a solemn pledge to me by the LORD that you won't kill off my descendants after I'm gone and that you won't destroy my name from my family lineage."

[22]David made a solemn pledge to Saul. Then Saul went back home, but David and his soldiers went up to the fortress.

24:10 1Sa 24:4, 1Sa 26:9
24:13 Mt 7:16, Mt 12:33
24:17 1Sa 26:21; Mt 5:44
24:18 1Sa 26:23
25:1 Nm 20:29; Dt 34:8; 1Sa 28:3; 1Ki 2:34
25:10 Jgs 9:28

Abigail saves David

25 Now Samuel died, and all Israel gathered to mourn for him. They buried him at his home in Ramah. David then left and went down to the Maon wilderness.[f]

[2]There was a man in Maon who did business in Carmel. He was a very important man and owned three thousand sheep and one thousand goats. At that time, he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. [3]The man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and attractive woman, but her husband was a hard man who did evil things. He was a Calebite.

[4]While in the wilderness, David heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep. [5]So David sent ten servants, telling them, "Go up to Carmel. When you get to Nabal, greet him for me. [6]Say this to him: 'Peace to you,[g] your household, and all that is yours! [7]I've heard that you are now shearing sheep. As you know, your shepherds were with us in the wilderness.[h] We didn't mistreat them. Moreover, the whole time they were at Carmel, nothing of theirs went missing. [8]Ask your servants; they will tell you the same. So please receive these young men favorably, because we've come on a special day. Please give whatever you have on hand to your servants and to your son David.'"

[9]When David's young men arrived, they said all this to Nabal on David's behalf. Then they waited. [10]But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is Jesse's son? There are all sorts of slaves running away from their masters these days. [11]Why should I take my bread, my water, and the

[e]LXX; MT *Some said* [f]LXX; MT *Paran* [g]Heb uncertain [h]LXX, Syr; MT lacks *in the wilderness.*

meat I've butchered for my shearers and give it to people who came here from who knows where?" [12]So David's young servants turned around and went back the way they came. When they arrived, they reported every word of this to David.

[13]Then David said to his soldiers, "All of you, strap on your swords!" So each of them strapped on their swords, and David did the same. Nearly four hundred men went up with David. Two hundred men remained back with the supplies.

[14]One of Nabal's servants told his wife Abigail, "David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master, but he just yelled at them. [15]But the men were very good to us and didn't mistreat us. Nothing of ours went missing the whole time we were out with them in the fields. [16]In fact, the whole time we were with them, watching our sheep, they were a protective wall around us both night and day. [17]Think about that and see what you can do, because trouble is coming for our master and his whole household. But he's such a despicable person no one can speak to him."

[18]Abigail quickly took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep ready for cooking, five seahs[i] of roasted grain, one hundred raisin cakes, and two hundred fig cakes. She loaded all this on donkeys [19]and told her servants, "Go on ahead of me. I'll be right behind you." But she didn't tell her husband Nabal.

[20]As she was riding her donkey, going down a trail on the hillside, David and his soldiers appeared, descending toward her, and she met up with them. [21]David had just been saying, "What a waste of time—guarding all this man's stuff in the wilderness so that nothing of his went missing! He has repaid me evil instead of good! [22]May God deal harshly with me, David,[j] and worse still if I leave alive even one single male[k] belonging to him come morning!"

[23]When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and fell facedown before him, bowing low to the ground. [24]She fell at his feet and said, "Put the blame on me, my master! But please let me, your servant, speak to you directly. Please listen to what your servant has to say. [25]Please, my master, pay no attention to this despicable man Nabal. He's exactly what his name says he is! His name means fool,[l] and he is foolish![m] But I myself, your servant, didn't see the young men that you, my master, sent. [26]I pledge, my master, as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, that the LORD has held you back from bloodshed and taking vengeance into your own hands! But now let your enemies and those who seek to harm my master be exactly like Nabal! [27]Here is a gift, which your servant has brought to my master. Please let it be given to the young men who follow you, my master. [28]Please forgive any offense by your servant. The LORD will definitely make an enduring dynasty for my master because my master fights the LORD's battles, and nothing evil will be found in you throughout your lifetime. [29]If someone chases after you and tries to kill you, my master, then your life will be bound up securely in the bundle of life[n] by the LORD your God, but he will fling away your enemies' lives as from the pouch of a sling. [30]When the LORD has done for my master all the good things he has promised you, and has installed you as Israel's leader, [31]don't let this be a blot or burden on my master's conscience, that you shed blood needlessly or that my master took vengeance into his own hands. When the LORD has done good things for my master, please remember your servant."

[32]David said to Abigail, "Bless the LORD God of Israel, who sent you to

25:22 Ru 1:17; 1Sa 3:17; 1Ki 14:10

25:23 Josh 15:18; Jgs 1:14; 1Sa 20:41, 1Sa 24:8, 1Sa 25:41

25:24 2Sa 14:9

25:25 1Sa 25:17

25:26 1Sa 1:26, 1Sa 25:34; 2Sa 18:32; Heb 10:30

25:27 Gn 33:11; 1Sa 30:26

25:28 1Sa 2:35, 1Sa 18:17, 1Sa 24:11, 1Sa 25:24; 2Sa 7:11

25:29 Jer 10:18

25:30 1Sa 13:14

25:31 Gn 40:14

25:32 Gn 24:27; Ps 41:13, Ps 72:18; Lk 1:68

[i]One seah is approximately seven and a half quarts. [j]LXX; MT *with David's enemies* [k]Or *who urinates on a wall*; also in 25:34 [l]Heb *nabal* [m]Heb *nebalah* [n]Or *bundle of the living*; Heb uncertain; perhaps a tied-up scroll (cf Exod 32:32-33; Ps 69:28; Isa 8:16)

meet me today! 33And bless you and your good judgment for preventing me from shedding blood and taking vengeance into my own hands today! 34Otherwise, as surely as the LORD God of Israel lives—the one who kept me from hurting you—if you hadn't come quickly and met up with me, there wouldn't be one single male left come morning." 35Then David accepted everything she had brought for him. "Return home in peace," he told her. "Be assured that I've heard your request and have agreed to it."

36When Abigail got back home to Nabal, he was throwing a party fit for a king in his house. Nabal was in a great mood and very drunk, so Abigail didn't tell him anything until daybreak. 37In the morning, when Nabal was sober, his wife told him everything. Nabal's heart failed inside him, and he became like a stone. 38About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.

39When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Bless the LORD, who has rendered a verdict regarding Nabal's insult to me and who kept me, his servant, from doing something evil! The LORD has brought Nabal's evil down on his own head." Then David sent word to Abigail, saying that he would take her as his wife.

40When David's servants reached Abigail at Carmel, they said to her, "David has sent us to you so you can become his wife."

41She bowed low to the ground and said, "I am your servant, ready to serve and wash the feet of my master's helpers." 42Then Abigail got up quickly and rode on her donkey, with five of her young women going with her. She followed David's messengers and became his wife.

43David also married Ahinoam from Jezreel, so both of them were his wives. 44But Saul had given his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Palti, Laish's son, from Gallim.

25:33 1Sa 25:26

25:34 1Sa 25:26

25:35 Gn 19:21; 1Sa 20:42; 2Ki 5:19

25:37 1Sa 25:34

25:38 1Sa 26:10; 2Sa 6:7

26:2 1Sa 23:14, 1Sa 24:2

26:5 1Sa 14:50, 1Sa 14:51, 1Sa 17:20, 1Sa 17:55; 2Sa 2:8

26:6 2Sa 2:18, 2Sa 16:9, 2Sa 23:18; 1Ch 2:16

26:7 1Sa 14:51, 1Sa 17:20, 1Sa 17:55, 1Sa 18:10, 1Sa 19:9

26:8 1Sa 24:4, 1Sa 24:18

26:9 1Sa 24:6, 1Sa 24:10; 2Sa 1:14, 2Sa 1:16, 2Sa 19:21

26:10 Gn 47:29; Dt 31:14; 1Sa 25:38, 1Sa 31:6; Ps 37:13

26:11 1Sa 24:6

26:12 Gn 2:21, Gn 15:12; 1Sa 26:7; Is 29:10

David spares Saul's life a second time

26 The Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah. "David is hiding on Hachilah's hill, which faces Jeshimon," they said. 2So Saul got up and went down to the Ziph wilderness to look for David there. He had three thousand handpicked soldiers from Israel with him. 3Saul camped on Hachilah's hill opposite Jeshimon beside the road, but David stayed in the wilderness. When David learned that Saul had come after him into the wilderness, 4he sent spies and discovered that Saul had definitely arrived.

5So David got up and went to the place where Saul camped, and saw the place where Saul and Abner, Ner's son and Saul's general, were sleeping. Saul was sleeping inside the camp with the troops camped all around him. 6David asked Ahimelech the Hittite and Joab's brother Abishai, Zeruiah's son, "Who will go down into the camp with me to Saul?"

"I'll go down with you," Abishai answered.

7So David and Abishai approached the troops at night and found Saul lying there, asleep in the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. Abner and the army were sleeping all around him.

8Abishai said to David, "God has handed your enemy over to you today! Let me pin him to the ground with my spear. One stroke is all I need! I won't need a second."

9But David said to Abishai, "Don't kill him! No one can lift a hand against the LORD's anointed and go unpunished. 10As surely as the LORD lives," David continued, "it will be the LORD who will strike him down, or his day will come and he will die, or he'll fall in battle and be destroyed. 11The LORD forbid that I lift my hand against the LORD's anointed! But go ahead and take the spear by Saul's head and the water jug and let's go!" 12So David took the spear and the water jug that were by

Saul's head, and he and Abishai left. No one saw them, no one knew they were there, and no one woke up. All of them remained asleep because a deep sleep from the LORD had come over them.

[13]David crossed over to the other side and stood on top of a hill with considerable distance between them. [14]Then David shouted to the army and to Abner, Ner's son, "Abner! Aren't you going to answer me?"

"Who are you to shout to the king?" Abner asked.

[15]David answered Abner, "You are a man, aren't you? And you have no equal in Israel, right? Then why haven't you kept watch over your master the king? One of the soldiers came to kill your master the king. [16]What you've done is terrible! As surely as the LORD lives, all of you are dead men because you didn't keep close watch over your master, the LORD's anointed. Have a look around! Where are the king's spear and the water jug that were by his head?"

[17]Saul recognized David's voice and said, "David, my son, is that your voice?"

David said, "Yes it is, my master the king. [18]Why," David continued, "is my master chasing me, his servant? What have I done and what wrong am I guilty of? [19]My master the king, please listen to what your servant has to say. If it is the LORD who has incited you against me, then let him accept an offering! But if human beings have done it, then let them be cursed before the LORD because they have now driven me off, keeping me from sharing in the LORD's inheritance. 'Go!' they tell me. 'Worship other gods!' [20]Don't let my blood spill on the ground apart from the LORD's presence, because the king of Israel has come out looking for a single flea[o] like someone hunting a partridge[p] in the mountains."

[21]Then Saul said, "I have sinned! David, my son, come back! Because you considered my life precious today, I won't harm you again. I have acted foolishly and have made a huge mistake."

[22]"Here is the king's spear," David answered. "Allow one of your servants to come over and get it. [23]Remember: The LORD rewards every person for their righteousness and loyalty, and I wasn't willing to lift a hand against the LORD's anointed, even though the LORD handed you over to me today. [24]And just as I considered your life valuable today, may the LORD consider my life valuable, and may he deliver me from all trouble."

[25]Then Saul said to David, "Bless you, David, my son! You will accomplish much and will certainly succeed." Then David went on his way, but Saul went back home.

26:16 1Sa 26:11

26:19 Gn 8:21; 2Sa 14:16, 2Sa 16:11, 2Sa 20:19

26:21 Ex 9:27; 1Sa 13:13, 1Sa 15:24, 1Sa 15:30, 1Sa 24:17

26:23 Ps 7:8, Ps 18:20

David serves the Philistine Achish

27 David thought, One day I will be destroyed by Saul's power. The best thing for me to do is to escape to Philistine territory. Then Saul will give up looking for me in Israelite territory, and I will escape his power. [2]So David set out with his six hundred soldiers and went to Achish, Maoch's son and Gath's king. [3]David and his soldiers stayed there at Gath with Achish. Each man had his family with him, and David had his two wives, Ahinoam from Jezreel and Abigail, Nabal's widow from Carmel. [4]When Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, he didn't pursue him anymore.

[5]Then David said to Achish, "If you approve of me, please give me a place in one of the towns in the country so I can live there. Why should I, your servant, live in the capital city with you?" [6]So Achish gave the town of Ziklag to David at that time. That's why Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah until now. [7]David lived in the Philistine countryside for a total of one year and four months.

[8]David and his soldiers went out on raids against the Geshurites, the Gir-

[o]Cf 24:14; LXX *my life* [p]Or *a caller*, Heb sounds like verb *to shout* or *call* in 26:14.

zites, and the Amalekites. They were the people who lived in the land from Telam[q] to Shur all the way to the land of Egypt. [9]When David attacked an area, he wouldn't leave anyone alive, man or woman. He would take the sheep, the cattle, the donkeys, the camels, and the clothes and would then go back to Achish. [10]When Achish asked, "Where did you raid today?"[r] David would say, "The southern plain of Judah," or "The southern plain of the Jerahmeelites," or "The southern plain of the Kenites." [11]David never spared a man or woman so they could be brought back alive to Gath. "Otherwise," he said, "they might talk about us, and say, 'David did this or that.'" So this was David's practice during the entire time he lived in the Philistine countryside.

[12]Achish trusted David, thinking, David has alienated himself so badly from his own people in Israel that he'll serve me forever.

28 At that time, the Philistines gathered their troops for war to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, "Count on you and your soldiers marching out with me in the army."

[2]"Excellent," David answered Achish. "Now you'll see for yourself what your servant can do."

"Excellent," Achish replied. "I will make you my permanent bodyguard."

Saul and the woman of En-dor

[3]Now Samuel had died, and all Israel mourned him and buried him in Ramah, his hometown. And Saul had banned all mediums and diviners from the land.

[4]The Philistines gathered their forces and advanced to camp at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they camped at Gilboa. [5]When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was so afraid that his heart beat wildly. [6]When Saul questioned the LORD, the LORD didn't answer him—not by dreams, not by the Urim, and not by the prophets.

28:1 1Sa 29:1

28:3 Ex 22:18; Lv 19:31; 1Sa 25:1, 1Sa 28:9

28:6 Ex 28:30; Nm 12:6, Nm 27:21; 1Sa 14:37

28:7 Josh 17:11; 1Ch 10:13; Ps 83:10; Is 8:19; Ac 16:16

28:8 1Ki 20:38, 1Ki 22:30; 1Ch 10:13; 2Ch 18:29, 2Ch 35:22

28:9 1Sa 28:3

28:10 1Sa 19:6

28:11 1Sa 1:20, 1Sa 2:18, 1Sa 3:1, 1Sa 3:19, 1Sa 4:1

28:12 1Sa 28:3, 1Sa 28:11

28:13 1Sa 28:14-15

28:14 1Sa 15:27, 1Sa 24:8

28:15 1Sa 16:14, 1Sa 18:12, 1Sa 28:6

28:16 1Sa 28:15; Lam 2:5

28:17 1Sa 15:28

[7]So Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who communicates with ghosts! I'll then go to her and ask by using her techniques."[s]

"There is such a medium in En-dor," his servants replied.

[8]So Saul disguised himself, dressing in different clothes. Then he and two men set out, going to the woman at nighttime.

"Please call up a ghost for me! Bring me the one I specify," Saul said.

[9]"Listen," the woman said to him, "you know what Saul has done, how he has banned all mediums and diviners from the land. What are you doing? Trying to get me killed?"

[10]But Saul promised to her by the LORD, "As surely as the LORD lives, you won't get into trouble for this."

[11]So the woman said, "Who do you want me to bring up for you?"

"Bring up Samuel," he said.

[12]When the woman saw Samuel, she screamed at Saul, "Why have you tricked me? You are Saul!"

[13]"Don't be afraid!" the king said to her. "What do you see?"

The woman said to Saul, "I see a god[t] coming up from the ground."

[14]"What does he look like?" Saul asked her.

"An old man is coming up," she said. "He's wrapped in a robe." Then Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed low out of respect, nose to the ground.

[15]"Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Samuel asked Saul.

"I'm in deep trouble!" Saul replied. "The Philistines are at war with me, and God has turned away from me and no longer answers me by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what I should do."

[16]"Why do you ask me," Samuel said, "since the LORD has turned away from you and has become your enemy?[u] [17]The LORD has done to you[v] exactly what he spoke through me: The LORD has ripped the kingdom out of your hands

[q]LXX; MT *from long ago* [r]DSS (4QSam[a]), LXX [s]Or *through her* or *by her* [t]Or *I see gods* or *I see divine figures* [u]LXX *is with your neighbor;* cf 15:28; 28:17 [v]LXX; MT *The* LORD *himself has done just what*

and has given it to your friend David.
18 The LORD has done this very thing to
you today because you didn't listen to
the LORD's voice and didn't carry out
his fierce anger against the Amalekites.
19 The LORD will now hand over both
you and Israel to the Philistines. And
come tomorrow, you and your sons will
be with me![w] The LORD will hand Israel's
army over to the Philistines."

20 Saul immediately fell full length
on the ground, utterly terrified at what
Samuel had said. He was weak because
he hadn't eaten anything all day or
night. 21 The woman approached Saul,
and after seeing how scared he was, she
said, "Listen, your servant has obeyed
you. I risked my life and did what you
told me to do. 22 Now it's your turn to
listen to me, your servant. Let me give
you a bit of food. Eat it, then you'll have
the strength to go on your way."

23 But Saul refused. "I can't eat!" he
said. But his servants and the woman
urged him to do so, and so he did.
He got up off the ground and sat on
a couch. 24 The woman had a fattened
calf in the house, and she quickly
butchered it.[x] She took flour, kneaded
it, and baked unleavened bread. 25 She
served this to Saul and his servants,
and they ate. They got up and left that
very night.

David sent home from fighting Saul

29 The Philistines assembled all
their forces at Aphek, and the
Israelites camped by the spring in
Jezreel. 2 As the Philistine rulers went
out marching in units of hundreds and
thousands, David and his soldiers were
in the rear with Achish.

3 "Who are these Hebrews?" the Philistine commanders asked.

"That's David," Achish told them, "the servant of Israel's King Saul. He's been with me a year or so now. I haven't found anything wrong with him from the day he defected until now."

4 But the Philistine commanders were angry with Achish. "Send the man home!" they told Achish. "He can go back to the place you gave him, but he won't go with us into battle. Couldn't he turn against us in the middle of the fight? How better to please his former master than by taking the heads of our soldiers? 5 After all, this is the same David people sing about in their dances,

'Saul has killed his thousands,
but David has killed
his tens of thousands!'"

6 So Achish summoned David and told him, "As surely as the LORD lives, you are an upstanding individual. I would very much like you to serve with me in the army because I haven't found anything wrong with you from the day you came to me until now. But the rulers don't approve of you. 7 So go back home now, and go in peace. Don't do anything to upset the Philistine rulers."

8 "But what have I done?" David asked Achish. "What wrong have you found in me, your servant, from the day I came to you until now? Why shouldn't I go and fight the enemies of my master the king?"

9 "I agree," Achish answered David. "I think you're as good as one of God's own messengers. Despite that, the Philistine commanders have ordered, 'He can't go into battle with us.' 10 So get up early in the morning, both you and your master's servants who came with you, and return to the place I gave you. Don't worry about this negative report, because you've done well before me.[y] Now get up early in the morning and leave as soon as it is light."

11 So David and his soldiers got up early in the morning to go back to Philistine territory, but the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

The Amalekite raid on Ziklag

30 Three days later, David and his soldiers reached Ziklag. The Amalekites had raided the arid south-

28:18 1Sa 15:9
28:19 1Sa 31:2
30:1 1Sa 27:6, 1Sa 27:8, 1Sa 29:11

[w] LXX *you and your sons will fall in battle.* [x] Or *sacrificed it* [y] LXX; MT lacks *and return to the place . . . done well before me.*

ern plain and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it down, [2]taking the women and everyone in the city prisoner, whether young or old.[z] They hadn't killed anyone but carried them off and went on their way. [3]When David and his soldiers got to the town and found it burned down, and their wives, their sons, and their daughters taken prisoner, [4]David and the troops with him broke into tears and cried until they could cry no more. [5]David's two wives had been captured as well: Ahinoam from Jezreel and Abigail, Nabal's widow from Carmel.

[6]David was in deep trouble because the troops were talking about stoning him. Each of the soldiers was deeply distressed about their sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God. [7]David said to the priest Abiathar, Ahimelech's son, "Bring the priestly vest[a] to me." So Abiathar brought it to David.

[8]Then David asked the LORD, "Should I go after this raiding party? Will I catch them?"

"Yes, go after them!" God answered. "You will definitely catch them and will succeed in the rescue!"

[9]So David set off with six hundred men. They came to the Besor ravine, where some stayed behind. [10]David and four hundred men continued the pursuit, while two hundred men stayed there, too exhausted to cross the Besor ravine.

[11]They found an Egyptian in the countryside and brought him to David. They gave him bread, and he ate, and they gave him water to drink. [12]They also gave him a piece of fig cake and two raisin cakes. He ate and regained his strength because he hadn't eaten any food or drunk any water for three days and nights.

[13]Then David asked him, "Whose slave are you? Where do you come from?"

"I'm an Egyptian servant boy," he said, "and the slave of an Amalekite. My master abandoned me when I got sick three days ago. [14]We had raided the arid southern plain belonging to the Cherethites, the territory belonging to Judah, and the southern plain of Caleb. We also burned Ziklag down."

[15]"Can you guide me to this raiding party?" David asked him.

"Make a pledge to me by God that you won't kill me or hand me over to my master," the boy said, "and I will guide you to the raiding party."

[16]So the boy led David to them, and he found them scattered all over the countryside, eating, drinking, and celebrating over the large amount of plunder they had taken from Philistine and Judean territory.

[17]David attacked them from twilight until evening of the next day. He killed them all.[b] No one escaped except four hundred young men who got on camels and fled. [18]David rescued everything that the Amalekites had taken, including his own two wives. [19]Nothing was missing from the plunder or anything that they had taken, neither old nor young, son nor daughter. David brought everything back. [20]David also captured all the sheep and cattle, which were driven in front of the other livestock. The troops said, "This is David's plunder!"

[21]David reached the two hundred men who were too exhausted to follow him and had stayed behind at the Besor ravine. They came out to greet him and the troops who were with him. When David approached them, he asked how they were doing. [22]But then all the evil and despicable individuals who had accompanied David said, "We won't share any of the plunder we rescued with them because they didn't go with us. Each of them can take his wife and children and go—but that's it."

[23]"Brothers!" David said. "Don't act that way with the things the LORD has given us. He has protected us and handed over to us the raiding party that had attacked us. [24]How could anyone agree with you on this plan? The

30:4 Nm 14:1; 1Sa 11:4

30:5 1Sa 25:43; 1Sa 27:3; 2Sa 2:2; 1Ch 3:1

30:6 Ex 17:4; Nu 14:10; Jn 8:59

30:14 1Sa 30:1; 2Sa 8:18; 1Ki 1:38; Zep 2:5

30:15 Dt 23:15; 1Sa 29:6

30:22 Dt 13:13; 1Sa 25:17; 1Ki 21:10

[z]LXX; MT lacks *and everyone in the city*. [a]Heb *ephod* [b]LXX; MT lacks *He killed them all.*

share of those who went into battle and the share of those who stayed with the supplies will be divided equally." [25]So from that day forward, David made that a regulation and a law in Israel, which remains in place even now.

[26]When David returned to Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah and to his friends. "Here is a gift for you from the plunder of the LORD's enemies," he said. [27]It went to those in Bethel, Ramoth of the arid southern plain, Jattir, [28]Aroer,[c] Siphmoth, Eshtemoa, [29]Racal, the towns of the Jerahmeelites, the towns of the Kenites, [30]Hormah, Bor-ashan, Athach, [31]Hebron, and all the places where David and his soldiers had spent time.

Saul dies in the battle of Gilboa

31:1-13 1Ch 10:1-14

31 When the Philistines attacked the Israelites, the Israelites ran away from the Philistines, and many fell dead on Mount Gilboa. [2]The Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua. [3]The battle was fierce around Saul. When the archers located him, they wounded him badly.[d]

[4]Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and kill me with it! Otherwise, these uncircumcised men will come and kill me or torture me." But his armor-bearer refused because he was terrified. So Saul took the sword and impaled himself on it. [5]When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also impaled himself on his sword and died with Saul. [6]So Saul, his three sons, his armor-bearer, and all his soldiers died together that day.

[7]When the Israelites across the valley and across the Jordan learned that the Israelite army had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their towns and fled. So the Philistines came and occupied the towns.

[8]The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his three sons lying dead on Mount Gilboa. [9]They cut off Saul's head and stripped off his armor, and then sent word throughout Philistine territory, carrying the good news to their gods' temples and to their people. [10]They put Saul's armor in the temple of Astarte, and hung his body on the wall of Beth-shan.

[11]But when all the people of Jabesh-gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, [12]the bravest of their men set out, traveled all night long, and took the bodies of Saul and his sons off the wall of Beth-shan. Then they went back to Jabesh, where they burned them. [13]Then they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and they fasted seven days.

2 SAMUEL

David learns of Saul's death

1 After Saul's death, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, he stayed in Ziklag two days. [2]On the third day, a man showed up from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. When he reached David, he fell to the ground, bowing low out of respect.

[3]"Where have you come from?" David asked him.

"I've escaped from the Israelite army!" he answered.

[4]"What's the report?" David asked him. "Tell me!"

The man answered, "The troops fled from the battle! Many of the soldiers have fallen and died. What's more, Saul and his son Jonathan have also died!"

[5]"How do you know," David asked the young man who brought the news, "that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"

[c]LXX *Ararah* [d]Correction; LXX *wounded in the belly*

6 The young man who brought the
news replied, "I just happened to be
on Mount Gilboa and Saul was there,
leaning on his spear, with chariots and
horsemen closing in on him. 7 He turned
around and saw me, then he called to
me. 'Yes, sir,' I answered. 8 'Who are
you?' he asked, and I told him, 'I'm an
Amalekite.' 9 He said to me, 'Please come
over here and kill me, because convul-
sions have come over me but I'm still
alive.'[a] 10 So I went over to him and killed
him, because I knew he couldn't survive
after being wounded like that. I took
the crown that was on his head and the
bracelet that was on his arm, and I've
brought them here to you, my master."

11 Then David grabbed his clothes
and ripped them—and all his sol-
diers did the same. 12 They mourned
and cried and fasted until evening for
Saul, his son Jonathan, the LORD's
army, and the whole house of Israel,
because they had died by the sword.

13 "Where are you from?" David
asked the young man who brought him
the news.

"I'm the son of an immigrant," he
answered. "An Amalekite."

14 Then David said to him, "How
is it that you weren't afraid to raise
your hand and destroy the LORD's
anointed?" 15 Then David called for one
of the young servants. "Come here!" he
said. "Strike him down!" So the servant
struck the Amalekite down, and he died.

16 "Your blood is on your own head,"
David said to the Amalekite, "because
your own mouth testified against
you when you admitted, 'I killed the
LORD's anointed.'"

David mourns Saul and Jonathan

17 Then David sang this funeral song[b]
for Saul and his son Jonathan. 18 David
ordered everyone in Judah to learn the
Song of the Bow.[c] (In fact, it is written
in the scroll from Jashar.)

19 Oh, no, Israel! Your prince[d] lies dead
on your heights.[e]
Look how the mighty warriors
have fallen!
20 Don't talk about it in Gath;
don't bring news of it
to Ashkelon's streets,
or else the Philistines' daughters
will rejoice;
the daughters of the
uncircumcised will celebrate.
21 You hills of Gilboa!
Let there be no dew
or rain on you,
and no fields yielding
grain offerings.[f]
Because it was there
that the mighty warrior's[g] shield
was defiled—
the shield of Saul!—
never again anointed with oil.
22 Jonathan's bow never wavered
from the blood of the slain,
from the gore of the warriors.
Never did Saul's sword
return empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan! So well loved,
so dearly cherished!
In their lives and in their deaths
they were never separated.
They were faster than eagles,
stronger than lions!
24 Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul!
He dressed you in crimson
with jewels;
he decorated your clothes
with gold jewelry.
25 Look how the mighty warriors
have fallen in the midst of battle!
Jonathan lies dead
on your heights.
26 I grieve for you,
my brother Jonathan!
You were so dear to me!
Your love was more amazing to me[h]
than the love of women.
27 Look how the mighty warriors
have fallen!
Look how the weapons of war
have been destroyed!

1:21 1Sa 31:1; 2Sa 1:6; Is 21:5
1:22 1Sa 18:4
1:23 Jgs 14:18; Jer 4:13; Lam 4:19
1:24 Prv 31:21
1:25 1Sa 14:13, 1Sa 18:1; 2Sa 1:19
1:26 1Sa 18:1
1:27 2Sa 1:25

[a] Syr, Tg; Heb uncertain [b] Or *lament* [c] Heb lacks *Song.* [d] Or *gazelle* or *splendor* or *splendid one* [e] Correction [f] Heb uncertain, perhaps *bountiful fields*; alternatively, with LXX[L], *fields of death*, or with correction *and no springs from the deep* [g] Or *warriors'* (plural) [h] Or *your love* (or *care*; cf 1 Sam 18:1, 3; 20:17) *for me was more amazing*

David made king in Hebron

2 Some time later, David questioned the LORD, "Should I go to one of the towns in Judah?"

"Yes, go," the LORD told him.

"Which one should I go to?" David asked.

"To Hebron," the LORD replied.

[2]So David went there, along with his two wives: Ahinoam from Jezreel and Abigail, Nabal's widow, from Carmel. [3]David also took the soldiers who were with him, each with his family, and they lived in the towns around Hebron. [4]Then the people of Judah came to Hebron and anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When David was informed that it was the people of Jabesh-gilead who had buried Saul, [5]he sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead. "The LORD bless you," he said to them, "for doing this loyal deed for your master Saul by burying him. [6]May the LORD now show you loyal love and faithfulness. I myself will also reward you because you did this. [7]So now take courage and be brave—yes, your master Saul is dead, but the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

Israel's King Ishbosheth

[8]Meanwhile, Abner, Ner's son, the commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbosheth,[i] Saul's son, and brought him over to Mahanaim. [9]There he made him king over Gilead, the Geshurites,[j] Jezreel, Ephraim, and Benjamin—over all Israel. [10]Saul's son Ishbosheth was 40 years old when he became king over Israel, and he ruled for two years. The house of Judah, however, followed David. [11]The amount of time David ruled in Hebron over the house of Judah totaled seven and a half years.

Conflict between Judah and Israel

[12]Abner, Ner's son, along with the soldiers of Ishbosheth, Saul's son, left Mahanaim to go to Gibeon. [13]Joab, Zeruiah's son, and David's soldiers also came out and confronted them at the pool of Gibeon. One group sat on one side of the pool; the other sat on the opposite side of the pool. [14]Abner said to Joab, "Let's have the young men fight in a contest[k] before us."

"All right," Joab said, "let's do it." [15]So the men came forward and were counted as they passed by: twelve for Benjamin and Ishbosheth, Saul's son; and twelve of David's soldiers. [16]Each man grabbed his opponent by the head and stuck[l] his sword into his opponent's side so that they both fell dead together. That's why that place is called The Field of Daggers,[m] which is located in Gibeon. [17]A fierce battle took place that day, and Abner and the Israelite troops were defeated by David's soldiers.

[18]Now Zeruiah's three sons were present at the battle: Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. Asahel was as fast as a gazelle in an open field. [19]Asahel went after Abner, staying completely focused in his pursuit of Abner.

[20]Abner looked behind him and said, "Is that you, Asahel?"

"Yes, it's me," Asahel answered.

[21]"Break off your pursuit!" Abner told him. "Fight one of the young warriors and take his gear for yourself!" But Asahel wouldn't stop chasing him.

[22]So Abner repeated himself to Asahel: "Stop chasing me. Why should I kill you? How could I look your brother Joab in the face?" [23]But Asahel wouldn't turn back, so Abner hit him in the stomach with the back end of his spear. But the spear went through Asahel's back. He fell down and died right there.

Everyone who came to the place where Asahel had fallen and died just stood there, [24]but Joab and Abishai went after Abner. The sun was setting when they came to the hill of Ammah,

2:3 1Sa 27:2, 1Sa 27:3; 1Ch 12:1
2:5 1Sa 23:21; Ps 115:15
2:22 2Sa 3:27
2:23 2Sa 3:27, 2Sa 4:6, 2Sa 20:10, 2Sa 20:12

[i]Ishbosheth means *man of shame; shame* (Heb *bosheth*) may be a deliberate alteration from *Baal* (cf Esh-baal, *man of Baal* in 1 Chron 8:33; 9:39; see also 2 Sam 4:4); one manuscript of LXX[L] reads *Ishbaal*. [j]Syr, Vulg; MT *Ashurites* or *Assyrians;* cf Tg, LXX[L], Judg 1:32 *Asherites* [k]Or *come forward and play* or *compete* [l]Heb lacks *stuck*. [m]Heb *Helkath-hazzurim*

which faces Giah on the road to the Gibeon wilderness. [25]The Benjaminites rallied behind Abner, forming a single unit. Then they took their positions on the top of a hill. [26]Abner yelled down to Joab, "Must the sword keep killing forever? Don't you realize that this will end bitterly? How long before you order the troops to stop chasing their brothers?"

[27]"As surely as God lives," Joab replied, "if you hadn't just said that, the soldiers would have continued after their brothers until morning." [28]Joab blew the trumpet,[n] and all the soldiers stopped. They didn't pursue Israel anymore, nor did they continue to fight.

[29]Abner and his men then marched all night through the wilderness, crossing the Jordan River and marching all morning[o] until they got to Mahanaim. [30]Joab, meanwhile, returned from pursuing Abner and assembled the troops. Nineteen of David's soldiers were counted missing in addition to Asahel. [31]But David's soldiers had defeated the Benjaminites, killing three hundred sixty of Abner's soldiers. [32]They took Asahel and buried him in his father's tomb in Bethlehem. Then Joab and his men marched all night. When daylight came, they were in Hebron.

3 The war between Saul's house and David's house was long and drawn out. David kept getting stronger, while Saul's house kept getting weaker.

David's family

[2]David's sons were born in Hebron. His oldest son was Amnon, by Ahinoam from Jezreel; [3]the second was Chileab, by Abigail, Nabal's widow from Carmel; the third was Absalom, by Maacah,[p] who was the daughter of Geshur's King Talmai; [4]the fourth was Adonijah, by Haggith; the fifth was Shephatiah, by Abital; [5]and the sixth was Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These are David's sons that were born in Hebron.

3:1 2Sa 2:17, 2Sa 5:10; 1Ki 14:30

Joab kills Abner

[6]Throughout the war between Saul's house and David's house, Abner was gaining power in Saul's house. [7]Now Saul had a secondary wife named Rizpah, Aiah's daughter. Ishbosheth[q] said to Abner, "Why have you had sex with my father's secondary wife?"

[8]Abner got very angry over what Ishbosheth had said.

"Am I some sort of dog's head?"[r] Abner asked. "I've been nothing but loyal to the house of your father Saul and to his brothers and his friends. I haven't handed you over to David, but today you accuse me of doing something wrong with this woman. [9]May God deal harshly with me, Abner, and worse still if I don't do for David exactly what the LORD swore to him— [10]removing the kingdom from Saul's house and securing David's throne over Israel and over Judah, from Dan all the way to Beer-sheba!"

[11]Ishbosheth couldn't say a single word in reply to Abner because he was afraid of him.

[12]Abner sent messengers to represent him to David and to say, "Who will own the land?[s] Make a covenant with me, then I'll help bring all Israel over to your side."

[13]"Good!" David replied. "I will make a covenant with you, but on one condition: don't show yourself in my presence unless you bring Saul's daughter Michal when you come to see me."

[14]Then David sent messengers to Saul's son Ishbosheth. "Give me my wife Michal," he demanded. "I became engaged to her at the cost of one hundred Philistine foreskins."

[15]Ishbosheth then sent for Michal and took her from her husband Paltiel, Laish's son. [16]Her husband went with her all the way to Bahurim, crying as he followed her.

"Go home!" Abner told him. So he went home.

[17]Abner then sent word to Israel's el-

[n]Heb *shofar* [o]Heb uncertain [p]Or *son of*; also twice in 3:4 [q]Or *he*, supplied from 3:8; see note at 2:8 on *Ishbosheth*. [r]LXX; MT adds *that belongs to Judah*. [s]Heb uncertain; LXX lacks *Who will own the land?*

ders. "You've wanted David to be your king for some time now," he said. 18"It's time to act because the LORD has said about David: I will rescue my people Israel from the power of the Philistines and all their enemies through my servant David."

19Abner also spoke directly to the Benjaminites. He then went to inform David in person at Hebron regarding everything that all Israel and the house of Benjamin were willing to do.

20When Abner, along with twenty others, reached David at Hebron, David threw a celebration for Abner and his men. 21Then Abner said to David, "Please let me get going so I can assemble all Israel for my master the king. Then they can make a covenant with you, and you will rule over everything your heart[t] desires." At that, David sent Abner off in peace.

22Right then, David's soldiers and Joab returned from a raid, bringing a great deal of loot with them. Abner was no longer with David in Hebron because David had sent him off in peace. 23When Joab and all the troops with him returned, Joab was told that Abner, Ner's son, had come to the king and that David had sent him off in peace.

24Joab went to the king and asked, "What have you done? Abner came to you here! Why did you send him off? Now he's gotten away! 25Don't you know the evil ways of Abner, Ner's son?[u] He came to trick you, to find out where you come and go, and to learn everything you do!"

26Joab left David and sent messengers after Abner. They brought him back from the well at Sirah, but David didn't know anything of this. 27When Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside next to[v] the gate to speak with him in private. But instead Joab stabbed Abner in the stomach, and he died for shedding the blood of Asahel, Joab's brother.

3:20 Jgs 14:10; 1Ch 12:39; Est 1:3

3:24 Nm 23:11; 2Sa 3:8, 2Sa 19:5, 2Sa 20:9-10

3:25 Gn 42:9, Gn 42:12; Dt 28:6; 1Sa 29:6; 2Sa 3:27

3:26 2Sa 3:27

3:27 2Sa 2:23, 2Sa 20:9-10, 2Sa 23:24; 1Ki 2:5

3:28 Nm 35:33; 2Sa 3:37; 1Ki 2:5

3:29 Lv 15:2; 1Ki 2:31

3:30 1Sa 26:6; 2Sa 2:12, 2Sa 2:18-19, 2Sa 2:23

28When David heard about this later, he said, "I and my kingdom are forever innocent before the LORD concerning the shedding of the blood of Abner, Ner's son. 29May it fall upon the head of Joab and his entire family tree! May Joab's family never be without someone with a discharge or a skin disease,[w] someone who uses a crutch,[x] someone who dies by the sword, or someone who is hungry!"

30So that is how Joab and his brother Abishai murdered Abner, because he killed their brother Asahel in the battle at Gibeon.

31Then David ordered Joab and all the troops who were with him, "Tear your clothes and put on funeral clothes! Mourn for Abner!" King David himself walked behind the body. 32They buried Abner in Hebron. The king wept loudly at Abner's grave. All the troops cried too. 33Then the king sang this funeral song[y] for Abner:

"Should Abner have died
like a fool dies?
34Your hands weren't bound,
your feet weren't chained,
but you have fallen
like someone falls before
the wicked."

Then the troops cried over
Abner again.

35Then all the soldiers came to urge David to eat something while it was still day, but David swore, "May God deal harshly with me and worse still if I eat bread or anything else before the sun goes down." 36All the troops took notice of this and were pleased by it. Indeed, everything that the king did pleased them. 37So on that day all the troops and all Israel knew that it wasn't the king's idea to kill Abner, Ner's son.

38The king told his soldiers, "Don't you know that a prince and a great man in Israel has fallen today? 39And today, though I am the anointed king, I am weak. These men, Zeruiah's sons, are too strong for me.[z] May the LORD

[t]Or *soul* [u]LXX; MT *You know Abner, Ner's son* [v]LXX; MT *to the middle of* [w]Traditionally *leprosy*, a term used for several different skin diseases [x]Or *who holds a spindle* [y]Or *lament* [z]Or *more ruthless than me;* DSS (4QSam[a]) lacks this clause.

repay the one who does evil according to the evil they did!"

Ishbosheth murdered

4 When Ishbosheth,[a] Saul's son, heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost his courage,[b] and all Israel was alarmed. [2]Saul's son had two men who led the raiding parties—one was named Baanah and the other Rechab. Both were sons of Rimmon, a Benjaminite from Beeroth. (Beeroth was considered part of Benjamin. [3]The people of Beeroth had fled to Gittaim and even now live there as immigrants.)

[4]Now Saul's son Jonathan had a boy whose feet were crippled. He was only 5 years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and so his nurse snatched him up and fled. But as she hurried to get away, he fell and was injured. His name was Mephibosheth.[c]

[5]Rechab and Baanah, the sons of Rimmon from Beeroth, set out and reached Ishbosheth's house at the heat of the day, right when he was lying down, taking an afternoon rest. [6]They went straight into his house, as if getting wheat,[d] and they stabbed him in the stomach. Then Rechab and his brother Baanah escaped. [7]They had entered the house while Ishbosheth was lying on the bed in his bedroom. After they stabbed him and killed him, they cut off his head, took it, and traveled all night through the wilderness.

[8]They brought Ishbosheth's head to David at Hebron. "Here is the head of Ishbosheth," they told the king, "the son of Saul your enemy, who wanted you dead. Today the LORD has avenged our master[e] the king on Saul and his descendants."

[9]David answered Rechab and his brother Baanah, the sons of Rimmon from Beeroth, "As surely as the LORD lives, who has rescued me[f] from all kinds of trouble," he told them, [10]"when someone told me Saul was dead back in Ziklag, thinking he was bringing good news, I grabbed him and killed him. That was the reward I gave him for his news! [11]What do you think I'll do when evil people kill a righteous person in his own house on his own bed? Why shouldn't I demand his blood from your hands and rid the earth of you both?"

[12]So David gave the order to his servants, and they killed Rechab and Baanah, cutting off their hands and feet and hanging them up by the pool at Hebron. But they took Ishbosheth's head and buried it in the grave of Abner at Hebron.

David becomes king of Israel and Judah

5 All the Israelite tribes came to David at Hebron and said, "Listen: We are your very own flesh and bone. [2]In the past, when Saul ruled over us, you were the one who led Israel out to war and back. What's more, the LORD told you, You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be Israel's leader."

[3]So all the Israelite elders came to the king at Hebron. King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

[4]David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled for forty years. [5]He ruled over Judah for seven and a half years in Hebron. He ruled thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is captured

[6]The king and his troops marched on Jerusalem against the Jebusites, who inhabited the territory. The Jebusites said to David, "You'll never get us in here! Even the blind and the lame will beat you back!" "David will never enter here," they said to each other.[g] [7]But David did capture the fortress of Zion—which became David's City.

4:8 1Sa 18:11, 1Sa 19:2, 1Sa 23:15, 1Sa 24:4, 1Sa 25:29

4:11 Gn 9:5-6; Ps 9:12

5:1 Gn 29:14; 1Ch 11:1

5:1-3 1Ch 11:1-3

5:2 1Sa 13:14, 1Sa 18:13, 1Sa 18:16, 1Sa 25:30; 2Sa 7:7

5:4, 5 1Ki 2:11, 10; 1Ch 3:4, 1Ch 29:26-30

5:6 Josh 15:63; Jgs 1:21; 1Ch 11:4

5:6-10 1Ch 11:4-9

5:7 2Sa 5:9, 2Sa 6:12, 2Sa 6:16; 1Ki 2:10, 1Ki 8:1

[a]Heb lacks *Ishbosheth*; LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]) *Mephibosheth*; cf 4:4 and the note at 2 Sam 2:8. [b]Or *his hands grew weak* [c]Called *Merib-baal* in 1 Chron 8:34; 9:40. See the note at 2 Sam 2:8. [d]Heb uncertain [e]Or *my master* [f]Or *my life* or *my soul* [g]Or *they thought*; Heb lacks *to each other.*

8 "On that day," David said, "whoever
attacks the Jebusites should strike the
windpipe because David hates the lame
and the blind."[h] That is why people say,
"The blind and the lame will not enter
the temple."[i] 9 David occupied the for-
tress, so it was renamed David's City.
David built a city around it from the
earthen terraces[j] inward.[k] 10 David grew
increasingly powerful, and the LORD
of heavenly forces was with him.

11 Tyre's King Hiram sent messen-
gers to David with cedar logs, brick-
layers, and carpenters to build David
a palace. 12 Then David knew that the
LORD had established him as king
over Israel, and that his kingship was
held in great honor for the sake of his
people Israel. 13 After he left Hebron,
David married more secondary wives
in Jerusalem and fathered more sons
and daughters. 14 The names of his
children in Jerusalem were as follows:
Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, 16 El-
ishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

David defeats the Philistines

17 When the Philistines heard that
David had been anointed king over Is-
rael, they all marched up to find him,
but David heard of it and went down to
the fortress. 18 The Philistines arrived
and spread out over the Rephaim Val-
ley. 19 David asked the LORD, "Should I
attack the Philistines? Will you hand
them over to me?"

"Attack them," the LORD replied,
"because I will definitely hand the Phi-
listines over to you."

20 So David arrived at Baal-perazim
and defeated the Philistines there. He
said, "The LORD has burst out against
my enemies, the way water bursts
out!" That is why that place is called
Baal-perazim.[l] 21 The Philistines left
their divine images behind, and David
and his men carried them off.

22 Once again the Philistines came up
and spread out across the Rephaim Val-
ley. 23 When David asked the LORD, God
replied, "Don't attack them directly.
Circle around behind them and come at
them from in front of the balsam trees.
24 As soon as you hear the sound of
marching in the tops of the trees, then
attack, for God has attacked in front
of you to defeat the Philistine army."
25 David followed God's orders exactly,
and they defeated the Philistine army
from Gibeon all the way to Gezer.

God's chest is brought to Jerusalem

6 Once again David assembled the se-
lect warriors of Israel, thirty thou-
sand strong. 2 David and all the troops
who were with him set out for Baalah,
which is Kiriath-jearim of Judah,[m] to
bring God's chest up from there—the
chest that is called by the name[n] of
the LORD of heavenly forces, who sits
enthroned on the winged creatures.
3 They loaded God's chest on a new
cart and carried it from Abinadab's
house, which was on the hill. Uzzah
and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were driv-
ing the new cart. 4 [o]Uzzah was beside
God's chest while Ahio was walking
in front of it. 5 Meanwhile, David and
the entire house of Israel celebrated
in the LORD's presence with all their
strength, with songs,[p] zithers, harps,
tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

6 When they approached Nacon's
threshing floor, Uzzah reached out to
God's chest and grabbed it because the
oxen had stumbled.[q] 7 The LORD be-
came angry at Uzzah, and God struck
him there because of his mistake,[r] and
he died there next to God's chest. 8 Then
David got angry because the LORD's

5:8 1Ch 11:6; 2Ch 32:30; Mt 21:14
5:9 2Sa 5:7; 1Ki 9:15, 1Ki 9:24, 1Ki 11:27
5:11, 12 1Ch 14:1, 2
5:13-16 1Ch 3:5-9, 1Ch 14:3-7
5:17 1Ch 14:8
5:18 Josh 15:8, Josh 17:15, Josh 18:16; 2Sa 23:13-17; 1Ch 11:15-19, 1Ch 14:9
5:19 1Sa 23:2, 1Sa 23:4, 1Sa 30:8; 2Sa 2:1, 2Sa 5:23
5:19-21 1Ch 14:10-12
5:22-25 1Ch 14:13-17
6:1-11 1Ch 13:1-14
6:1 1Ch 13:1, 1Ch 13:5
6:2 Ex 25:22; Josh 15:9; 1Sa 4:4, 1Sa 7:1; Ps 80:1
6:4 1Sa 7:1; 1Ch 13:7
6:5 1Sa 18:6; 1Ch 13:8; Ps 150:3, Ps 150:5
6:6 Nm 4:15, Nm 4:19; 1Ch 13:9
6:7 1Sa 6:19, 1Sa 25:38

[h] Or *take the water shaft against the lame and the blind who hate David;* Heb uncertain [i] Or *palace* [j] Heb *Millo* [k] DSS (4QSam[a]); MT lacks *city.* [l] Baal-perazim means *the lord* (Heb *baal*) *of breaking out;* see note at 2 Sam 6:8. [m] DSS (4QSam[a]), 1 Chron 13:6; MT *from Baale-judah* [n] MT repeats *name,* but 1 Chron 13:6 omits one of these and LXX reads the first as *there.* [o] LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]), 1 Chron 13:7; MT repeats *they carried it from the house of Abinadab on the hill;* Uzzah has dropped out and must be restored. [p] LXX, DSS (4QSam[a]), 1 Chron 13:8; MT *with all sorts of pine instruments* [q] Heb uncertain [r] Heb uncertain; LXX lacks this phrase; cf Targ, Syr, 1 Chron 13:10 *because he had placed his hand on the chest.*

anger lashed out against Uzzah, and so that place is called Perez-uzzah today.[s]

[9]David was frightened by the LORD that day. "How will I ever bring the LORD's chest to me?" he asked. [10]So David didn't take the chest away with him to David's City. Instead, he had it put in the house of Obed-edom, who was from Gath. [11]The LORD's chest stayed with Obed-edom's household in Gath for three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom's household and all that he had.

[12]King David was told, "The LORD has blessed Obed-edom's family and everything he has because of God's chest being there."[t] So David went and brought God's chest up from Obed-edom's house to David's City with celebration. [13]Whenever those bearing the chest advanced six steps, David sacrificed an ox and a fatling calf. [14]David, dressed in a linen priestly vest,[u] danced with all his strength before the LORD. [15]This is how David and the entire house of Israel brought up the LORD's chest with shouts and trumpet blasts.

[16]As the LORD's chest entered David's City, Saul's daughter Michal was watching from a window. She saw King David jumping and dancing before the LORD, and she lost all respect for him.[v]

[17]The LORD's chest was brought in and put in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it. Then David offered entirely burned offerings in the LORD's presence in addition to well-being sacrifices. [18]When David finished offering the entirely burned offerings and the well-being sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of heavenly forces. [19]He distributed food among all the people of Israel—to the whole crowd, male and female—each receiving a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then all the people went back to their homes.

[20]David went home to bless his household, but Saul's daughter Michal came out to meet him. "How did Israel's king honor himself today?" she said. "By exposing himself in plain view of the female servants of his subjects like any indecent person would!"

[21]David replied to Michal, "I was celebrating before the LORD, who chose me over your father and his entire family, and who appointed me leader over the LORD's people, over Israel—and I will celebrate before the LORD again! [22]I may humiliate myself even more, and I may be humbled in my own eyes, but I will be honored by the female servants you are talking about!"

[23]Michal, Saul's daughter, had no children to the day she died.

God's promise to David

7 When the king was settled in his palace,[w] and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, [2]the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look! I'm living in a cedar palace, but God's chest is housed in a tent!"[x]

[3]Nathan said to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you are thinking, because the LORD is with you."

[4]But that very night the LORD's word came to Nathan: [5]Go to my servant David and tell him: This is what the LORD says: You are not the one to build the temple for me to live in. [6]In fact, I haven't lived in a temple from the day I brought Israel out of Egypt until now. Instead, I have been traveling around in a tent and in a dwelling. [7]Throughout my traveling around with the Israelites, did I ever ask any of Israel's tribal leaders I appointed to shepherd my people: Why haven't you built me a cedar temple?

[8]So then, say this to my servant David: This is what the LORD of heavenly forces says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be leader over my people Israel. [9]I've been with you wherever you've gone,

6:10 1Ch 13:13, 1Ch 15:18, 1Ch 26:4
6:12-19 1Ch 15:1-16:3
6:14 Ex 15:20; 1Sa 2:18; Ps 150:4
6:17 1Ki 8:62; 1Ch 15:1, 1Ch 16:1; 2Ch 1:4
6:18 Ex 39:43; Lv 9:22; 1Ki 8:14, 1Ki 8:55; 1Ch 16:2
6:19 1Ch 16:3; Hos 3:1
6:19-23 1Ch 16:37-43
6:20 Jgs 9:4; 1Sa 19:24; 2Sa 6:14, 2Sa 6:16
6:23 1Sa 14:49, 1Sa 15:35, 1Sa 18:20, 1Sa 18:27, 1Sa 19:12
7:1-3 1Ch 17:1, 2
7:2 Ex 26:1; 2Sa 5:11, 2Sa 12:1; 1Ch 29:29
7:3 1Sa 10:7; 1Ki 8:17-18; 1Ch 22:7, 1Ch 28:2
7:4 2Sa 7:17; 1Ch 17:3
7:4-17 1Ch 17:3-15
7:5 1Ki 5:3; 1Ch 22:8
7:8 1Sa 16:11; 2Sa 6:21; Ps 78:70
7:9 1Sa 18:14; 2Sa 5:10; Ps 18:37

[s] *Perez-uzzah* means *Uzzah-outbreak*; cf 2 Sam 5:20. [t] Heb lacks *being there*. [u] Heb *ephod* [v] Or *despised him for it* [w] Or *house*; the same Heb word (*beth*) appears with different nuances (*house, temple, palace, dynasty, family*) in 7:2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 25-26, 27, 29. [x] Or *among curtains*

and I've eliminated all your enemies before you. Now I will make your name great—like the name of the greatest people on earth. [10]I'm going to provide a place for my people Israel, and plant them so that they may live there and no longer be disturbed. Cruel people will no longer trouble them, as they had been earlier, [11]when I appointed leaders over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

And the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make a dynasty for you. [12]When the time comes for you to die and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your descendant—one of your very own children—to succeed you, and I will establish his kingdom. [13]He will build a temple for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever. [14]I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me. Whenever he does wrong, I will discipline him with a human rod, with blows from human beings. [15]But I will never take my faithful love away from him like I took it away from Saul, whom I set aside in favor of you. [16]Your dynasty and your kingdom will be secured forever before me.[y] Your throne will be established forever.

[17]Nathan reported all of these words and this entire vision to David.

David's prayer

[18]Then King David went and sat in the LORD's presence. He asked:

> Who am I, LORD God, and of what significance is my family that you have brought me this far? [19]But even this was too small in your eyes, LORD God! Now you have also spoken about your servant's dynasty in the future and the generation to come,[z] LORD God!
>
> [20]What more can David say to you? You know your servant, LORD God. [21]For the sake of your word and according to your own will, you have done this great thing so that your servant would know it.
>
> [22]That is why you are so great, LORD God! No one can compare to you, no god except you, just as we have always heard with our own ears.
>
> [23]And who can compare to your people Israel? They are the one nation on earth that God redeemed as his own people, establishing his name by doing great and awesome things for them,[a] by driving out nations and their gods before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt.[b]
>
> [24]You established your people Israel as your own people forever, and you, LORD, became their God.
>
> [25]Now, LORD God, confirm forever the promise you have made about your servant and his dynasty. Do just as you have promised [26]so that your name will be great forever when people say, "The LORD of heavenly forces is Israel's God!" May your servant David's household be established before you, [27]because you, LORD of heavenly forces, Israel's God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a dynasty for him. That is why your servant has found the courage to pray this prayer to you.
>
> [28]LORD God, you are truly God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. [29]So now willingly bless your servant's dynasty so that it might continue forever before you, because you, LORD God, have promised. Let your servant's dynasty be blessed forever by your blessing.

David's wars

8 Some time later, David defeated the Philistines and subdued them. David captured Metheg-ammah from Philistine control.

[2]David also defeated the Moabites and made them lie on the ground,

7:10 Ps 89:22
7:11 Jgs 2:14; 1Sa 12:9; 2Sa 7:1, 2Sa 7:27
7:12 1Ki 2:1, 1Ki 8:20; Ps 132:11; Ac 13:36
7:13 1Ki 5:5, 1Ki 6:12, 1Ki 8:19
7:14 Dt 8:5; Ps 89:26; Ps 89:30; Heb 1:5
7:15 1Sa 15:28, 1Sa 16:14; 1Ki 11:13
7:16 2Sa 7:13; Ps 89:36, Ps 89:37; Lk 1:33
7:18 Ex 3:11; 1Sa 18:18; 1Ch 17:16
7:18-29 1Ch 17:16-27
7:19 1Ch 17:17; Is 55:8
7:27 2Sa 7:11; 1Ki 11:38
8:1 1Ch 18:1
8:2 1Ch 18:2

[y]LXX (cf 7:26, 29); MT *you* [z]Correction; Heb uncertain *this is the law of humankind* [a]Or *you* (plural) [b]LXX, 1 Chron 17:21; MT *for your land before your people whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, the nations and their gods*

measuring them with a rope. He measured two rope lengths for those who were to be killed and one rope length for those who were to be spared. The Moabites became David's subjects and brought him tribute.

3 Next David defeated Zobah's King Hadadezer, Rehob's son, as Hadadezer was on his way to put[c] his monument along the Euphrates River.[d] 4 David captured one thousand chariots, seven hundred charioteers,[e] and twenty thousand foot soldiers. He cut the hamstrings of all but one hundred of the chariot horses. 5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Zobah's King Hadadezer, David killed twenty-two thousand of them. 6 David set up forts among the Arameans of Damascus. And the Arameans became David's subjects and brought him tribute. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went. 7 David took the gold shields carried by Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 King David also took a large amount of bronze from Tebah[f] and Berothai, towns that belonged to Hadadezer.

9 When Hamath's King Toi heard that David had defeated the entire army of Hadadezer, 10 he sent his son Joram to King David to wish him well and congratulate him on his battle and defeat of Hadadezer, because Toi was an enemy of Hadadezer. Joram brought silver, gold, and bronze objects with him. 11 King David dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold he had dedicated from all the nations that he had subdued: 12 Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek, including the plunder of Zobah's King Hadadezer, Rehob's son.

13 So David made a name for himself.[g] When he returned, he killed eighteen thousand Edomites[h] in the Salt Valley. 14 He set up forts in Edom,[i] and all the Edomites became David's subjects. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.

8:3, 4, 7, 8 1Ki 11:23, 24; 1Ch 18:3, 4, 7, 8
8:5, 6 1Ch 18:5, 6
8:9-11 1Ch 18:9-11
8:11-12 1Ch 18:11, 13
8:13, 14 1Ki 11:15-17; 1Ch 18:12, 13
8:13 2Sa 7:9; 2Ki 14:7; 1Ch 18:12; Ps 60:1
8:14 Gn 27:37; Nm 24:18; 2Sa 8:6
8:15-18 1Ch 18:14-17

David's administration

15 David ruled over all Israel and maintained justice and righteousness for all his people. 16 Zeruiah's son Joab was in command of the army; Ahilud's son Jehoshaphat was recorder; 17 Ahitub's son Zadok and Ahimelech's son[j] Abiathar were priests; Seraiah was secretary; 18 Jehoiada's son Benaiah was in command of[k] the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were priests.

David and Mephibosheth

9 David asked, "Is there anyone from Saul's family still alive that I could show faithful love for Jonathan's sake?" 2 There was a servant from Saul's household named Ziba, and he was summoned before David.

"Are you Ziba?" the king asked him.

"At your service!" he answered.

3 The king asked, "Is there anyone left from Saul's family that I could show God's kindness to?"

"Yes," Ziba said to the king, "one of Jonathan's sons, whose feet are crippled."

4 "Where is he?" the king asked.

"He is at the house of Ammiel's son Machir at Lo-debar," Ziba told the king.

5 So King David had him brought from the house of Ammiel's son Machir at Lo-debar. 6 Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson, came to David, and he fell to the ground, bowing low out of respect.

"Mephibosheth?" David said.

"Yes," he replied. "I am at your service!"

7 "Don't be afraid," David told him, "because I will certainly show you faithful love for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the fields of your grandfather Saul, and you will eat at my table always."

[c] Or *to restore* [d] DSS(4QSam[a]), 1 Chron 18:3 [e] LXX, DSS(4QSam[a]), 1 Chron 18:4; MT *seventeen hundred chariots* [f] Some LXX manuscripts and 1 Chron 18:8; MT *Betah* [g] Or *built a monument* [h] LXX; MT *he returned from killing eighteen thousand Arameans* [i] Cf 1 Chron 18:13; MT repeats *in all Edom he set up forts.* [j] MT *Abiathar's son Ahimelech*; cf 1 Sam 22:20; 23:6; 30:7; 2 Sam 20:25 [k] Syr, Tg, Vulg, 1 Chron 18:17; MT lacks *in command of.*

[8]Mephibosheth bowed low out of respect and said, "Who am I, your servant, that you should care about a dead dog like me?"

[9]Then David summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything belonging to Saul and his family. [10]You will work the land for him—you, your sons, and your servants—and you will bring food into your master's house for them to eat.[l] But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will always be at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

[11]Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my master the king commands."

So Mephibosheth ate at David's[m] table, like one of the king's own sons. [12]Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. All who lived in Ziba's household became Mephibosheth's servants. [13]Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table. He was crippled in both feet.

War with the Ammonites and Arameans

10 Some time later, the king of the Ammonites died, and his son Hanun succeeded him as king. [2]David said, "I'll be loyal to Nahash's son Hanun, just as his father was loyal to me." So David sent his servants with condolences concerning Hanun's father.

But when David's servants arrived in Ammonite territory, [3]the Ammonite officials asked their master Hanun, "Do you really believe David is honoring your father because he has sent you condolences? Of course not! David has sent his servants to you to search the city, spy it out, and overthrow it." [4]So Hanun seized David's servants and shaved off their beards,[n] cut off half their garments, from their buttocks down, and sent them off.

[5]When this was reported to David, he sent men to meet them because they were completely ashamed. The king said, "Stay in Jericho until your beards have grown. Then you can come back."

10:1-5 1Ch 19:1-5
10:6-14 1Ch 19:6-15
10:15-19 1Ch 19:16-19

[6]When the Ammonites realized that they had offended David, they sent for and hired the Arameans of Beth-rehob and the Arameans of Zobah, totaling twenty thousand foot soldiers; the king of Maacah with one thousand soldiers; and twelve thousand soldiers from Tob. [7]When David heard this, he sent Joab with the entire army of warriors. [8]The Ammonites marched out and formed a battle line at the entrance to the city. The Arameans of Zobah and Rehob and the soldiers from Tob and Maacah remained in the countryside.

[9]When Joab saw that the battle would be fought on two fronts, he chose some of Israel's finest warriors and deployed them to meet the Arameans. [10]The rest of the army Joab placed under the command of his brother Abishai. When they took up their positions to meet the Ammonites, Joab said, [11]"If the Arameans prove too strong for me, you must help me, and if the Ammonites prove too strong for you, I'll help you. [12]Be brave! We must be courageous for the sake of our people and the cities of our God. The LORD will do what is good in his eyes."

[13]When Joab and the troops who were with him advanced into battle against the Arameans, they fled from him. [14]When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Abishai and retreated to the city. Then Joab returned from fighting the Ammonites and went to Jerusalem.

[15]The Arameans saw that they had been defeated by Israel, so they regrouped. [16]Hadadezer sent for Arameans from beyond the Euphrates River. They came to Helam with Shobach leading them as commander of Hadadezer's army. [17]When this was reported to David he gathered all Israel, crossed the Jordan, and went to Helam. The Arameans formed battle lines against David and fought with him. [18]But the

[l]LXX[L]; MT *You will bring food for your master's son and he will eat it.* [m]LXX; MT *my* [n]LXX; MT *half their beard*

Arameans fled before Israel, and David destroyed seven hundred of their chariots and forty thousand horsemen. David wounded their army commander Shobach, and he died there. [19]When all the kings who served Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and became their subjects. Never again would the Arameans come to the aid of the Ammonites.

David and Bathsheba

11 In the spring,[o] when kings[p] go off to war, David sent Joab, along with his servants and all the Israelites, and they destroyed the Ammonites, attacking the city of Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

[2]One evening, David got up from his couch and was pacing back and forth on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. [3]David sent someone and inquired about the woman. The report came back: "Isn't this Eliam's daughter Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" [4]So David sent messengers to get her. When she came to him, he had sex with her. (Now she had been purifying herself after her monthly period.) Then she returned home. [5]The woman conceived and sent word to David.

"I'm pregnant," she said.

[6]Then David sent a message to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David. [7]When Uriah came to him, David asked about the welfare of Joab and the army and how the battle was going. [8]Then David told Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet."

Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. [9]However, Uriah slept at the palace entrance with all his master's servants. He didn't go down to his own house. [10]David was told, "Uriah didn't go down to his own house," so David asked Uriah, "Haven't you just returned from a journey? Why didn't you go home?"

[11]"The chest and Israel and Judah are all living in tents," Uriah told David. "And my master Joab and my master's troops are camping in the open field. How[q] could I go home and eat, drink, and have sex with my wife? I swear on your very life,[r] I will not do that!"

[12]Then David told Uriah, "Stay here one more day. Tomorrow I'll send you back." So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day. The next day [13]David called for him, and he ate and drank, and David got him drunk. In the evening Uriah went out to sleep in the same place, alongside his master's servants, but he did not go down to his own home.

[14]The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. [15]He wrote in the letter, "Place Uriah at the front of the fiercest battle, and then pull back from him so that he will be struck down and die."

[16]So as Joab was attacking the city, he put Uriah in the place where he knew there were strong warriors. [17]When the city's soldiers came out and attacked Joab, some of the people from David's army fell. Uriah the Hittite was also killed. [18]Joab sent a complete report of the battle to David.

[19]"When you have finished reporting all the news of the battle to the king," Joab instructed the messenger, [20]"if the king gets angry and asks you, 'Why did you go so close to the city to fight? Didn't you know they would shoot from the wall? [21]Who killed Jerubbaal's son Abimelech?[s] Didn't a woman throw an upper millstone on top of him from the wall so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go so close to the wall?' then say: 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead too.'"

[22]So the messenger set off, and when he arrived he reported to David everything Joab sent him to say.

[23]"The men overpowered us," the messenger told David. "They came out

11:1 Dt 3:11; 2Sa 12:26; 1Ki 20:22, 1Ki 20:26; 1Ch 20:1
11:2 Dt 22:8; 1Sa 9:25; Mt 5:28
11:3 1Sa 26:6; 2Sa 23:34, 2Sa 23:39; 1Ki 1:11; 1Ch 3:5
11:4 Lv 15:19, Lv 18:19; Ps 51:1; Jas 1:14
11:5 Dt 22:22; 2Sa 11:4, 2Sa 11:27
11:6 2Sa 11:21, 2Sa 12:9, 2Sa 23:39; 1Ch 11:41; Prv 28:13
11:7 1Sa 17:22; 2Sa 8:10
11:8 Gn 18:4, Gn 19:2, Gn 43:24; Lk 7:44
11:11 2Sa 7:2, 2Sa 7:6, 2Sa 20:6
11:13 Gn 19:33; 2Sa 11:9; Hab 2:15
11:14 1Ki 21:8
11:15 1Sa 18:17; 2Sa 12:9
11:16 2Sa 3:27, 2Sa 11:21, 2Sa 20:9, 2Sa 20:10; 1Ki 2:5
11:17 2Sa 11:21, 2Sa 12:9
11:21 Jgs 8:31, Jgs 9:50, Jgs 9:53

[o] Or *At the turn of the year* [p] LXX, Tg, Vulg; MT *messengers* [q] LXX[L]; MT lacks *How.* [r] Or *I swear on your life and your soul's life;* cf LXX [s] LXX, Syr, Judg 7:1; MT *Jerub-besheth*

against us in the open field, but we fought against them[t] up to the entrance of the city gate. [24]Archers shot down on your servants from the wall. Some of the king's servants died. And your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead too."

[25]David said to the messenger, "Say this to Joab: 'Don't be upset about this because the sword is that way: taking the life of this person or that person. Continue attacking the city and destroy it!' Encourage Joab!"

[26]When Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah was dead, she mourned for her husband. [27]After the time of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her back to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son.

But what David had done was evil in the LORD's eyes.

Nathan pronounces God's judgment

12 So the LORD sent Nathan to David. When Nathan arrived he said, "There were two men in the same city, one rich, one poor. [2]The rich man had a lot of sheep and cattle, [3]but the poor man had nothing—just one small ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised that lamb, and it grew up with him and his children. It would eat from his food and drink from his cup—even sleep in his arms! It was like a daughter to him.

[4]"Now a traveler came to visit the rich man, but he wasn't willing to take anything from his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had arrived. Instead, he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the visitor."

[5]David got very angry at the man, and he said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the one who did this is demonic![u] [6]He must restore the ewe lamb seven times over[v] because he did this and because he had no compassion."

[7]"You are that man!" Nathan told David. "This is what the LORD God of Israel says: I anointed you king over Israel and delivered you from Saul's power. [8]I gave your master's house[w] to you, and gave his wives into your embrace. I gave you the house[x] of Israel and Judah. If that was too little, I would have given even more. [9]Why have you despised the LORD's word by doing what is evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and taken his wife as your own. You used the Ammonites to kill him. [10]Because of that, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite as your own, the sword will never leave your own house.

[11]"This is what the LORD says: I am making trouble come against you from inside your own family. Before your very eyes I will take your wives away and give them to your friend, and he will have sex with your wives in broad daylight. [12]You did what you did secretly, but I will do what I am doing before all Israel in the light of day."

[13]"I've sinned against the LORD!" David said to Nathan.

"The LORD has removed your sin," Nathan replied to David. "You won't die. [14]However, because you have utterly disrespected the LORD[y] by doing this, the son born to you will definitely die." [15]Then Nathan went home.

Bathsheba's child dies

The LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne for David, and he became very sick. [16]David begged God for the boy. He fasted and spent the night sleeping on the ground. [17]The senior servants of his house approached[z] him to lift him up off the ground, but he refused, and he wouldn't eat with them either.

[18]On the seventh day, the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child had died. "David wouldn't listen to us when we talked to him while the child was still alive," they said. "How can we tell him the

11:27 2Sa 12:9

12:1 2Sa 7:2, 2Sa 14:5; 1Ki 1:10; Ps 51:1

12:3 Gn 40:11; 2Sa 11:3

12:5 1Sa 14:39, 1Sa 20:31; Ro 2:1

12:6 Ex 22:1; Lk 19:8

12:7 1Sa 16:13; 1Ki 18:18

12:8 2Sa 5:5

12:9 Nm 15:31; 2Sa 11:14-15, 2Sa 11:27

12:10 2Sa 13:28, 2Sa 18:14

12:11 Dt 28:30; 2Sa 16:21-22

12:12 2Sa 11:4, 2Sa 16:22

12:13 Lv 20:10; 1Sa 15:24; 2Sa 24:10; Ps 32:1; Mi 7:18

12:14 Neh 5:9; Is 52:5; Eze 36:20; Ro 2:24

12:16 2Sa 13:31

12:17 2Sa 3:35

12:18 2Sa 12:16, 2Sa 13:39

[t]Or *we were upon them* [u]Or *as good as dead*; MT *a son of death* [v]LXX; MT *fourfold* (cf Exod 22:1) [w]Syr *daughters* [x]Syr *daughters* [y]MT *the LORD's enemies*—a euphemism or ancient scribal correction (cf note at 1 Sam 25:22) [z]LXX[L], DSS(4QSam[a]); MT *stood over*

child has died? He'll do something terrible!"

19 But when David saw his servants whispering, he realized the child had died.

"Is the child dead?" David asked his servants.

"Yes," they said, "he is dead."

20 Then David rose from the ground, bathed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes. He entered the LORD's house and bowed down. Then he entered his own house. He requested food, which was brought to him, and he ate.

21 "Why are you acting this way?" his servants asked. "When the child was alive, you fasted and cried and kept watch,[a] but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat food!"

22 David replied, "While the child was alive I fasted and wept because I thought, Who knows? The LORD may have mercy on me and let the child live. 23 But he is dead now. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? No. I am going where he is, but he won't come back to me."

24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba. He went to her and had sex with her. She gave birth to a son and named him Solomon.[b] The LORD loved him 25 and sent word by the prophet Nathan to name him Jedidiah[c] because of the LORD's grace.[d]

Defeat of the Ammonites

26 Meanwhile, Joab fought the Ammonites at Rabbah and captured the royal city. 27 Joab then sent messengers to David, saying, "I have fought against Rabbah and captured the city's water supply.[e] 28 So gather the rest of the troops, attack the city, and capture it. Otherwise, I will capture the city myself, and it will be named after me."

29 So David gathered all the troops, marched to Rabbah, fought against it, and captured it. 30 David took Milcom's[f] crown off his head. It weighed one kikkar of gold and was set with a valuable stone. It was placed on David's head. The amount of loot David took from the city was huge. 31 He brought out the people who were in the city and put them to work making bricks. David demolished the city with saws, iron picks, and axes;[g] he did this to all the Ammonite cities. Then David and all the troops returned to Jerusalem.

12:20 Ru 3:3; 2Sa 14:2; Job 1:20
12:22 Is 38:1; Jon 3:9
12:23 Gn 37:35; Job 7:8
12:24 1Ch 22:9; Mt 1:6
12:26-31 1Ch 20:1-3
13:1 2Sa 3:2-3, 2Sa 14:27; 1Ch 3:2, 1Ch 3:9

Amnon rapes Tamar

13 Some time later, David's son Amnon fell in love with Tamar the beautiful sister of Absalom, who was also David's son. 2 Amnon was so upset over his half sister that he made himself sick. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible in Amnon's view to do anything to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend named Jonadab, Shimeah's son, David's brother, who was a very clever man.

4 "Prince," Jonadab said to him, "why are you so down, morning after morning? Tell me about it."

So Amnon told him, "I'm in love with Tamar, the sister of my brother Absalom."

5 "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be sick," Jonadab said to him. "When your father comes to see you, tell him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me some food to eat. Let her prepare the food in my sight so I can watch and eat from her own hand.'"

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick. The king came to see him, and Amnon told the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of heart-shaped cakes in front of me so I can eat from her hand."

7 David sent word to Tamar at the palace: "Please go to your brother Amnon's house and prepare some food for him."

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house where he was lying down.

[a] LXX[L], OL; MT lacks *kept watch.* [b] Qere; Kethib *he* (David) *named* [c] *Jedidiah* means *Loved by the LORD.*
[d] Heb uncertain; some Heb and LXX manuscripts *by the LORD's word* [e] Heb uncertain [f] LXX; MT *their king's crown*
[g] Cf LXX[L], OL, Tg, 1 Chron 20:3

She took dough, kneaded it, made heart-shaped cakes in front of him, and then cooked them. [9]She took the pan and served Amnon, but he refused to eat.

"Everyone leave me," Amnon said. So everyone left him. [10]Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom so I can eat from your hand." So Tamar took the heart-shaped cakes she had made and brought them to her brother Amnon in the bedroom. [11]When she served him the food, he grabbed her and said, "Come have sex with me, my sister."

[12]But she said to him, "No, my brother! Don't rape me. Such a thing shouldn't be done in Israel. Don't do this horrible thing. [13]Think about me—where could I hide my shame? And you—you would become like some fool in Israel! Please, just talk to the king! He won't keep me from marrying you."

[14]But Amnon refused to listen to her. He was stronger than she was, and so he raped her.

[15]But then Amnon felt intense hatred for her. In fact, his hatred for her was greater than the love he had felt for her. So Amnon told her, "Get out of here!"

[16]"No, my brother!"[h] she said. "Sending me away would be worse than the wrong you've already done."

But Amnon wouldn't listen to her. [17]He summoned his young servant and said, "Get this woman out of my presence and lock the door after her." ([18]She was wearing a long-sleeved robe because that was what the virgin princesses wore as garments.)[i] So Amnon's servant put her out and locked the door after her.

[19]Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long-sleeved robe she was wearing. She put her hand on her head and walked away, crying as she went.

[20]Her brother Absalom said to her, "Has your brother Amnon been with you? Keep quiet about it for now, sister; he's your brother. Don't let it bother you." So Tamar, a broken woman, lived in her brother Absalom's house.

[21]When King David heard about all this he got very angry, but he refused to punish his son Amnon because he loved him as his oldest child.[j] [22]Absalom never spoke to Amnon, good word or bad, because he hated him for raping his sister Tamar.

13:14 Gn 34:2; Dt 22:25; 2Sa 12:11
13:21 Gn 34:7
13:29 2Sa 13:28, 2Sa 14:30, 2Sa 18:9; 1Ki 1:33
13:31 2Sa 1:11, 2Sa 12:16

Absalom kills Amnon

[23]Two years later, Absalom was shearing sheep at Baal-hazor near Ephraim, and he invited all the king's sons. [24]Absalom approached the king and said, "Your servant is shearing sheep. Would the king and his advisors please join me?"

[25]But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son. We shouldn't all go, or we would be a burden on you." Although Absalom urged him, the king wasn't willing to go, although he gave Absalom a blessing.

[26]Then Absalom said, "If you won't come, then let my brother Amnon go with us."

"Why should he go with you?" they asked him. [27]But Absalom urged him until he sent Amnon and all the other princes. Then Absalom made a banquet fit for a king.[k]

[28]Absalom commanded his servants, "Be on the lookout! When Amnon is happy with wine and I tell you to strike Amnon down, then kill him! Don't be afraid, because I myself am giving you the order. Be brave and strong men." [29]So Absalom's servants did to Amnon just what he had commanded. Then all the princes got up, jumped onto their mules, and fled.

[30]While they were on the way, the report came to David: "Absalom has killed all of the princes! Not one remains." [31]The king got up, tore his garments, and lay on the ground. All his servants stood near him, their garments torn as well. [32]But Jonadab, the

[h]Correction; Heb uncertain; cf LXX, Vulg [i]Heb uncertain [j]LXX, DSS(4QSam[a]); MT lacks *but he refused . . . oldest child.* [k]LXX; MT lacks *Then Absalom . . . king.*

son of David's brother Shimeah, said, "My master shouldn't think that all the young princes have been killed—only Amnon is dead. This has been Absalom's plan ever since the day Amnon raped his sister Tamar. 33So don't let this bother you, my master; don't think that all the princes are dead, because only Amnon is dead, 34and Absalom has fled." Just then the young man on watch looked up and saw many people coming on the road behind him alongside the mountain. 35Jonadab told the king, "Look, the princes are coming, just as I, your servant, said they would."

36When Jonadab finished speaking, the princes arrived. They broke into loud crying, and the king and his servants cried hard as well.

37Meanwhile, Absalom had fled and gone to Geshur's King Talmai, Ammihud's son. David mourned for his son a long time. 38But Absalom, after fleeing to Geshur, stayed there for three years. 39Then the king's desire to go out after Absalom faded away because he had gotten over Amnon's death.[l]

Absalom is restored

14 Now Joab, Zeruiah's son, could see that the king's mind was on Absalom. 2So Joab sent someone to Tekoa and brought a wise woman from there. He said to her, "Pretend to be in mourning. Dress in mourning clothes. Don't anoint yourself with oil. Act like a woman who has spent a long time mourning over someone who has died. 3Go to the king and speak to him as follows." Then Joab told her what to say.

4When the woman from Tekoa came to the king, she fell facedown, bowing low out of respect. "King, help me!" she said.

5"What is wrong?" the king asked her.

"It's terrible!" she said. "I am a widow; my husband is dead. 6Your servant had two sons, but the two of them fought in the field. No one could separate them, and one struck the other and killed him. 7Now the entire clan has turned against your servant. They say, 'Hand over the one who killed his brother so we can execute him for murdering his brother, even though we would destroy the heir as well.' So they would snuff out the one ember I have left, leaving my husband without name or descendant on the earth."

14:14 Nm 35:15, Nm 35:25; Job 30:23; Heb 9:27

8The king said to the woman, "Return home, and I will issue an order in your behalf."

9The woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My master and king, let the guilt be on me and on my father's household. The king and his throne are innocent."

10"If anyone speaks against you, bring him to me, and he will never trouble you again," the king replied.

11She said, "Please let the king remember the LORD your God so that the one seeking revenge doesn't add to the destruction and doesn't kill my son."

"As surely as the LORD lives," David said, "not one of your son's hairs will fall to the ground."

12Then the woman said, "May your female servant say something to my master the king?"

"Speak!" he said.

13The woman said, "Why have you planned the very same thing against God's people? In giving this order, the king has become guilty because the king hasn't restored his own banished son. 14We all have to die—we're like water spilled out on the ground that can't be gathered up again. But God doesn't take life away; instead, he makes plans so those banished from him don't stay that way.[m]

15[n]"I have come to my master the king to talk about this because people have made me afraid. Your servant thought, I must speak with the king. Maybe the king will act on the request of his servant, 16because the king will agree to deliver his servant from the power of anyone who would destroy both me and my son from the inheritance God gave. 17Your servant thought, The word of my master the

[l]DSS(4QSam[a]), LXX; Heb uncertain [m]Heb uncertain [n]14:15-17 may have originally followed 14:7.

king will definitely comfort me, because my master the king is like one of God's messengers, understanding good and evil. May the LORD your God be with you!"

[18]°The king answered the woman, "I must ask you something—don't hide anything from me!"

The woman said, "Please, my master and king, speak."

[19]So the king said, "Has Joab put you up to this?"

The woman answered, "As surely as you live, my master and king, no one can deviate a bit from whatever my master and king says. Yes, it was your servant Joab who directed me, and it was Joab who told your female servant to say all these things. [20]Your servant Joab did this to change the way things look.[p] But my master's wisdom is like the wisdom of one of God's own messengers—he knows everything that takes place in the land."

[21]So the king said to Joab, "All right then. I will do it. Go and bring back my boy Absalom."

[22]Joab fell facedown, bowing low out of respect, and he blessed the king.

"Today your servant knows that you think well of me, my master and king," Joab said, "because the king has followed up on his servant's recommendation."

[23]So Joab got up, went to Geshur, and brought Absalom back to Jerusalem.

[24]The king said, "He must go straight to his own house. He must not see my face." So Absalom went straight to his own house and did not see the king.

[25]No man throughout Israel was as praised for his good looks as Absalom. From the soles of his feet to the crown of his head there was nothing wrong with him. [26]When he shaved his head—he had to shave his head at the end of each year because his hair was so heavy that he had to shave it—the weight of the hair from his head was two hundred shekels by the royal weight. [27]Absalom had three sons and one daughter. The daughter's name was Tamar. She was a beautiful woman.

[28]Absalom lived in Jerusalem two years without ever seeing the king's face. [29]Absalom called for Joab in order to send Joab to the king, but Joab refused to come. Absalom called for Joab a second time, but he still wouldn't come. [30]So Absalom said to his servants, "Look, Joab's property is next to mine. He has barley there. Go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the property on fire. Then Joab's servants went to Joab with their clothes torn. "Absalom's servants set the property on fire," they said.[q]

[31]So Joab went straight to Absalom's house and said to him, "Why have your servants set my property on fire?"

[32]Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I sent you a message: Come here so I can send you to the king to ask, 'Why have I returned from Geshur? I would be better off if I were still there!' Please let me see the king's face. If I'm guilty, then the king can kill me."

[33]Joab went to the king and reported this to him. Then the king called for Absalom, and Absalom came to the king. He bowed low out of respect, nose to the ground before the king. Then the king kissed Absalom.

Absalom plots rebellion

15 Some time later, Absalom got a chariot and horses for his own use, along with fifty men to run ahead of him. [2]Absalom would get up early and stand by the side of the road that went through the city gate. Whenever anyone had a lawsuit to bring before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him, "What city are you from?" When the person said, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel," [3]then Absalom would say to him, "No doubt your claims are correct and valid, but the king won't listen to you. [4]If only

14:19 1Sa 1:26; 2Sa 14:3
14:25 1Sa 9:2
14:33 Gn 33:4; Lk 15:20
15:1 1Sa 8:11; 1Ki 1:5
15:2 Ru 4:1
15:3 2Sa 15:2; Prv 12:2
15:4 Jgs 9:29

°14:18 may have originally followed 14:14. [p]Heb uncertain [q]DSS(4QSam[c]) LXX; MT lacks *Then Joab's servants . . . said.*

I were made a judge in the land," Absalom would continue, "then anyone with a lawsuit could come to me, and I would give them justice."

5 Whenever anyone came near to Absalom, bowing low out of respect, he would reach his hand out, grab them, and kiss them. 6 This is how Absalom treated every Israelite who came to the king seeking justice. This is how Absalom stole the hearts of the Israelites.

7 At the end of four[r] years, Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go to Hebron so I can fulfill a promise I made to the LORD. 8 Your servant made this promise when I lived in Geshur, in Aram. I promised that if the LORD would bring me back to Jerusalem, then I would worship the LORD in Hebron."[s]

9 "Go in peace," the king said. So Absalom left and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent secret agents throughout the tribes of Israel with this message: "When you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom has become king in Hebron!'" 11 Two hundred invited guests went with Absalom from Jerusalem. They were innocent and knew nothing of this matter when they went. 12 While Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he summoned David's advisor Ahithophel, who was from Giloh, to come from his hometown. So the conspiracy grew stronger, and Absalom's following grew.

David flees from Jerusalem

13 A messenger came to David, reporting, "The hearts of the Israelites have gone over to Absalom." 14 Then David told all the servants who were with him in Jerusalem, "Come on! We have to run for it, or we won't be able to escape Absalom. Hurry, or he will catch up with us in no time, destroy us,[t] and attack the city with the sword."

15 The king's servants said to him, "Your servants are ready to do whatever our master the king decides." 16 So the king left, with his entire household following him, but he left ten secondary wives behind to take care of the palace.

17 So the king left, with all his people following him, and they stopped at the last house. 18 All the king's servants marched past him, as did all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath. 19 The king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why are you coming with us too? Go back! Stay with King Absalom.[u] You are a foreigner and an exile from your own country. 20 You just got here yesterday. So today should I make you wander around with us while I go wherever I have to go? No. Go back, and take your relatives with you. May the LORD show you loyal love and faithfulness."[v]

21 But Ittai answered the king, "As surely as the LORD lives and as surely as my master the king lives, wherever my master the king may be, facing death or facing life, your servant will be there too."

22 "Okay then," David replied to Ittai. "Keep marching!"

So Ittai the Gittite and all of his men and all the little children with him marched past. 23 The whole countryside cried loudly as all the troops marched past. The king crossed the Kidron Valley, and all the troops passed by on the Olive road[w] into the wilderness.

24 Zadok was there too, along with all the Levites carrying the chest containing God's covenant. They set God's chest down, and Abiathar offered sacrifices until all the troops had finished marching out of the city. 25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry God's chest back into the city. If the LORD thinks well of me, then he will bring me back and let me see it and its home again. 26 But if God says, 'I'm not pleased with you,' then I am ready. Let him do to me whatever pleases him."

27 "Do you understand?" the king said to the priest Zadok. "Go back to the city

15:5 2Sa 14:33
15:6 Ro 16:18
15:10 1Ki 1:34; 2Ki 9:13
15:13 Jgs 9:3; 2Sa 15:6
15:25 Ex 15:13; Ps 43:3
15:26 Nm 14:8; Jgs 10:15; 1Sa 3:18; 2Sa 22:20

[r] LXX, Syr, Vulg, Josephus; MT *forty* [s] LXX; MT lacks *in Hebron*. [t] Heb uncertain; LXX[L] *bring the city down on top of us* [u] Heb lacks *Absalom*. [v] LXX; MT lacks *may the LORD show you*. [w] LXX[L]; MT lacks *Olive*.

in safety—you and Abiathar[x] with your two sons, your son Ahimaaz and Abiathar's son Jonathan. [28]I will be waiting in the desert plains until you send word telling me what to do." [29]So Zadok and Abiathar took God's chest back to Jerusalem and stayed there.

[30]But David, his head covered, walked barefoot up the slope of the Mount of Olives crying. All the people who were with him covered their heads too and cried as they went up. [31]David was told that Ahithophel was also among the conspirators with Absalom, so he prayed, "Please, LORD, make Ahithophel's advice foolish."

David and Hushai

[32]When David came to the summit where people used to worship God, Hushai from Erek met him. Hushai's clothes were ripped, and dirt was on his head. [33]David said to him, "If you come with me, you will be a burden to me. [34]But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, 'King, I am your servant![y] Please spare my life! I was your father's servant in the past, but now I am your servant,' then you can help me by countering Ahithophel's advice. [35]The priests Zadok and Abiathar will be with you there. So report everything you hear in the king's palace to the priests Zadok and Abiathar. [36]Their two sons, Zadok's son Ahimaaz and Abiathar's son Jonathan, are also there. Use them to report to me everything you hear."

[37]So David's friend Hushai went into Jerusalem, just as Absalom was entering the city.

David and Ziba

16 When David had passed a short distance beyond the summit, Ziba, Mephibosheth's servant, met him with a pair of saddled donkeys loaded with two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred bunches of raisins, one hundred figs,[z] and a jar of wine.

[2]"What is all this for?" the king asked Ziba.

"The donkeys are for the royal family to ride," Ziba explained. "The bread and summer fruit are for the young people to eat, and the wine is for those who get exhausted in the wilderness."

[3]"Where is your master's grandson?" the king asked.

"He is still in Jerusalem," Ziba answered the king, "because he thinks that the Israelites are now going to give his grandfather's kingdom back to him."

[4]"Look here," the king said to Ziba. "Everything that belonged to Mephibosheth now belongs to you."

Ziba said, "I bow out of respect! Please think well of me, my master and king."

Shimei curses David

[5]When King David came to Bahurim, a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei; he was Gera's son. He was cursing as he came out. [6]He threw rocks at David and at all of King David's servants, even though the entire army and all the warriors were on either side of him.

[7]This is what Shimei said as he cursed David: "Get out of here! Get out of here! You are a murderer! You are despicable! [8]The LORD has paid you back for all the blood of Saul's family, in whose place you rule, and the LORD has handed the kingdom over to your son Absalom. You are in this trouble because you are a murderer!"

[9]Zeruiah's son Abishai said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my master the king? Let me go over and cut his head off!"

[10]But the king said, "My problems aren't yours, you sons of Zeruiah. If he is cursing because the LORD told him to curse David, then who is to question, 'Why are you doing this?'"

[11]Then David addressed Abishai and all his servants: "Listen! My own son, one of my very own children, wants me dead. This Benjaminite can only feel the same—only more! Leave him

15:34 2Sa 16:19
15:35 2Sa 17:15, 2Sa 17:16
15:36 2Sa 15:27, 2Sa 17:17, 2Sa 18:19; 1Ch 6:8
15:37 2Sa 16:15-16; 1Ch 27:33
16:1 1Sa 25:18; 2Sa 9:2, 2Sa 15:32
16:2 Jgs 10:4; 2Sa 16:1, 2Sa 17:29
16:3 2Sa 9:9-10, 2Sa 19:27
16:5 1Sa 17:43; 2Sa 3:16, 2Sa 19:16; 1Ki 2:8, 1Ki 2:36
16:6 2Sa 10:7, 2Sa 23:8
16:7 Dt 13:13; 1Sa 2:12, 1Sa 25:17; 2Sa 12:9, 2Sa 16:5
16:8 2Sa 1:16
16:9 1Sa 26:6; 2Sa 2:18, 2Sa 3:8, 2Sa 3:39, 2Sa 19:21
16:10 2Sa 3:39, 2Sa 16:11, 2Sa 19:22; Job 9:12; Jn 18:11
16:11 2Sa 12:11, 2Sa 16:10

[x]Correction; MT lacks *and Abiathar.* [y]Correction, LXX; MT *King, I will be your servant.* [z]Or *summer fruit*

alone. And let him curse, because the LORD told him to. 12Perhaps the LORD will see my distress; perhaps the LORD will repay me with good for this cursing today."

13So David and his men kept walking, while Shimei went along on the hillside next to him, cursing as he went, throwing rocks and dirt at him. 14The king and all the people who were with him reached the Jordan River[a] exhausted, and he rested there.

Ahithophel's advice

15Now Absalom and all the Israelites entered Jerusalem, and Ahithophel was with him. 16Then David's friend Hushai, who was from Erek, approached Absalom and said to him, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"

17But Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this how you show loyal love to your friend? Why didn't you go with him?"

18"No," Hushai replied to Absalom, "I will belong to the one chosen by the LORD, by this people, and by all Israel, and I will stay with him. 19What's more, whom should I serve if not David's son? I served your father, and so I will serve you in the same way."

20Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give your advice then. What should we do?"

21"Have sex with your father's secondary wives—the ones he left to take care of the palace," Ahithophel told Absalom. "Then all Israel will hear that you have alienated yourself from your father, and everyone who supports you will be encouraged."

22So they set up a tent for Absalom on the roof, and he had sex with his father's secondary wives in plain sight before all Israel. (23Now in those days, the advice Ahithophel gave was like asking for a word from God. That's why Ahithophel's advice was valued by both David and Absalom.)

17 Then Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me pick twelve thousand men, and I will go after David tonight. 2I will attack him while he is tired and weak, and I will throw him into a panic. All the troops with him will run off. I promise to kill the king alone, 3and I will bring all the people back to you like a bride comes back to her husband.[b] It's only one man's life you are seeking; everyone else can be at peace."

4This plan seemed excellent to Absalom and the Israelite elders.

Hushai's advice

5But Absalom said, "Call Hushai from Erek. Let's hear what he has to say as well." 6When Hushai from Erek arrived, Absalom said to him, "This is what Ahithophel has advised. Should we follow it or not? What do you say?"

7Hushai said to Absalom, "This time, the advice Ahithophel has given isn't right. 8You know that your father and his men are warriors," he continued, "and they are as desperate as a wild bear robbed of her cubs. Your father is a seasoned fighter. He won't spend the night with his troops. 9Even now he has probably hidden himself in one of the caves or some other place. When some of the troops[c] fall in the first attack, whoever hears it will say, 'The soldiers who follow Absalom have been defeated!' 10Then even the bravest soldier, whose heart is like a lion's, will melt in fear because all Israel knows that your father is a warrior and that those who are with him are brave. 11So I would advise that all the Israelites, from Dan to Beer-sheba—a group as countless as sand on the seashore—be summoned to join you, and that you yourself go into battle. 12When we attack him wherever he might be, we will fall on him like dew that falls on the ground. No one will survive—not him and not one of the soldiers who are with him! 13If he retreats into a city, all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it into a valley until not even a pebble of it will be found."

14Then Absalom and everyone in Israel agreed, "The advice of Hushai from

16:12 Dt 23:5; Ro 8:28
16:14 2Sa 17:2
16:15 2Sa 15:37
16:22 2Sa 11:2, 2Sa 12:11, 2Sa 12:12, 2Sa 15:16
17:1 2Sa 3:3, 2Sa 13:29, 2Sa 15:31, 2Sa 17:23; 1Ch 27:33
17:2 Dt 25:18; 2Sa 16:14; 1Ki 22:31
17:4 2Sa 3:17
17:14 2Sa 15:31, 2Sa 15:34, 2Sa 16:23

[a]LXX; MT lacks *at the Jordan River.* [b]LXX; Heb uncertain [c]LXX

Erek is better than Ahithophel's advice." This was because the LORD had decided to counter Ahithophel's good advice so that the LORD could bring disaster on Absalom.

Hushai warns David

[15]Hushai told the priests Zadok and Abiathar, "Here is what Ahithophel advised Absalom and the Israelite elders, and here is what I advised. [16]Now send word immediately to David and tell him, 'Don't spend the night in the desert plains. You must cross over immediately. Otherwise, the king and all the troops who are with him will be swallowed up whole.'"

[17]Jonathan and Ahimaaz were standing by at En-rogel. A female servant would come and report to them, and they would then travel and report to King David because they couldn't risk being seen entering the city. [18]But a boy saw them and reported it to Absalom. So the two of them left immediately and came to a man's house at Bahurim. He had a well in his courtyard, and they climbed down into it. [19]The man's wife took a covering and spread it over the well's opening, then scattered grain over it so no one would notice. [20]When Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house they demanded, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?"

The woman told them, "They crossed over the stream."[d] They looked for them but found nothing, so they returned to Jerusalem.

[21]After they had left, Jonathan and Ahimaaz climbed out of the well. They went and reported to King David, "Get up! Cross the water immediately because Ahithophel has made plans against you!" [22]So David and all the troops who were with him got up and crossed the Jordan River. By daybreak there was no one left who hadn't crossed the Jordan.

[23]Meanwhile, once Ahithophel saw that his advice hadn't been followed, he saddled his donkey and went home

18:1 2Sa 18:2

to his own town. He gave instructions to his household, then hanged himself and died. He was buried in his father's tomb.

[24]David had reached Mahanaim by the time Absalom and all the Israelites who were with him crossed the Jordan River. [25]Absalom had put Amasa in charge of the army instead of Joab. Amasa was the son of a man named Ithra, an Ishmaelite[e] who had married Abigail, who was Nahash's daughter and the sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother. [26]Israel and Absalom camped in the territory of Gilead.

[27]When David arrived in Mahanaim, Nahash's son Shobi, who was from Rabbah of the Ammonites; Ammiel's son Machir, who was from Lodebar; and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim [28]brought couches, basins, and pottery, along with wheat, barley, flour, roasted grain, beans, lentils, [29]honey, curds, sheep, and cheese from the herd so that David and the troops who were with him could eat. They said, "The troops have grown hungry, tired, and thirsty in the wilderness."

Absalom's death

18 Then David gathered the troops who were with him and appointed unit commanders over thousands and hundreds. [2]David sent out the army—a third under Joab's command, a third under the command of Abishai, Zeruiah's son, and a third under the command of Ittai the Gittite. The king told the troops, "I will march out with you myself."

[3]But the troops replied, "No! You must not march out! If we flee, they won't care about us. Even if half of us die, they won't care about us. But you are worth ten thousand of us. It is much better if you support us from the city."

[4]The king said to them, "I will do whatever you think is best." So the king stood beside the gate as all the troops marched out by hundreds and

[d]Heb uncertain [e]LXX[A] and 1 Chron 2:17; MT *an Israelite*; LXX[M] *a Jezreelite*

thousands. 5The king gave orders to Joab, Abishai, and Ittai: "For my sake, protect my boy Absalom." All the troops heard what the king ordered regarding Absalom to all the commanders.

6So the troops marched into the field to meet the Israelites. The battle was fought in the Ephraim forest. 7The army of Israel was defeated there by David's soldiers. A great slaughter of twenty thousand men took place that day. 8The battle spread out over the entire countryside, and the forest devoured more soldiers than the sword that day.

9Absalom came upon some of David's men. Absalom was riding on a mule, and the mule went under the tangled branches of a large oak tree. Absalom's head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair while the mule under him kept on going. 10One of the men saw this and reported to Joab, "I just saw Absalom hanging from an oak tree."

11Joab said to the man who told him, "You saw this? Why didn't you kill him on the spot? I would have given you ten pieces of silver and a belt."

12But the man said to Joab, "Even if I had a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, I wouldn't touch the king's son! We heard what the king commanded you, Abishai, and Ittai—'For my sake, take care of my boy Absalom.'[f] 13If I had taken Absalom's life behind the king's back then—though nothing is hidden from the king—you would have kept your distance from me."[g]

14Joab said, "I won't waste time like this with you!" He took three sticks in his hand and drove them into Absalom's chest while he was still alive in the oak. 15Then ten young armor-bearers of Joab surrounded Absalom, struck him, and killed him. 16Then Joab sounded the trumpet, and the troops stopped chasing the Israelites, because Joab held them back.

18:5 2Sa 18:12
18:14 2Sa 18:9
18:24 2Sa 13:34; 2Ki 9:17; Is 21:6

17They took Absalom and threw him into a big pit in the forest. They piled over him a huge heap of stones. Meanwhile, all the Israelites fled to their homes. 18When he was alive, Absalom had raised a large pillar for himself in the King's Valley because he said, "I have no son to carry on the memory of my name." He named the pillar after himself. It is called Absalom's Monument to this day.

David mourns for Absalom

19Then Zadok's son Ahimaaz said, "Please let me run and take the news to the king that the LORD has vindicated him against his enemies' power."

20Joab said to him, "You aren't the one to bring the news today. You can bring news on another day, but not today, because the king's son is dead." 21Then Joab said to a Cushite, "Go tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed low before Joab, then ran off.

22But Zadok's son Ahimaaz again said to Joab, "I don't care what happens, just let me run after the Cushite too."

"Why do you want to go, son?" Joab asked. "You'll get no reward for going."[h]

23"I don't care what happens, I want to go," Ahimaaz said.[i]

So Joab said to him, "Run off then!"

Ahimaaz ran off, going by way of the plain, and passed the Cushite.

24Now David was sitting between the two gates. The watchman on duty went up on the roof of the gate by the wall. He looked out and saw a man running alone. 25The watchman called out and reported this to the king. The king said, "If he's alone, it's good news."

The man got nearer and nearer, 26and the watchman saw another man running and called down to the gatekeeper, "There's another man running alone."

The king said, "That one must be bringing good news too."

[f] LXX, Vulg, Syr; Heb uncertain [g] Or *Otherwise, I would have been dealing recklessly with my own life, because nothing is hidden from the king and you were stationed far from me*; Heb uncertain. [h] Heb uncertain [i] LXX; MT lacks *Ahimaaz said.*

27 The watchman said, "I can see
that the first one runs like Zadok's son
Ahimaaz."

"He's a good man," the king said,
"and is coming with good news."

28 Ahimaaz called out to the king,
"Peace!" then bowed low before the
king, his nose to the ground. He said,
"Bless the LORD your God, who has
delivered up the men who raised their
hands against my master the king."

29 The king said, "Is my boy Absalom
okay?"

Ahimaaz said, "I saw a large crowd
right when Joab, the king's servant,
sent your servant off, but I don't know
what it was about."

30 "Step aside and stand right here,"
the king said. So Ahimaaz stepped
aside and waited.

31 Then the Cushite arrived and said,
"My master the king: Listen to this
good news! The LORD has vindicated
you this day against the power of all
who rose up against you."

32 The king said to the Cushite, "Is
my boy Absalom okay?"

The Cushite answered, "May the
enemies of my master the king and all
who rise up against you to hurt you
end up like that young man."

33 [j] The king trembled. He went up to
the room over the gate and cried. As he
went, he said, "Oh, my son Absalom!
Oh, my son! My son Absalom! If only I
had died instead of you! Oh, Absalom,
my son! My son!"

19 [k] Joab was told that the king was
crying and mourning Absalom.
2 So the victory that day was turned
into mourning for all the troops be-
cause they heard that day that the
king was grieving for his son. 3 So that
day the troops crept back into the city
like soldiers creep back ashamed after
they've fled from battle. 4 The king cov-
ered his face and cried out in a loud
voice, "Oh, my son Absalom! Oh, Absa-
lom, my son! My son!"

18:33 2Sa 19:4

19:1 2Sa 18:5, 2Sa 18:12, 2Sa 18:14, 2Sa 18:33

5 Joab came to the king inside and
said, "Today you have humiliated all
your servants who have saved your life
today, not to mention the lives of your
sons, your daughters, your wives, and
your secondary wives, 6 by loving those
who hate you and hating those who
love you! Today you have announced
that the commanders and their sol-
diers are nothing to you, because I
know that if Absalom were alive today
and the rest of us dead, that would be
perfectly fine with you! 7 Now get up!
Go out and encourage your followers!
I swear to the LORD that if you don't
go out there, not one man will stick
with you tonight—and that will be
more trouble for you than all the trou-
ble that you've faced from your youth
until now."

8 So the king went and sat down in
the city gate. All the troops were told
that the king was sitting in the gate, so
they came before the king.

David returns to Jerusalem

Meanwhile, the Israelites had fled
to their homes. 9 Everyone was argu-
ing throughout Israel's tribes, saying,
"The king delivered us from our en-
emies' power, and he rescued us from
the Philistines' power, but now he has
fled from the land and from control-
ling his own kingdom.[l] 10 And Absalom,
the one we anointed over us, is dead
in battle. So why do you say nothing
about bringing the king back?"

11 When the things that all the Isra-
elites were saying reached the king,[m]
David sent a message to the priests
Zadok and Abiathar: "Say the follow-
ing to the elders of Judah: 'Why should
you be the last to bring the king back to
his palace?[n] 12 You are my relatives! You
are my flesh and bones! Why should
you be the last to bring the king back?'
13 And tell Amasa, 'Aren't you my flesh
and bones too? May God deal harshly
with me and worse still if you don't

[j] 19:1 in Heb [k] 19:2 in Heb [l] LXX; MT *from over Absalom* [m] LXX, OL; MT lacks *When . . . the king*, though a version of this clause appears in 19:12. [n] MT adds *The things that all the Israelites were saying reached the king in his home* (or *palace*).

become commander of my army from now on instead of Joab!'"

14So he won over the hearts of everyone in Judah as though they were one person, and they sent word to the king: "Come back—you and all your servants." 15So the king came back and arrived at the Jordan River. Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and bring him across the Jordan.

16Gera's son Shimei, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, hurried down with the people of Judah to meet King David. 17A thousand men from Benjamin were with him. Ziba too, the servant of Saul's house, along with his fifteen sons and twenty servants, rushed to the Jordan ahead of the king 18to do the work of ferrying[o] over the king's household and to do whatever pleased him.

Gera's son Shimei fell down before the king when he crossed the Jordan. 19He said to the king, "May my master not hold me guilty or remember your servant's wrongdoing that day my master the king left Jerusalem. Please forget about it, Your Majesty,[p] 20because your servant knows that I have sinned. But look, I am the first person from the entire family of Joseph to come down today and meet my master the king."

21Zeruiah's son Abishai responded, "Shouldn't Shimei be put to death for that—for cursing the LORD's anointed?"

22But David said, "My problems aren't yours, you sons of Zeruiah. Why are you becoming my enemy today? Should anyone in Israel be put to death today? Don't I know that today I am again king over Israel?"

23Then the king told Shimei, "You will not die." And the king swore this to him.

24Mephibosheth, Saul's grandson, also came down to meet the king. He hadn't taken care of his feet, trimmed his beard, or washed his clothes from the day the king left until the day he returned safely. 25When he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, the king asked him, "Mephibosheth, why didn't you go with me?"

26"My master and king," Mephibosheth answered, "my servant abandoned me! Because your servant is lame, I asked my servant, 'Saddle a donkey for me[q] so I can ride and go to the king.' 27So Ziba has slandered your servant to my master and king, but my master and king is a messenger of God. So do whatever seems best to you. 28Even though all the members of my grandfather's family were nothing short of demonic[r] toward my master and king, you still put your servant with those who eat at your table. So what right do I have to beg for still more from the king?"

29"You don't need to talk any more about this," the king said to him. "I order you and Ziba to divide the property."

30Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him take all of it, since my master and king has come home safely."

31Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim. He accompanied the king to the Jordan River to send him off there. 32Barzillai was very old, 80 years of age. He had supported the king during his stay at Mahanaim because Barzillai was a very wealthy man.

33The king said to Barzillai, "Come over the Jordan with me. I will provide for you at my side in Jerusalem."

34But Barzillai said to the king, "How many years do I have left that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? 35I am now 80 years old. Do I know what is good or bad anymore? Can your servant taste what I eat or drink? Can I even hear the voices of men or women singers? Why should your servant be a burden to my master and king? 36Your servant will cross a short way over the Jordan with the king, but why should the king give me such a reward? 37Let your servant return so I may die in my own town near

19:21 Ex 22:28; 1Sa 26:9; 2Sa 16:9

19:26 2Sa 9:3

19:31 2Sa 17:27; 1Ki 2:7; Ezr 2:61; Neh 7:63

19:32 1Sa 25:2; 2Sa 17:27

19:34 Gn 47:8, Gn 47:9

19:35 2Sa 15:33; Ps 90:10; Ecc 2:8

[o] LXX; MT *while the crossing was under way, to ferry* [p] 19:18-19 Heb uncertain [q] LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *your servant said, I will saddle a donkey for myself* [r] Or *were doomed to death by my master the king*; MT *men of death*

the grave of my parents. But here is your servant Chimham. Let him cross over with my master and king, and treat him as you think best."

[38]The king said, "Okay. Chimham will cross over with me, and I will treat him as I[s] think best. And I will do for you anything you desire from me."

[39]So all the people crossed over the Jordan River, and the king stayed behind.[t] The king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and then Barzillai went back to his home. [40]When the king crossed over to Gilgal, Chimham went with him. All the troops of Judah and half the troops of Israel escorted the king across.

[41]Then everyone in Israel came and said to the king, "Why did our relatives the people of Judah steal you away, and bring the king and his household across the Jordan River, along with all of his soldiers?"

[42]Then all the people of Judah answered the Israelites, "Because the king is our relative! Why are you angry at us about this? Have we taken any of the king's food? Has he given us any gifts?"

[43]But the Israelites answered the people of Judah, "We have ten shares in the monarchy! What's more, we are the oldest offspring, not you![u] So why have you disrespected us? Weren't we the first to talk about bringing back our king?"

But the words of the people of Judah were even harsher than the words of the Israelites.[v]

Sheba's rebellion

20 Now a despicable man named Sheba, Bichri's son, from Benjamin, was also there. He sounded the trumpet and said:

"We don't care about David!
We have no stake in Jesse's son!
Go back to your homes, Israel!"

[2]So all the Israelites left David to follow Bichri's son Sheba. But all the people of Judah stayed close to their king from the Jordan River all the way to Jerusalem.

20:1 1Sa 22:7; 2Sa 19:43, 2Sa 20:2

20:10 2Sa 2:23, 2Sa 3:27, 2Sa 20:9, 1Ki 2:5

[3]When David arrived at his palace in Jerusalem, the king took the ten secondary wives he had left to take care of the palace and put them in a house under guard. He provided for them, but he didn't have sex with them. They were confined until the day they died, and lived like widows.

[4]Then the king said to Amasa, "Call everyone in Judah here to me three days from now. You should be here too." [5]So Amasa went to call Judah together, but he took longer than the allotted time.

[6]David told Abishai, "Bichri's son Sheba will cause more trouble for us than Absalom did. Take your master's servants and chase after him before he finds fortified cities and escapes from us." [7]So Joab's men marched out after Sheba—this included the Cherethites, the Pelethites, and all the warriors. They marched out of Jerusalem to pursue Bichri's son Sheba.

[8]When they got to the great stone in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Joab was dressed in his soldier's uniform. Over the tunic at his waist he wore a sword in its sheath. As Joab went forward it slipped out.

[9]"How are you, my brother?" Joab asked Amasa, and with his right hand he took hold of Amasa's beard as if to kiss him. [10]But Amasa didn't notice the sword in Joab's hand. Joab struck him in the stomach with it so that Amasa's intestines spilled out on the ground. He died without Joab striking him a second time. Then Joab and his brother Abishai pursued Sheba, Bichri's son.

[11]One of Joab's men stood by Amasa and said, "Whoever favors Joab, and whoever is for David, follow Joab!" [12]Amasa was writhing in blood in the middle of the road, and the man saw that everyone was stopping. When he saw this, he dragged Amasa from the road into a field and threw a robe over

[s]LXX; MT *you* [t]LXX; MT *crossed over* [u]LXX, OL; MT *we have a greater claim on David than you do.* [v]19:39-43 Heb uncertain

him. [13]Once Amasa was moved out of the road, everyone who followed Joab marched past in pursuit of Bichri's son Sheba.

[14]Sheba went through all the Israelite tribes up to Abel of Beth-maacah. All the Bichrites[w] assembled and followed Sheba in. [15]Then Joab's men arrived and attacked Sheba at Abel of Beth-maacah. They piled up a ramp against the city, and it stood against the outer wall.[x] All of Joab's troops were hammering the wall, trying to bring it down.

[16]Then a wise woman called from the city, "Listen! Listen! Tell Joab to come over here, so I can talk to him."

[17]So Joab approached her, and the woman said, "Are you Joab?"

"I am," he answered.

"Pay close attention to the words of your female servant," she said.

"I'm listening," Joab replied.

[18]She said, "People used to say long ago: 'Ask your question at Abel,' and that settled the matter. [19]I am one of the peaceful and faithful in Israel, but you are trying to kill a city that is one of Israel's mothers! Why would you annihilate the LORD's inheritance?"

[20]Joab answered, "I would never, ever annihilate or destroy such a thing! [21]That's not the issue. A man named Sheba, Bichri's son, who is from the Ephraim highlands, has rebelled against King David. Just hand him over, and I'll leave the city alone."

The woman said to Joab, "His head will be thrown over the wall to you!"

[22]When the woman went to everyone with her wise counsel, they cut off the head of Sheba, Bichri's son, and threw it out to Joab. Then Joab sounded the trumpet, and his troops left the city, returning to their homes. But Joab returned to the king in Jerusalem.

David's officials

[23]Now Joab was in command of Israel's army; Jehoiada's son Benaiah commanded the Cherethites and the Pelethites; [24]Adoram was in charge of the forced labor; Ahilud's son Jehoshaphat was the recorder; [25]Sheva was secretary; Zadok and Abiathar were priests; [26]and Ira from Jair was also a priest for David.

20:22 2Sa 2:28, 2Sa 18:16, 2Sa 20:1, 2Sa 20:16

21:1 Gn 12:10, Gn 26:1; Ru 1:1

21:3 1Sa 26:19; 2Sa 20:19

Avenging the Gibeonites

21 There was a famine for three years in a row during David's rule. David asked the LORD about this, and the LORD said, "It is caused by Saul and his household, who are guilty of bloodshed because he killed the people of Gibeon." [2]So the king called for the Gibeonites and spoke to them.

(Now the Gibeonites weren't Israelites but were survivors of the Amorites. The Israelites had sworn a solemn pledge to spare them, but Saul tried to eliminate them in his enthusiasm for the people of Israel and Judah.)

[3]David said to the Gibeonites, "What can I do for you? How can I fix matters so you can benefit from the LORD's inheritance?"

[4]The Gibeonites said to him, "We don't want any silver or gold from Saul or his family, and it isn't our right to have anyone in Israel killed."

"What do you want?"[y] David asked. "I'll do it for you."

[5]"Okay then," they said to the king. "That man who opposed and oppressed[z] us, who planned to destroy us, keeping us from having a place to live anywhere in Israel—[6]hand over seven of his sons to us, and we will hang them before the LORD at Gibeon[a] on the LORD's mountain."

"I will hand them over," the king said.

[7]But the king spared Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson, because of the LORD's solemn pledge that was between them—between David and Saul's son Jonathan. [8]So the king took the two sons of Aiah's daughter Rizpah, Armoni and Mephibosheth, whom she had birthed for Saul; and the five sons of Saul's daugh-

[w]Cf LXX, Vulg; MT *Berites* [x]Heb uncertain [y]LXX[L], OL; MT *What are you saying?* [z]LXX[B]; MT *annihilated us*
[a]Correction; cf LXX and 21:9; MT *at Gibeah of Saul, the LORD's chosen one*

ter Merab,[b] whom she birthed for Adriel, Barzillai's son, who was from Meholah, [9]and he handed them over to the Gibeonites. They hanged them on the mountain before the LORD. The seven of them died at the same time. They were executed in the first days of the harvest, at the beginning of the barley harvest.

[10]Aiah's daughter Rizpah took funeral clothing and spread it out by herself on a rock. She stayed there from the beginning of the harvest until the rains poured down on the bodies from the sky, and she wouldn't let any birds of prey land on the bodies during the day or let wild animals come at nighttime. [11]When David was told what Aiah's daughter Rizpah, Saul's secondary wife, had done, [12]he went and retrieved the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan from the citizens of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen the bones from the public square in Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them on the day the Philistines killed Saul at Gilboa. [13]David brought the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan from there and collected the bones of the men who had been hanged by the Gibeonites. [14]The bones of Saul and his son Jonathan were then buried in Zela, in Benjaminite territory, in the tomb of Saul's father Kish. Once everything the king had commanded was done, God responded to prayers for the land.

War with the Philistines

[15]Once again war broke out between the Philistines and Israel. David and the soldiers who were with him went down and fought the Philistines. When David grew tired, [16]Ishbi-benob, a descendant of the Raphah,[c] planned on killing David.[d] The weight of his spear was three hundred shekels of bronze, and he was wearing new armor. [17]But Zeruiah's son Abishai came to David's aid, striking the Philistine down and killing him. Then David's men swore a solemn pledge to him: "You will never march out to battle with us again! You must not snuff out Israel's lamp!"

[18]Some time later, another battle with the Philistines took place at Gob. Then Sibbecai from Hushah killed Saph, a descendant of the Raphah. [19]There was yet another battle with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan, Jair's son[e] from Bethlehem, killed Goliath from Gath, whose spear shaft was as strong as the bar on a weaver's loom. [20]In another battle at Gath, there was a huge[f] man who had six fingers on his hands and six toes on his feet, twenty-four in all. He too was descended from the Raphah. [21]When he insulted Israel, Jonathan, who was the son of David's brother Shimei, killed him. [22]These four Philistines were descended from the Raphah in Gath, and they fell by the hands of David and his servants.

David's thanksgiving psalm

22 [g]David spoke the words of this song to the LORD after the LORD delivered him from the power of all his enemies and from Saul.

[2]He said:

The LORD is my solid rock,
my fortress, my rescuer.
[3]My God is my rock—
I take refuge in him!—
he's my shield and
my salvation's strength,
my place of safety and my shelter.
My savior! Save me from violence!
[4]Because he is praiseworthy,[h]
I cried out to the LORD,
and I was saved from my enemies.
[5]Death's waves were all around me;
rivers of wickedness terrified me.
[6]The cords of the grave[i]
surrounded me;
death's traps held me tight.

21:15 2Sa 5:17, 2Sa 8:1
21:16 Gn 6:4; 1Sa 17:4; 2Sa 21:18, 2Sa 21:20, 2Sa 21:22
21:17 2Sa 18:3, 2Sa 20:6; 1Ki 11:36, 1Ki 15:4; Ps 132:17
21:18 1Ch 20:4
21:19 1Ch 20:5
21:20-22 1Ch 20:6-8
22:1-51 Ps 18:1-50
22:2 Ps 18:2, Ps 31:3, Ps 71:3, Ps 91:2, Ps 144:2
22:3 Gn 15:1; Dt 33:29; Ps 9:9; Jer 16:19; Lk 1:69
22:4 Ps 48:1, Ps 96:4
22:5 Ps 69:14, Ps 93:4; Jon 2:3
22:6 Ps 116:3

[b]LXX[LN]; MT *Michal* (but cf 2 Sam 6:23) [c]Or *giants*; also in 21:18, 20, 22 [d]LXX *Joash's son Dodo, a descendant of the Raphah* (see previous note), *captured David.* [e]See 1 Chron 20:5, LXX[LMN] (cf 2 Sam 23:24); Heb *Jaare-oregim* [f]See 1 Chron 20:6; MT *a Midianite* or *a combative man* [g]This poem also occurs in Psalm 18 with some variations. [h]Heb uncertain [i]Heb *Sheol*

7 In my distress I cried out
to the LORD;
I cried out to my God.
God heard my voice
from his temple;
my cry for help reached his ears.

8 The earth rocked and shook;
the sky's foundations trembled
and reeled because of God's anger.
9 Smoke went up from God's nostrils;
out of his mouth
came a devouring fire;
flaming coals blazed out
in front of him!
10 God parted the skies
and came down;
thick darkness was beneath
his feet.
11 God mounted the heavenly
creatures and flew;
he was seen on the wind's wings.
12 God made darkness his covering;
water gathered in dense clouds!
13 Coals of fire blazed
out of the brightness before him.
14 The LORD thundered from heaven;
the Most High
made his voice heard.
15 God shot arrows,
scattering the enemy;
he sent the lightning and whipped
them into confusion.
16 The seabeds were exposed;
the earth's foundations were laid
bare at the LORD's rebuke,
at the angry blast of air
coming from his nostrils.

17 From on high God reached down
and grabbed me;
he took me out of deep waters.
18 God saved me
from my powerful enemy,
saved me from my foes,
who were too much for me.
19 They came at me
on the very day of my distress,
but the LORD was my support.
20 He brought me out
to wide-open spaces;
he pulled me out,
because he is pleased with me.
21 The LORD rewarded me
for my righteousness;
he restored me
because my hands are clean,
22 because I have kept
the LORD's ways.
I haven't acted wickedly
against my God.
23 All his rules are right in front of me;
I haven't turned away
from any of his laws.
24 I have lived with integrity
before him;
I've kept myself from wrongdoing.
25 And so the LORD restored me
for my righteousness,
because I am clean in his eyes.

26 You deal faithfully with the faithful;
you show integrity toward the one
who has integrity.
27 You are pure toward the pure,
but toward the crooked,
you are tricky.
28 You are the one
who saves people who suffer,
but your eyes
are against the proud.
You bring them down!
29 You are my lamp, LORD;
the LORD illumines my darkness.
30 With you I can charge into battle;
with my God I can leap over a wall.
31 God! His way is perfect;
the LORD's word is tried and true.
He is a shield for all
who take refuge in him.

32 Now really, who is divine
except the LORD?
And who is a rock except our God?
33 Only God! My mighty fortress,
who makes my way[j] perfect,
34 who makes my step[k]
as sure as the deer's,
who lets me stand securely
on the heights,
35 who trains my hands for war
so my arms can bend
a bronze bow.

22:7 Ps 34:15, Ps 116:4, Ps 120:1
22:8 Jgs 5:4; Job 26:11; Ps 77:18, Ps 97:4
22:9 Ps 97:3; Heb 12:29
22:10 Ex 20:21; Dt 4:11; 1Ki 8:12; Ps 97:2, Ps 144:5
22:11 Gn 3:24; Ps 104:3
22:12 2Sa 22:10
22:13 2Sa 22:9
22:14 1Sa 2:10; Ps 29:3
22:15 Dt 32:23; Ps 7:13, Ps 144:6
22:16 Ex 15:8; Job 4:9; Ps 18:15; Na 1:4
22:17 Ps 144:7
22:18 2Sa 22:1
22:19 Ps 23:4
22:20 2Sa 15:26; Ps 31:8, Ps 118:5
22:21 1Sa 26:23; 1Ki 8:32; Ps 7:8, Ps 24:4
22:22 Gn 18:19; Ps 128:1; Prv 8:32
22:23 Ps 119:30, Ps 119:102
22:24 Gn 6:9
22:25 2Sa 22:21
22:26 Mt 5:7
22:27 Lv 26:23; Mt 5:8
22:28 Ex 3:8; Ps 72:12
22:29 Job 29:3; Ps 27:1
22:30 2Sa 5:6
22:31 Dt 32:4; Ps 12:6, Ps 119:140; Prv 30:5; Mt 5:48
22:32 1Sa 2:2
22:33 Ps 28:8, Ps 31:4
22:34 Dt 32:13; 2Sa 2:18; Hab 3:19
22:35 Job 20:24; Ps 144:1

[j] Qere; Kethib *his way* [k] Qere; Kethib *his step*

36 You've given me
the shield of your salvation;
your help has made me great.
37 You've let me walk fast and safe,
without even twisting an ankle.
38 I chased my enemies
and destroyed them!
I didn't come home
until I finished them off.
39 I ate them up! I struck them down!
They couldn't get up;
they fell under my feet.
40 You equipped me with strength
for war;
you brought my adversaries
down underneath me.
41 You made my enemies turn tail
from me;
I destroyed my foes.
42 They looked around,
but there was no one to save them.
They looked to the LORD,
but he wouldn't answer them.
43 I crushed them like dust
on the ground;
I stomped on them,
trampled them like mud
dumped in the streets.
44 You delivered me from struggles
with many people;
you appointed me the leader
of many nations.
Strangers come to serve me.
45 Foreigners grovel before me;
after hearing about me,
they obey me.
46 Foreigners lose their nerve;
they come trembling
out of their fortresses.[l]

47 The LORD lives! Bless God, my rock!
Let my God, the rock of my
salvation, be lifted high!
48 This is the God who avenges
on my behalf,
who subdues peoples before me,
49 who rescues me from my enemies.
You lifted me high above
my adversaries;
you delivered me
from violent people.

22:36 Ps 18:35; Eph 6:16
22:37 Prv 4:12
22:39 Mal 4:3
22:40 Ps 44:5
22:41 Ex 23:27
22:42 1Sa 28:6; Is 1:15; Mi 3:4
22:43 2Ki 13:7; Is 10:6; Mi 7:10; Zec 10:5
22:44 2Sa 3:1, 2Sa 8:1; Is 55:5
22:45 Ps 66:3, Ps 81:15
22:46 Mi 7:17
22:47 Dt 32:15; 2Sa 22:3, 2Sa 22:32; Ps 89:26, Ps 95:1
22:48 Ps 144:2
22:49 Ps 140:1
22:50 Ro 15:9
22:51 Ps 89:20, Ps 89:29, Ps 144:10
23:1 2Sa 7:8; Ps 78:70
23:2 Mt 22:43; Mk 12:36; 2Pt 1:21
23:3 2Sa 22:32; 2Ch 19:7
23:4 Jgs 5:31; Prv 4:18
23:5 Gn 9:16; Is 55:3

50 That's why I thank you, LORD,
in the presence of the nations.
That's why I sing praises
to your name.
51 You are the one who gives
great victories to your king,
who shows faithful love
to your anointed one—
to David and to his descendants
forever.

David's last words

23 These are David's last words:
This is the declaration
of Jesse's son David,
the declaration of a man raised high,
a man anointed by the God
of Jacob,
a man favored
by the strong one of Israel.[m]
2 The LORD's spirit speaks
through me;
his word is on my tongue.
3 Israel's God has spoken,
Israel's rock said to me:
"Whoever rules rightly over people,
whoever rules in the fear of God,
4 is like the light of sunrise
on a morning with no clouds,
like the bright gleam
after the rain
that brings grass
from the ground."
5 Yes, my house is this way with God![n]
He has made an eternal covenant
with me,
laid out and secure in every detail.
Yes, he provides every one
of my victories
and brings my every desire
to pass.
6 But despicable people
are like thorns,
all of them good for nothing,
because they can't be carried
by hand.
7 No one can touch them,
except with iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
They must be burned up with fire
right on the spot!

[l] Or *prisons* [m] Or *Israel's favorite singer* or *the favorite of Israel's songs* [n] Or *Yes, my house is surely with God!*

David's warriors

[8]These are the names of David's warriors: Jeshbaal[o] from Hachmon[p] was chief of the Three.[q] He raised his spear[r] against eight hundred, killing them on a single occasion.

[9]Next in command was Eleazar, Dodo's son and Ahohi's grandson. He was among the three warriors with David when they insulted the Philistines who had gathered there for battle. The Israelites retreated, [10]but he stood his ground and fought the Philistines until his hand was weary and stuck to the sword. But the LORD accomplished a great victory that day. The troops then returned to Eleazar, but only to plunder the dead.

[11]Next in command was Agee's son Shammah, who was from Harar. The Philistines had gathered at Lehi, where there was a plot of land full of lentils. The troops fled from the Philistines, [12]but Shammah took a position in the middle of the plot, defended it, and struck down the Philistines. The LORD accomplished a great victory.

[13]At harvesttime, three of the thirty chiefs went down and joined David at the fortress[s] of Adullam, while a force of Philistines were camped in the Rephaim Valley. [14]At that time, David was in the fortress, and a Philistine fort was in Bethlehem. [15]David had a craving and said, "If only someone could give me a drink of water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem." [16]So the three warriors broke through the Philistine camp and drew water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem and brought it back to David. But he refused to drink it and poured it out to the LORD.

[17]"The LORD forbid that I should do that," he said. "Isn't this the blood of men who risked their lives?" So he refused to drink it.

These were the kinds of things the three warriors did.

23:8 1Ch 11:10, 11
23:9, 10 1Ch 11:12
23:11, 12 1Ch 11:13, 14
23:13-17 2Sa 5:18; 1Ch 11:15-19, 1Ch 14:9
23:14 1Sa 14:1, 1Sa 22:4, 1Sa 22:5; 2Sa 5:17, 2Sa 8:6
23:15 1Ch 11:17
23:16 Gn 35:14; 1Sa 7:6, 1Sa 19:5, 1Sa 24:17; 2Sa 23:9
23:17 Lv 17:10
23:18-19 1Ch 11:20, 21
23:20 1Ch 11:22
23:20-23 1Ch 11:22-25
23:24-39 1Ch 11:26-47
23:30 Josh 24:30; Jgs 2:9, Jgs 12:13, Jgs 12:15; 1Ch 27:14

[18]Now Zeruiah's son Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief of the Thirty.[t] He raised his spear against three hundred men, killed them, and made a name for himself along with the Three. [19]He was the most famous of the Thirty.[u] He became their commander, but he wasn't among the Three.

[20]Jehoiada's son Benaiah was a hero from Kabzeel who performed great deeds. He killed the two sons[v] of Ariel from Moab. He once went down into a pit and killed a lion on a snowy day. [21]He also killed a giant[w] Egyptian who had a spear in his hand. Benaiah went against him armed with a staff. He grabbed the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. [22]These were the kinds of things Jehoiada's son Benaiah did. He made a name for himself along with the three warriors. [23]He was famous among the Thirty, but he didn't become one of the Three. David placed him in command of his own bodyguard.

[24]Among the Thirty were:
Asahel, Joab's brother;
Elhanan, Dodo's son
from Bethlehem;
[25]Shammah from Harod;
Elika from Harod;
[26]Helez from Pelet;
Ira, Ikkesh's son from Tekoa;
[27]Abiezer from Anathoth;
Mebunnai the Hushathite;
[28]Zalmon from Ahoh;
Maharai from Netophah;
[29]Heleb, Baanah's son
from Netophah;
Ittai, Ribai's son
from Gibeah in Benjamin;
[30]Benaiah from Pirathon;
Hiddai from the Gaash ravines;
[31]Abi-albon from the desert plain;
Azmaveth from Bahurim;
[32]Eliahba from Shaalbon;
Jashen the Gizonite;[x]
Jonathan, [33]Shammah's son[y]
from Harar;

[o]LXX[L], OL; MT *Josheb-bashebeth*; cf 1 Chron 11:11 [p]See 1 Chron 11:11. [q]LXX[L], Vulg; cf 1 Chron 11:11; MT *chief of the officers* [r]Cf 1 Chron 11:11; Heb uncertain [s]Or *cave*; cf 2 Sam 23:14 [t]Some Heb manuscripts, Syr; MT *third* or *three* [u]Syr; cf 1 Chron 11:25; MT *Wasn't he the most famous of the Three?* [v]LXX; MT lacks *sons*. [w]MT *handsome*; cf 1 Chron 11:23 [x]Cf 1 Chron 11:34; MT *Jashen's sons* [y]LXX; MT lacks *son*.

Ahiam, Sharar's son from Harar;
34 Eliphelet, Ahasbai's son
from Maacah;
Eliam, Ahithophel's son
from Giloh;
35 Hezro from Carmel;
Paarai from Erab;
36 Igal, Nathan's son from Zobah;
Bani the Gadite;
37 Zelek the Ammonite;
Naharai from Beeroth,
and the armor-bearer
for Zeruiah's son Joab;
38 Ira from Ither;
Gareb from Ither;
39 and Uriah the Hittite—
thirty-seven in all.

David's census

24 The LORD burned with anger against Israel again, and he incited David against them: Go and count the people of Israel and Judah.

2 So the king said to Joab and the military commanders[z] who were with him, "Go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, and take a census of the people so I know how many people there are."

3 Joab said to the king, "May the LORD your God increase the number of people a hundred times while the eyes of my master the king can still see it! But why does my master the king want to do this?"

4 But the king's word overruled Joab and the military commanders. So Joab and the commanders left the king's presence to take a census of the Israelites. 5 They crossed the Jordan River and began from Aroer and from[a] the town that is in the middle of the valley of Gad, then on to Jazer. 6 They continued to Gilead and on to Kadesh in Hittite territory.[b] They came to Dan[c] and went around to Sidon. 7 They went to the fortress of Tyre and to all the towns of the Hivites and the Canaanites. They went out to Beer-sheba in the arid southern plain of Judah. 8 At the end of nine months and twenty days, after going through the entire country, they came back to Jerusalem. 9 Joab reported to the king the number of the people who had been counted: in Israel there were eight hundred thousand strong men who could handle a sword; in Judah the total was five hundred thousand men.

10 But after this David felt terrible that he had counted the people. David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, LORD, please take away the guilt of your servant because I have done something very foolish."

11 When David got up the next morning, the LORD's word came to the prophet Gad, David's seer: 12 Go and tell David, This is what the LORD says: I'm offering you three punishments. Choose one of them, and that is what I will do to you.

13 So Gad went to David and said to him, "Will three[d] years of famine come on your land? Or will you run from your enemies for three months while they chase you? Or will there be three days of plague in your land? Decide now what answer I should take back to the one who sent me."

14 "I'm in deep trouble," David said to Gad. "Let's fall into the LORD's hands because his mercy is great, but don't let me fall into human hands."

15 So the LORD sent a plague on Israel from that very morning until the allotted time. Seventy thousand people died, from Dan to Beer-sheba. 16 But when the divine messenger stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, the LORD regretted doing this disaster and said to the messenger who was destroying the people, "That's enough! Withdraw your hand." At that time the LORD's messenger was by the threshing floor of Araunah from Jebus.

17 When David saw the messenger who was striking down the people, he

24:1 2Sa 21:1; 1Ch 21:1, 1Ch 27:23-24
24:1-9 1Ch 21:1-6
24:10 1Sa 13:13, 1Sa 24:5; 2Sa 12:13; Ps 51:1
24:10-14 1Ch 21:7-13
24:14 Ps 51:1, Ps 86:5
24:15-17 1Ch 21:14-17
24:16 Gn 6:6; Ex 12:23; 1Sa 15:11; 2Ki 19:35; Ac 12:23
24:17 2Sa 24:10

[z] LXX and 2 Sam 24:4; MT *commander* [a] LXX; MT *camped in Aroer south of the city* [b] Hebrew uncertain; correction *on to the area beneath Hermon* [c] LXX[L]; MT *Dan-jaan* [d] LXX, 1 Chron 21:12; MT *seven*

said, "I'm the one who sinned! I'm the one who has done wrong. But these sheep—what have they done wrong? Turn your hand against me and my household."

[18]That same day Gad came to David and told him, "Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah from Jebus." [19]So David went up, following Gad's instructions, just as the LORD had commanded.

[20]Araunah looked up and saw the king and his servants approaching him. Araunah rushed out and bowed low before the king, his nose to the ground. [21]Araunah said, "Why has my master and king come to his servant?"

David said, "To buy this threshing floor from you to build an altar to the LORD, so the plague among the people may come to an end."

24:18-25 1Ch 21:18-30

[22]Then Araunah said to David, "Take it for yourself, and may my master the king do what he thinks is best. Here are oxen for the entirely burned offering, and here are threshing boards and oxen yokes for wood. [23]All this, Your Majesty, Araunah gives to the king." Then he added, "May the LORD your God respond favorably to you!"

[24]"No," the king said to Araunah. "I will buy them from you at a fair price. I won't offer up to the LORD my God entirely burned offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. [25]David built an altar there for the LORD and offered entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices. The LORD responded to the prayers for the land, and the plague against Israel came to an end.

1 KINGS

David and Abishag

1 King David had become very old. His servants covered him with blankets, but he couldn't stay warm. [2]They said to him, "Allow us to find a young woman for our master the king. She will serve the king and take care of him by laying beside our master the king and keeping him warm." [3]So they looked in every corner of Israel until they found Abishag from Shunem. They brought her to the king. [4]She was very beautiful. She cared for the king and served him, but the king didn't have sex with her.

1:1 1Ch 23:1

1:2 2Sa 12:3; Mi 7:5

1:3 Josh 19:18; 1Sa 28:4; 1Ki 1:15, 1Ki 2:17, 1Ki 2:22

1:5 1Sa 8:11; 2Sa 3:4, 2Sa 15:1; 1Ki 2:13; 1Ch 3:2

1:11 2Sa 3:4, 2Sa 12:24; 1Ki 1:5, 1Ki 2:13

Adonijah's rebellion

[5]Adonijah, Haggith's son, bragged about himself and said, "I'll rule as king myself." He got his own chariot and horses with fifty runners to go in front. [6]Now Adonijah's father had never given him direction; he never questioned why Adonijah did what he did. He was very handsome and was born after Absalom. [7]He took advice from Joab, Zeruiah's son, and from the priest Abiathar. They assisted Adonijah. [8]But Zadok the priest, Jehoiada's son Benaiah, the prophet Nathan, Shimei and his friends, and David's veterans didn't join Adonijah. [9]So Adonijah prepared lamb, oxen, and fattened cattle at the Stone of Zoheleth, next to En-rogel. He invited his brothers (the royal princes) and all the citizens of Judah who were the royal servants to come. [10]But he didn't invite the prophet Nathan, Benaiah, David's veterans, or his brother Solomon.

[11]Nathan said to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, "Did you hear that Adonijah, Haggith's son, has become king, but our master David doesn't know about it? [12]Let me give you some advice on how you and your son Solomon can survive this. [13]Go to King David and say, 'Didn't my master the king swear to your servant, "Your son Solomon will certainly rule after me.

He will sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?' [14]While you are speaking there with the king, I'll come along and support your words."

[15]So Bathsheba went to the king in his bedroom. The king was very old, and Abishag from Shunem was serving the king. [16]Bathsheba bowed down on her face before the king.

The king asked, "What do you want?"

[17]She said to him, "Your Majesty, you swore by the LORD your God to your servant, 'Your son Solomon will certainly rule after me. He will sit on my throne.' [18]But now, look, Adonijah has become king, and my master the king doesn't know about it. [19]He has prepared large quantities of oxen, fattened cattle, and lamb. He has invited all the royal princes as well as Abiathar the priest and Joab the general. However, he didn't invite your servant Solomon. [20]As for you, my master the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you to tell them who will follow you on the throne of my master the king. [21]When my master the king lies down with his ancestors, then I and my son Solomon will become outlaws."

[22]While she was still speaking with the king, the prophet Nathan arrived. [23]The king was informed, "The prophet Nathan is here." Then Nathan came in before the king and bowed his face to the ground. [24]He said, "My master the king, you must have said, 'Adonijah will become king after me and will sit on my throne.' [25]Indeed, today he went down and prepared oxen, fattened cattle, and lamb in large numbers. He invited all the royal princes, the generals, and Abiathar the priest. They are eating and drinking with him, and they said, 'Long live King Adonijah!' [26]Adonijah didn't invite me, your servant, Zadok the priest, Jehoiada's son Benaiah, or your servant Solomon. [27]If this message was from my master the king, you didn't make it known to your servant. Who should follow you on the throne of my master the king?"

[28]King David answered, "Bring me Bathsheba." She came and stood before the king. [29]The king made a solemn pledge and said, "As surely as the LORD lives, who rescued me from every trouble, [30]regarding what I swore to you by the LORD, Israel's God, 'Your son Solomon will certainly succeed me; he will sit on the throne after me'—I'll see that it happens today."

[31]Bathsheba bowed down with her face to the ground. She honored the king and said, "May my master King David live forever!"

[32]King David said, "Bring me Zadok the priest, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah, Jehoiada's son." They came to the king, [33]who said to them, "Take with you the servants of your masters. Put my son Solomon on my mule and bring him down to Gihon. [34]There Zadok the priest and the prophet Nathan will anoint him king over Israel. Blow the ram's horn and say, 'Long live King Solomon!' [35]You will follow him. He will enter and sit on my throne, and so he will succeed me as king. I have appointed him to become ruler over Israel and Judah."

[36]Benaiah, Jehoiada's son, responded to the king, "Yes, may it happen as the LORD, the God of my king, says. [37]Just as the LORD was with my master the king, so may he be with Solomon. May his throne be even greater than the throne of my master King David."

[38]Zadok the priest, the prophet Nathan, Jehoiada's son Benaiah, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went down and put Solomon on King David's mule. They led him to Gihon. [39]Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. They blew the ram's horn, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" [40]All the people followed him playing flutes and celebrating. The ground shook at their noise.

[41]Adonijah and all his invited guests heard this when they had finished eating. When Joab heard the sound of the ram's horn, he said, "What's that noise coming from the city?" [42]While he was

1:19 1Ki 1:9

1:36 Jer 28:6

1:38 1Sa 30:14; 2Sa 8:18, 2Sa 15:18; 1Ki 1:8, 1Ki 1:33

1:38-40 1Ch 29:22

1:39 1Sa 10:1, 1Sa 16:13; 1Ki 1:34; 2Ki 11:12; 1Ch 29:22

still speaking, Jonathan, Abiathar the priest's son, arrived.

Adonijah said, "Come on in! You are an honest man and will bring a good report."

43 Jonathan replied to Adonijah, "No! Our master King David has made Solomon king! 44 To support him, the king sent along Zadok the priest; the prophet Nathan; Benaiah, Jehoiada's son; and the Cherethites and the Pelethites. They've put Solomon on the royal mule. 45 Zadok the priest and the prophet Nathan have anointed him king at Gihon. They went up from there celebrating so that the city was thrown into a commotion. That is the sound you heard. 46 There's more: Solomon has taken over the throne of the kingdom. 47 The royal attendants blessed our master King David: 'May your God make Solomon's name better than your name. May God elevate his throne above your throne.'"

The king then worshipped on his bed 48 and said, "Bless Israel's God, the LORD, who today has set my son[a] on my throne, and has allowed my eyes to see it."

49 Trembling with fear, all of Adonijah's guests got up and fled, each going a different way. 50 Adonijah was afraid of Solomon, so he got up and went to grab hold of the horns of the altar. 51 Solomon was told, "Look! Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon and has grabbed the horns of the altar. He's saying, 'King Solomon must swear to me first that he won't execute his servant with the sword.'"

52 Solomon said, "If he shows himself to be an honorable person, then not a hair of his head will be harmed. But if any evil is found in him, he will die." 53 King Solomon sent word and had him brought down from the altar. He came and bowed down to King Solomon. Solomon said to him, "Go home!"

David's last words

2 David's time was coming to an end. So he commanded Solomon his son,

2:5 2Sa 3:27, 2Sa 17:25, 2Sa 20:10; 1Ki 2:32

2:6 Gn 42:38; 1Ki 2:9

2:9 1Ki 2:6

2:10 2Sa 5:7; 1Ki 1:21, 1Ki 3:1; Ac 2:29, Ac 13:36

2:11 2Sa 5:4-5; 1Ch 29:26-27

2:12 1Ki 2:46; 1Ch 29:23; 2Ch 1:1

2:13 1Sa 16:4; 2Sa 3:4; 1Ki 1:5, 1Ki 1:11; 1Ch 3:2

2 "I'm following the path that the whole earth takes. Be strong and be a man. 3 Guard what is owed to the LORD your God, walking in his ways and observing his laws, his commands, his judgments, and his testimonies, just as it is written in the Instruction from Moses. In this way you will succeed in whatever you do and wherever you go. 4 So also the LORD will confirm the word he spoke to me: 'If your children will take care to walk before me faithfully, with all their heart and all their being, then one of your own children will never fail to be on the throne of Israel.' 5 You should know what Joab, Zeruiah's son, has done to me and what he did to the two generals of Israel, Abner, Ner's son, and Amasa, Jether's son. He murdered them, spilling blood at peacetime and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet. 6 So act wisely: Don't allow him to die a peaceful death. 7 As for Barzillai's sons from Gilead, show them kindness. Let them eat with you. When I was running away from your brother Absalom, they came to me. 8 Now as for this Shimei, Gera's son—a Benjaminite from Bahurim—who is with you, he cursed me viciously when I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, 'Surely I won't execute you with the sword.' 9 But you don't need to excuse him. You are wise and know what to do to him. Give him a violent death."

10 Then David lay down with his ancestors and was buried in David's City. 11 He ruled over Israel forty years—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

Solomon secures his throne

12 Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his royal power was well established. 13 Adonijah, Haggith's son, went to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother. She said, "Are you coming in peace?"

He said, "Yes. 14 I have something to say to you."

[a] Heb lacks *my son*; other versions have it or something similar.

She said, "Say it."

[15]He said, "You know how the kingdom was mine. All Israel had appointed me as their king. Then suddenly the kingdom went to my brother as the LORD willed. [16]Now I have just one request of you. Don't refuse me!"

She said to him, "Go on."

[17]Adonijah continued, "Ask King Solomon to let me marry Abishag from Shunem—he won't refuse you."

[18]Bathsheba said, "Okay; I'll speak to the king for you."

[19]So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to talk with him about Adonijah. The king stood up to meet her and bowed low to her. Then he returned to his throne and had a throne set up for the queen mother. She sat to his right. [20]She said, "I have just one small request for you. Don't refuse me."

The king said to her, "Mother, ask me. I won't refuse you."

[21]"Let Abishag from Shunem be married to your brother Adonijah," she said.

[22]King Solomon replied to his mother, "Why ask only for Abishag from Shunem for Adonijah? Why not ask for the entire kingdom for him? After all, he is my older brother and has the support of Abiathar the priest and Joab, Zeruiah's son." [23]King Solomon swore by the LORD, "May God do to me as he sees fit! Adonijah has made this request at the cost of his life! [24]Now, as surely as the LORD lives—the one who supported me, put me on the throne of my father David, and provided a royal house for me exactly as he promised—Adonijah will be executed today." [25]So King Solomon sent Benaiah, Jehoiada's son. He attacked Adonijah, and Adonijah died.

[26]The king said to the priest Abiathar, "Go to your fields at Anathoth, because you are a condemned man. However, I won't kill you today because you carried the LORD's chest in front of my father David and because you shared in all my father's sufferings." [27]So Solomon expelled Abiathar from the LORD's priesthood in order to fulfill the LORD's word that was spoken against Eli's family at Shiloh.

2:17 1Ki 1:3
2:20 1Ki 2:16

[28]Now the news reached Joab because he had supported Adonijah, though he hadn't supported Absalom. Joab ran to the LORD's tent and grabbed the horns of the altar. [29]King Solomon was told that Joab had fled to the LORD's tent and was now beside the altar. So Solomon sent Benaiah, Jehoiada's son, instructing him, "Go. Attack Joab!"

[30]Benaiah came to the LORD's tent and said to Joab, "The king says, 'Come out!' "

Joab said, "No! I'd rather die here."

Benaiah sent a report back to the king: "This is what Joab said and how he answered me."

[31]The king said to him, "Do as he said. Attack him and then bury him. In doing this, you will remove from me and from my father's royal house the guilt over the innocent blood that Joab shed. [32]May the LORD return that bloodguilt back on his own head for attacking the two men who were better and more righteous than he was. He murdered those two with the sword: Abner, Ner's son and Israel's general, and Amasa, Jether's son and Judah's general. But my father David didn't know about it. [33]May the bloodguilt for their deaths return on Joab's head and on the head of his family line forever. But may the LORD's peace be on David, his family, and his royal house forever." [34]So Benaiah, Jehoiada's son, went and attacked Joab and killed him.

Joab was buried at his home in the wilderness. [35]In his place, the king gave leadership of the army to Benaiah, Jehoiada's son. The king put the priest Zadok in Abiathar's position. [36]Then he sent for Shimei and said, "Build a house for yourself in Jerusalem and stay in the city. Don't leave to go anywhere else. [37]If you try to leave, be advised that on the day you cross the Kidron Valley you will most certainly die. Your bloodguilt will be on your own head."

38 Shimei said to the king, "This is
a good idea. Your servant will do just
what my master the king said." So Shi-
mei stayed in Jerusalem for a long time.
39 After three years, two of Shimei's
servants fled to the king of Gath,
Achish, Maacah's son. Shimei was in-
formed, "Your servants are now in
Gath." 40 Shimei saddled his donkey
and went to Achish in Gath to look for
his servants. Shimei then brought his
servants back from Gath. 41 Solomon
was told that Shimei had left Jerusa-
lem for Gath and then returned.
42 The king sent for Shimei and asked
him, "Didn't I make you swear a sol-
emn pledge by the LORD? And didn't
I swear to you, 'If you try to leave and
go anywhere, be advised that on that
very day you will most certainly die'?
You said to me, 'This is a good idea. I
agree to it.' 43 Why didn't you keep
your solemn promise to the LORD and
the command that I gave you?" 44 The
king said further, "You know quite well
all the evil that you did to my father
David. May the LORD return your evil
on your own head. 45 However, may
King Solomon be blessed and David's
throne be secure before the LORD
forever." 46 Then the king commanded
Benaiah, Jehoiada's son, who went and
attacked Shimei, and he died.

In these ways royal power was
handed over to Solomon.

Solomon first meets God

3 Solomon became the son-in-law
of Pharaoh, Egypt's king, when
he married Pharaoh's daughter. He
brought her to David's City until he
finished building his royal palace, the
LORD's temple, and the wall around
Jerusalem. 2 Unfortunately, the people
were sacrificing at the shrines because
a temple hadn't yet been built for the
LORD's name in those days. 3 Now Sol-
omon loved to walk in the laws of his
father David, with the exception that
he also sacrificed and burned incense
at the shrines.
4 The king went to the great shrine
at Gibeon in order to sacrifice there. He
used to offer a thousand entirely burned
offerings on that altar. 5 The LORD ap-
peared to Solomon at Gibeon in a dream
at night. God said, "Ask whatever you
wish, and I'll give it to you."
6 Solomon responded, "You showed
so much kindness to your servant my
father David when he walked before
you in truth, righteousness, and with
a heart true to you. You've kept this
great loyalty and kindness for him and
have now given him a son to sit on his
throne. 7 And now, LORD my God, you
have made me, your servant, king in
my father David's place. But I'm young
and inexperienced. I know next to
nothing. 8 But I'm here, your servant,
in the middle of the people you have
chosen, a large population that can't
be numbered or counted due to its vast
size. 9 Please give your servant a dis-
cerning mind in order to govern your
people and to distinguish good from
evil, because no one is able to govern
this important people of yours without
your help."
10 It pleased the LORD that Solomon
had made this request. 11 God said to
him, "Because you have asked for this
instead of requesting long life, wealth,
or victory over your enemies—asking
for discernment so as to acquire good
judgment—12 I will now do just what
you said. Look, I hereby give you a
wise and understanding mind. There
has been no one like you before now,
nor will there be anyone like you after-
ward. 13 I now also give you what you
didn't ask for: wealth and fame. There
won't be a king like you as long as you
live. 14 And if you walk in my ways and
obey my laws and commands, just as
your father David did, then I will give
you a very long life."
15 Solomon awoke and realized it
was a dream. He went to Jerusalem
and stood before the chest containing
the LORD's covenant. Then he offered
entirely burned offerings and well-
being sacrifices, and held a celebration
for all his servants.

2:38 1Ki 2:42

3:1 1Ki 7:1, 1Ki 7:8, 1Ki 9:15-16, 1Ki 9:24

3:2 Lv 17:3; Dt 12:2; 1Sa 9:12; 1Ki 22:43; 2Ch 33:17

3:3 Dt 6:5; 1Ki 3:14; Ps 31:23

3:5 1Ki 9:2, 1Ki 11:9; 2Ch 1:7; Mt 1:20

3:6 2Sa 7:8; 1Ki 1:48, 1Ki 9:4; Ps 15:2

3:7 Nm 27:17; 1Ch 29:1; Jer 1:6

3:8 Gn 15:5; Dt 7:6

3:9 2Sa 14:17; Ps 72:1-2; Heb 5:14; Jas 1:5

3:11 Jas 4:3

3:12 1Ki 4:29, 1Ki 5:12, 1Ki 10:23-24; Ecc 1:16

3:13 1Ki 4:21, 1Ki 10:23, 1Ki 10:27; Prv 3:16; Mt 6:33

3:14 1Ki 9:4; Ps 91:16; Prv 3:2

Solomon and the prostitutes

[16]Sometime later, two prostitutes came and stood before the king. [17]One of them said, "Please, Your Majesty, listen: This woman and I have been living in the same house. I gave birth while she was there. [18]This woman gave birth three days after I did. We stayed together. Apart from the two of us, there was no one else in the house. [19]This woman's son died one night when she rolled over him. [20]She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I was asleep. She laid him on her chest and laid her dead son on mine. [21]When I got up in the morning to nurse my son, he was dead! But when I looked more closely in the daylight, it turned out that it wasn't my son—not the baby I had birthed."

[22]The other woman said, "No! My son is alive! Your son is the dead one."

But the first woman objected, "No! Your son is dead! My son is alive!" In this way they argued back and forth in front of the king.

[23]The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead.' The other one says, 'No! Your son is dead and my son is alive.' [24]Get me a sword!" They brought a sword to the king. [25]Then the king said, "Cut the living child in two! Give half to one woman and half to the other woman."

[26]Then the woman whose son was still alive said to the king, "Please, Your Majesty, give her the living child; please don't kill him," for she had great love for her son.

But the other woman said, "If I can't have him, neither will you. Cut the child in half."

[27]Then the king answered, "Give the first woman the living newborn. Don't kill him. She is his mother."

[28]All Israel heard about the judgment that the king made. Their respect for the king grew because they saw that God's wisdom was in him so he could execute justice.

3:16 Lv 19:29
3:17 Gn 43:20; 1Sa 1:26
3:21 1Sa 1:23
3:26 Gn 43:30; Is 49:15; Jer 31:20; Hos 11:8
3:28 Josh 4:14; 2Sa 8:15; 1Ki 3:9; Col 2:3

Solomon's administration

4 King Solomon became king of all Israel.

[2]These were his officials: the priest Azariah, Zadok's son; [3]the scribes Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha; Jehoshaphat, the recorder, Ahilud's son; [4]the general Benaiah, Jehoiada's son; the priests Zadok and Abiathar; [5]Azariah, Nathan's son, who was in charge of the officials; Zabud, Nathan's son, a priest and royal friend; [6]Ahishar, who was in charge of the palace; and Adoniram, Abda's son, who was supervisor of the work gangs.

[7]Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel. They supplied the king and his palace with food. Each would provide the supplies for one month per year. [8]Here are their names:

Ben-hur in the highlands of Ephraim;

[9]Ben-deker in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth-shemesh, and Elon-bethanan;

[10]Ben-hesed in Arubboth, who had Socoh and all the land of Hepher;

[11]Ben-abinadab in all of Naphath-dor (Taphath, Solomon's daughter, was his wife);

[12]Baana, Ahilud's son, in Taanach, Megiddo, and all Beth-shean beside Zarethan and below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah and over to the region opposite Jokmeam;

[13]Ben-geber in Ramoth-gilead, who controlled the villages of Jair, Manasseh's son, which were in Gilead, and who had the Argob region that was in Bashan—sixty large walled cities with bronze bars;

[14]Ahinadab, Iddo's son, in Mahanaim;

[15]Ahimaaz in Naphtali, who also took Solomon's daughter Basemath as his wife;

[16]Baana, Hushai's son, in Asher and Bealoth;

[17]Jehoshaphat, Paruah's son, in Issachar;

[18]Shimei, Ela's son, in Benjamin;

[19]Geber, Uri's son, in the land of Gilead, the land of the Amorite king Sihon and of King Og of Bashan;

and there was a single officer who
was in the land of Judah.[b]
[20]Judah and Israel grew numerous
like the sand alongside the sea. They
ate, drank, and celebrated.
[21][c]Solomon ruled over all the states
from the Euphrates River through
the Philistines' land and as far as the
border of Egypt. These areas brought
tribute to Solomon and served him all
the days of his life. [22]Solomon's food
requirements for a single day included
thirty kors[d] of refined flour; sixty kors
of flour; [23]ten head of grain-fattened
cattle; twenty head of pastured cattle;
one hundred sheep; as well as deer, ga-
zelles, roebucks, and the best of fowl.
[24]He ruled over all the lands west of
the Euphrates River, from Tiphsah to
Gaza, and over all the kings west of the
Euphrates. He had peace on all sides.
[25]The people of Judah and Israel from
Dan all the way to Beer-sheba lived se-
curely under their vines and fig trees
throughout the days of Solomon.
[26]Solomon had forty thousand
horse stalls for his chariots and twelve
thousand additional horses. [27]The of-
ficials provided King Solomon and all
who joined him at the royal table with
monthly food rations. They left out
nothing. [28]Each brought their share
of barley and straw for the horses and
for the chariot horses, bringing it to its
proper place. [29]And God gave Solomon
wisdom and very great understanding—
insight as long as the seashore itself.
[30]Solomon's wisdom was greater than
all the famous Easterners, greater even
than all the wisdom of Egypt. [31]He was
wiser than anyone, more wise than
Ethan the Ezrahite or Mahol's sons:
Heman, Calcol, and Darda. His repu-
tation was known throughout the re-
gion. [32]Solomon spoke three thousand
proverbs and one thousand five songs.
[33]He described the botany of trees,
whether the cedar in Lebanon or the
hyssop that grows out of the wall. He
also described cattle, birds, anything
that crawls on the ground, and fish.
[34]People came from everywhere to
listen to Solomon's wisdom; even the
earth's kings who had heard about his
wisdom came!

4:21 2Ch 9:26
4:25 1Sa 3:20; 2Ki 18:31; Jer 23:6; Mi 4:4; Zec 3:10
4:26 1Ki 10:26; 2Ch 1:14, 2 Ch 9:25
4:27 1Ki 4:7
4:29 1Ki 3:12, 1Ki 4:20
4:30 Jgs 6:3; Is 19:11; Ac 7:22
4:31 1Ki 3:12; 1Ch 2:6; Ps 89:1
4:32 Prv 1:1; Ecc 12:9; Song 1:1
4:33 Ex 12:22
4:34 1Ki 10:1; 2Ch 9:23
5:1 2Sa 5:11; 1Ki 9:11; 1Ch 14:1; 2Ch 2:3
5:3 2Sa 7:5; 1Ch 22:8, 1Ch 28:3
5:4 1Ki 4:24; 1Ch 22:9
5:5 2Sa 7:13; 1Ch 17:12, 1Ch 22:10, 1Ch 28:6

Wood and stone for the temple

5 [e]Because King Hiram[f] of Tyre was
loyal to David throughout his rule,
Hiram sent his servants to Solomon
when he heard that Solomon had be-
come king after his father. [2]Solomon
sent the following message to Hiram:
[3]"You know that my father David
wasn't able to build a temple for the
name of the LORD my God. This was
because of the enemies that fought
him on all sides until the LORD put
them under the soles of his feet. [4]Now
the LORD my God has given me peace
on every side, without enemies or mis-
fortune. [5]So I'm planning to build a
temple for the name of the LORD my
God, just as the LORD indicated to
my father David, 'I will give you a son
to follow you on your throne. He will
build the temple for my name.' [6]Now
give the order and have the cedars of
Lebanon cut down for me. My servants
will work with your servants. I'll pay
your servants whatever price you set,
because you know we have no one here
who is skilled in cutting wood like the
Sidonians."
[7]Hiram was thrilled when he heard
Solomon's message. He said, "Today
the LORD is blessed because he has
given David a wise son who is in charge
of this great people." [8]Hiram sent word
back to Solomon: "I have heard your
message to me. I will do as you wish
with the cedar and pinewood. [9]My
servants will bring the wood down
the Lebanon Mountains to the sea. I'll
make rafts out of them and float them
on the sea to the place you specify.
There I'll dismantle them, and you can
carry them away. Now, as for what you
must do for me in return, I ask you to
provide for my royal house."

[b]LXX; MT lacks *of Judah*. [c]5:1 in Heb [d]One kor is possibly equal to fifty gallons. [e]5:15 in Heb [f]Chronicles spells the king's name *Huram*, for example, 2 Chron 2:3, 11-12; but cf 1 Chron 14:1 Kethib.

10So Hiram gave Solomon all the
cedar and pinewood that he wanted.
11In return, Solomon gave an annual
gift to Hiram of twenty thousand kors[g]
of wheat to eat, and twenty thousand
kors of pure oil for his palace use.
12Now the LORD made Solomon wise,
just as he had promised. Solomon and
Hiram made a covenant and had peace.

13King Solomon called up a work
gang of thirty thousand workers from
all over Israel. 14He sent ten thou-
sand to work in Lebanon each month.
Then they would spend two months
at home. Adoniram was in charge of
the work gang. 15Solomon had 70,000
laborers and 80,000 stonecutters
in the highlands. 16This doesn't in-
clude Solomon's 3,300 supervisors
in charge of the work, who had over-
sight over the laborers. 17At the king's
command, they quarried huge stones
of the finest quality in order to lay
the temple's foundation with care-
fully cut stone. 18The craftsmen of
Solomon and Hiram, along with those
of Byblos, prepared the timber and
the stones for the construction of the
temple.

Solomon builds the temple

6 In the four hundred eightieth year
after the Israelites left Egypt, in
the month of Ziv, the second month,[h]
in the fourth year of Solomon's rule
over Israel, he built the LORD's tem-
ple. 2The temple that King Solomon
built for the LORD was ninety feet
long, thirty feet wide, and forty-five
feet high. 3The porch in front of the
temple's main hall was thirty feet
long. It ran across the whole width of
the temple and extended fifteen feet
in front of the temple. 4He made re-
cessed and latticed windows[i] for the
temple 5and built side rooms against
the temple walls around both the
main hall and the most holy place.
6The lower walls were seven and a
half feet wide. At the second floor the
walls were nine feet wide, and at the
third floor they were ten and a half
feet wide. He made niches around the
outside of the temple so the beams
wouldn't be inserted into the temple
walls.[j] 7When the temple was built,
they did all the stonecutting at the
quarry. No hammers, axes, or any
iron tools were heard in the temple
during its construction. 8The door
to the stairs was at the south side of
the temple. Winding stairs went up
to the second floor and from there
to the third floor. 9He completed the
temple with a roof of cedar beams
and cross-planks.[k] 10Then he built
the side rooms all around the temple.
They were seven and a half feet high.
He attached them to the temple with
cedarwood.

11The LORD's word came to Solo-
mon, 12Regarding this temple that you
are building: If you follow my laws,
enact my regulations, and keep all my
commands faithfully, then I will fulfill
for you my promise that I made to your
father David. 13I will live among the
Israelites. I won't abandon my people
Israel.

14So Solomon constructed the temple
and completed it. 15He built the walls
within the temple with cedar planks,
paneled from the floor to the ceiling.
He overlaid the floor of the temple with
pine planks. 16At the back of the temple
he built thirty feet of cedar panels from
the floor to the ceiling. Solomon built
the inner sanctuary, the most holy
place. 17In front of this, the main hall
was sixty feet. 18The cedar inside the
temple was carved with gourds and
blossoming flowers. The whole thing
was cedar. No stone was seen. 19He
set up the inner sanctuary inside the
temple so that he could put the chest
containing the LORD's covenant there.
20The inner sanctuary was thirty feet
in length, width, and height. Solomon

5:13-18 2Ch 2:2, 2Ch 2:17, 18
5:15 1Ki 9:20; 2Ch 2:17-18
5:16 1Ki 9:23
5:17 1Ki 6:7; 1Ch 22:2
5:18 Josh 13:5; Eze 27:9
6:1 1Ki 6:37; 2Ch 3:1-2; Ac 7:47
6:2 2Ch 3:3
6:3 2Ch 3:4
6:4 Eze 40:16, Eze 41:16
6:7 Dt 27:5, Dt 27:6; 1Ki 5:18
6:9a 1Ki 6:14, 1Ki 6:37, 38
6:9b 2Ch 3:6
6:14 1Ki 6:9a, 1Ki 6:37, 38
6:16 Ex 26:33-34; 1Ki 6:5, 1Ki 8:6; 2Ch 3:8
6:19 1Ki 8:6

[g]One kor is possibly equal to fifty gallons. [h]April–May, Iyar; Ziv is a month from a Canaanite calendar. [i]Heb architectural and decorative terminology in 6:4-6 and elsewhere in chaps 6–7 is often uncertain. [j]Heb uncertain; Heb lacks *the beams*. [k]Heb uncertain

overlaid it with pure gold and covered the altar with cedar.[l] [21]Solomon covered the temple's interior with pure gold. He placed gold chains in front of the inner sanctuary and covered it with gold. [22]He overlaid the whole temple inside with gold until the temple was completely covered. He covered the whole altar that was in the inner sanctuary with gold. [23]He made two winged creatures of olive wood for the inner sanctuary, each fifteen feet high. [24]The wings of the first winged creature were each seven and a half feet long. It was fifteen feet from the end of one wing to the end of the other. [25]The second winged creature also measured fifteen feet. Both winged creatures had identical measurements and form. [26]The height of both winged creatures was fifteen feet. [27]Solomon placed the winged creatures inside the temple. Their wings spread out so that the wing of the one touched one wall and the wing of the other touched the other wall. In the middle of the temple, the wings of the two winged creatures touched each other. [28]He covered the winged creatures with gold.

[29]Solomon carved all the walls of the temple—inner and outer rooms—with engravings of winged creatures, palm trees, and blossoming flowers. [30]He also covered the floor of the temple with gold, in both the inner and the outer rooms. [31]He made the doors of the inner sanctuary from olive wood and carved the doorframes with five recesses.[m] [32]He overlaid the two olive-wood doors with gold-plated carvings of winged creatures, palm trees, and blossoming flowers. [33]He made the door of the main hall with doorframes of olive wood with four recesses.[n] [34]The two doors of pinewood each pivoted on a socket. [35]Solomon carved winged creatures, palm trees, and blossoming flowers, and covered them with gold. [36]He built the inner courtyard with three rows of cut stone followed by one row of trimmed cedar.

6:21 2Ch 3:7
6:22 2Ch 3:7
6:23 Ex 25:18, Ex 37:7; 2Ch 3:10
6:29 2Ch 3:7
6:36 2Ch 4:9
6:37 1Ki 6:9a, 1Ki 6:14

[37]Solomon laid the foundation of the LORD's temple in the fourth year in the month of Ziv.[o] [38]He finished the temple in all its details and measurements in the eleventh year during the eighth month, the month of Bul.[p] He built it in seven years.

Solomon builds palaces

7 Now as for Solomon's palace, it took thirteen years for him to complete its construction. [2]He built the Forest of Lebanon Palace one hundred fifty feet in length, seventy-five feet in width, and forty-five feet in height. It had four rows of cedar columns with cedar engravings above the columns. [3]The palace's cedar roof stood above forty-five beams resting on the columns, fifteen beams to each row. [4]Three sets of window frames faced each other. [5]All the doorframes were rectangular, facing each other in three sets. [6]He made a porch with columns seventy-five feet long and forty-five feet wide. Another porch was in front of these with roofed columns in front of them.[q] [7]He made the throne room the Hall of Justice, where he would judge. It was covered with cedar from the lower to the upper levels. [8]The royal residence where Solomon lived was behind this hall. It had a similar design. Solomon also made a similar palace for his wife, Pharaoh's daughter. [9]He built all these with the best stones cut to size, sawed with saws, back and front, from the foundation to the highest points and from the outer boundary to the great courtyard. [10]The foundation was laid with large stones of high quality, some of fifteen feet and some of twelve feet. [11]Above them were high-quality stones cut to measure, as well as cedar. [12]The surrounding great courtyard had three rows of cut stones and a row of trimmed cedar just like the inner courtyard of the LORD's temple and its porch.

[l]Heb uncertain [m]Heb uncertain [n]Heb uncertain [o]April–May; Iyar; Ziv is a month in the Canaanite calendar. [p]October–November, Heshvan; Bul is a month in the Canaanite calendar. [q]Heb uncertain

Solomon's temple equipment

13 Then King Solomon sent a message and brought Hiram from Tyre.
14 Hiram's mother was a widow from the tribe of Naphtali. His father was a Tyrian skilled in bronze work. He was amazingly skillful in the techniques and knowledge for doing all kinds of work in bronze. He came to King Solomon and did all his work.

15 He[r] cast two bronze pillars. Each one was twenty-seven feet high and required a cord of eighteen feet to reach around it.[s] 16 He made two capitals of cast bronze for the tops of the columns. They were each seven and a half feet high. 17 He made an intricate network of chains for the capitals on top of the columns, seven for each capital. 18 He made the pillars and two rows of pomegranates for each network to adorn each of the capitals. 19 The capitals on top of the columns in the porch were made like lilies, each six feet high. 20 Above the round-shaped part and next to the network were two hundred pomegranates. These were placed in rows around both of the capitals on top of the columns. 21 He set up the columns at the temple's porch. He named the south column Jachin. The north column he named Boaz. 22 After putting the lily shapes on top of the columns, he was finished with the columns.

23 He also made a tank of cast metal called the Sea. It was circular in shape, fifteen feet from rim to rim, seven and a half feet high, forty-five feet in circumference. 24 Under the rim were two rows of gourds completely encircling it, ten every eighteen inches, each cast in its mold. 25 The Sea rested on twelve oxen with their backs toward the center, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east. 26 The Sea was as thick as the width of a hand. Its rim was shaped like a cup or an open lily blossom. It could hold two thousand baths.[t]

7:13 2Ch 2:13-14, 2Ch 4:11
7:14 Ex 31:3, Ex 35:31; 2Ch 2:14, 2Ch 4:11, 2Ch 4:16
7:15-22 2Ch 3:15-17
7:23 2Ki 25:13; 2Ch 4:2; Jer 52:17
7:38, 39a 2Ch 4:6a
7:39b 2Ch 4:10
7:40 2Ch 4:11; Jer 52:18

27 He also made ten bronze stands. Each was six feet long, six feet wide, and four and a half feet high. 28 This is how each stand was made: There were panels connected between the legs. 29 Lions, bulls, and winged otherworldly creatures appeared on the panels between the legs. On the legs above and below the lions and bulls were wreaths on panels hanging off the stands. 30 There were four bronze wheels with bronze axles for each stand. There were four feet and supports cast for each basin with wreaths on their sides.[u] 31 Inside the bowl was an opening eighteen inches deep. The opening was round, measuring twenty-seven inches, with engravings. The panels of the stands were square rather than round. 32 There were four wheels beneath the panels. The axles of the wheels were attached to the stand. Each wheel was twenty-seven inches in height. 33 The construction of the wheels resembled chariot wheels. The axles, rims, spokes, and hubs were all made of cast metal. 34 There was a handle on each of the four corners of every stand, projecting from the side of the stand. 35 The top of the stand had a band running around the perimeter that was nine inches deep. The stand had its own supports and panels. 36 On the surfaces of the supports and panels he carved winged otherworldly creatures, lions, and palm trees with wreaths everywhere.[v] 37 In this manner he made ten stands, each one cast in a single mold of the same size and shape.

38 He made ten bronze washbasins, each able to hold forty baths.[w] Every washbasin was six feet across, and there was one for each of the ten stands. 39 He placed five stands on the south of the temple and five on the north of the temple. He placed the Sea at the southeast corner of the temple.

40 Hiram made the basins, shovels, and bowls.

[r] Or *he*, either Solomon or Hiram; this ambiguity continues in the following verses, but cf 1 Kgs 7:1, 8, 13; 1 Kgs 7:40. [s] Or *the second*; cf Jer 52:21 [t] One bath is approximately twenty quarts or five gallons. [u] Heb uncertain [v] Heb uncertain [w] One bath is approximately twenty quarts or five gallons.

And so Hiram finished his work on the LORD's temple for King Solomon:

41 two columns;
two circular capitals on top of the columns;
two networks, adorning the two circular capitals on top of the columns;
42 four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, with two rows of pomegranates for each network that adorned the two circular capitals on top of the columns;
43 ten stands with ten basins on them;
44 one Sea;
twelve oxen beneath the Sea;
45 and the pots, shovels, and bowls.

All the equipment that Hiram made for King Solomon for the LORD's temple was made from polished bronze. 46 The king cast it in clay molds in the Jordan Valley between Succoth and Zarethan. 47 Due to the very large number of objects, Solomon didn't even try to weigh the bronze.

48 Solomon also made all the equipment for the LORD's temple: the golden altar; the golden table for the bread of the presence; 49 the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right and five on the left in front of the inner sanctuary; the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold; 50 the cups, wick trimmers, bowls, ladles, and censers of pure gold; and the gold sockets for the doors to the most holy place and for the doors to the main hall. 51 When all King Solomon's work on the LORD's temple was finished, he brought the silver, gold, and all the objects his father David had dedicated and put them in the treasuries of the LORD's temple.

Solomon dedicates the temple

8 Then Solomon assembled Israel's elders, all the tribal leaders, and the chiefs of Israel's clans at Jerusalem to bring up the chest containing the LORD's covenant from David's City Zion. 2 Everyone in Israel assembled before King Solomon in the seventh month, the month of Ethanim,[x] during the festival. 3 When all of Israel's elders had arrived, the priests picked up the chest. 4 They brought the LORD's chest, the meeting tent, and all the holy equipment that was in the tent. The priests and the Levites brought them up, 5 while King Solomon and the entire Israelite assembly that had joined him before the chest sacrificed countless sheep and oxen. 6 The priests brought the chest containing the LORD's covenant to its designated spot beneath the wings of the winged creatures in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the most holy place. 7 The winged creatures spread their wings over the place where the chest rested, covering the chest and its carrying poles. 8 The carrying poles were so long that their tips could be seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, though they weren't visible from outside. They are still there today. 9 Nothing was in the chest except the two stone tablets Moses had placed there while at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites after they left Egypt. 10 When the priests left the holy place, the cloud filled the LORD's temple, 11 and the priests were unable to carry out their duties due to the cloud because the LORD's glory filled the LORD's temple.

12 Then Solomon said, "The LORD said that he would live in a dark cloud, 13 but I have indeed built you a lofty temple as a place where you can live forever." 14 The king turned around, and while the entire assembly of Israel was standing there, he blessed them, 15 saying, "Bless Israel's God, the LORD, who spoke directly to my father David and now has kept his promise: 16 'From the day I brought my people Israel out of Egypt I haven't selected a city from any Israelite tribe as a site for the building of a temple for my name. But now I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.' 17 My father David

7:48-50 2Ch 4:7, 8, 2Ch 4:19-22
7:51 2Sa 8:11; 2Ch 5:1
8:1-11 2Ch 5:2-14
8:4 1Ki 3:4; 2Ch 1:3
8:6 Ex 26:33; 2Sa 6:17; 1Ki 6:19, 1Ki 6:27; 2Ch 5:7
8:7 1Ki 8:6; 2Ch 5:7-8
8:9 Ex 3:1, Ex 25:16, Ex 25:21; 2Ch 5:10; Heb 9:4
8:12-21 2Ch 6:1-11
8:17 2Sa 7:2; 1Ch 17:1-2, 1Ch 28:2

[x] September–October, Tishrei; Ethanim is a month from a Canaanite calendar.

wanted to build a temple for the name of the LORD, Israel's God.

18 "But the LORD said to my father David, 'It is very good that you thought to build a temple for my name. 19 Nevertheless, you yourself won't build that temple. Instead, your very own son will build the temple for my name.' 20 The LORD has kept his promise—I have succeeded my father David on Israel's throne just as the LORD said, and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD, Israel's God. 21 There I've placed the chest that contains the covenant that the LORD made with our ancestors when he brought them out of Egypt."

22 Solomon stood before the LORD's altar in front of the entire Israelite assembly and, spreading out his hands toward the sky, 23 he said:

LORD God of Israel, there's no god like you in heaven above or on earth below. You keep the covenant and show loyalty to your servants who walk before you with all their heart. 24 This is the covenant you kept with your servant David, my father, which you promised him. Today, you have fulfilled what you promised. 25 So now, LORD, Israel's God, keep what you promised my father David, your servant, when you said to him, "You will never fail to have a successor sitting on Israel's throne as long as your descendants carefully walk before me just as you walked before me." 26 So now, God of Israel, may your promise to your servant David, my father, come true.

27 But how could God possibly live on earth? If heaven, even the highest heaven, can't contain you, how can this temple that I've built contain you? 28 LORD my God, listen to your servant's prayer and request, and hear the cry and prayer that your servant prays to you today. 29 Constantly watch over this temple, the place about which you said, "My name will be there," and listen to the prayer that your servant is praying toward[y] this place. 30 Listen to the request of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Listen from your heavenly dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive!

31 If someone wrongs another and must make a solemn pledge asserting innocence before your altar in this temple,[z] 32 then listen from heaven, act, and decide which of your servants is right. Condemn the guilty party, repaying them for their conduct, but justify the innocent person, repaying them for their righteousness.

33 If your people Israel are defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you, but then they change their hearts and lives, give thanks to your name, and ask for mercy before you at this temple, 34 then listen from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel. Return them to the land you gave their ancestors.

35 When the sky holds back its rain because Israel has sinned against you, but they then pray toward this place, give thanks to your name, and turn away from their sin because you have punished them for it,[a] 36 then listen from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the best way for them to follow, and send rain on your land that you gave to your people as an inheritance.

37 Whenever there is a famine or plague in the land; or whenever there is blight, mildew, locust, or grasshopper; or whenever someone's enemy attacks them in their cities;[b] or any plague or illness comes; 38 whatever prayer or petition is made by any individual or by all of your people Israel—because

8:18 2Sa 8:11; 1Ki 7:51, 1Ki 8:17; 1Ch 17:1, 1Ch 21:24

8:19 2Sa 7:5, 2Sa 7:12-13; 1Ki 5:3, 1Ki 5:5

8:22-30 2Ch 6:12-21

8:27 2Ch 2:6; Is 66:1; Jer 23:24; Ac 7:48, Ac 17:24

8:31, 32 2Ch 6:22, 23

8:33, 34 2Ch 6: 24, 25

8:35, 36 2Ch 6:26, 27

8:37-40 2Ch 6:28-31

[y] Or *for, regarding*; also used in several verses that follow [z] Heb uncertain [a] Or *answered them* [b] LXX *one of*; MT *in the land of their gates*

people will recognize their own pain and spread out their hands toward this temple—[39]then listen from heaven where you live. Forgive, act, and repay each person according to all their conduct, because you know their hearts. You alone know the human heart. [40]Do this so that they may revere you all the days they live on the land that you gave to our ancestors.

[41]Listen also to the immigrant who isn't from your people Israel but who comes from a distant country because of your reputation—[42]because they will hear of your great reputation, your great power, and your outstretched arm. When the immigrant comes and prays toward this temple, [43]then listen from heaven, where you live, and do everything the immigrant asks. Do this so that all the people of the earth may know your reputation and revere you, as your people Israel do, and recognize that this temple I have built bears your name.

[44]When your people go to war against their enemies, wherever you may send them, and they pray to the LORD toward the city you have chosen and toward this temple that I have built for your name, [45]then listen from heaven to their prayer and request and do what is right for them.

[46]When they sin against you (for there is no one who doesn't sin) and you become angry with them and hand them over to an enemy who takes them away as prisoners to enemy territory, whether distant or nearby, [47]if they change their heart in whatever land they are held captive, changing their lives and begging for your mercy,[c] saying, "We have sinned, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly!" [48]and if they return to you with all their heart and all their being in the enemy territory where they've been taken captive, and pray to you, toward their land, which you gave their ancestors, toward the city you have chosen, and toward the temple I have built for your name, [49]then listen to their prayer and request from your heavenly dwelling place. Do what is right for them, [50]and forgive your people who have sinned against you. Forgive all their wrong that they have done against you. See to it that those who captured them show them mercy. [51]These are your people and your inheritance. You brought them out of Egypt, from the iron furnace.

[52]Open your eyes to your servant's request and to the request of your people Israel. Hear them whenever they cry out to you. [53]You set them apart from all the earth's peoples as your own inheritance, LORD, just as you promised through your servant Moses when you brought our ancestors out of Egypt.

[54]As soon as Solomon finished praying and making these requests to the LORD, he got up from before the LORD's altar, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out to heaven. [55]He stood up and blessed the whole Israelite assembly in a loud voice: [56]"May the LORD be blessed! He has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. He hasn't neglected any part of the good promise he made through his servant Moses. [57]May the LORD our God be with us, just as he was with our ancestors. May he never leave us or abandon us. [58]May he draw our hearts to him to walk in all his ways and observe his commands, his laws, and his judgments that he gave our ancestors. [59]And may these words of mine that I have cried out before the LORD remain near to the LORD our God day and night so that he may do right by his servant and his people Israel for each day's need, [60]and so that all the earth's peoples may know that the LORD is God. There is no other God! [61]Now may

8:39 1Sa 16:7; 1Ch 28:9; Jer 17:10; Ac 1:24; Rev 2:23
8:41-43 2Ch 6:32, 33
8:44, 45 2Ch 6:34, 35
8:46 Ps 130:3; Prv 20:9; Ecc 7:20; 1Jn 1:8
8:46-53 2Ch 6:36-39
8:54 1Ki 8:22; 2Ch 6:13, 2Ch 7:1
8:56 Josh 21:45, Josh 23:14; 1Ki 8:15
8:57 Dt 31:6; Josh 1:5; 1Sa 12:22; Heb 13:5
8:58 Ps 119:36; Jer 31:33
8:59 Josh 7:8; 1Ki 8:25-26, 1Ki 8:33, 1Ki 18:36

[c]Heb adds *in the land they are held captive.*

you be committed to the LORD our God with all your heart by following his laws and observing his commands, just as you are doing right now."

62Then the king and all Israel with him sacrificed to the LORD. 63Solomon offered well-being sacrifices to the LORD: twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred twenty thousand sheep when the king and all Israel dedicated the LORD's temple. 64On that day the king made holy the middle of the courtyard in front of the LORD's temple. He had to offer the entirely burned offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of well-being sacrifices there, because the bronze altar that was in the LORD's presence was too small to contain the entirely burned offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the well-being sacrifices. 65At that time Solomon, together with all Israel, held a celebration. It was a large assembly from Lebo-hamath to the border of Egypt. They celebrated for seven days and then for another seven days in the presence of the LORD our God: fourteen days in all. 66On the eighth day,[d] Solomon dismissed the people. They blessed the king and went back to their tents happy and pleased about all the good that the LORD had done for his servant David and for his people Israel.

Solomon again meets God

9 Now once Solomon finished building the LORD's temple, the royal palace, and everything else he wanted to accomplish, 2the LORD appeared to him a second time in the same way he had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3The LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your cry to me. I have set apart this temple that you built, to put my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. 4As for you, if you walk before me just as your father David did, with complete dedication and honesty, and if you do all that I have commanded, and keep my regulations and case laws, 5then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, just as I promised your father David, 'You will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.' 6However, if you or your sons turn away from following me and don't observe the commands and regulations that I gave you, and go to serve other gods, and worship them, 7then I will remove Israel from the land I gave them and I will reject the temple that I dedicated for my name. Israel will become a joke, insulted by everyone. 8Everyone who passes by this temple, so lofty now,[e] will be shocked and will whistle, wondering, Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and this temple? 9The answer will come: Because they deserted the LORD their God, who brought their ancestors out of Egypt's land. They embraced other gods, worshipping and serving them. That is why the LORD brought all this disaster on them."

8:62-66 2Ch 7:4-10
9:1-9 2Ch 7:11-22
9:6 2Sa 7:14
9:7 Dt 4:26, Dt 28:37; 2Ki 17:23; Ps 44:14; Jer 24:9
9:8 Dt 29:24; Jer 22:8-9
9:9 Dt 29:25
9:10-14 2Ch 8:1, 2

Solomon's buildings and prosperity

10It took twenty years for Solomon to build the two structures, the LORD's temple and the royal palace. 11King Hiram of Tyre gave Solomon all the cedar, pinewood, and gold that he wanted. Then King Solomon gave Hiram twenty towns in the region of Galilee. 12Hiram went from Tyre to inspect the towns Solomon had given him. They didn't seem adequate in his view. 13So Hiram remarked, "My brother, are these towns you've given me good for anything?" The cities are thus called the land of Cabul to this very day. 14But Hiram sent the king one hundred twenty gold kikkars, nevertheless.

15This is the story of the labor gang that King Solomon put together to build the LORD's temple and his own palace, as well as the stepped structure, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer: (16Pharaoh, Egypt's king, had attacked and captured Gezer, set-

[d]The second seven-day celebration (see 2 Chron 7:8-9); but contrast LXX. [e]Or *will become high*; OL, Syr, Tg *will become a ruin*

ting it on fire. He killed the Canaanites who lived in the city and gave it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife). 17 Solomon built Gezer, Lower Bethhoron, 18 Baalath, and Tamar in the wilderness (within the land), 19 along with all the storage cities that belonged to Solomon, as well as the cities used for storing chariots and cavalry and whatever he wanted to build in Jerusalem, Lebanon, and throughout his kingdom. 20 Any non-Israelite people who remained of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites— 21 that is, the descendants of such people who were still in the land because the Israelites weren't able to wipe them out— Solomon forced into the labor gangs that are still in existence today. 22 However, Solomon didn't force the Israelites to work as slaves; instead, they became warriors, his servants, his leaders, his officers, and those in charge of his chariots and cavalry.

23 These were the chief officers over Solomon's work: five hundred fifty had charge of the people who did the work. 24 When Pharaoh's daughter went up from David's City to the palace he had built for her, Solomon built the stepped structure. 25 Three times a year Solomon would offer entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices on the altar that he had built for the LORD. Along with this he would burn incense to the LORD. In this way, he completed the temple.[f] 26 King Solomon built a fleet near Eloth in Eziongeber, on the coast of the Reed Sea[g] in the land of Edom. 27 Hiram sent his expert sailors on the fleet along with Solomon's workers. 28 They went to Ophir for four hundred twenty kikkars of gold, which they brought back to King Solomon.

Queen of Sheba

10 When the queen of Sheba heard reports about Solomon, due to the LORD's name,[h] she came to test him with riddles. 2 Accompanying her to Jerusalem was a huge entourage with camels carrying spices, a large amount of gold, and precious stones. After she arrived, she told Solomon everything that was on her mind. 3 Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too difficult for him to answer. 4 When the queen of Sheba saw how wise Solomon was, the palace he had built, 5 the food on his table, the servants' quarters, the function and dress of his attendants, his cupbearers, and the entirely burned offerings that he offered at the LORD's temple, it took her breath away.

6 "The report I heard about your deeds and wisdom when I was still at home is true," she said to the king. 7 "I didn't believe it until I came and saw it with my own eyes. In fact, the half of it wasn't even told to me! You have far more wisdom and wealth than I was told. 8 Your people and these servants who continually serve you and get to listen to your wisdom are truly happy! 9 Bless the LORD your God because he was pleased to place you on Israel's throne. Because the LORD loved Israel with an eternal love, the LORD made you king to uphold justice and righteousness."

10 The queen gave the king one hundred twenty kikkars of gold, a great quantity of spice, and precious stones. Never again has so much spice come to Israel as when the queen of Sheba gave this gift to King Solomon. 11 Hiram's fleet went to Ophir and brought back gold, much almug wood, and precious stones. 12 The king used the almug wood to make parapets for the LORD's temple and for the royal palace as well as lyres and harps for the musicians. To this day, that much almug wood hasn't come into or been seen in Israel. 13 King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba everything she wanted and all that she had asked for, in addition to what he had already given her from his own personal funds. Then she and her servants returned to her homeland.

9:17-19 2Ch 8:4-6
9:20-23 2Ch 8:7-10
9:24a 2Ch 8:11
9:24b 1Ki 11:27b
9:25 2Ch 8:12-16
9:26-28 2Ch 8:17, 18
10:1 Jgs 14:12; 1Ki 4:34; 2Ch 9:1; Mt 12:42; Lk 11:31
10:1-13 2Ch 9:1-12
10:2 1Ki 10:10
10:3 1Ki 3:12, 1Ki 4:29, 1Ki 10:1, 1Ki 10:4; 2Ch 9:2
10:4 1Ki 3:28, 1Ki 4:29, 1Ki 6:1, 1Ki 7:51; Mt 12:42
10:5 2Ch 9:4
10:8 Prv 8:34
10:9 Dt 7:8; 2Sa 8:15, 2Sa 23:3; 1Ki 5:7; Ps 72:2

[f] Heb uncertain [g] Traditionally *Red Sea* [h] Heb uncertain

Solomon's wealth

14 Solomon received an annual income of six hundred sixty-six kikkars
of gold, 15 not including income from
the traders, the merchants and their
profits, all the Arabian kings, and the
officials of the land. 16 King Solomon
made two hundred body-sized shields
of hammered gold, using fifteen
pounds[i] of gold in each shield, 17 and
three hundred small shields of ham-
mered gold, using sixty ounces[j] of gold
in each shield. The king placed these in
the Forest of Lebanon Palace.

18 The king also made a large ivory
throne and covered it with pure gold.
19 Six steps led up to the throne, and
the back of the throne was rounded
at the top. Two lions stood beside the
armrests on both sides of the throne.
20 Another twelve lions stood on both
sides of the six steps. No other king-
dom had anything like this. 21 All of
King Solomon's drinking cups were
made of gold, and all the items in the
Forest of Lebanon Palace were made
of pure gold, not silver, since even sil-
ver wasn't considered good enough in
Solomon's time! 22 The royal fleet of
Tarshish-style ships was at sea with
Hiram's fleet, returning once every
three years with gold, silver, ivory,
monkeys, and peacocks.[k]

23 King Solomon far exceeded all the
earth's kings in wealth and wisdom,
24 and so the whole earth wanted an au-
dience with Solomon in order to hear
his God-given wisdom. 25 Year after
year they came with tribute: objects
of silver and gold, clothing, weapons,
spices, horses, and mules.

26 Solomon acquired more and
more chariots and horses until he
had fourteen hundred chariots and
twelve thousand horses that he kept
in chariot cities and with the king in
Jerusalem. 27 In Jerusalem, the king
made silver as common as stones and
cedar as plentiful as sycamore trees
that grow in the foothills. 28 Solomon's
horses were imported from Egypt
and Kue, purchased from Kue by the
king's agents at the going price. 29 They
would import a chariot from Egypt
for six hundred pieces of silver and a
horse for one hundred fifty, and then
export them to all the Hittite and Ar-
amean kings.

10:14-21 2Ch 9:13-20
10:22 1Ki 9:26-27, 1Ki 22:48; 2Ch 9:21 2Ch 20:36; Is 2:16
10:23-25 2Ch 9:22-24
10:26 1Ki 4:26; 2Ch 1:14, 2Ch 9:25
10:27 2Ch 1:15, 2Ch 9:27
10:28, 29 2Ch 1:16, 17, 2Ch 9:28
11:1 Dt 17:17; 1Ki 3:1; Neh 13:23
11:2 Ex 34:16; Dt 7:3; 1Ki 11:1
11:3 Dt 17:17; 2Sa 5:13; 1Ki 11:1
11:4 1Ki 8:61, 1Ki 9:4
11:5 Jgs 2:13, Jgs 10:6; 1Ki 11:7, 1Ki 11:33; 2Ki 23:13
11:7 Lv 18:21, Lv 20:2; Nm 21:29; 2Ki 23:10, 2Ki 23:13
11:11 1Ki 11:31, 1Ki 12:15, 1Ki 12:16

Solomon meets God a third time

11 In addition to Pharaoh's daughter,
King Solomon loved many foreign
women, including Moabites, Ammo-
nites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hit-
tites. 2 These came from the nations
that the LORD had commanded the
Israelites about: "Don't intermarry
with them. They will definitely turn
your heart toward their gods." Solo-
mon clung to these women in love.
3 He had seven hundred royal wives
and three hundred secondary wives.
They turned his heart. 4 As Solomon
grew old, his wives turned his heart
after other gods. He wasn't committed
to the LORD his God with all his heart
as was his father David. 5 Solomon fol-
lowed Astarte the goddess of the Sido-
nians, and Milcom the detestable god
of the Ammonites. 6 Solomon did what
was evil in the LORD's eyes and wasn't
completely devoted to the LORD like
his father David. 7 On the hill east of
Jerusalem, Solomon built a shrine to
Chemosh the detestable god of Moab,
and to Molech the detestable god of
the Ammonites. 8 He did the same for
all his foreign wives, who burned in-
cense and sacrificed to their gods. 9 The
LORD grew angry with Solomon, be-
cause his heart had turned away from
being with the LORD, the God of Israel,
who had appeared to him twice. 10 The
LORD had commanded Solomon about
this very thing, that he shouldn't fol-
low other gods. But Solomon didn't do
what the LORD commanded.

11 The LORD said to Solomon, "Be-
cause you have done all this instead
of keeping my covenant and my laws
that I commanded you, I will most cer-
tainly tear the kingdom from you and

[i] Or *six hundred* (shekels) [j] *three manehs* [k] Heb uncertain

give it to your servant. 12Even so, on account of your father David, I won't do it during your lifetime. I will tear the kingdom out of your son's hands. 13Moreover, I won't tear away the entire kingdom. I will give one tribe to your son on account of my servant David and on account of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

Solomon and Hadad

14So the LORD raised up an opponent for Solomon: Hadad the Edomite from the royal line of Edom. 15When David was fighting against Edom, Joab the general had gone up to bury the Israelite dead, and he had killed every male in Edom. 16Joab and all the Israelites stayed there six months, until he had finished off every male in Edom. 17While still a youth, Hadad escaped to Egypt along with his father's Edomite officials. 18They set out from Midian and went to Paran. They took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt and to Pharaoh its king. Pharaoh assigned him a home, food, and land. 19Pharaoh was so delighted with Hadad that he gave him one of his wife's sisters for marriage, a sister of Queen Tahpenes. 20This sister of Tahpenes bore Hadad a son, Genubath. Tahpenes weaned him in Pharaoh's house. So it was that Genubath was raised in Pharaoh's house, among Pharaoh's children. 21While in Egypt, Hadad heard that David had lain down with his ancestors and that Joab the general was also dead. Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me go to my homeland."

22Pharaoh said to him, "What do you lack here with me that would make you want to go back to your homeland?"

Hadad said, "Nothing, but please let me go!"

Solomon and Rezon

23God raised up another opponent for Solomon: Rezon, Eliada's son, who had escaped from Zobah's King Hadadezer. 24Rezon recruited men and became leader of a band when David was killing them. They went to Damascus, stayed there, and ruled it. 25Throughout Solomon's lifetime, Rezon was Israel's opponent and added to the problems caused by Hadad. Rezon hated Israel while he ruled as king of Aram.

Solomon and Jeroboam

26Now Nebat's son Jeroboam was an Ephraimite from Zeredah. His mother's name was Zeruah; she was a widow. Although he was one of Solomon's own officials, Jeroboam fought against the king. 27This is the story of why Jeroboam fought against the king:

Solomon had built the stepped structure and repaired the broken wall in his father David's City. 28Now Jeroboam was a strong and honorable man. Solomon saw how well this youth did his work. So he appointed him over all the work gang of Joseph's house.

29At that time, when Jeroboam left Jerusalem, Ahijah the prophet of Shiloh met him along the way. Ahijah was wearing a new garment. The two of them were alone in the country. 30Ahijah tore his new garment into twelve pieces. 31He said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces, because Israel's God, the LORD, has said, 'Look, I am about to tear the kingdom from Solomon's hand. I will give you ten tribes. 32But I will leave him one tribe on account of my servant David and on account of Jerusalem, the city I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel. 33I am doing this because they have abandoned me[1] and worshipped the Sidonian goddess Astarte, the Moabite god Chemosh, and the Ammonite god Milcom. They haven't walked in my ways by doing what is right in my eyes—keeping my laws and judgments—as Solomon's father David did. 34But I won't take the whole kingdom from his hand. I will keep him as ruler throughout his lifetime on account of my servant David, who did keep my commands and my laws. 35I will take the kingdom from

11:12 1Ki 11:34, 1Ki 15:4, 1Ki 21:29; 2Ki 8:19; Is 37:35

11:13 2Sa 7:15; 1Ki 11:32, 1Ki 11:36, 1Ki 12:20

11:14 1Ki 5:4, 1Ki 11:19, 1Ki 11:23, 1Ki 11:25, 1Ki 12:15

11:23 2Sa 8:3; 1Ki 11:14

11:28 Prv 22:29

11:29 1Ki 12:15, 1Ki 14:2, 1Ki 15:29; 2Ch 9:29, 2Ch 10:15

11:30 1Sa 15:27

11:31 1Ki 11:11

11:32 1Ki 11:12-13, 1Ki 12:20-21, 1Ki 14:21

11:33 Jgs 2:13, Jgs 10:6; 1Ki 11:5, 1Ki 11:7; 2Ki 23:13

11:34 1Ki 11:12-13

11:35 1Ki 12:16

[1] LXX, Syr, Vulg *he has abandoned me*

the hand of Solomon's son, and I will give you ten tribes. 36I will give his son a single tribe so that my servant David will always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city that I chose for myself to place my name. 37But I will accept you, and you will rule over all that you could desire. You will be king of Israel. 38If you listen to all that I command and walk in my ways, if you do what is right in my eyes, keeping my laws and my commands just as my servant David did, then I will be with you and I will build you a lasting dynasty just as I did for David. I will give you Israel. 39I will humble David's descendants by means of all this, though not forever.'"

40Then Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam fled to Egypt and its king Shishak. Jeroboam remained in Egypt until Solomon died.

Solomon's remaining days

41The rest of Solomon's deeds, including all that he did and all his wisdom, aren't they written in the official records of Solomon? 42The amount of time Solomon ruled over all Israel in Jerusalem was forty years. 43Then Solomon lay down with his ancestors. He was buried in his father David's City, and Rehoboam his son succeeded him as king.

How Rehoboam lost the kingdom

12 Rehoboam went to Shechem where all Israel had come to make him king. 2When Jeroboam, Nebat's son, heard the news, he returned from Egypt where he had fled from King Solomon. 3The people sent and called for Jeroboam, who along with the entire Israelite assembly went and said to Rehoboam, 4"Your father made our workload[m] very hard for us. If you will lessen the demands your father made of us and lighten the heavy workload he demanded from us, then we will serve you."

5He answered them, "Come back in three days." So the people left.

11:36 1Ki 15:4; 2Ki 8:19
11:37 2Sa 3:21
11:38 2Sa 7:11, 2Sa 7:27
11:39 2Sa 12:13, 2Sa 24:14; 1Ki 11:36, 1Ki 12:16, 1Ki 14:8
12:1 2Ch 10:1
12:2 1Ki 11:26, 1Ki 11:40
12:8 1Ki 12:9; Prv 19:20
12:9 1Ki 12:8
12:10 2Ch 10:10
12:11 1Ki 12:4, 1Ki 12:14; Prv 26:3; Na 3:2
12:12 1Ki 11:28, 1Ki 12:1-2, 1Ki 12:5, 1Ki 12:20
12:13 1Sa 20:10
12:14 Ex 1:14; 1Ki 12:11
12:15 Dt 2:30; 1Ki 11:29, 1Ki 11:31, 1Ki 12:24; 2Ch 10:15

6King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon when he was alive. "What do you advise?" Rehoboam asked. "How should I respond to these people?"

7"If you will be a servant to this people by answering them and speaking good words today," they replied, "then they will be your servants forever."

8But Rehoboam ignored the advice the elders gave him and instead sought the counsel of the young advisors who had grown up with him and now served him. 9"What do you advise?" he asked them. "How should we respond to these people who have said to me, 'Lighten the workload your father demanded of us'?"

10The young people who had grown up with him said to him, "This people said to you, 'Your father made our workload heavy; lighten it for us!' Now this is what you should say to them: 'My baby finger[n] is thicker than my father's entire waist! 11So if my father made your workload heavy, I'll make it even heavier! If my father disciplined you with whips, I'll do it with scorpions!'"

12Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king had specified when he said, "Come back to me in three days." 13The king then answered the people harshly. He ignored the elders' advice 14and instead followed the young people's advice. He said, "My father made your workload heavy, but I'll make it even heavier! My father disciplined you with whips, but I'll do it with scorpions!"

15The king didn't listen to the people because this turn of events came from the LORD so that he might keep the promise he delivered through Ahijah from Shiloh concerning Jeroboam, Nebat's son. 16When all Israel saw that the king wouldn't listen to them, the people answered the king:

"Why should we care about David?
We have no stake in Jesse's son!
Go back to your homes, Israel!

[m]Or *our yoke*; also in the verses that follow [n]Or *pinky finger*, perhaps a euphemism

You better look after your
own house now, David!"

Then the Israelites went back to their homes,[17] and Rehoboam ruled over only the Israelites who lived in the cities of Judah.

[18] When King Rehoboam sent Adoram to them (he was the leader of the work gang), all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam quickly got into his chariot and fled to Jerusalem. [19] Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day. [20] When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent for him. They called him to the assembly and crowned him king of all Israel.

Nothing was left to the house of David except the tribe of Judah. [21] When Rehoboam arrived at Jerusalem, he assembled the whole house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin—one hundred eighty thousand select warriors—to fight against the house of Israel and restore the kingdom for Rehoboam, Solomon's son. [22] But God's word came to Shemaiah the man of God, [23] "Tell Judah's King Rehoboam, Solomon's son, and all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and the rest of the people, [24] 'This is what the LORD says: Don't make war against your relatives the Israelites. Go home, every one of you, because this is my plan.'" When they heard the LORD's words, they went back home, just as the LORD had said.

Jeroboam I and the shrines

[25] Jeroboam fortified Shechem at Mount Ephraim and lived there. From there he also fortified Penuel. [26] Jeroboam thought to himself, The kingdom is in danger of reverting to the house of David. [27] If these people continue to sacrifice at the LORD's temple in Jerusalem, they will again become loyal to their master Rehoboam, Judah's king, and they will kill me so they can return to Judah's King Rehoboam.

12:25 Jgs 8:8, Jgs 8:17

12:26 1Sa 27:1; 1Ki 11:28, 1Ki 11:38, 1Ki 13:1, 1Ki 14:16

12:27 Dt 12:5

12:28 Ex 32:4, Ex 32:8; 2Ki 10:29, 2Ki 17:16; 2Ch 11:15

12:29 2Ki 10:29; Am 8:14

12:30 1Ki 13:34; 2Ki 17:21

12:31 1Ki 13:32-33; 2Ki 17:29, 2Ki 17:32; 2Ch 11:15

12:32 Nm 29:12

12:33 1Ki 12:32, 1Ki 13:1

13:1 1Ki 12:32-33

13:2 2Ki 23:15-16

[28] So the king asked for advice and then made two gold calves. He said to the people, "It's too far for you to go all the way up to Jerusalem. Look, Israel! Here are your gods who brought you out from the land of Egypt." [29] He put one calf in Bethel, and the other he placed in Dan. [30] This act was sinful. The people went to worship before the one calf at Bethel and before the other one as far as Dan.[o] [31] Jeroboam made shrines on the high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, but none were Levites. [32] Jeroboam set a date for a celebration on the fifteenth day of the eighth month.[p] It was just like the celebration in Judah. He sacrificed on the altar. At Bethel he sacrificed to the calves he had made. There also he installed the priests for the shrines he had made. [33] On the fifteenth day of the eighth month—the time he alone had decided—Jeroboam went up[q] to the altar he had built in Bethel. He made a celebration for the Israelites and offered sacrifices on the altar by burning them up.[r]

Jeroboam I and the man of God

13 A man of God came from Judah by God's command to Bethel. Jeroboam was standing at the altar burning incense. [2] By the LORD's word, the man of God cried out to the altar: "Altar! Altar! The LORD says this: Look! A son will be born to the house of David. His name will be Josiah. He will sacrifice on you, Altar, the very priests of the shrines who offer incense on you. They will burn human bones on you." [3] At that time the man of God gave a sign: "This is the sign that the LORD mentioned: 'Look! The altar will be broken apart, and its ashes will spill out.'"

[4] When the king heard the word of the man of God and how he cried out to the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched his hand from the altar and said, "Seize him!" But the hand that Jeroboam stretched out against

[o] Cf LXX; MT lacks *before the one at Bethel.* [p] October–November [q] Or *offered sacrifices* [r] Or *went up on the altar to burn incense*

the man of God grew stiff. Jeroboam wasn't able to bend it back to himself. 5The altar broke apart, and the ashes spilled out from the altar, just like the sign that the man of God gave by the LORD's word. 6The king said to the man of God, "Plead before the LORD your God and pray for me so that I can bend my hand back again." So the man of God pleaded before the LORD, and the king's hand returned to normal and was like it used to be. 7The king spoke to the man of God: "Come with me to the palace and refresh yourself. Let me give you a gift."

8The man of God said to the king, "Even if you gave me half your palace, I wouldn't go with you, nor would I eat food or drink water in this place. 9This is what God commanded me by the LORD's word: Don't eat food! Don't drink water! Don't return by the way you came!"

10So the man of God went by a different way. He didn't return by the way he came to Bethel. 11Now there was an old prophet living in Bethel. His sons came and told him everything that the man of God had done that day at Bethel. They also told their father the words that he spoke to the king. 12"Which way did he go?" their father asked them. His sons had seen the way the man of God went when he came from Judah. 13The old prophet said to his sons, "Saddle my donkey." So they saddled his donkey, and he got on it. 14He went after the man of God and found him sitting underneath a terebinth tree. He said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?"

"I am," he replied.

15The old prophet then said to him, "Come home with me and eat some food."

16But the man of God answered, "I can't return or go with you, and I can't eat food or drink water with you in this place 17because of the message that came to me from the LORD's word: Don't eat food! Don't drink water! Don't return by the way you came!"

13:6 Ex 8:8, Ex 9:28, Ex 10:17; Nm 21:7; Ac 8:24
13:21 1Sa 13:14
13:22 1Ki 13:19
13:24 1Ki 20:36
13:26 1Ki 13:21

18The old prophet said to the man of God, "I'm also a prophet like you. A messenger spoke to me with the LORD's word, 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat food and drink water.'"

But the old prophet was lying to him. 19So the man of God went back with the old prophet. He ate food in his home and drank water. 20Then as they were sitting at the table, the LORD's word came to the prophet who had brought him back. 21He cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah:

"The LORD says this:
You rebelled against
the LORD's word!
You didn't keep the command that
the LORD your God gave you!
22You came back and ate food
and drank water in this place.

"But he had commanded you: 'Don't eat food! Don't drink water!' Now your body won't go to the grave of your ancestors."

23After he ate food and drank, the old prophet saddled the donkey for the prophet he had brought back. 24The man of God departed, and a lion found him on the road and killed him. His body was thrown down on the road. The donkey stood beside it, and the lion also stood beside the body. 25Some people were traveling nearby, and they discovered the body thrown down on the road and the lion standing beside it. They entered the town where the old prophet lived and were talking about it. 26The prophet who brought the man of God back from the road overheard. He thought: That's the man of God who rebelled against the LORD's command. The LORD has given him to that lion that tore him apart, killing him in agreement with the LORD's word that was spoken to him.

27The old prophet told his sons, "Saddle the donkey." They did so, 28and he went and found the body thrown down on the road. The donkey and the lion were still standing beside the body. The lion hadn't eaten

the body, nor had it torn the donkey apart. [29]The prophet lifted the body of the man of God and put it on the donkey. He brought it back, arriving in the old prophet's town to mourn and bury the man of God. [30]He placed the body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, "Oh, my brother!" [31]After the old prophet buried him, he said to his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave where the man of God is. Put my bones beside his bones. [32]The message he gave by the LORD's word concerning the altar of Bethel and all the shrines in the towns of Samaria will most certainly come true."

[33]Even after this happened, Jeroboam didn't change his evil ways. Instead, he continued to appoint all sorts of people as priests of the shrines. Anyone who wanted to be a priest Jeroboam made a priest for the shrines. [34]In this way the house of Jeroboam acted sinfully, leading to its downfall and elimination from the earth.

Abijah's illness

14 At that time, Jeroboam's son Abijah became sick. [2]Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please go with a disguise so no one will recognize you as Jeroboam's wife. Go to Shiloh where the prophet Ahijah is. He told me I would be king of this people. [3]Take ten loaves of bread, cakes, and a bottle of honey with you. Go to him. He will tell you what will happen to the boy." [4]Jeroboam's wife did precisely this. She left and went to Shiloh and came to Ahijah's house. Now Ahijah had become blind in his old age.

[5]The LORD said to Ahijah, "Look! Jeroboam's wife has come seeking a word from you about her son. He is sick. Say this and that to her. When she comes, she will be disguised."

[6]When Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming through the doorway, he said, "Come in, Jeroboam's wife! Why have you disguised yourself? I have hard news for you. [7]Tell Jeroboam: This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says: When I lifted you up from among the people, I appointed you as a leader over my people Israel. [8]I tore the kingdom from David's house and gave it to you. But you haven't been like my servant David, who kept my commands and followed me with all his heart by doing only what is right in my eyes. [9]Instead, you have done more evil than any who were before you. You have made other gods and metal images to anger me. You have turned your back on me. [10]Therefore, I'm going to bring disaster on Jeroboam's house! Because of Jeroboam, I will eliminate everyone who urinates on a wall, whether slave or free. Then I will set fire to the house of Jeroboam, as one burns dung until it is gone. [11]Dogs will eat any of Jeroboam's family who die in town. Birds will eat those who die in the field. The LORD has spoken!

[12]"As for you, get up and go back home. When your feet enter the town, the boy will die. [13]All Israel will mourn for him and will bury him. Out of the whole line of Jeroboam, he alone will have a tomb, because only in him did Israel's God, the LORD, find something good. [14]For this reason the LORD will raise up a king over Israel who will eliminate the house of Jeroboam. This begins today. What's that? Even now![s] [15]The LORD will strike Israel so that it shakes like a reed in water. He will uproot Israel from this fertile land that he gave to their ancestors and their offspring, and he will scatter them across the Euphrates River, because they made the LORD angry by making their sacred poles.[t] [16]Because of the sins Jeroboam committed, and because he made Israel sin too, God will give Israel up."

[17]Then Jeroboam's wife left and went to Tirzah. When she stepped across the threshold of the house, the boy died. [18]All Israel buried him and mourned him in agreement with the LORD's word spoken through his servant the prophet Ahijah. [19]The rest

13:33 1Ki 12:31
14:8 1Ki 11:33, 1Ki 11:38, 1Ki 15:5
14:10 Dt 32:36; 1Ki 15:29, 1Ki 21:21; 2Ki 9:8, 2Ki 14:26
14:12 1Ki 14:17

[s]Heb uncertain [t]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah

of Jeroboam's deeds—how he fought and how he ruled—are written in the official records of Israel's kings. [20]Jeroboam ruled twenty-two years and he lay down with his ancestors. His son Nadab succeeded him as king.

Rehoboam rules Judah

[21]Rehoboam, Solomon's son, ruled over Judah. Rehoboam was 41 years old when he became king. He ruled for seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city the LORD chose from among all the tribes of Israel to set his name. Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah from Ammon. [22]Judah did evil in the LORD's eyes. The sins they committed made the LORD angrier than anything their ancestors had done. [23]They also built shrines, standing stones, and sacred poles[u] on top of every high hill and under every green tree. [24]Moreover, the consecrated workers[v] in the land did detestable things, just like those nations that the LORD had removed among the Israelites.

[25]During King Rehoboam's fifth year, King Shishak of Egypt attacked Jerusalem. [26]He seized the treasures of the LORD's temple and the royal palace. He took everything, even all the gold shields that Solomon had made. [27]King Rehoboam replaced them with bronze shields and assigned them to the officers of the guard who protected the entrance to the royal palace. [28]Whenever the king entered the LORD's temple, the guards would carry the shields and then return them to the guardroom. [29]The rest of Rehoboam's deeds and all that he accomplished, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [30]There was continual warfare between Rehoboam and Jeroboam. [31]When Rehoboam died, he was buried with his ancestors in David's City. His mother's name was Naamah from Ammon. His son Abijam[w] succeeded him as king.

14:20a 2Ch 13:20b
14:21 2Ch 12:13
14:22-24 2Ch 12:1, 14
14:24 Dt 23:17; 1Ki 15:12, 1Ki 22:46; 2Ki 23:7
14:25 2Ch 12:2
14:26-28 2Ch 12:9-11
14:28 2Ch 12:15a
14:30 1Ki 15:6; 2Ch 12:15b
14:31a 2Ch 12:16a
14:31b 2Ch 12:16b
15:1 2Ch 13:1
15:4 1Ki 11:12, 1Ki 11:36, 2Ch 21:7
15:6 1Ki 14:30; 2Ch 12:15b
15:7a 2Ch 13:22
15:7b 2Ch 13:2b
15:8 2Ch 14:1
15:11 2Ch 14:2
15:12 1Ki 14:24, 1Ki 22:46; 2Ch 15:8
15:13 Ex 32:20; 2Ki 23:6; 2Ch 15:16
15:14 1Ki 8:61, 1Ki 15:3, 1Ki 22:43; 2Ki 12:3

Abijam rules Judah

15 Abijam[x] became king of Judah in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Nebat's son. [2]He ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah, and she was Abishalom's daughter. [3]Abijam followed all the sinful ways of his father before him. He didn't follow the LORD his God with all his heart like his ancestor David. [4]Even so, on account of David, the LORD his God gave Abijam a lamp in Jerusalem by supporting his son who succeeded him and by preserving Jerusalem. [5]This was because David did the right thing in the LORD's eyes. David didn't deviate from anything the LORD commanded him throughout his life—except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. [6]There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam as long as Abijam lived. [7]The rest of Abijam's deeds and all that he did, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? There was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. [8]Abijam lay down with his ancestors; he was buried in David's City. His son Asa succeeded him as king.

Asa rules Judah

[9]In the twentieth year of Israel's King Jeroboam, Asa became king of Judah. [10]He ruled in Jerusalem for forty-one years. His grandmother's[y] name was Maacah; she was Abishalom's daughter. [11]Asa did the right things in the LORD's eyes, just like his father David. [12]He removed the consecrated workers[z] from the land, and he did away with all the worthless idols that his predecessors had made. [13]He even removed his grandmother Maacah from the position of queen mother because she had made an image of Asherah. Asa cut down her image and burned it in the Kidron Valley. [14]Though the shrines weren't eliminated, nevertheless Asa remained committed with all his heart to the LORD throughout

[u]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [v]Traditionally *cultic prostitutes* [w]Spelled *Abijah* in 2 Chron 12:16; LXX, Syr, Targ *Abijah* in 1 Kgs [x]Spelled *Abijah* in 2 Chron 12 [y]Or *mother*; also in 15:13; cf 2 Chron 13:2 [z]Traditionally *cultic prostitutes*

his life. [15]He brought into the LORD's temple the silver and gold equipment that he and his father had dedicated. [16]There was war between Asa and Israel's King Baasha throughout their lifetimes. [17]Israel's King Baasha attacked Judah and fortified Ramah to prevent Judah's King Asa from moving into that area.

[18]Asa took all the silver and gold that remained in the treasuries of the LORD's temple and the royal palace, and he gave them to his officials. Then King Asa sent them with the following message to Aram's King Ben-hadad, Tabrimmon's son and Hezion's grandson, who ruled from Damascus: [19]"Let's make a covenant similar to the one between our fathers. Since I have already sent you a gift of silver and gold, break your covenant with Israel's King Baasha so that he will leave me alone." [20]Ben-hadad agreed with King Asa and sent his army commanders against the cities of Israel, attacking Ijon, Dan, Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, along with all the land of Naphtali. [21]As soon as Baasha learned this, he stopped building Ramah and stayed in Tirzah. [22]King Asa issued an order to every Judean without exception: all the people carried away the stone and timber that Baasha was using to build Ramah, and King Asa used it to build Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah. [23]The rest of Asa's deeds, his strength, and all that he did, as well as the towns that he built, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? When he was old, Asa developed a severe foot disease. [24]He died and was buried with his ancestors in David's City.[a] His son Jehoshaphat succeeded him as king.

Nadab rules Israel

[25]Jeroboam's son Nadab became king of Israel in the second year of Judah's King Asa. He ruled over Israel for two years. [26]He did evil in the LORD's eyes by walking in the way of his father Jeroboam and the sin Jeroboam had caused Israel to commit. [27]Baasha, Ahijah's son from the house of Issachar, plotted against him and attacked him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. Nadab and all Israel were laying siege against Gibbethon. [28]Baasha killed Nadab in the third year of Judah's King Asa and ruled in Nadab's place.

[29]When he became king, Baasha attacked the entire house of Jeroboam. He didn't allow any living person to survive in Jeroboam's family; he wiped them out according to the LORD's word spoken by the LORD's servant Ahijah of Shiloh. [30]This happened because of Jeroboam's sins that he committed and that he caused Israel to commit, and because he angered the LORD, Israel's God. [31]The rest of Nadab's deeds and all that he did, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? [32]There was war between Asa and Israel's King Baasha throughout their lifetimes.

Baasha rules Israel

[33]In the third year of Judah's King Asa, Baasha, Ahijah's son, became king over all Israel. He ruled in Tirzah for twenty-four years. [34]He did evil in the LORD's eyes by walking in Jeroboam's ways and the sin he had caused Israel to commit.

16 The LORD's word came to Jehu, Hanani's son, against Baasha: [2]I raised you up from the dust and made you a leader over my people Israel, but you walked in Jeroboam's ways, making my people Israel sin, making me angry with their sins. [3]So look, I am about to set fire to Baasha and his household, and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, Nebat's son. [4]Dogs will eat any of Baasha's family who die in town. Birds will eat any who die in the country.

[5]Now the rest of Baasha's deeds, what he did, and his powerful acts, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? [6]Baasha lay

15:15 1Ki 7:51
15:16 1Ki 15:32
15:17 Josh 18:25; 1Ki 15:21-22; 2Ch 16:1
15:17-22 2Ch 16:1-6
15:23 2Ch 16:11-12
15:24a 2Ch 16:13, 14
15:24b 2Ch 17:1a
15:30 1Ki 15:26
15:32 1Ki 15:16

[a]Heb adds *his father*.

down with his ancestors and was buried in Tirzah. His son Elah succeeded him as king.

[7]But the LORD's word came through the prophet Jehu, Hanani's son, concerning Baasha and his house. It concerned everything evil in the LORD's eyes that Baasha had done, angering the Lord by his actions so that he would end up just like the house of Jeroboam. The message was also about how the Lord attacked Baasha.[b]

Elah rules Israel

[8]In the twenty-sixth year of Judah's King Asa, Elah, Baasha's son, became king over Israel. He ruled in Tirzah for two years. [9]Zimri, his officer who led half the chariots, plotted against him. Elah was at Tirzah, getting drunk at the house of Arza, who had charge over the palace at Tirzah. [10]Zimri came, attacked, and killed Elah in the twenty-seventh year of Judah's King Asa. Zimri succeeded him as king.

[11]Once Zimri became king and sat on the throne, he attacked all of Baasha's house. He didn't spare anyone who urinates on a wall, whether relative or friend. [12]Zimri destroyed the entire house of Baasha in agreement with the LORD's word that had been spoken by the prophet Jehu to Baasha. [13]This happened because of all Baasha's sins, as well as the sins of his son Elah and because they caused Israel to sin. They angered Israel's God, the LORD, with their insignificant idols. [14]The rest of Elah's deeds and all that he did, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings?

Zimri rules Israel

[15]In the twenty-seventh year of Judah's King Asa, Zimri became king. He ruled in Tirzah for seven days. The army was camped at Gibbethon in Philistia. [16]They heard the news: "Zimri has plotted against the king and killed him." Right then, in the camp, the whole Israelite army made their general Omri king of Israel. [17]Omri and the entire army then went up from Gibbethon and laid siege to Tirzah. [18]When Zimri saw that the city was captured, he went into the fort of the royal palace and burned it down on top of himself. So he died. [19]This happened because of the sins Zimri had committed by doing evil in the LORD's eyes and by walking in Jeroboam's ways and the sin he had done by causing Israel to sin. [20]The rest of Zimri's deeds and the plot he carried out, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings?

16:24 1Ki 13:32, 1Ki 16:29
16:30 1Ki 21:25
16:32-33 1Ki 21:26

Omri rules Israel

[21]At this time the people of Israel were split in two. One half of the people followed Tibni, Ginath's son, making him king; the other half followed Omri. [22]Omri's side was stronger than those who followed Tibni, Ginath's son. So Tibni died and Omri became king. [23]In the thirty-first year of Judah's King Asa, Omri became king of Israel. He ruled for twelve years, six of which were in Tirzah. [24]He bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two kikkars of silver. He fortified the hill and named the town that he built there after Shemer, the previous owner of the hill of Samaria. [25]Omri did evil in the LORD's eyes, more evil than anyone who preceded him. [26]He walked in all the ways and sins of Jeroboam, Nebat's son, because he caused Israel to sin. They angered Israel's God, the LORD, with their worthless idols. [27]The rest of Omri's deeds and his powerful acts, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? [28]Omri lay down with his ancestors and was buried in Samaria. His son Ahab succeeded him as king.

Ahab rules Israel

[29]In the thirty-eighth year of Judah's King Asa, Ahab, Omri's son, became king of Israel. He ruled over Israel in Samaria for twenty-two years [30]and did evil in the LORD's eyes,

[b]Or *and also about how he attacked him* or *and because Baasha had attacked Jeroboam*

more than anyone who preceded him.
31 Ahab found it easy to walk in the sins
of Jeroboam, Nebat's son. He mar-
ried Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal,
who was the king of the Sidonians.
He served and worshipped Baal. 32 He
made an altar for Baal in the Baal
temple he had constructed in Samaria.
33 Ahab also made a sacred pole[c] and
did more to anger the LORD, the God
of Israel, than any of Israel's kings who
preceded him. 34 During Ahab's time,
Hiel from Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He
set up its foundations at the cost of his
oldest son Abiram. He hung its gates
at the cost of his youngest son Segub.
This fulfilled the LORD's word spoken
through Joshua, Nun's son.

Elijah and the ravens

17 Elijah from Tishbe, who was one
of the settlers in Gilead, said to
Ahab, "As surely as the LORD lives, Is-
rael's God, the one I serve, there will be
neither dew nor rain these years unless
I say so."

2 Then the LORD's word came to Eli-
jah: 3 Go from here and turn east. Hide
by the Cherith Brook that faces the
Jordan River. 4 You can drink from the
brook. I have also ordered the ravens
to provide for you there. 5 Elijah went
and did just what the LORD said. He
stayed by the Cherith Brook that faced
the Jordan River. 6 The ravens brought
bread and meat in the mornings and
evenings. He drank from the Cherith
Brook. 7 After a while the brook dried up
because there was no rain in the land.

Elijah and the widow from Zarephath

8 The LORD's word came to Elijah:
9 Get up and go to Zarephath near Sidon
and stay there. I have ordered a widow
there to take care of you. 10 Elijah left
and went to Zarephath. As he came to
the town gate, he saw a widow collect-
ing sticks. He called out to her, "Please
get a little water for me in this cup so
I can drink." 11 She went to get some
water. He then said to her, "Please get
me a piece of bread."

12 "As surely as the LORD your God
lives," she replied, "I don't have any
food; only a handful of flour in a jar
and a bit of oil in a bottle. Look at me.
I'm collecting two sticks so that I can
make some food for myself and my
son. We'll eat the last of the food and
then die."

13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid!
Go and do what you said. Only make
a little loaf of bread for me first. Then
bring it to me. You can make some-
thing for yourself and your son after
that. 14 This is what Israel's God, the
LORD, says: The jar of flour won't de-
crease and the bottle of oil won't run
out until the day the LORD sends rain
on the earth." 15 The widow went and
did what Elijah said. So the widow, Eli-
jah, and the widow's household ate for
many days. 16 The jar of flour didn't de-
crease nor did the bottle of oil run out,
just as the LORD spoke through Elijah.

17 After these things, the son of the
widow, who was the matriarch of the
household, became ill. His sickness got
steadily worse until he wasn't breath-
ing anymore. 18 She said to Elijah,
"What's gone wrong between us, man
of God? Have you come to me to call
attention to my sin and kill my son?"

19 Elijah replied, "Give your son to
me." He took her son from her and car-
ried him to the upper room where he
was staying. Elijah laid him on his bed.
20 Elijah cried out to the LORD, "LORD
my God, why is it that you have brought
such evil upon the widow that I am
staying with by killing her son?" 21 Then
he stretched himself over the boy three
times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD
my God, please give this boy's life back
to him." 22 The LORD listened to Elijah's
voice and gave the boy his life back. And
he lived. 23 Elijah brought the boy down
from the upper room of the house and
gave him to his mother. Elijah said,
"Look, your son is alive!"

24 "Now I know that you really are a

16:31 1Ki 18:4, 1Ki 21:25; 2Ki 10:18, 2Ki 17:16
16:34 Josh 6:26
17:1 1Ki 18:1, 1Ki 22:14; 2Ki 3:14; Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17
17:3 Jer 36:19
17:4 1Ki 17:9
17:6 Ex 16:8
17:9 1Ki 17:4; Obad 1:20; Lk 4:26
17:10 Jn 4:7
17:12 1Ki 17:1; 2Ki 4:2; Eze 16:13
17:13 Mt 6:33
17:14 1Ki 17:1; 2Ki 9:6
17:15 1Ki 17:1, 1Ki 17:23, 1Ki 18:21, 1Ki 19:19, 1Ki 21:17
17:20 Ex 17:4; 1Sa 7:9; 1Ki 18:36; Jas 5:17
17:21 2Ki 4:34; Ac 20:10
17:22 1Ki 17:23; 2Ki 13:21; Heb 11:35

[c] Heb *asherah*, perhaps an object devoted to the goddess Asherah

man of God," the woman said to Elijah, "and that the LORD's word is truly in your mouth."

Elijah versus Baal's prophets

18 After many days, the LORD's word came to Elijah (it was the third year of the drought): Go! Appear before Ahab. I will then send rain on the earth. [2]So Elijah went to appear before Ahab.

Now the famine had become especially bad in Samaria. [3]Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of the palace affairs. (Obadiah greatly feared the LORD. [4]When Jezebel killed the LORD's prophets, Obadiah took one hundred of them and hid them, fifty each in two caves. He supplied them with food and water.) [5]Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go throughout the land and check every spring of water and every brook. Perhaps we can find some grass to keep our horses and mules alive so we don't have to kill any of them." [6]To search, they divided the land between themselves. Ahab went one way by himself, while Obadiah went a different way by himself.

[7]While Obadiah was out searching, suddenly Elijah met up with him. When Obadiah saw him, he fell on his face. "My master!" he said. "Are you Elijah?"

[8]Elijah replied, "I am. Go and say to your master, 'Elijah is here!' "

[9]Then Obadiah said, "How have I sinned that you are handing me, your servant, over to Ahab so he can kill me? [10]As surely as the LORD your God lives, there's no nation or kingdom where my master Ahab hasn't looked for you. They would insist, 'He's not here,' but Ahab would make them swear that they couldn't find you. [11]And now you are commanding me: 'Go and say to your master, "Elijah is here"?' [12]But here's what will happen: As soon as I leave you, the LORD's spirit will carry you off somewhere—I don't know where—then I'll report to Ahab, but he won't be able to find you. Then he will kill me! But your servant has feared the LORD from my youth. [13]Wasn't my master told what I did when Jezebel killed the LORD's prophets? I hid one hundred of the LORD's prophets, fifty each in two caves. I also supplied them with food and water. [14]But even after all that, you tell me, 'Say to your master, "Elijah is here!" ' Ahab will kill me!"

[15]Elijah said, "As surely as the LORD of heavenly forces lives, the one I serve, I will appear before Ahab today."

[16]So Obadiah went to meet Ahab. He told him what had happened. Then Ahab went to meet Elijah. [17]When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is that you, the one who troubles Israel?"

[18]Elijah answered, "I haven't troubled Israel; you and your father's house have! You did as much when you deserted the LORD's commands and followed the Baals. [19]Now send a message and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel. Gather the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table."

[20]Ahab sent the message to all the Israelites. He gathered the prophets at Mount Carmel. [21]Elijah approached all the people and said, "How long will you hobble back and forth between two opinions? If the LORD[d] is God, follow God. If Baal is God, follow Baal." The people gave no answer.

[22]Elijah said to the people, "I am the last of the LORD's prophets, but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty. [23]Give us two bulls. Let Baal's prophets choose one. Let them cut it apart and set it on the wood, but don't add fire. I'll prepare the other bull, put it on the wood, but won't add fire. [24]Then all of you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers with fire—that's the real God!"

All the people answered, "That's an excellent idea."

[25]So Elijah said to the prophets of

18:1 Dt 28:12; 1Ki 17:1, 14; 18:2; Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17
18:3 1Ki 16:9; Neh 7:2
18:4 1Ki 18:13; 2Ki 9:7
18:15 1Ki 17:1
18:17 Josh 7:25; 1Ki 21:20; Jer 38:4
18:18 1Ki 16:31
18:21 Josh 24:15; 2Ki 17:41; Mt 6:24

[d]The contrast between the LORD's divine name (*YHWH*) and Baal's name is crucial throughout this passage.

Baal, "Choose one of these bulls. Prepare it first since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but don't add fire."

[26]So they took one of the bulls that had been brought to them. They prepared it and called on Baal's name from morning to midday. They said, "Great Baal, answer us!" But there was no sound or answer. They performed a hopping dance around the altar that had been set up.

[27]Around noon, Elijah started making fun of them: "Shout louder! Certainly he's a god! Perhaps he is lost in thought or wandering or traveling somewhere.[e] Or maybe he is asleep and must wake up!"

[28]So the prophets of Baal cried with a louder voice and cut themselves with swords and knives as was their custom. Their blood flowed all over them. [29]As noon passed they went crazy with their ritual until it was time for the evening offering. Still there was no sound or answer, no response whatsoever.

[30]Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here!" All the people closed in, and he repaired the LORD's altar that had been damaged. [31]Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob—to whom the LORD's word came: "Your name will be Israel." [32]He built the stones into an altar in the LORD's name, and he dug a trench around the altar big enough to hold two seahs[f] of dry grain. [33]He put the wood in order, butchered the bull, and placed the bull on the wood. "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood," he commanded. [34]"Do it a second time!" he said. So they did it a second time. "Do it a third time!" And so they did it a third time. [35]The water flowed around the altar, and even the trench filled with water. [36]At the time of the evening offering, the prophet Elijah drew near and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. I have done all these things at your instructions. [37]Answer me, LORD! Answer me so that this people will know that you, LORD, are the real God and that you can change their hearts."[g] [38]Then the LORD's fire fell; it consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up the water in the trench!

[39]All the people saw this and fell on their faces. "The LORD is the real God! The LORD is the real God!" they exclaimed.

[40]Elijah said to them, "Seize Baal's prophets! Don't let any escape!" The people seized the prophets, and Elijah brought them to the Kishon Brook and killed them there. [41]Elijah then said to Ahab, "Get up! Celebrate with food and drink because I hear the sound of a rainstorm coming." [42]So Ahab got up to celebrate with food and drink. But Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. He bowed down to the ground and put his face between his knees. [43]He said to his assistant, "Please get up and look toward the sea."

So the assistant did so. He said, "I don't see anything."

Seven times Elijah said, "Do it again."

[44]The seventh time the assistant said, "I see a small cloud the size of a human hand coming up from the sea."

Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Pull yourself together, go down the mountain, and don't let the rain hold you back.'" [45]After a little while, the sky became dark with clouds, and a wind came up with a huge rainstorm. Ahab was already riding on his way to Jezreel, [46]but the LORD's power strengthened Elijah. He gathered up his clothes and ran in front of Ahab until he came to Jezreel.

18:26 Ps 115:4
18:27 Jgs 10:14
18:28 Lv 19:28; Dt 14:1
18:31 Gn 32:28, Gn 35:10; 2Ki 17:34
18:33 Gn 22:9; Lv 1:7
18:36 Ex 3:6; Nm 16:28; 1Sa 17:46
18:40 Dt 13:5; Jgs 4:7, Jgs 5:21; 2Ki 10:25, 2Ki 11:18
18:42 Jas 5:18
18:44 Lk 12:54
18:45 Josh 17:16; 1Sa 29:1; 1Ki 18:44, 1Ki 18:46, 1Ki 21:1
18:46 2Ki 3:15, 2Ki 4:29; Eze 1:3, Eze 3:14
19:1 1Ki 16:31, 1Ki 18:4, 1Ki 18:40, 1Ki 21:5
19:2 Ru 1:17; 1Ki 20:10; 2Ki 6:31

Elijah runs to Mount Horeb

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, how he had killed all Baal's prophets with the sword. [2]Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah with this message: "May the gods do whatever

[e]Heb uncertain [f]One seah is approximately seven and a half quarts. [g]Heb uncertain

they want to me if by this time tomorrow I haven't made your life like the life of one of them."

3 Elijah was terrified. He got up and ran for his life. He arrived at Beersheba in Judah and left his assistant there. 4 He himself went farther on into the desert a day's journey. He finally sat down under a solitary broom bush. He longed for his own death: "It's more than enough, LORD! Take my life because I'm no better than my ancestors." 5 He lay down and slept under the solitary broom bush.

Then suddenly a messenger tapped him and said to him, "Get up! Eat something!" 6 Elijah opened his eyes and saw flatbread baked on glowing coals and a jar of water right by his head. He ate and drank, and then went back to sleep. 7 The LORD's messenger returned a second time and tapped him. "Get up!" the messenger said. "Eat something, because you have a difficult road ahead of you." 8 Elijah got up, ate and drank, and went refreshed by that food for forty days and nights until he arrived at Horeb, God's mountain. 9 There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD's word came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

10 Elijah replied, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!"

11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the LORD. The LORD is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

14 He said, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

15 The LORD said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. 16 Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi's son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat's son, to succeed you as prophet. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. Whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 But I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him."

19 So Elijah departed from there and found Elisha, Shaphat's son. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him. Elisha was with the twelfth yoke. Elijah met up with him and threw his coat on him. 20 Elisha immediately left the oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and my mother," Elisha said, "then I will follow you."

Elijah replied, "Go! I'm not holding you back!" 21 Elisha turned back from following Elijah, took the pair of oxen, and slaughtered them. Then with equipment from the oxen, Elisha boiled the meat, gave it to the people, and they ate it. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

Ben-hadad's wars with Ahab

20 King Ben-hadad of Aram brought together all his army along with thirty-two kings plus horses and chariots. He went up, surrounded Samaria, and made war against it. 2 He sent messengers to Ahab, Israel's king, inside Samaria. 3 The message said,

19:3 Gn 21:31; 1Ki 19:4
19:4 Nm 11:15; 1Ki 19:3; Jon 4:3, Jon 4:8
19:5 Gn 16:7; Ac 12:7; Heb 1:14
19:6 Jn 21:9
19:7 1Ki 19:5
19:8 Ex 3:1, Ex 24:18; Mt 4:2
19:9 Ex 33:22; 1Ki 19:13
19:10 Nm 25:13; 1Ki 18:4, 1Ki 18:22; Ro 11:3
19:11 Eze 1:4
19:12 Ex 3:2; Dt 4:11; Job 4:16; Zec 4:6
19:13 Ex 3:6; 1Ki 19:9
19:14 1Ki 19:10
19:15 2Ki 8:7-8, 2Ki 9:14
19:16 1Ki 19:19; 2Ki 3:11, 2Ki 9:1, 2Ki 9:6
19:18 Hos 13:2; Ro 11:4
19:20 1Ki 19:21; Mt 8:21-22; Lk 9:61-62
19:21 2Sa 24:22; 1Ki 19:20
20:1 1Ki 15:18, 1Ki 16:24; 2Ki 6:24, 2Ki 8:7, 2Ki 17:5

"This is what Ben-hadad says: 'Your silver and your gold are mine. Your good-looking wives and children are mine.'"

[4]Israel's king answered, "Whatever you say, my master, great king. I am yours and so is everything I have."

[5]The messengers came back again: "This is what Ben-hadad says: 'I sent you the message: Give me your silver and gold, your wives and your sons. [6]However, at this time tomorrow I will send my officers to you, and they will search your palace and the houses of your officers. Everything that you find valuable they will seize and take away.'"

[7]Then Israel's king called all the elders of the land and he said, "Please know and understand the evil this man wants to do! He demanded from me my wives and sons, and my silver and gold; and I didn't refuse him."

[8]All of the elders and the people said to him, "Don't obey and don't give in!"

[9]So the king said to Ben-hadad's messengers, "Say to my master the king: 'Everything that you first ordered your servant, I will do. But I can't comply with this new command.'"

The messengers took this response to Ben-hadad, [10]who sent back this reply: "May the gods do whatever they want to me if there is even a handful of dust left in Samaria for the armies under me!"

[11]Then Israel's king replied, "The one who prepares for battle shouldn't brag like one returning from battle."

[12]When Ben-hadad heard this message, he and the other kings were drinking in their tents. Ben-hadad said to his officers, "Take your positions!" So they took up their positions against the city.

[13]Suddenly a prophet approached Israel's King Ahab. He said, "This is what the LORD says: Do you see that great army? Today I am handing it over to you. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

[14]Ahab said, "Who will do it?"

The prophet answered, "This is what the LORD says: The servants of the district officials will do it."

20:11 Prv 27:1

"Who should start the battle?" Ahab asked.

"You should," the prophet replied.

[15]So Ahab assembled the servants of the district officials. There were two hundred thirty-two of them. Next he assembled the entire Israelite army, seven thousand total. [16]At noon they marched for battle. Meanwhile, Ben-hadad and the thirty-two kings allied with him were getting drunk in their tents. [17]The servants of the district officials were at the head of the march. Ben-hadad sent for information and was told, "Some men have marched out of Samaria."

[18]He said, "If they have come out in peace, take them alive; if they have come out for war, take them alive as well." [19]So the servants of the district governors with the army behind them marched out from the city. [20]Each one struck down his opponent, so that the Arameans fled. Israel chased after them. Ben-hadad, Aram's king, escaped with some horses and chariots. [21]Israel's king went out and attacked the horses and chariots. He attacked the Arameans with a fierce assault.

[22]The prophet came to Israel's king and said to him, "Maintain your strength! Know and understand that at the turn of the coming year, Aram's king will attack you again."

[23]The officers of Aram's king said to him, "Israel's god is a god of the mountains. That's why they were stronger than us. But if we fight them on the plains, we will certainly be stronger than they are. [24]This is what you need to do: Remove the kings from their military posts and appoint officials in their place. [25]Then raise another army like the one that was destroyed, with horses like those horses and chariots like those chariots. Then we will fight them on the plains, and we will certainly be stronger than they are." The king took their advice and followed it.

[26]So in the spring of the year, Ben-

hadad assembled the Arameans and marched up to Aphek to fight with Israel. 27Now the Israelites had already been assembled and provisioned, so they went to engage the Arameans. The Israelites camped before them like two small flocks of goats, but the Arameans filled the land.

28Then the man of God came forward and said to Israel's king, "This is what the LORD says: Because the Arameans said that the LORD is a god of the mountains but not a god of the valleys, I am handing this whole great army over to you. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

29The two armies camped opposite each other for seven days. On the seventh day, the battle began. The Israelites attacked and destroyed one hundred thousand Aramean foot soldiers in a single day. 30Those who were left fled to Aphek, into the city where a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand more of them. But Ben-hadad escaped and hid in an inner room within the city.

31Ben-hadad's officers said to him, "Listen, we have heard that the kings of Israel are merciful kings. Allow us to put mourning clothes on our bodies and cords around our heads. We will then go to Israel's king. Perhaps he will let you live." 32So they put mourning clothes on their bodies and cords around their heads. They went to Israel's king and said, "Ben-hadad is your slave. He begs, 'Please let me live!'"

Israel's king said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

33Taking this as a good sign, Ben-hadad's men quickly accepted this statement.[h] "Yes, Ben-hadad is your brother!" they said.

"Go and get him," the king ordered. So Ben-hadad came to him, and the king received him into his chariot.

34Ben-hadad said to the king, "I will return the towns that my father took from your father. Furthermore, you can set up markets for yourself in Damascus just as my father did in Samaria."

The king replied,[i] "On the basis of this covenant, I will let you go." So he made a covenant with Ben-hadad and set him free.

35At the LORD's command a certain man who belonged to a prophetic group said to his friend: "Please strike me." But his friend refused to hit him. 36So he said to his friend, "Because you didn't obey the LORD's voice, a lion will attack you as soon as you leave me." And as the friend left the prophet, a lion found him and attacked him. 37Then the prophet found another man and said, "Please strike me." He hit the prophet, and the attack left a wound. 38The prophet went and stood before the king by the road. He disguised himself by putting a bandage over his eyes. 39When the king passed by, the prophet called out to the king, "Your servant was in the middle of the battle when someone brought a prisoner. 'Guard this man,' he said. 'If he escapes it will be your life for his—that, or you will owe me a kikkar of silver.' 40Your servant got busy doing this and that, and the prisoner disappeared."

Israel's king replied, "It appears you have decided your own fate."

41The prophet quickly tore the bandage from over his eyes, and Israel's king recognized him as one of the prophets. 42Then the prophet said to the king, "This is what the LORD says: Because you freed a man I condemned to die, it will be your life for his life, and your people for his people."

43So Israel's king went to his palace at Samaria, irritated and upset.

Naboth's vineyard

21 Now it happened sometime later that Naboth from Jezreel had a vineyard in Jezreel that was next to the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. 2Ahab ordered Naboth, "Give me your vineyard so it can become my vegetable garden, because it is right next to

20:27 1Sa 13:5
20:31 Gn 37:34; 2Sa 3:31
20:32 1Ki 20:31
20:35 2Ki 2:3, 2Ki 2:5, 2Ki 2:7, 2Ki 2:15
20:36 1Ki 13:24
20:41 1Ki 20:38
20:42 1Ki 20:39, 1Ki 22:31
21:1 1Ki 18:45, 1Ki 18:46; 2Ki 9:21

[h] Heb uncertain [i] Heb lacks *The king replied.*

my palace. In exchange for it, I'll give you an even better vineyard. Or if you prefer, I'll pay you the price in silver."

[3]Naboth responded to Ahab, "LORD forbid that I give you my family inheritance!"

[4]So Ahab went to his palace, irritated and upset at what Naboth[j] had said to him—because Naboth had said, "I won't give you my family inheritance!" Ahab lay down on his bed and turned his face away. He wouldn't eat anything.

[5]His wife Jezebel came to him. "Why are you upset and not eating any food?" she asked.

[6]He answered her, "I was talking to Naboth. I said, 'Sell me your vineyard. Or if you prefer, I'll give you another vineyard for it.' But he said, 'I won't give you my vineyard!'"

[7]Then his wife Jezebel said to him, "Aren't you the one who rules Israel? Get up! Eat some food and cheer up. I'll get Naboth's vineyard for you myself." [8]So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, putting his seal on them. She sent them to the elders and officials who lived in the same town as Naboth. [9]This is what she wrote in the letters: "Announce a fast and place Naboth at the head of the people. [10]Then bring in two liars in front of him and have them testify as follows: 'You cursed God and king!' Then take Naboth outside and stone him so he dies."

[11]The elders and the officials who lived in Naboth's town did exactly as Jezebel specified in the letters that she had sent. [12]They announced a fast and placed Naboth at the head of the people. [13]Then the two liars came and sat in front of him. They testified against Naboth in front of the people, "Naboth cursed God and king!" So the people took Naboth outside the town and stoned him so that he died.

[14]It was then reported to Jezebel, "Naboth was stoned. He's dead." [15]As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, "Get up and take ownership of the vineyard of Naboth, which he had refused to sell to you. Naboth is no longer alive; he's dead." [16]When Ahab heard that Naboth had died, he got up and went down to Naboth's vineyard to take ownership of it.

[17]The LORD's word came to Elijah from Tishbe: [18]Get up and go down to meet Israel's King Ahab in Samaria. He is in Naboth's vineyard. He has gone down to take ownership of it. [19]Say the following to him: This is what the LORD says: So, you've murdered and are now taking ownership, are you? Then tell him: This is what the LORD says: In the same place where the dogs licked up Naboth's blood, they will lick up your own blood.

[20]Ahab said to Elijah, "So you've found me, my old enemy!"

"I found you," Elijah said, "because you've enslaved yourself by doing evil in the LORD's eyes. [21]So I am now bringing evil on you! I will burn until you are consumed, and I will eliminate everyone who urinates on a wall that belongs to Ahab, whether slave or free. [22]I will make your household like that of Jeroboam, Nebat's son, and like the household of Baasha, Ahijah's son, because of the way you've angered me and because you've made Israel sin. [23]As for Jezebel, the LORD says this: Dogs will devour Jezebel in the area of Jezreel. [24]Dogs will eat anyone of Ahab's family who dies in town, and birds will eat anyone who dies in the country."

([25]Truly there has never been anyone like Ahab who sold out by doing evil in the LORD's eyes—evil that his wife Jezebel led him to do. [26]Ahab's actions were deplorable. He followed after the worthless idols exactly like the Amorites had done—the very ones the LORD had removed before the Israelites.)

[27]When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes and put mourning clothes on his body. He fasted, even slept in mourning clothes, and walked

21:3 Lv 25:23; Nm 36:7; Eze 46:18

21:5 1Ki 16:31, 1Ki 18:4, 1Ki 19:1

21:10 Ex 22:28; Lv 24:15-16; Dt 13:13; 1Sa 2:12

21:13 2Ki 9:26

21:18 2Sa 12:7; 1Ki 16:29, 1Ki 21:19, 1Ki 22:31; 2Ki 1:3

21:19 1Ki 22:38; 2Ki 9:25-26

21:20 1Ki 18:17, 1Ki 21:25; 2Ki 17:17; Ro 7:14

21:21 1Ki 14:10; 2Ki 9:8

21:22 1Ki 14:16, 1Ki 15:29, 1Ki 16:3, 1Ki 16:11

21:23 2Ki 9:10, 2Ki 9:30, 2Ki 9:36

21:24 1Ki 14:11, 1Ki 16:4

21:25 1Ki 16:30, 1Ki 21:7

21:27 Gn 37:34; 2Ki 6:30

[j]Heb adds *from Jezreel;* also in 21:6-7, 15-16.

around depressed. [28]The LORD's word then came to Elijah from Tishbe: [29]Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has done so, I won't bring the evil during his lifetime. Instead, I will bring the evil on his household in the days of his son.

Jehoshaphat and Ahab

22 For three years there was no war between Aram and the Israelites. [2]In the third year, Judah's King Jehoshaphat visited Israel's king. [3]Israel's king said to his servants, "You know, don't you, that Ramoth-gilead is ours? But we aren't doing anything to take it back from the king of Aram." [4]He said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me into battle at Ramoth-gilead?"

Jehoshaphat said to Israel's king, "I am with you, and my troops and my horses are united with yours. [5]But," Jehoshapat said to Israel's king, "first let's see what the LORD has to say."

[6]So Israel's king gathered about four hundred prophets, and he asked them, "Should I go to war with Ramoth-gilead or not?"

"Attack!" the prophets answered. "The LORD will hand it over to the king."

[7]But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there any other prophet of the LORD whom we could ask?"

[8]"There is one other man who could ask the LORD for us," Israel's king told Jehoshaphat, "but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, only bad. His name is Micaiah, Imlah's son."

"The king shouldn't speak like that!" Jehoshaphat said.

[9]So Israel's king called an officer and ordered, "Bring Micaiah, Imlah's son, right away."

[10]Now Israel's king and Judah's King Jehoshaphat were sitting on their thrones, dressed in their royal robes at the threshing floor beside the entrance to the gate of Samaria. All the prophets were prophesying in front of them. [11]Zedekiah, Chenaanah's son, made iron horns for himself and said, "This is what the LORD says: With these horns you will gore the Arameans until there's nothing left of them!"

[12]All the other prophets agreed: "Attack Ramoth-gilead and win! The LORD will hand it over to the king!"

[13]Meanwhile, the messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Listen, the prophets all agree that the king will succeed. You should say the same thing they say and prophesy success."

[14]But Micaiah answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, I will say only what the LORD tells me to say."

[15]When Micaiah arrived, the king asked him, "Micaiah, should we go to war with Ramoth-gilead or not?"

"Attack and win!" Micaiah answered. "The LORD will hand it over to the king!"

[16]But the king said, "How many times must I demand that you tell me the truth when you speak in the name of the LORD?"

[17]Then Micaiah replied, "I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd! And then the LORD said: They have no master. Let them return safely to their own homes."

[18]Then Israel's king said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you? He never prophesies anything good about me, only bad."

[19]Then Micaiah said, "Listen now to the LORD's word: I saw the LORD enthroned with all the heavenly forces stationed beside him, at his right and at his left. [20]The LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab so that he attacks Ramoth-gilead and dies there?' There were many suggestions [21]until one particular spirit approached the LORD and said, 'I'll persuade him.' 'How?' the LORD asked. [22]'I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets,' he said. The LORD agreed, 'You will succeed in persuading him! Go ahead!' [23]So now, since the LORD has placed a lying spirit in the mouths of every one of these prophets of yours, it is the LORD who has pronounced disaster against you!"

[24]Zedekiah, Chenaanah's son, approached Micaiah and slapped him on

21:28 1Ki 21:17
21:29 Ex 10:3; 2Ki 9:25-26
22:2-4 2Ch 18:2, 3
22:5, 6 2Ch 18:4, 5
22:7-9 2Ch 18:6-8
22:10-12 2Ch 18:9-11
22:13-28 2Ch 18:12-27
22:19 Job 1:6; Is 6:1; Dn 7:9-10
22:22 Jgs 9:23; 2Th 2:11
22:23 Eze 14:9

the cheek. "Just how did the LORD's spirit leave me to speak to you?" he asked.

[25]Micaiah answered, "You will find out on the day you try to hide in an inner room."

[26]"Arrest him," ordered Israel's king, "and turn him over to Amon the city official and to Joash the king's son. [27]Tell them, 'The king says: Put this man in prison and feed him minimum rations of bread and water until I return safely.'"

[28]"If you ever return safely," Micaiah replied, "then the LORD wasn't speaking through me." Then he added, "Pay attention, every last one of you!"

[29]So Israel's king and Judah's King Jehoshaphat attacked Ramoth-gilead. [30]Israel's king said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself when we go into battle,[k] but you should wear your royal attire." When Israel's king had disguised himself, they entered the battle.

[31]Meanwhile, Aram's king had commanded his thirty-two chariot officers, "Don't bother with anyone big or small. Fight only with Israel's king."

[32]As soon as the chariot officers saw Jehoshaphat, they assumed that he must be Israel's king, so they turned to attack him. But Jehoshaphat cried out for help. [33]When the chariot officers realized that he wasn't Israel's king, they stopped chasing him. [34]But someone randomly shot an arrow that struck Israel's king between the joints in his armor.[l]

"Turn around and get me out of the battle," the king told his chariot driver. "I've been hit!"

[35]While the battle raged all that day, the king stood propped up in the chariot facing the Arameans. But that evening he died after his blood had poured from his wound into the chariot. [36]When the sun set, a shout spread throughout the camp: "Retreat to your towns! Retreat to your land!"

[37]Once the king had died, people came from Samaria and buried the king there. [38]They cleaned the chariot at the pool of Samaria. The dogs licked up the king's blood and the prostitutes bathed in it, just as the LORD had spoken.

22:28 Nm 16:29; Dt 18:22; 2Ch 18:27; Mi 1:2
22:29-35 2Ch 18:28-25
22:41, 42 2Ch 20:31
22:43 2Ch 20:32, 33
22:44 2Ch 18:1b
22:45 2Ch 20:34
22:48 2Ch 20:36
22:50 2Ch 21:1

Ahab's last days

[39]The rest of Ahab's deeds and all that he did—including the ivory palace he built and all the towns he constructed—aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? [40]Ahab lay down with his ancestors. His son Ahaziah succeeded him as king.

Jehoshaphat rules Judah

[41]Jehoshaphat, Asa's son, became king over Judah in the fourth year of Israel's King Ahab. [42]Jehoshaphat was 35 years old when he became king, and he ruled for twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah; she was Shilhi's daughter. [43]Jehoshapat walked in all the ways of his father Asa, not deviating from it. He did the right things in the LORD's eyes, with the exception that he didn't remove the shrines. The people continued to sacrifice and offer incense at them. [44]Jehoshaphat made peace with Israel's king. [45]The rest of Jehoshaphat's deeds, the great acts he did, and how he fought in battle, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [46]Additionally, Jehoshaphat purged the land of the consecrated workers[m] who remained from the days of Asa.

[47]Now Edom had no king; only a deputy was ruler. [48]Jehoshaphat built Tarshish-styled ships to go to Ophir for gold. But the fleet didn't go because it was wrecked at Ezion-geber. [49]Then Ahaziah, Ahab's son, said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my sailors go with your sailors on the ships." But Jehoshaphat didn't agree to this. [50]Jehoshaphat died and was buried with his ancestors in his ancestor David's City. His son Jehoram succeeded him as king.

Ahaziah rules Israel

[51]In the seventeenth year of Judah's King Jehoshaphat, Ahaziah, Ahab's

[k]LXX, Tg; MT *Disguise yourself and go* [l]Heb uncertain [m]Traditionally *cultic prostitutes*

son, became king over Israel in Samaria. He ruled over Israel for two years. 52He did evil in the LORD's eyes. He walked in his father's ways and his mother's ways—that is, in the ways of Jeroboam, Nebat's son, who had caused Israel to sin. 53Ahaziah served Baal and worshipped him. He angered the LORD, Israel's God, by doing all the same things his father had done.

2 KINGS

Ahaziah's death

1 After Ahab died, Moab rebelled against Israel.

2Ahaziah fell out the window of his second-story room in Samaria and was hurt. He sent messengers, telling them, "Go to Ekron's god Baal-zebub, and ask if I will recover from this injury."

3But the LORD's messenger said to Elijah from Tishbe, "Go, intercept the messengers of Samaria's king, and ask them, 'Is it because there's no God in Israel that you are going to question Ekron's god Baal-zebub? 4This is what the LORD says: You will never get out of the bed you are lying in; you will die for sure!'" So Elijah set off.

5The messengers returned to Ahaziah. He said to them, "Why have you come back?"

6They said to him, "A man met us and said, 'Go back to the king who sent you. Say to him, This is what the LORD says: Is it because there's no God in Israel that you've come to question Ekron's god Baal-zebub? Because of this, you will never get out of the bed you are lying in; you will die for sure!'"

7Ahaziah said to them, "Describe the man who met you and said these things."

8They said to him, "He wore clothes made of hair[a] with a leather belt around his waist."

Ahaziah said, "That was Elijah from Tishbe."

9So Ahaziah sent out a commander with fifty soldiers. The commander met up with Elijah while he was sitting on a hilltop. The commander said, "Man of God, the king says, 'Come down!'"

10Elijah replied to the commander of the fifty soldiers, "If I really am a man of God, may fire come down from the sky and burn up you and your fifty soldiers." Then fire came down from the sky and burned up the commander and his fifty soldiers.

11Ahaziah then sent another commander with fifty soldiers. The commander said to Elijah, "Man of God, this is what the king says: 'Hurry and come down!'"

12Elijah said to them, "If I really am a man of God, may fire come down from the sky and burn up you and your fifty soldiers." Then God's fire came down from the sky and burned up the commander and his fifty soldiers.

13For a third time Ahaziah sent a commander with fifty soldiers. So the third commander arrived. He kneeled before Elijah and begged him, "Man of God! Please have some regard for my life and the lives of these fifty soldiers who are your servants. 14Look, fire came from the sky and burned up the two earlier commanders and their troops of fifty soldiers. Please have regard for my life."

15Then the LORD's messenger said to Elijah, "Go down with him. Don't be afraid of him." So Elijah set out to go with him to the king.

16Elijah said to the king: "This is what the LORD says: Why did you send messengers to question Ekron's god Baal-zebub? Is there no God in Israel whose word you could seek? Because of

1:1 2Sa 8:2; 2Ki 3:5
1:2 1Ki 22:40; 2Ki 1:16; Mk 3:22
1:3 1Ki 17:1, 1Ki 21:17; 2Ki 1:15
1:4 2Ki 1:6, 2Ki 1:16
1:6 2Ki 1:2-3
1:8 Zec 13:4; Mt 3:4; Mk 1:6
1:9 2Ki 6:14
1:10 Lk 9:54
1:12 2Ki 1:10

[a]Or *He was a hairy man.*

this, you won't ever get out of the bed you are lying in; you'll die for sure!" [17]So Ahaziah died in agreement with the LORD's word that Elijah had spoken.

Because Ahaziah had no son, Joram[b] became king after him in the second year of Judah's King Jehoram, who was Jehoshaphat's son. [18]The rest of Ahaziah's deeds, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings?

Elijah goes to heaven

2 Now the LORD was going to take Elijah up to heaven in a windstorm, and Elijah and Elisha were leaving Gilgal. [2]Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

[3]The group of prophets from Bethel came out to Elisha. These prophets said to Elisha, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master away from you today?"

Elisha said, "Yes, I know. Don't talk about it!"

[4]Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here, because the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So they went to Jericho.

[5]The group of prophets from Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master away from you today?"

He said, "Yes, I know. Don't talk about it!"

[6]Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So both of them went on together. [7]Fifty members from the group of prophets also went along, but they stood at a distance. Both Elijah and Elisha stood beside the Jordan River. [8]Elijah then took his coat, rolled it up, and hit the water. Then the water was divided in two! Both of them crossed over on dry ground. [9]When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "What do you want me to do for you before I'm taken away from you?"

Elisha said, "Let me have twice your spirit."

[10]Elijah said, "You've made a difficult request. If you can see me when I'm taken from you, then it will be yours. If you don't see me, it won't happen."

[11]They were walking along, talking, when suddenly a fiery chariot and fiery horses appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went to heaven in a windstorm.

[12]Elisha was watching, and he cried out, "Oh, my father, my father! Israel's chariots and its riders!" When he could no longer see him, Elisha took hold of his clothes and ripped them in two.

Elisha succeeds Elijah

[13]Then Elisha picked up the coat that had fallen from Elijah. He went back and stood beside the banks of the Jordan River. [14]He took the coat that had fallen from Elijah and hit the water. He said, "Where is the LORD, Elijah's God?" And when he hit the water, it divided in two! Then Elisha crossed over.

[15]The group of prophets from Jericho saw him from a distance. They said, "Elijah's spirit has settled on Elisha!" So they came out to meet him, bowing down before him. [16]"Look," they told him, "there are fifty strong men among us, your servants. Please let them go and search for your master. Perhaps the LORD's spirit has picked him up and put him down on some mountain or in some valley."

Elisha said, "Don't send them." [17]They insisted until he became embarrassed and said, "Okay, send them." So they sent fifty men who searched for three days. But they couldn't find Elijah. [18]When these men returned to Elisha, who was staying in Jericho, he said to them, "Didn't I tell you not to go?"

[19]The citizens said to Elisha, "As you

2:1 Gn 5:24; 1Ki 19:16; 2Ki 2:11, 2Ki 4:38
2:8 Ex 14:21-22; 1Ki 19:13, 1Ki 19:19; 2Ki 2:14
2:9 Nm 11:17; Dt 21:17
2:10 Ac 1:10
2:11 Gn 5:24; 2Ki 2:1, 2Ki 6:17
2:12 2Ki 13:14; Job 1:20
2:13 1Ki 19:19; 2Ki 2:8, 2Ki 2:14
2:14 1Ki 19:19; 2Ki 2:8, 2Ki 2:13
2:15 Nm 11:17, Nm 11:25; 2Ki 2:3, 2Ki 2:7, 2Ki 4:1
2:16 1Ki 18:12; Ac 8:39
2:17 2Ki 8:11
2:19 Ex 15:23

[b]Heb *Jehoram*; the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoram* or short *Joram* form.

can see, sir, this city is in a good location, but the water is bad, and the land causes miscarriages."

[20]He said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put some salt in it." They did so. [21]Elisha then went out and threw salt into the spring. He said, "This is what the LORD has said: I have purified this water. It will no longer cause death and miscarriage." [22]The water has stayed pure right up to this very day, in agreement with the word that Elisha spoke.

Elisha and the bears

[23]Elisha went up from there to Bethel. As he was going up the road, some young people came out of the city. They mocked him: "Get going, Baldy! Get going, Baldy!" [24]Turning around, Elisha looked at them and cursed them in the LORD's name. Then two bears came out of the woods and mangled forty-two of the youths. [25]From there Elisha went to Mount Carmel and then back to Samaria.

Moab's rebellion

3 Joram,[c] Ahab's son, became king of Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat, Judah's king. He ruled for twelve years. [2]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, but he wasn't as bad as his father and mother. He removed the sacred pillar of Baal that his father had made. [3]But he nevertheless clung to the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit. He didn't deviate from them.

[4]Now Moab's King Mesha kept sheep. He would pay Israel's king one hundred thousand lambs and the wool from one hundred thousand rams. [5]But when Ahab died, Moab's king rebelled against Israel's king. [6]So King Joram set out from Samaria at once. He prepared all Israel for war. [7]He sent word to Judah's King Jehoshaphat, "Moab's king has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?"

2:20 Nm 18:19; 1Sa 26:11; 1Ki 14:3
2:21 Ex 15:25; 2Ki 4:41, 2Ki 6:6
2:23 2Ch 30:10, 2Ch 36:16; Job 19:18
2:24 Prv 17:12
3:1 2Ki 1:17b
3:5 2Ki 1:1
3:11 1Ki 19:21, 1Ki 22:7
3:15 1Sa 10:5; 1Ki 18:46; Eze 1:3
3:16 2Ki 3:17, 2Ki 4:3
3:17 Ps 107:35

Jehoshaphat responded, "Yes, I'll go. We'll fight as one: you and I, our troops and our horses."

[8]"Which road should we take?" Joram asked.

Jehoshaphat responded, "The road that goes through the Edomite wilderness."

[9]So Israel's and Judah's kings set out with the king of Edom. They marched around for seven days until there was no water left for the army or for the animals with them. [10]Israel's king said, "This is terrible! Has the LORD brought us three kings together only to hand us over to Moab?"

[11]Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there any prophet of the LORD around, so we could question the LORD through him?"

One of the servants of Israel's king answered, "Elisha, Shaphat's son, is here. He used to pour water on Elijah's hands."

[12]Jehoshaphat said, "He has the LORD's word!" So Israel's King Jehoshaphat and Edom's king went down to see Elisha.

[13]Elisha said to Israel's king, "What do we have to do with each other? Go to your father's or mother's prophets."

Then Israel's king said to him, "Don't say that, because it is the LORD who has brought us three kings together—but only to hand us over to Moab!"

[14]Elisha said, "I swear by the life of the LORD of heavenly forces, the one I stand before and serve, if I didn't care about Judah's King Jehoshaphat, I wouldn't notice you or even look at you! [15]Now bring me a musician." While the musician played, the LORD's power came over Elisha. [16]He said, "This is what the LORD says: This valley will be filled with pools.[d] [17]This is what the LORD says: You won't see any wind or rain, but that valley will be full of water. Then you'll be able to drink—you, your cattle, and your animals. [18]This is easy for the LORD to do. He will also hand Moab over to you. [19]You

[c]Heb *Jehoram* (also in 3:6); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoram* or short *Joram* form.
[d]LXX, Vulg *Fill this valley with ditches.*

will then attack every fort and every grand city, cutting down all the good trees, stopping up all the springs, and ruining the good fields with stones."

[20]The next morning, at the time to offer the grain offering, water came flowing from the direction of Edom. The land filled up with water.

[21]Now all the Moabites had heard how these kings had come to fight against them. So all who were able to fight were summoned, and they took up positions along the border. [22]They got up early in the morning as the sun's rays shone on the water. The Moabites saw the water from a distance. It looked as red as blood. [23]They said, "It's blood! The kings must have fought each other and killed themselves! Now get the plunder, Moab!"

[24]But when they entered Israel's camp, the Israelites rose up and attacked the Moabites. The Moabites fled from them. Israel moved forward, striking the Moabites down as they went.[e] [25]Then the Israelites destroyed the Moabite cities. Each Israelite threw a stone on every piece of good land until it was covered. They stopped up every spring and cut down every good tree. Only Kir-hareseth remained with its stone wall intact,[f] but then stone throwers[g] surrounded it and attacked it.

[26]Moab's king saw that he was losing the battle. So he took seven hundred soldiers with him, each with sword in hand, to break through to Edom's king. But they failed. [27]Then he took his oldest son, who was to succeed him as king, and he offered him on the wall as an entirely burned offering. As a result, outrage was expressed by Israel. So they pulled back from Moab's king and returned to their own country.

A poor widow

4 Now there was a woman who had been married to a member of a group of prophets. She appealed to Elisha, saying, "My husband, your servant, is dead. You know how he feared the LORD. But now someone he owed money to has come to take my two children away as slaves."

[2]Elisha said to her, "What can I do for you? Tell me what you still have left in the house."

She said, "Your servant has nothing at all in the house except a small jar of oil."

[3]He said, "Go out and borrow containers from all your neighbors. Get as many empty containers as possible. [4]Then go in and close the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all those containers. Set each one aside when it's full."

[5]She left Elisha and closed the door behind her and her sons. They brought her containers as she kept on pouring. [6]When she had filled the containers, she said to her son, "Bring me another container."

He said to her, "There aren't any more." Then the oil stopped flowing, [7]and she reported this to the man of God.

He said, "Go! Sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what remains."

A rich woman

[8]One day Elisha went to Shunem. A rich woman lived there. She urged him to eat something, so whenever he passed by, he would stop in to eat some food. [9]She said to her husband, "Look, I know that he is a holy man of God and he passes by regularly. [10]Let's make a small room on the roof. We'll set up a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp for him there. Then when he comes to us, he can stay there."

[11]So one day Elisha came there, headed to the room on the roof, and lay down. [12]He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call this Shunammite woman." Gehazi called her, and she stood before him. [13]Elisha then said to Gehazi, "Say to her, 'Look, you've gone to all this trouble for us. What can I do for you? Is there anything I can say on your be-

4:1 Lv 25:39; 2Ki 2:3; Mt 18:25
4:8 Josh 19:18
4:9 1Ki 17:24; 2Ki 4:7
4:10 Mt 10:41; Ro 12:13
4:13 2Sa 19:13

[e]Heb uncertain [f]Heb uncertain [g]Heb uncertain

half to the king or to the commander of the army?'"

She said, "I'm content to live at home with my own people."

[14]Elisha asked, "So what can be done for her?"

Gehazi said, "Well, she doesn't have a son, and her husband is old."

[15]Elisha said, "Call her." So Gehazi called her, and she stood at the door. [16]Elisha said, "About this time next year, you will be holding a son in your arms."

But she said, "No, man of God, sir; don't lie to your servant."

[17]But the woman conceived and gave birth to a son at about the same time the next year. This was what Elisha had promised her.

[18]The child grew up. One day he ran to his father, who was with the harvest workers. [19]He said to his father, "Oh, my head! My head!"

The father said to a young man, "Carry him to his mother." [20]So he picked up the boy and brought him to his mother.

The boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died. [21]She went up and laid him down on the bed for the man of God. Then she went out and closed the door. [22]She called her husband and said, "Send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys so that I can hurry to the man of God and come back."

[23]Her husband said, "Why are you going to him today? It's not a new moon or sabbath."

She said, "Don't worry about it." [24]She saddled the donkey, then said to her young servant, "Drive the donkey hard. Don't let me slow down unless I tell you." [25]So she went off and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

As soon as the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, it's the Shunammite woman! [26]Run out to meet her and ask her, 'Are things okay with you, your husband, and your child?'"

She said, "Things are okay."

4:17 1Sa 1:20; 2Ki 4:16; Ps 113:9

4:18 Ru 2:4; Is 49:10

4:19 2Ki 4:20

4:20 1Ki 17:17; 2Ki 4:19; Is 49:15

4:21 2Ki 4:32

4:23 Nm 10:10, Nm 28:11; 1Ch 23:31

4:25 2Ki 2:25

4:26 1Sa 3:18; Job 1:21-22; Ps 39:9

4:27 2Ki 4:25

4:28 2Ki 4:16

4:29 Ex 14:16; 1Ki 18:46; Lk 10:4

4:30 2Ki 2:2

4:31 2Ki 4:12; Jn 11:11

4:32 1Ki 19:16, 1Ki 19:19; 2Ki 2:2, 2Ki 2:12, 2Ki 3:13

4:33 1Ki 17:20; 2Ki 4:4; Mt 6:6; Lk 8:51

4:34 1Ki 17:21; Ac 20:10

4:35 2Ki 4:34, 2Ki 8:5, 2Ki 13:21

4:36 2Ki 4:12; Heb 11:35

4:37 2Ki 2:15; Heb 11:35

4:38 2Ki 2:1, 2Ki 2:3, 2Ki 2:5, 2Ki 8:1

[27]When she got to the man of God at the mountain, she grabbed his feet. Gehazi came up to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is distraught, but the LORD has hidden the reason from me and hasn't told me why."

[28]She said, "Did I ask you for a son, sir? Didn't I say, 'Don't raise my hopes'?"

[29]Elisha said to Gehazi, "Get ready, take my staff, and go! If you encounter anyone, don't stop to greet them. If anyone greets you, don't reply. Put my staff on the boy's face."

[30]But the boy's mother said, "I swear by your life and by the LORD's life, I won't leave you!" So Elisha got up and followed her.

[31]Gehazi went on ahead of them. He set the staff on the young boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So he went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy didn't wake up."

[32]Elisha came into the house and saw the boy lying dead on his bed. [33]He went in and closed the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. [34]He got up on the bed and lay down on top of the child, putting his mouth on the boy's mouth, his eyes on the boy's eyes, his hands on the boy's hands. And as he bent over him, the child's skin grew warm. [35]Then Elisha got down and paced back and forth in the house. Once again he got up on the bed and bent over the boy, at which point the boy sneezed[h] seven times and opened his eyes. [36]Elisha called for Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite woman." Gehazi called her, and she came to Elisha. He told her, "Pick up your son." [37]She came and fell at his feet, facedown on the ground. Then she picked up her son and left.

Miracles with food

[38]When Elisha returned to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. A group of prophets was sitting before him. He said to his servant, "Put on the big pot and cook some stew for the prophets."

[h]Or *gasped*; Heb uncertain

39 So one of them went out to the field
to gather plants; he found a wild vine
and gathered wild gourds from it, fill-
ing his garment. He came and cut them
up into the pot of stew, but no one
knew what they were.

40 The stew was served to the men,
but as they started to eat it, they cried
out and said, "There is death in that
pot, man of God!" They couldn't eat it.

41 Elisha said, "Get some flour." He
threw it into the pot and said, "Serve the
people so they can eat." At that point,
there was nothing bad left in the pot.

42 A man came from Baal-shalishah,
bringing the man of God some bread
from the early produce—twenty loaves
of barley bread and fresh grain from
his bag.[i] Elisha said, "Give it to the
people so they can eat."

43 His servant said, "How can I feed
one hundred men with this?"

Elisha said, "Give it to the people
so they can eat! This is what the LORD
says: 'Eat and there will be leftovers.'"
44 So the servant gave the food to them.
They ate and had leftovers, in agree-
ment with the LORD's word.

Naaman is healed

5 Naaman, a general for the king of
Aram, was a great man and highly
regarded by his master, because through
him the LORD had given victory to
Aram. This man was a mighty warrior,
but he had a skin disease.[j] 2 Now Ar-
amean raiding parties had gone out and
captured a young girl from the land of
Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, "I wish
that my master could come before
the prophet who lives in Samaria. He
would cure him of his skin disease."
4 So Naaman went and told his master
what the young girl from the land of
Israel had said.

5 Then Aram's king said, "Go ahead. I
will send a letter to Israel's king."

So Naaman left. He took along ten
kikkars of silver, six thousand shek-
els of gold, and ten changes of cloth-
ing. 6 He brought the letter to Israel's
king. It read, "Along with this letter I'm
sending you my servant Naaman so
you can cure him of his skin disease."

7 When the king of Israel read the
letter, he ripped his clothes. He said,
"What? Am I God to hand out death
and life? But this king writes me, ask-
ing me to cure someone of his skin dis-
ease! You must realize that he wants to
start a fight with me."

8 When Elisha the man of God
heard that Israel's king had ripped
his clothes, he sent word to the king:
"Why did you rip your clothes? Let the
man come to me. Then he'll know that
there's a prophet in Israel."

9 Naaman arrived with his horses and
chariots. He stopped at the door of Eli-
sha's house. 10 Elisha sent out a messen-
ger who said, "Go and wash seven times
in the Jordan River. Then your skin will
be restored and become clean."

11 But Naaman went away in anger.
He said, "I thought for sure that he'd
come out, stand and call on the name of
the LORD his God, wave his hand over
the bad spot, and cure the skin disease.
12 Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the
Abana[k] and the Pharpar, better than all
Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them
and get clean?" So he turned away and
proceeded to leave in anger.

13 Naaman's servants came up to him
and spoke to him: "Our father, if the
prophet had told you to do something
difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All
he said to you was, 'Wash and become
clean.'" 14 So Naaman went down and
bathed in the Jordan seven times, just
as the man of God had said. His skin
was restored like that of a young boy,
and he became clean.

15 He returned to the man of God with
all his attendants. He came and stood
before Elisha, saying, "Now I know for
certain that there's no God anywhere on
earth except in Israel. Please accept a gift
from your servant."

16 But Elisha said, "I swear by the life
of the LORD I serve that I won't accept
anything."

4:40 Ex 10:17
4:41 Ex 15:25; 2Ki 2:21
4:42 1Sa 9:4, 1Sa 9:7
4:43 Mt 14:17; Lk 9:13
4:44 Mt 14:20
5:1 Lv 13:2; Nm 12:10; 2Ki 5:27; Lk 4:27
5:8 Gn 37:29, Gn 37:34; 1Ki 18:36; 2Ki 2:12; Eze 2:5
5:9 Gn 41:43; 2Ki 5:21, 2Ki 6:32; Jer 17:25
5:10 Jn 9:7
5:11 2Ki 5:12
5:12 1Ki 11:24; 2Ki 5:11; Prv 14:17, Prv 19:11
5:13 2Ki 2:12, 2Ki 6:21
5:14 2Ki 5:10; Job 33:25; Lk 4:27
5:15 1Sa 17:46

[i] Or *still on its stem* [j] Traditionally *leprosy*, a kind of scale skin disease [k] Or *Amana*

Naaman urged Elisha to accept something, but he still refused. [17]Then Naaman said, "If not, then let me, your servant, have two mule loads of earth. Your servant will never again offer entirely burned offerings or sacrifices to any other gods except the LORD. [18]But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master comes into Rimmon's temple to bow down there and is leaning on my arm, I must also bow down in Rimmon's temple. When I bow down in Rimmon's temple, may the LORD forgive your servant for doing that."

[19]Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."

But when Naaman had gone some distance from Elisha, [20]Gehazi (who was the servant of Elisha the man of God) thought, My master let this Aramean Naaman off the hook by not accepting the gift he brought! As surely as the LORD lives, I'll go after him and accept something from him. [21]So Gehazi pursued Naaman.

Naaman saw him running after him, so he got down off his chariot to meet him. He said, "Is everything okay?"

[22]Gehazi answered, "Yes, but my master sent me to say, 'Two young men who are members of a group of prophets have just now come to me from the hills of Ephraim. Give them a kikkar of silver and two changes of clothing.'"

[23]Naaman said, "By all means, take two kikkars!" He encouraged Gehazi to accept them. He tied two kikkars of silver up in two bags, along with two changes of clothes. Naaman gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them in front of Gehazi. [24]When Gehazi arrived at the elevated fortress,[l] he took the items from them and stored them in his house. Then he sent the servants away, and they left. [25]Gehazi then went and stood before his master.

Elisha said to Gehazi, "Where did you come from, Gehazi?"

"Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi replied.

[26]Elisha said to him, "Wasn't my heart going along with you[m] when the man got off his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to accept silver, clothes, olive trees, vineyards, sheep, cattle, or male and female servants? [27]Naaman's skin disease will now cling to you and to your descendants forever!" And Gehazi left Elisha's presence, flaky like snow with skin disease.

5:19 Ex 4:18; 1Sa 1:17; Mk 5:34
5:20 Ex 20:7; 2Ki 4:12, 2Ki 4:31, 2Ki 4:36, 2Ki 6:31
5:21 2Ki 4:26, 2Ki 5:9
5:25 2Ki 5:22
5:26 2Ki 5:16, 2Ki 6:12; Neh 5:11
6:1 2Ki 2:3
6:3 Jgs 19:6; 2Ki 5:23
6:5 Ex 22:14; 2Ki 6:6; Ps 37:21
6:6 Ex 15:25; 2Ki 2:21
6:8 Ex 3:14-15, Ex 6:13, Ex 7:2, Ex 19:3
6:9 2Ki 6:12
6:10 Dt 33:1; 1Ki 20:15, 1Ki 20:28; 2Ki 2:12, 2Ki 5:14
6:12 2Ki 6:9

An ax head floats

6 The members of the group of prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we now live under your authority is too small for us. [2]Let's go to the Jordan River and each get a log from there. Then we can make a place to live there."

Elisha said, "Do it!"

[3]One of them said, "Please come with us, your servants."

Elisha said, "Okay, I'll go." [4]So he went with them. They came to the Jordan River and began cutting down trees. [5]One of them was cutting down a tree when his ax head fell into the water. He cried out, "Oh, no! Master, it was a borrowed ax!"

[6]The man of God said, "Where did it fall?" He showed Elisha the place. Elisha then cut a piece of wood, threw it into the river there, and the ax head floated up. [7]"Lift it out," Elisha said. So the man then reached out and grabbed it.

Aramean attacks are stopped

[8]Aram's king was fighting against Israel. He took counsel with his officers, saying, "I'll camp at such-and-such a place."

[9]The man of God sent word to Israel's king: "Beware of passing by this place because the Arameans are going down there." [10]Then Israel's king sent word to the place the man of God had mentioned to him. Time after time, Elisha warned the king, and the king stayed on the alert.

[11]Aram's king was extremely upset about this. He called his officers and said to them, "Tell me! Who among us is siding with Israel's king?"

[12]One of his officers said, "No one,

[l]Or *hillside*; Heb uncertain [m]LXX; MT lacks *along with you*.

Your Majesty! It's Elisha the Israelite prophet who tells Israel's king the words that you speak in the privacy of your bedroom."

13 He said, "Go and find out where he is. Then I will send men to capture him."

They told him, "He is in Dothan."

14 So the king sent horses and chariots there with a strong army. They came at night and surrounded the city.

15 Elisha's servant got up early and went out. He saw an army with horses and chariots surrounding the city. His servant said to Elisha, "Oh, no! Master, what will we do?"

16 "Don't be afraid," Elisha said, "because there are more of us than there are of them." 17 Then Elisha prayed, "LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw that the mountain was full of horses and fiery chariots surrounding Elisha. 18 The Arameans came toward him, so Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike this nation with blindness." And the LORD struck them blind, just as Elisha asked. 19 Elisha said to them, "This isn't the right road or the right city. Follow me, and I'll lead you to the man you are looking for." But he took them to Samaria!

20 When they arrived in Samaria, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." The LORD opened their eyes, and they saw that they were right in the middle of Samaria! 21 When he saw them, Israel's king said to Elisha, "Should I kill them, my father? Should I?"

22 He said, "No, don't kill them. Did you capture them with your own sword or bow? Do you have the right to kill them?[n] Put food and water in front of them so they can eat and drink and return to their master." 23 So the king gave them a great feast, and they ate and drank. Then the king let them go, and they returned to their master. After that, Aramean raiding parties didn't come into Israel anymore.

6:13 Gn 37:17
6:14 2Ki 1:9
6:16 2Ch 32:7; Ps 55:18; Ro 8:31
6:17 2Ki 2:11; Ps 34:7, Ps 68:17
6:18 Gn 19:11; Ac 13:11
6:20 2Ki 6:17
6:21 2Ki 2:12, 2Ki 5:13
6:22 Dt 20:11; 2Ch 28:8; Ro 12:20
6:23 2Ki 5:2, 2Ki 6:8, 2Ki 6:9, 2Ki 24:2
6:28 Lv 26:29; Dt 28:53; Lam 4:10; Eze 5:10
6:30 Gn 37:34; 1Ki 21:27; 2Ki 19:1
6:32 1Ki 18:4; Eze 8:1, Eze 14:1, Eze 20:1

Ben-hadad attacks Samaria

24 Now it happened later that Aram's King Ben-hadad gathered all his forces and went up to attack Samaria. 25 The siege lasted so long that there was a great famine in Samaria. A donkey's head sold for eighty shekels of silver and a quarter kab of doves' dung[o] for five shekels. 26 Israel's king was passing by on the city wall when a woman appealed to him, "Help me, Your Majesty!"

27 The king said, "No! May the LORD help you! Where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or the winepress?" 28 But then the king asked her, "What's troubling you?"

She answered, "A woman said to me, 'Give up your son so we can eat him today; we'll eat my son tomorrow.' 29 So we cooked and ate my son. The next day I said to her, 'Hand over your son so we can eat him.' But she had hidden her son."

30 When the king heard the woman's story, he ripped his clothes. And as he passed by along the wall, the people could see that he was wearing mourning clothes underneath. 31 He said, "So may God do to me, and more, if the head of Elisha, Shaphat's son, remains on his shoulders today!"

32 Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. The king sent a messenger on ahead, but before the man arrived, Elisha said to the elders, "Do you see that this murderer has sent someone to cut off my head? Watch for when the messenger comes, then close the door and hold it shut against him. The sound of his master's feet is right behind him, isn't it?"

33 While Elisha was still speaking with them, the messenger[p] arrived and said, "Look, this disaster is the LORD's doing. Why should I trust the LORD any longer?"

7 Elisha said, "Hear the LORD's word! This is what the LORD says: At this time tomorrow a seah[q] of wheat flour will sell for a shekel at Samaria's gate,

[n] Heb uncertain [o] Or *wild onions* or *carob pods* [p] Or perhaps *the king*; cf 7:2 [q] One seah is approximately seven and a half quarts.

and two seahs of barley will sell for a shekel."

[2]Then the officer, the one the king leaned on for support, spoke to the man of God: "Come on! Even if the LORD should make windows in the sky, how could that happen?"

Elisha said, "You will see it with your own eyes, but you won't eat from it."

The siege is broken

[3]Now there were four men with skin disease[r] at the entrance to the city. They said to each other, "What are we doing sitting here until we die? [4]If we decide, 'Let's go into the city,' the famine is there, and we'll die in the city. But if we stay here, we'll die just the same. So let's go and surrender to the Aramean camp. If they let us live, we'll live. If they kill us, we'll die." [5]So they set out in the evening to the Aramean camp, and they came to the edge of the camp. But there was no one there because [6]the Lord had made the Aramean camp hear the sound of chariots, horses, and a strong army. They had said to each other, "Listen! Israel's king has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to come against us!" [7]So they had got up and fled in the evening, leaving their tents, horses, and donkeys. They left the camp exactly as it was and ran for their lives.

[8]So these men with skin disease came to the edge of the camp. They entered a tent where they ate and drank. They carried off some silver, gold, and garments, and they hid them. Then they returned and went into another tent. They took more things from there, went away, and hid them. [9]But then they said to each other, "What we're doing isn't right. Today is a day of good news, but we're keeping quiet about it. If we wait until dawn, something bad will happen to us. Come on! Let's go and tell the palace." [10]So they went and called out to the gatekeepers, telling them, "We went to the Aramean camp, and listen to this: No one was there, not even the sound of anyone! The only things there were tied-up horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were." [11]The gatekeepers shouted out the news, and it was reported within the palace.

[12]The king got up in the night. He said to his servants, "Let me tell you what the Arameans are doing to us. They know we are starving, so they've left the camp to hide in the fields. They are thinking, The Israelites will come out from the city, and then we'll capture them alive and invade the city."

[13]But one of his servants answered, "Please let some men take five of the horses that are left, and let's send them out to see what happens. They are in the same situation as the large number of Israelites who are left here; they are no better off than the large number of Israelites who've already perished."[s] [14]So they chose two chariots with their horses.

The king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, "Go and see!" [15]So they went after the Arameans as far as the Jordan River. The road was filled the whole way with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their rush. The messengers returned and reported this to the king.

[16]Then the people went out and looted the Aramean camp. And so it happened that a seah of wheat flour did sell for a shekel, and two seahs of barley sold for a shekel, in agreement with the LORD's word. [17]But the king had put the officer whom he leaned on for support in charge of the city gate. The people trampled the officer at the gate, and he died. This was just what the man of God said when the king had come down to him. [18]Because when the man of God said to the king, "At this time tomorrow two seahs of barley will sell for a shekel at Samaria's gate, and one seah of wheat flour will sell for a shekel," [19]the officer had answered the man of God, "Come on! Even if the

7:2 Gn 7:11; 2Ki 7:19; Mal 3:10
7:3 Lv 13:46
7:7 2Ki 7:6; Prv 28:1
7:16 2Ki 7:1; 2Ch 20:25

[r]Traditionally *leprosy*, a term used for several different skin diseases [s]Heb uncertain

LORD should make windows in the sky, how could that happen?" Then Elisha had said, "You will see it with your own eyes, but you won't eat from it."
20 That's exactly what happened to him. The people trampled him at the city gate, and he died.

The woman from Shunem

8 Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had brought back to life: "You and your household must go away and live wherever you can, because the LORD has called for a famine. It is coming to the land and will last seven years."

2 So the woman went and did what the man of God asked. She and her household moved away, living in Philistia seven years. 3 When seven years had passed, the woman returned from Philistia. She went to appeal to the king for her house and her farmland.
4 The king was speaking to Gehazi, the man of God's servant, asking him, "Tell me about all the great things Elisha has done." 5 So Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had brought the dead to life. At that very moment, the woman whose son he had brought back to life began to appeal to the king for her house and her farmland.

Gehazi said, "Your Majesty, this is the woman herself! And this is her son, the one Elisha brought to life!"

6 The king questioned the woman, and she told him her story. Then the king appointed an official to help her, saying, "Return everything that belongs to her, as well as everything that the farmland has produced, starting from the day she left the country until right now."

Hazael becomes king

7 Now Elisha had gone to Damascus when Aram's King Ben-hadad became sick. The king was told, "The man of God has come all this way."

8 So the king said to Hazael, "Take a gift with you and go to meet the man of God. Question the LORD through him: 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

9 So Hazael went out to meet Elisha. He took along forty camel-loads of Damascus' finest goods as a gift. He came and stood before Elisha and said, "Your son Ben-hadad, the king of Aram, sent me to you to ask, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

10 Elisha said to him, "Go and tell him, 'You will definitely recover,' but actually the LORD has shown me that he will die." 11 Elisha stared straight at Hazael until he felt uneasy.[t] Then the man of God began to cry.

12 Hazael said, "Master, why are you crying?"

"Because I know what violence you will do to the Israelites," Elisha said. "You will drive them from their forts with fire. You will kill their young men with the sword. You will smash their children and rip open their pregnant women."

13 Hazael replied, "How could your servant, who is nothing but a dog, do such mighty things?"

Elisha said, "The LORD has shown me that you will be king over Aram." 14 Then Hazael left Elisha and returned to his master.

"What did Elisha say to you?" Ben-hadad asked.

"He told me that you will certainly live," Hazael replied. 15 But the next day he took a blanket, soaked it in water, and put it over Ben-hadad's face until he died. Hazael succeeded him as king.

Jehoram rules Judah

16 In the fifth year of Israel's King Joram, Ahab's son Jehoram, the son of Judah's King Jehoshaphat, became king.[u] 17 He was 32 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eight years in Jerusalem. 18 He walked in the ways of Israel's kings, just as Ahab's dynasty had done, because he married Ahab's daughter. He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. 19 Nevertheless, because of his servant David, the LORD

8:13 1Sa 17:43; 2Sa 9:8; 1Ki 19:15
8:17 2Ch 21:5, 2Ch 21:20a
8:18, 19 2Ch 21:6, 7

[t] Heb uncertain [u] LXX, Syr; MT includes *Jehoshaphat had been Judah's king.*

wasn't willing to destroy Judah. The LORD had promised to preserve a lamp for David and his sons forever. [20]During Jehoram's rule Edom rebelled against Judah's power and appointed their own king. [21]Jehoram[v] along with all his chariots crossed over to Zair. He got up at night to attack the Edomites who had surrounded him and his chariot commanders,[w] but his army fled back home. [22]So Edom has been independent of Judah to this day. Libnah rebelled at the same time. [23]The rest of Jehoram's deeds and all that he accomplished, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [24]Jehoram died and was buried with his ancestors in David's City. His son Ahaziah succeeded him as king.

Ahaziah rules Judah

[25]Ahaziah, the son of Judah's king Jehoram, became king in the twelfth year of Israel's King Joram,[x] Ahab's son. [26]Ahaziah was 22 years old when he became king, and he ruled for one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah; she was the granddaughter of Israel's King Omri. [27]He walked in the ways of Ahab's dynasty, doing what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as Ahab's dynasty had done, because he had married into Ahab's family. [28]Ahaziah went with Joram, Ahab's son, to fight against Aram's King Hazael at Ramoth-gilead, where the Arameans wounded Joram. [29]King Joram returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds the Arameans had given him at Ramah in his battle with Aram's King Hazael. Then Judah's King Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, went down to visit Joram, Ahab's son, at Jezreel because he had been wounded.

Jehu rules Israel

9 The prophet Elisha called to a member of the group of prophets, "Get ready, take this jug of oil with you, and go to Ramoth-gilead. [2]When you arrive there, look for Jehu, Jehoshaphat's son and Nimshi's grandson. Go to him, then pull him away from his associates, taking him to a private room. [3]Take the jug of oil and pour it on his head. Then say, 'This is what the LORD has said: I anoint you king of Israel.' Then open the door, and run out of there without stopping."

[4]So the young prophet went to Ramoth-gilead. [5]He came in, and the military commanders were sitting right there. He said, "Commander, I have a word for you."

"For which one of us?" Jehu asked.

The young prophet said, "For you, Commander."

[6]So Jehu got up and went inside. The prophet then poured oil on his head and said to him, "This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says: I anoint you king over the LORD's people, over Israel. [7]You will strike down your master Ahab's family. In this way I will take revenge for the violence done by Jezebel to my servants the prophets and to all the LORD's servants. [8]Ahab's whole family will die. I will eliminate from Ahab everyone who urinates on a wall, whether slave or free, in Israel. [9]I will make Ahab's dynasty like the dynasty of Jeroboam, Nebat's son, and like the dynasty of Baasha, Ahijah's son. [10]And as for Jezebel: The dogs will devour her in the area of Jezreel. No one will bury her." Then the young prophet opened the door and ran.

[11]Jehu went out to his master's officers. They said to him, "Is everything okay? Why did this fanatic come to you?"

Jehu said to them, "You know the man and the nonsense he talks."

[12]"That's a lie!" they said. "Come on, tell us!"

Jehu replied, "This is what he said to me: 'This is what the LORD says: I anoint you king of Israel.'"

[13]Then each man quickly took his

8:20-22 2Ch 21:8-10
8:24a 2Ch 21:19
8:25 2Ki 9:29; 2Ch 22:1
8:26 2Ch 22:2
8:27 2Ch 22:3-4
8:28 2Ch 22:5b
8:29a 2Ki 9:15a; 2Ch 22:6a
8:29b 2Ki 9:16b; 2Ch 22:6b
9:1 1Sa 10:1; 2Ki 2:3, 2Ki 4:29, 2Ki 8:28
9:3 1Sa 10:1, 1Sa 16:13; 1Ki 19:16
9:11 2Ki 5:21, 2Ki 9:17; Jer 29:26; Hos 9:7; Jn 10:20

[v]Heb *Joram* (also in 8:23-24); the king's name is usually spelled in its long form *Jehoram* (cf 2 Chron 21:9).
[w]Heb uncertain [x]Heb *Jehoram* (also in 8:29); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoram* or short *Joram* form.

cloak and put it beneath Jehu on the paved steps.[y] They blew a trumpet and said, "Jehu has become king!"

Jehu kills his enemies

[14]Then Jehu, Jehoshaphat's son and Nimshi's grandson, plotted against Joram. Now Joram along with all of Israel had been guarding Ramoth-gilead against Aram's King Hazael, [15]but King Joram[z] had gone back to Jezreel to recover from wounds that the Arameans had given him when he fought Hazael. So Jehu said, "If this is the way you feel, then don't let anyone escape from the city to talk about it in Jezreel." [16]Then Jehu got on a chariot and drove to Jezreel because Joram was resting there. Judah's King Ahaziah had also come to visit Joram.

[17]The guard standing on the tower at Jezreel saw a crowd of people coming with Jehu. He said, "I see a crowd of people."

Joram said, "Take a chariot driver. Send him out to meet them to ask, 'Do you come in peace?'"

[18]So the driver went to meet him and said, "The king asks, 'Do you come in peace?'"

Jehu replied, "What do you care about peace? Come around and follow me."

Meanwhile, the tower guard reported, "The messenger met them, but he isn't returning."

[19]The king sent a second driver. He came to them and said, "The king asks, 'Do you come in peace?'"

Jehu said, "What do you care about peace? Come around and follow me."

[20]The tower guard reported, "The messenger met them, but he isn't returning. And the style of chariot driving is like Jehu, Nimshi's son. Jehu drives like a madman."

[21]Joram said, "Hitch up the chariot!" So they hitched up his chariot. Then Israel's King Joram and Judah's King Ahaziah—each in his own chariot—went out to meet Jehu. They happened to meet him at the plot of ground that belonged to Naboth the Jezreelite.

[22]When Joram saw Jehu, he said, "Do you come in peace, Jehu?"

He said, "How can there be peace as long as the immoralities of your mother Jezebel and her many acts of sorcery continue?"

[23]Then Joram turned his chariot around and fled. He shouted to Ahaziah, "It's a trap, Ahaziah!"

[24]Jehu took his bow and shot Joram in the back. The arrow went through his heart, and he fell down in his chariot. [25]Jehu said to Bidkar his chariot officer, "Pick him up, and throw him on the plot of ground belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. Remember how you and I were driving chariot teams behind his father Ahab when the LORD spoke this prophecy about him: [26]Yesterday I saw Naboth's blood and his sons' blood, declares the LORD. I swear that I will pay you back on this very plot of ground, declares the LORD. Now pick him up, and throw him on that plot of ground, in agreement with the LORD's word."

[27]Judah's King Ahaziah saw this and fled on the road to Beth-haggan. Jehu chased after him. "Do the same to him!" he commanded. They shot him[a] in his chariot on the way up to Gur, near Ibleam. Ahaziah fled to Megiddo and died there. [28]His servants carried him back in a chariot to Jerusalem. He was buried in his tomb with his ancestors in David's City. [29]Ahaziah had become Judah's king in the eleventh year of Ahab's son Joram.

[30]Jehu then went to Jezreel. When Jezebel heard of it, she put on her eye shadow and arranged her hair. She looked down out of the window. [31]When Jehu came through the gate, she said, "Do you come in peace, Zimri, you master murderer?"

[32]Jehu looked up to the window and said, "Who's on my side? Anyone?" Two or three high officials looked down at him. [33]Then he said, "Throw her out!"

9:15a 2Ki 8:29a; 2Ch 22:6a
9:16b 2Ki 8:29b; 2Ch 22:6b
9:22 2Ch 22:7
9:27 2Ch 22:9
9:29 2Ki 8:25; 2Ch 22:1
9:30 1Ki 19:1; Jer 4:30; Eze 23:40
9:31 1Ki 16:9-10; 2Ki 9:18

[y]Heb uncertain [z]Heb *Jehoram* (also in 9:17, 21-24); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoram* or short *Joram* form. [a]LXX, Vulg; MT lacks *They shot him.*

So they threw her out of the window. Some of her blood splattered against the wall and on the horses, and they trampled her. [34]Jehu then went in to eat and drink. He said, "Deal with this cursed woman and bury her. She was, after all, a king's daughter." [35]They went to bury her, but they couldn't find her body. Only her skull was left, along with her hands and feet. [36]They went back and reported this to Jehu. He said, "This is the LORD's word spoken through his servant Elijah from Tishbe: Dogs will devour Jezebel's flesh in the area of Jezreel. [37]Jezebel's corpse will be like dung spread out in a field in that plot of land in Jezreel, so no one will be able to say, This was Jezebel."

Jehu kills Ahab's family

10 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. So Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the senior officers of the city,[b] the elders, and the guardians of Ahab's sons.[c] [2]The letters said: "Your master's sons are in your possession, along with horses and chariots, a fortified city, and weapons. Now when this letter reaches you, [3]look for the best and most capable of your master's sons. Place him on his father's throne. Then fight for your master's family."

[4]But they were frozen with fear. They said, "Not even two kings could resist him! How can we?" [5]So the palace administrator, the mayor, the elders, and the guardians sent a letter back to Jehu that read, "We are your servants. We will do whatever you tell us. We won't make anyone king. Do whatever seems right to you."

[6]Jehu wrote them a second letter: "If you are loyal to me and ready to obey me, take the heads of your master's sons and bring them to me at Jezreel at this time tomorrow."

Now the king's seventy sons were with the city leaders who were raising them. [7]So when the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and slaughtered all seventy of them. They placed their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu at Jezreel.

[8]A messenger came and told Jehu, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons."

He responded, "Pile them in two stacks at the entrance of the gate where they will stay until morning." [9]In the morning he went out and stood there to address all the people. "You are innocent. I'm the one who plotted against my master and killed him, but who killed all these people? [10]Know this: Nothing that the LORD has said against Ahab's dynasty will fail to come true. The LORD has done what he said he would do, speaking through his servant Elijah." [11]Then Jehu struck down all those belonging to Ahab's family who were left in Jezreel, so that not one of his leaders, close acquaintances, or priests remained.

[12]Next Jehu set out for Samaria. Beth-eked of the Shepherds was on his way. [13]There Jehu met up with the brothers of Judah's King Ahaziah. "Who are you?" he asked.

"We're Ahaziah's relatives," they replied. "We've come down for a visit with the king's sons and the queen mother's sons."

[14]Jehu then commanded, "Take them alive!" His soldiers took them alive, then slaughtered them at the well of Beth-eked. There were forty-two of them, but not one was left.

Jehu kills Baal worshippers

[15]Jehu departed from there and encountered Rechab's son Jehonadab. Jehu greeted him, and asked, "Are you as committed to me as I am to you?"

Jehonadab responded, "Yes, I am."

"If so," said Jehu, "then give me your hand." So Jehonadab put out his hand, and Jehu pulled him up into the chariot.

[16]Jehu said, "Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD." So Jehu had Jehonadab ride with him in his chariot.

9:34 1Ki 16:31
9:35 Ecc 6:3; Is 14:18
9:36 1Ki 21:23
10:12-14 2Ch 22:8
10:15 1Ch 2:55; Ezr 10:19; Jer 35:6, Jer 35:14; Eze 17:18
10:16 1Ki 19:10

[b]Vulg, LXX; MT *Jezreel* [c]LXX; MT lacks *sons.*

17When Jehu arrived in Samaria, he killed all those belonging to Ahab who were left in Samaria until they were completely wiped out, in agreement with the LORD's word that was spoken to Elijah.

18Then Jehu gathered all the people, saying to them, "Ahab served Baal a little. Jehu will serve him a great deal! 19So invite all of Baal's prophets, all his worshippers, and all his priests to come to me. Don't leave anyone out, because I have a great sacrifice planned for Baal. Anyone who doesn't show up won't survive." But Jehu was lying so that he could wipe out Baal's worshippers. 20Jehu called for a holy assembly for Baal, and it was done. 21Jehu then sent word throughout Israel. All Baal's worshippers came. No one stayed away. They entered Baal's temple until it was packed from one end to the other. 22Then Jehu said to the person in charge of the vestments, "Bring out the special clothes for all Baal's worshippers." So he brought out robes for them. 23Then Jehu and Jehonadab, Rechab's son, entered Baal's temple. They said to Baal's worshippers, "Make sure there are no worshippers of the LORD here with you. There should be only Baal worshippers." 24Then they went in to offer sacrifices and entirely burned offerings. But Jehu had stationed eighty soldiers outside and told them, "I'm handing these people over to you. Whoever lets even one of them escape will pay for it with his life." 25So when Jehu finished offering the entirely burned offering, he said to the guards and the officers, "Go in and kill everyone! Don't let anyone escape!" They killed the Baal worshippers without mercy. The guards and the officers then disposed of the bodies and entered the inner part of Baal's temple. 26They brought the sacred pillar[d] out of Baal's temple and burned it. 27They tore down Baal's sacred pillar and destroyed Baal's temple, turning it into a public restroom, which is what it still is today.

28This is how Jehu eliminated Baal from Israel. 29However, Jehu didn't deviate from the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit—specifically, the gold calves that were in Bethel and Dan.

10:29 1Ki 12:28-29, 1Ki 14:16
10:30 2Ki 10:35, 2Ki 13:1, 2Ki 13:10, 2Ki 14:23, 2Ki 15:12
10:31 2Ki 10:29
11:1 2Ch 22:10
11:2 2Ch 22:11

Jehu rules Israel

30The LORD said to Jehu: Because you've done well by doing what is right in my eyes, treating Ahab's family as I wished, your descendants will sit on Israel's throne for four generations. 31But Jehu wasn't careful to keep the LORD God of Israel's Instruction with all his heart. He didn't deviate from the sins that Jeroboam had caused Israel to commit.

32In those days the LORD began to reduce Israel's size. Hazael struck them down in every region of Israel: 33from the Jordan River eastward, throughout the land of Gilead (Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh), and from Aroer by the Arnon Valley (that is, Gilead) and Bashan.

34The rest of Jehu's deeds, all that he accomplished, and all his powerful acts, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? 35Jehu lay down with his ancestors. He was buried in Samaria. His son Jehoahaz succeeded him as king. 36Jehu had ruled over Israel for twenty-eight years in Samaria.

Queen Athaliah rules Judah

11 When Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother, learned of her son's death, she immediately destroyed the entire royal family. 2But Jehosheba, King Jehoram's[e] daughter and Ahaziah's sister, secretly took Ahaziah's son Jehoash[f] from the rest of the royal children who were about to be murdered and hid[g] him in a bedroom along with his nurse. In this way Jehoash was hidden from Athaliah

[d]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *pillars* [e]Heb *Joram*; the king's name is usually spelled in its long form *Jehoram* (cf 2 Chron 22:11). [f]Heb *Joash*; the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* forms. The latter is the form used in 2 Chron. [g]See 2 Chron 22:11; Heb lacks *hid*.

and wasn't murdered. 3He remained hidden with his nurse in the LORD's temple for six years while Athaliah ruled the country.

4But in the seventh year Jehoiada sent for the commanders of the Carites and of the guards and had them come to him at the LORD's temple. He made a covenant with them, and made them swear a solemn pledge in the LORD's temple. Then he showed them the king's son. 5He commanded them, "This is what you must do: A third of you coming on sabbath duty will guard the palace, 6a second third will be at the Sur Gate, and the final third will be at the gate behind the guards. You will take turns guarding the temple.[h] 7You who are in the first two groups that usually go off duty on the Sabbath should also guard the LORD's temple to protect the king. 8Surround the king completely, each of you with your weapons drawn. Whoever comes near your ranks must be killed. Stay near the king wherever he goes."

9The unit commanders did everything that Jehoiada the priest ordered. They each took charge of those men reporting for duty on the Sabbath as well as those going off duty on the Sabbath. They came to the priest Jehoiada. 10Then the priest gave the unit commanders King David's spears and shields, which were kept in the LORD's temple. 11The guards, each with their weapons drawn, then took up positions near the temple and the altar, stretching from the south side of the temple to the north side to protect the king. Everyone was holding his weapons, surrounding the king. 12Jehoiada then brought out the king's son, crowned him, gave him the royal law,[i] and made him king and anointed him, as everyone applauded and cried out, "Long live the king!"

13When Athaliah heard the noise made by the guard and the people, she went to the people at the LORD's temple 14and saw the king standing by the royal pillar, as was the custom, with the commanders and trumpeters beside the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Athaliah ripped her clothes and screamed, "Treason! Treason!"

15Then the priest Jehoiada ordered the unit commanders who were in charge of the army: "Take her out under guard,"[j] he told them, "and kill anyone who follows her." This was because the priest had said, "She must not be executed in the LORD's temple." 16They arrested her when she reached the entrance of the Horse Gate at the royal palace. She was executed there.

17Jehoiada then made a covenant between the LORD, the king, and the people, that the people would belong to the LORD. The king and the people also made a covenant. 18Then all the people of the land went to Baal's temple and tore it down, smashing its altars and images into pieces. They executed Mattan, Baal's priest, in front of the altars. The priest Jehoiada posted guards at the LORD's temple. 19Then he took the unit commanders, the Carites, the guards, and all the people of the land, and they led the king down from the LORD's temple, processing through the Guards' Gate to the palace, where the king sat upon the royal throne. 20All the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was at peace now that Athaliah had been executed at the palace.

Jehoash rules Judah

21[k]Jehoash was 7 years old when
12 he became king. 1[l]He became king in Jehu's seventh year, and he ruled for forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah; she was from Beer-sheba.[2]Jehoash always did what was right in the LORD's eyes, because the priest Jehoiada was his teacher. 3However, the shrines were not removed. People kept sacrificing and burning incense at them. 4Jehoash said to the priests, "Collect all the currently available money relating to holy

11:3 2Ki 11:2; 2Ch 22:12
11:4 2Ki 11:19; 2Ch 23:1
11:13-16 2Ch 23:12-15
11:17-18 2Ch 23:16-18
11:19-20a 2Ch 23:20-21a
11:20b 2Ch 23:21b
11:21 2Ch 24:1
12:2 2Ch 24:2
12:4, 5 2Ch 24:4, 5

[h]Heb uncertain [i]Heb lacks *royal*. [j]Heb uncertain [k]12:1 in Heb [l]12:2 in Heb

things that is brought to the temple—some is money people pay to redeem persons according to their assessed value. Collect all the money brought to the LORD's temple that people offer voluntarily.[m] 5The priests should take the money from their donors and use it to repair the temple wherever such a need for repair is discovered."

6But by the twenty-third year of King Jehoash, the priests still hadn't repaired the temple. 7So King Jehoash summoned Jehoiada the priest and the other priests together. "Why haven't you repaired the temple?" he asked them. "Stop taking money from your donors; instead, give it directly for temple repairs." 8The priests agreed that they wouldn't take any more money from the people nor be responsible for temple repairs. 9Then the priest Jehoiada took a box, made a hole in its lid, and placed it beside the altar, to the right as one enters the LORD's temple. The priests who stood watch at the door put all the money brought to the LORD's temple in the box. 10As soon as they saw that a large amount of money was in the box, the royal scribe and the high priest would come, count the money that was in the temple, and put it in a bag. 11They would then hand over the money that had been counted[n] to those who supervised the work on the temple. These supervisors then paid money to those who worked on the LORD's temple: carpenters, builders, 12masons, and stonecutters. The money was used to purchase wood and quarried stone to repair the LORD's temple and for every other cost involved in repairing it. 13But the money that was brought to the LORD's temple was not used to make silver basins, wick trimmers, sprinkling bowls, trumpets, or any gold or silver object for the LORD's temple. 14Instead, it was given directly to those who did the repair work; they used it to repair the LORD's temple. 15There was no need to check on those who received the money and paid the workers, because they acted honestly. 16Now as for the money for compensation and purification offerings, it wasn't brought to the LORD's temple. It belonged to the priests.

17About this same time, Aram's King Hazael came up, attacked Gath, and captured it. Next Hazael decided to march against Jerusalem. 18Judah's King Jehoash took all the holy objects that had been dedicated by his ancestors—Judah's kings Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Ahaziah—along with the holy objects he himself had dedicated, as well as all the gold in the treasure rooms of the LORD's temple and the palace, and he sent them to Aram's King Hazael. Hazael then pulled back from Jerusalem.

19The rest of Jehoash's[o] deeds and all that he accomplished, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? 20Jehoash's officials plotted a conspiracy and killed him at Beth-millo on the road that goes down to Silla. 21It was Jozacar son of Shimeath and Jehozabad son of Shomer, his officials, who struck him so that he died. He was buried with his ancestors in David's City. His son Amaziah succeeded him as king.

12:6-16 2Ch 24:6-14
12:9 Mk 12:41
12:19 2Ch 24:27a
12:20, 21a 2Ch 24:25
12:21b 2Ch 24:27b
13:1 2Ki 10:35
13:2 1Ki 12:26

Jehoahaz rules Israel

13 Jehoahaz, Jehu's son, became king of Israel in Samaria in the twenty-third year of Judah's King Jehoash,[p] who was Ahaziah's son. He ruled for seventeen years. 2He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. He walked in the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit. He didn't deviate from them. 3So the LORD was angry at Israel. Time after time God handed them over to Aram's king Hazael, and to Hazael's son Ben-hadad.

[m]Heb uncertain [n]Heb uncertain [o]Heb *Joash* (also in 13:20); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form. The latter is the form used in 2 Chron. [p]Heb *Joash* (also in 13:10); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form. The latter is the form used in 2 Chron.

[4]But Jehoahaz sought the LORD's
presence, and the LORD listened to
him because he saw how badly Aram's
king was oppressing Israel. [5]The LORD
sent Israel a savior, and they escaped
from Aram's power. Then the Israel-
ites lived peacefully at home, just as
they had in the past. [6]But they didn't
deviate from the sins that Jeroboam's
dynasty had caused Israel to commit;
they walked in them! Moreover, a sa-
cred pole[q] stood in Samaria. [7]No, noth-
ing was left of Jehoahaz's army except
fifty chariot riders, ten chariots, and
ten thousand foot soldiers, because
Aram's king had decimated them,
trampling them as if they were dirt.
[8]The rest of Jehoahaz's deeds, all that
he accomplished, and all his powerful
acts, aren't they written in the official
records of Israel's kings? [9]Jehoahaz
lay down with this ancestors. He was
buried in Samaria. His son Joash suc-
ceeded him as king.

Joash rules Israel

[10]Joash,[r] Jehoahaz's son, became
king of Israel in Samaria in the thirty-
seventh year of Judah's King Jehoash.
He ruled for sixteen years. [11]He did what
was evil in the LORD's eyes. He didn't
deviate from all the sins that Jeroboam,
Nebat's son, had caused Israel to com-
mit, but he walked in them! [12]The rest of
Joash's deeds, all that he accomplished,
and his powerful acts—how he fought
against Judah's King Amaziah—aren't
they written in the official records of
Israel's kings? [13]Joash lay down with his
ancestors, and Jeroboam followed him
on the throne. Joash was buried in Sa-
maria with the kings of Israel.

Elisha's last days

[14]Now Elisha became sick with the
illness that would kill him. So Israel's
King Joash went down to see him.
Joash cried over Elisha, saying, "Oh,
my father, my father! Israel's chariots
and its riders!"

13:5 2Ki 14:25
13:12, 13 2Ki 14:15, 16
13:21 1Ki 19:16, 1Ki 19:19; 2Ki 2:2, 2Ki 2:12; Mt 27:52

[15]Elisha told Joash, "Get a bow and
some arrows." So he brought Elisha a
bow and some arrows. [16]Elisha then
said to Israel's king, "Put your hand on
the bow." So Joash put his hand on the
bow. Elisha then put his hands over
the king's hands [17]and said, "Open the
window to the east." The king did so.
"Now shoot!" Elisha told him. Joash
shot, then Elisha announced, "That's
the LORD's rescue arrow! The rescue
arrow against the Arameans! You will
finish the Arameans off at Aphek."
[18]Then Elisha said, "Take the arrows!"
so Joash took them. Elisha then said
to Israel's king, "Hit the ground with
them!" Joash hit the ground three
times and stopped. [19]The man of God
became angry with him. He said, "If
only you had struck five or six times,
you would have finished the Arameans
off. As it is, you will defeat them only
three times."

[20]So Elisha died, and he was buried.

Sometimes Moabite raiding parties
used to come into the land each spring.
[21]Now it happened once that while
a man was being buried, the people
at the funeral suddenly saw a raiding
party. They threw the body into Eli-
sha's tomb and ran off. When the body
touched Elisha's bones, the man came
to life and stood up on his feet!

[22]Aram's King Hazael had op-
pressed Israel throughout Jehoahaz's
rule. [23]But the LORD was gracious to
Israel and had compassion on them,
turning back to them because of his
covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob; he didn't want to destroy them
or throw them out of his presence
until now. [24]Aram's King Hazael died.
His son Ben-hadad succeeded him as
king. [25]Then Jehoahaz's son Joash
recaptured from Hazael's son Ben-
hadad those cities that Hazael had won
in battle from Joash's father Jeho-
ahaz. Joash attacked Ben-hadad three
times and took back these Israelite
cities.

[q]Heb *asherah*, perhaps an object devoted to the goddess Asherah [r]Heb *Jehoash* (also in 13:25); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form. The latter is the form used in 2 Chron.

Amaziah rules Judah

14 Amaziah, the son of Judah's King Jehoash,[s] became king in the second year of Israel's King Joash, who was Jehoahaz's son. [2]Amaziah was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddin; she was from Jerusalem. [3]He did what was right in the LORD's eyes, but not as well as his ancestor King David. He did everything his father Jehoash did. [4]However, the shrines weren't removed. People kept sacrificing and burning incense at them. [5]Once he had secured control over his kingdom, he executed the officials who had assassinated his father the king. [6]However, he didn't kill the children of the murderers, because of what is written in the Instruction scroll from Moses, where the LORD commanded, *Parents shouldn't be executed because of what their children have done; neither should children be executed because of what their parents have done. Each person should be executed for their own guilty acts.*[t]

[7]Next Amaziah struck down ten thousand Edomites in the Salt Valley and captured Sela in battle. He renamed it Jokthe-el, which is what it is still called today. [8]Then Amaziah sent messengers to Israel's King Joash[u] son of Jehoahaz son of Israel's King Jehu, saying, "Come on! Let's go head-to-head."

[9]But Israel's King Joash responded to Judah's King Amaziah, "Once upon a time, a thistle in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar, 'Give your daughter to my son as a wife.' But then a wild beast in Lebanon came along and trampled the thistle. [10]You have definitely defeated Edom and have now become conceited. Enjoy the honor, but stay home. Why invite disaster when both you and Judah will fall?"

[11]But Amaziah wouldn't listen, so Israel's King Joash moved against him, and he and Judah's King Amaziah went head-to-head in battle at Beth-shemesh in Judah. [12]Judah was defeated by Israel, and everyone ran home. [13]At Beth-shemesh, Israel's King Joash captured Judah's King Amaziah, Jehoash's son and Ahaziah's grandson. Joash then marched to Jerusalem and broke down six hundred feet of the Jerusalem wall from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. [14]Joash took all the gold and silver, and all the objects he could find in the LORD's temple and the treasuries of the palace, along with some hostages and returned to Samaria. [15]The rest of Joash's deeds and his powerful acts—how he fought against Judah's King Amaziah—aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? [16]Joash lay down with his ancestors. He was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. His son Jeroboam succeeded him as king.

[17]Judah's King Amaziah, Jehoash's son, lived fifteen years after the death of Israel's King Joash, Jehoahaz's son. [18]The rest of Amaziah's deeds, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [19]Some people in Jerusalem plotted against him. When Amaziah fled to Lachish, they sent men after him to Lachish, and they murdered him there. [20]They carried him back on horses, and he was buried in Jerusalem with his ancestors in David's City.

[21]Then all the people of Judah took Azariah and made him king after his father Amaziah. He was 16 years old. [22]He rebuilt Elath, restoring it to Judah after King Amaziah had lain down with his ancestors.

Jeroboam II rules Israel

[23]Jeroboam, the son of Israel's King Joash, became king in Samaria in the fifteenth year of Judah's King Amaziah, Jehoash's son. He ruled for forty-one years. [24]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. He didn't deviate from all

14:1, 2 2Ch 25:1
14:3-6 2Ch 25:2-4
14:6 Dt 24:16; Jer 31:30; Eze 18:4, Eze 18:20
14:7 2Ch 25:11
14:8-14 2Ch 25:17-24
14:9 Jgs 9:8
14:10 2Ki 14:7; 2Ch 26:16
14:15, 16 2Ki 13:12, 13
14:17 2Ch 25:25
14:18-20 2Ch 25:26-28
14:21 2Ch 26:1
14:22 2Ch 26:2

[s]Heb *Joash* (also in 14:3, 17, 23); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form. The latter is the form used in 2 Chron. [t]Deut 24:16 [u]Heb *Jehoash* (also in 14:9, 11, 13, 15, 16-17); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form. The latter is the form used in 2 Chron.

the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit. [25]He reestablished Israel's border from Lebo-hamath to the Dead Sea. This was in agreement with the word that the LORD, the God of Israel, spoke through his servant the prophet Jonah, Amittai's son, who was from Gath-hepher. [26]The LORD saw how brutally Israel suffered, whether slave or free, with no one to help Israel. [27]But the LORD hadn't said he would erase Israel's name from under heaven, so he saved them through Jeroboam, Joash's son. [28]The rest of Jeroboam's deeds, all that he accomplished, and his powerful acts—how he fought and how he restored Damascus and Hamath to Judah in Israel[v]—aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? [29]Jeroboam lay down with his ancestors the kings of Israel. His son Zechariah succeeded him as king.

14:25 2Ki 13:5
15:2 2Ch 26:3
15:3 2Ch 26:4
15:5 2Ch 26:21
15:6, 7 2Ch 26:22, 23
15:14 1Ki 14:17
15:19 1Ch 5:26a

Azariah rules Judah

15 Azariah, Amaziah's son, became king of Judah in the twenty-seventh year of Israel's King Jeroboam. [2]He was 16 years old when he became king, and he ruled for fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah; she was from Jerusalem. [3]He did what was right in the LORD's eyes, just as his father Amaziah had done. [4]However, the shrines weren't removed. People kept sacrificing and burning incense at them. [5]Now the LORD afflicted the king with a skin disease that he had until his dying day, so he lived in a separate house.[w] The king's son Jotham supervised the palace administration and governed the people of the land. [6]The rest of Azariah's deeds and all he accomplished, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [7]Azariah died and was buried with his ancestors in David's City. His son Jotham succeeded him as king.

Zechariah rules Israel

[8]Zechariah, Jeroboam's son, became king of Israel in Samaria in the thirty-eighth year of Judah's King Azariah. He ruled for six months. [9]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as his ancestors had done. He didn't deviate from the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit. [10]Shallum, Jabesh's son, plotted against Zechariah. He struck him down in public,[x] murdering him. Shallum then succeeded him as king. [11]The rest of Zechariah's deeds are written in the official records of Israel's kings. [12]This was exactly what the LORD spoke to Jehu: Your descendants will sit on Israel's throne for four generations. And that's exactly what happened.

Shallum rules Israel

[13]Shallum, Jabesh's son, became king in the thirty-ninth year of Judah's King Uzziah. He ruled for one month in Samaria. [14]Menahem, Gadi's son, went up from Tirzah and came to Samaria. He struck down Jabesh's son Shallum in Samaria, murdering him. Menahem then succeeded him as king. [15]The rest of Shallum's deeds and the conspiracy he plotted are written in the official records of Israel's kings.

Menahem rules Israel

[16]Menahem then moved from Tirzah and attacked Tiphsah, all its citizens, and its neighboring areas. Because they wouldn't surrender, he attacked and ripped open all its pregnant women. [17]Menahem, Gadi's son, became king of Israel in the thirty-ninth year of Judah's King Azariah. He ruled for ten years in Samaria. [18]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. Throughout his life, he didn't deviate from the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit. [19]When Assyria's King Tiglath-pileser[y] marched against the land, Menahem gave Tiglath-pileser one thousand silver kikkars in order to become his ally and to strengthen his hold on the kingdom. [20]Menahem taxed Israel for this money. All the wealthy people

[v]Heb uncertain [w]Heb uncertain [x]LXX *in Keblaam*; Heb uncertain [y]Heb *Pul*

had to give fifty silver shekels each to Assyria's king. So Assyria's king went home and didn't stay there in the land. [21]The rest of Menahem's deeds and all that he accomplished, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's kings? [22]Menahem lay down with his ancestors. His son Pekahiah succeeded him as king.

Pekahiah rules Israel

[23]Pekahiah, Menahem's son, became king of Israel in the fiftieth year of Judah's King Azariah. He ruled for two years in Samaria. [24]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. He didn't deviate from the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit. [25]Pekah, Remaliah's son and Pekahiah's officer, plotted against him. Pekah struck Pekahiah in Samaria at the palace fortress, along with Argob and Arieh.[z] Pekah had fifty Gileadites with him. He murdered Pekahiah and succeeded him as king. [26]The rest of Pekahiah's deeds and all that he accomplished are written in the official records of Israel's kings.

Pekah rules Israel

[27]Pekah, Remaliah's son, became king of Israel in the fifty-second year of Judah's King Azariah. Pekah ruled for twenty years in Samaria. [28]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. He didn't deviate from the sins that Jeroboam, Nebat's son, had caused Israel to commit. [29]In the days of Israel's King Pekah, Assyria's King Tiglath-pileser came and captured Ijon, Abel-beth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, and Hazor. He also captured Gilead, Galilee, and all the land of Naphtali. He sent the people into exile to Assyria. [30]Then Hoshea, Elah's son, plotted against Pekah, Remaliah's son. He struck Pekah down, murdering him. Hoshea became king after Pekah in the twentieth year of Uzziah's son Jotham. [31]The rest of Pekah's kingship and all that he accomplished are written in the official records of Israel's kings.

15:29 1Ki 15:20; 2Ki 16:7, 2Ki 17:6; 1Ch 5:26; Is 9:1
15:30 2Ki 15:25, 2Ki 16:1, 2Ki 16:5, 2Ki 17:1; Is 7:1
15:33 2Ch 27:1, 2Ch 27:8
15:34-35 2Ch 27:2-3
15:36 2Ch 27:7
15:38 2Ch 27:9
16:2-4 2Ch 28:1-4
16:5 2Ki 15:37; 2Ch 28:5-6; Is 7:1
16:7 2Ch 28:16

Jotham rules Judah

[32]Jotham, Uzziah's son, became king of Judah in the second year of Israel's King Pekah, Remaliah's son. [33]Jotham was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled for sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerusha; she was Zadok's daughter. [34]Jotham did what was right in the LORD's eyes, just as his father Uzziah had done. [35]However, he didn't remove the shrines. The people continued to sacrifice and burn incense at them. Jotham rebuilt the Upper Gate of the LORD's temple. [36]The rest of Jotham's deeds, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [37]It was in those days that the LORD began to send Aram's King Rezin and Pekah, Remaliah's son, against Judah. [38]Jotham died and was buried with his ancestors in David's City.[a] His son Ahaz succeeded him as king.

Ahaz rules Judah

16 Ahaz, Jotham's son, became king of Judah in the seventeenth year of Pekah, Remaliah's son. [2]Ahaz was 20 years old when he became king, and he ruled for sixteen years in Jerusalem. He didn't do what was right in the LORD's eyes, unlike his ancestor David. [3]Instead, he walked in the ways of Israel's kings. He even burned his own son alive, imitating the detestable practices of the nations that the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. [4]He also sacrificed and burned incense at the shrines on every hill and beneath every shady tree. [5]Then Aram's King Rezin and Israel's King Pekah, Remaliah's son, came up to Jerusalem to fight. They surrounded Ahaz, but they weren't able to defeat him. [6]At that time Aram's King Rezin recovered Elath for the Arameans, driving the Judeans out of Elath. The Edomites[b] came to Elath and settled there, and that's still the case now.

[7]Ahaz sent messengers to Assyria's King Tiglath-pileser, saying, "I'm your

[z]Heb uncertain [a]Heb adds *his ancestor*. [b]Qere; Kethib *Arameans*

servant and your son. Come up and save me from the power of the kings of Aram and Israel. Both of them are attacking me!" [8]And Ahaz took the silver and the gold that was in the LORD's temple and in the palace treasuries, and sent a gift to Assyria's king. [9]The Assyrian king heard the request and marched against Damascus. He captured it and sent its citizens into exile to Kir. He also killed Rezin.

[10]Then King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet up with Assyria's King Tiglath-pileser. King Ahaz noticed the altar that was in Damascus, and he sent the altar's plan and details for its construction to the priest Uriah. [11]Uriah built the altar, following the plans that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus; he had it finished before King Ahaz returned from Damascus.

[12]When the king arrived from Damascus, he inspected the altar. He came close to it, then went up on it, [13]burning his entirely burned offering and grain offering, pouring out his drink offering, and sprinkling the blood of his well-being sacrifices on the altar. [14]As for the bronze altar that used to stand before the LORD, Ahaz moved it away from the front of the temple where it had stood between the main altar and the LORD's temple. He put it on the north side of the new altar. [15]Then King Ahaz ordered the priest Uriah, saying, "Burn the following sacrifices on the main altar:

in the morning, the entirely burned offering;

in the evening, the grain offering;

the king's entirely burned offering and his grain offering;

the entirely burned offering for all the people of the land, their grain offering, and their drink offerings.

"Sprinkle all the blood of the entirely burned offerings and all the blood of the sacrifices on it. I will use the bronze altar for seeking guidance."[c] [16]Uriah the priest did everything that King Ahaz commanded. [17]King Ahaz cut off the side panels from the stands and removed the basins from them. He took the Sea down from the bronze bulls that were under it and put it on a stone pavement. [18]He also took away the sabbath canopy that had been built in the temple. He removed the royal entrance outside the LORD's temple. This was done because of the Assyrian king.

[19]The rest of Ahaz's deeds, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [20]Ahaz died and was buried with his ancestors in David's City. His son Hezekiah succeeded him as king.

16:10 2Ch 28:20
16:12, 13 2Ch 28:22, 23
16:17 2Ch 28:24a
16:19, 20 2Ch 28:26, 27
17:3 2Ki 18:9; Hos 10:14
17:4 Jgs 16:21; Is 30:1; Jer 52:11; Hos 12:1
17:5 2Ki 18:9
17:6 2Ki 18:10, 11
17:7 Ex 14:15
17:8 Lv 18:3; 2Ki 16:3

Hoshea rules Israel

17 Hoshea, Elah's son, became king in Samaria in the twelfth year of Judah's king Ahaz. He ruled over Israel for nine years. [2]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, but he wasn't as bad as the Israelite kings who preceded him. [3]Assyria's King Shalmaneser marched against Hoshea, and Hoshea became Shalmaneser's servant, paying him tribute. [4]But the Assyrian king discovered that Hoshea was a traitor, because Hoshea sent messengers to Egypt's King So. Hoshea stopped paying tribute to the Assyrian king as he had in previous years, so the Assyrian king arrested him and put him in prison. [5]Then the Assyrian king invaded the whole country. He marched against Samaria and attacked it for three years. [6]In Hoshea's ninth year, the Assyrian king captured Samaria. He sent Israel into exile to Assyria, resettling them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River, and in the cities of the Medes.

The northern kingdom falls

[7]All this happened because the Israelites sinned against the LORD their God, who brought them up from the land of Egypt, out from under the power of Pharaoh, Egypt's king. They worshipped other gods. [8]They followed the practices of the nations that the

[c]Heb uncertain

LORD had removed before the Israelites, as well as the practices that the Israelite kings had done.[d] [9]The Israelites secretly did things against the LORD their God that weren't right. They built shrines in all their towns, from watchtowers to fortified cities. [10]They set up sacred pillars and sacred poles[e] on every high hill and beneath every green tree. [11]At every shrine they burned incense, just as the nations did that the LORD sent into exile before them. They did evil things that made the LORD angry. [12]They worshipped images about which the LORD had said, Don't do such things! [13]The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all the prophets and seers, telling them, Turn from your evil ways. Keep my commandments and my regulations in agreement with the entire Instruction that I commanded your ancestors and sent through my servants the prophets.

[14]But they wouldn't listen. They were stubborn like their ancestors who didn't trust the LORD their God. [15]They rejected his regulations and the covenant he had made with their ancestors, along with the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless images so that they too became worthless. And they imitated the neighboring nations that the LORD had forbidden them to imitate. [16]They deserted all the commandments of the LORD their God. They made themselves two metal idols cast in the shape of calves and made a sacred pole.[f] They bowed down to all the heavenly bodies. They served Baal. [17]They burned their sons and daughters alive. They practiced divination and sought omens. They gave themselves over to doing what was evil in the LORD's eyes and made him angry.

[18]So the LORD was very angry at Israel. He removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was spared. [19]But Judah didn't keep the commands of the LORD their God either. They followed the practices of Israel. [20]So the LORD rejected all of Israel's descendants. He punished them, and he handed them over to enemies who plundered them until he finally threw them out of his sight.

[21]When Israel broke away[g] from David's dynasty, they made Nebat's son Jeroboam the king. Jeroboam drove Israel away from the LORD. He caused them to commit great sin. [22]And the Israelites continued walking in all the sins that Jeroboam did. They didn't deviate from them, [23]and the LORD finally removed Israel from his presence. That was exactly what he had warned through all his servants the prophets. So Israel was exiled from its land to Assyria. And that's still how it is today.

New settlers in Samaria

[24]The Assyrian king brought people from Babylon, Cuth, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, resettling them in the cities of Samaria in place of the Israelites. These people took control of Samaria and settled in its cities. [25]But when they began to live there, they didn't worship the LORD, so the LORD sent lions against them, and the lions began to kill them. [26]Assyria's king was told about this: "The nations you sent into exile and resettled in the cities of Samaria don't know the religious practices of the local god. He's sent lions against them, and the lions are killing them because none of them know the religious practices of the local god."

[27]So Assyria's king commanded, "Return one of the priests that you exiled from there. He[h] should go back and live there. He should teach them the religious practices of the local god." [28]So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria went back. He lived in Bethel and taught the people how to worship the LORD.

[29]But each nationality still made its own gods. They set them up in the

17:9 2Ki 18:8; Eze 8:12
17:10 Dt 12:2; 1Ki 14:23; Mi 5:14
17:11 1Ki 14:15, 1Ki 16:33; 2Ki 21:6, 2Ki 23:19; 2Ch 28:25
17:12 Ex 20:4
17:13 1Sa 9:9; Neh 9:30; Jer 18:11, Jer 25:5
17:14 Neh 9:16; Jer 7:26; Ac 7:51
17:15 Dt 29:25, Dt 32:21; Jer 2:5; Ro 1:21
17:16 Dt 4:19; 1Ki 12:28, 1Ki 14:15, 1Ki 16:31; 2Ki 21:3
17:17 Lv 19:26; Dt 18:10; 1Ki 21:20; 2Ki 16:3, 2Ki 21:6
17:20 2Ki 15:29
17:21 1Ki 11:11, 1Ki 11:31, 1Ki 12:20, 1Ki 14:16

[d]Heb uncertain [e]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [f]Heb *asherah*, perhaps an object devoted to the goddess Asherah [g]Or *When he (God) tore Israel away* [h]LXX, Vulg, Syr; MT *They*

houses that the people of Samaria had made at the shrines. Each nationality did this in whichever cities they lived. 30The Babylonian people made the god Succoth-benoth, the Cuthean people made Nergal, and the people from Hamath made Ashima. 31The Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak. The Sepharvites burned their children alive as a sacrifice to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the Sepharvite gods. 32They also worshipped the LORD, but they appointed priests for the shrines from their whole population. These priests worked in the houses at the shrines. 33So they worshipped the LORD, but they also served their own gods according to the religious practices of the nations from which they had been exiled.

34They are still following their former religious practices to this very day. They don't really worship the LORD. Nor do they follow the regulations, the case laws, the Instruction, or the commandment that the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he renamed Israel. 35The LORD had made a covenant with them, commanding them, Don't worship other gods. Don't bow down to them or serve them. Don't sacrifice to them. 36Instead, worship only the LORD. He's the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great strength and an outstretched arm. Bow down to him! Sacrifice to him! 37You must carefully keep the regulations and case laws, the Instruction, and the commandment that he wrote for you. Don't worship other gods. 38Don't forget the covenant that I made with you. Don't worship other gods. 39Instead, worship only the LORD your God. He will rescue you from your enemies' power.

40But they wouldn't listen. Instead, they continued doing their former religious practices. 41So these nations worship the LORD, but they also serve their idols. The children and the grandchildren are doing the very same thing their parents did. And that's how things still are today.

18:1 2Ki 16:20, 2Ki 17:1; 2Ch 28:27, 2Ch 29:1

18:2 2Ch 29:1

18:3 2Ki 20:3; 2Ch 31:20

18:4 Nm 21:8-9; 2Ch 31:1

18:7 Gn 39:3; 1Sa 18:14; 2Ki 16:7

18:9 2Ki 17:3, 2Ki 17:5, 2Ki 17:6

18:10, 11 2Ki 17:6

18:12 2Ki 17:7

Hezekiah rules Judah

18 Hezekiah, Ahaz's son, became king of Judah in the third year of Israel's King Hoshea, Elah's son. 2He was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi;[i] she was Zechariah's daughter. 3Hezekiah did what was right in the LORD's eyes, just as his ancestor David had done. 4He removed the shrines. He smashed the sacred pillars and cut down the sacred pole.[j] He crushed the bronze snake that Moses made, because up to that point the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (The snake was named Nehushtan.)

5Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, Israel's God. There was no one like him among all of Judah's kings—not before him and not after him. 6He clung to the LORD and never deviated from him. He kept the commandments that the LORD had commanded Moses. 7The LORD was with Hezekiah; he succeeded at everything he tried. He rebelled against Assyria's king and wouldn't serve him. 8He struck down the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territories, from watchtower to fortified city.

9Assyria's King Shalmaneser marched against Samaria and attacked it in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Israel's King Hoshea, Elah's son. 10After three years the Assyrians captured the city. Samaria was captured in Hezekiah's sixth year, which was Hoshea's ninth year. 11Assyria's king sent Israel into exile to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River, and in the cities of the Medes. 12All this happened because they wouldn't listen to the LORD their God. They broke his covenant—all that the LORD's servant Moses had commanded them. They didn't listen, and they didn't do it.

[i]Cf 2 Chron 29:1 *Abijah* [j]Heb *asherah*, perhaps an object devoted to the goddess Asherah

[13]Assyria's King Sennacherib marched against all of Judah's fortified cities and captured them in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah. [14]Judah's King Hezekiah sent a message to the Assyrian king at Lachish, saying, "I admit wrongdoing. Please withdraw from me, and I'll agree to whatever you demand from me." Assyria's king required Judah's King Hezekiah to pay him three hundred kikkars of silver and thirty kikkars of gold. [15]So Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was in the LORD's temple and in the palace treasuries. [16]At that time King Hezekiah had to strip down the doors and doorposts of the LORD's temple, which he had covered with gold. He gave all of it to the Assyrian king.

[17]Assryia's king sent his general, his chief officer, and his field commander from Lachish, together with a large army, to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. They went up and arrived at Jerusalem. They stood at the water channel of the Upper Pool, which is on the road to the field where clothes are washed. [18]Then they called for the king. Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who was the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Asaph's son Joah the recorder went out to them.

[19]Then the field commander said to them, "Say to Hezekiah: This is what Assyria's Great King says: Why do you feel so confident? [20]Do you think that empty words are the same as good strategy and the strength to fight? Who are you trusting in that you now rebel against me? [21]It appears that you are trusting in a staff—Egypt—that's nothing but a broken reed! It will stab the hand of anyone who leans on it! That's all that Pharaoh, Egypt's king, is to anyone who trusts in him. [22]Now suppose you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God.' Isn't he the one whose shrines and altars Hezekiah removed, telling Judah and Jerusalem, 'You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem'?

[23]"So now make a wager with my master, Assyria's king. I'll give you two thousand horses if you can supply the riders! [24]How will you drive back even the least important official among my master's servants when you are relying on Egypt for chariots and riders? [25]What's more, do you think I've marched against this place to destroy it without the LORD's support? It was the LORD who told me, March against this land and destroy it!"

[26]Hilkiah's son Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the field commander, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic because we understand it. Don't speak with us in Hebrew, because the people on the wall will hear it."

[27]The field commander said to them, "Did my master send me to speak these words just to you and your master and not also to the men on the wall? They are the ones who will have to eat their dung and drink their urine along with you." [28]Then the field commander stood up and shouted in Hebrew at the top of his voice, saying, "Listen to the message of the great king, Assyria's king. [29]This is what the king says: Don't let Hezekiah lie to you. He won't be able to rescue you from the power of Assyria's king. [30]Don't let Hezekiah persuade you to trust the LORD by saying, 'The LORD will certainly rescue us. This city won't be handed over to Assyria's king.'

[31]"Don't listen to Hezekiah, because this is what Assyria's king says: Surrender to me and come out. Then each of you will eat from your own vine and fig tree, and drink water from your own well [32]until I come to take you to a land just like your land. It will be a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and honey. Then you will live and not die! Don't listen to Hezekiah, because he will mislead you by saying, 'The LORD will rescue us.' [33]Were any of the gods of the other nations able to rescue their lands from the power of Assyria's king? [34]Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of

18:13 2Ch 32:1; Is 36:1
18:17-22 2Ch 32:9-15; Is 36:2-10
18:26 Is 36:11
18:27-35 Is 36:12-20

Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they rescued Samaria from my power? [35]Which one of any of the gods of those lands has rescued their country from my power? Why should the LORD rescue Jerusalem from my power?"

[36]But the people kept quiet and didn't answer him with a single word, because King Hezekiah's command was, "Don't answer him!" [37]Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who was the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Asaph's son Joah the recorder, came to Hezekiah with ripped clothes. They told him what the field commander had said.

Hezekiah and Isaiah

19 When King Hezekiah heard this, he ripped his clothes, covered himself with mourning clothes, and went to the LORD's temple. [2]He sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests to the prophet Isaiah, Amoz's son. They were all wearing mourning clothes. [3]They said to him, "This is what Hezekiah says: Today is a day of distress, punishment, and humiliation. It's as if children are ready to be born, but there's no strength to see it through. [4]Perhaps the LORD your God has heard all the words of the field commander who was sent by his master, Assyria's king—how he insulted the living God—perhaps God will punish him for the words the LORD your God heard. Send up a prayer for those few people who still survive."

[5]When King Hezekiah's servants got to Isaiah, [6]Isaiah said to them, "Say this to your master: 'This is what the LORD says: Don't be afraid at the words you heard, which the officers of Assyria's king have used to insult me. [7]I'm about to put a spirit in him, so when he hears a rumor, he'll go back to his own country. Then I'll have him cut down by the sword in his own land.'"

[8]The field commander heard that the Assyrian king had left Lachish. So he went back to the king and found him attacking Libnah. [9]Then the Assyrian king learned that Cush's King Tirhakah was on his way to fight against him. So he sent messengers to Hezekiah again, saying, [10]"Say this to Judah's King Hezekiah: Don't let the God you trust in persuade you by saying, 'Jerusalem won't be handed over to the Assyrian king.' [11]You yourself have heard what Assyrian kings do to other countries, wiping them out. Is it likely that you will be saved? [12]Did the gods of the nations destroyed by my fathers—Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, or the people of Eden in Telassar—save them? [13]Where now is Hamath's king, Arpad's king, or the kings of Lair, Sepharvaim, Hena, or Ivvah?"[k]

Hezekiah's prayer

[14]Hezekiah took the letters from the messengers and read them. Then he went to the temple and spread them out before the LORD. [15]Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying, "LORD God of Israel, you sit enthroned on the winged creatures. You alone are God over all the earth's kingdoms. You made both heaven and earth. [16]LORD, turn your ear this way and hear! LORD, open your eyes and see! Listen to Sennacherib's words. He sent them to insult the living God! [17]It's true, LORD, that the Assyrian kings have destroyed many nations and their lands. [18]The Assyrians burned the gods of those nations with fire because they aren't real gods. They are only man-made creations of wood and stone. That's how the Assyrians could destroy them. [19]So now, LORD our God, please save us from Sennacherib's power! Then all the earth's kingdoms will know that you, LORD, are the only true God."

[20]Then Isaiah, Amoz's son, sent a message to Hezekiah: "This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says: I have heard your prayer about Assyria's King Sennacherib. [21]This is the message that the LORD has spoken against him:

18:35 Dn 3:15
18:36, 37 Is 36:21, 22
19:1 Gn 37:34; Is 37:1
19:6, 7 Is 37:6, 7
19:8 Is 37:8
19:9 Is 37:9
19:9-13 2Ch 32:17; Is 37:9-13
19:12 Gn 11:31; 2Ki 17:6, 2Ki 18:33; Is 37:12; Eze 27:23
19:14 2Ch 32:17; Is 37:14
19:16 1Ki 8:29; 2Ki 19:4; Ps 31:2
19:20 2Ki 20:5
19:20-34 Is 37:21-35
19:21 Ps 109:25; Lam 2:13; Mt 27:39

[k]Or *the king of the city of Sepharvaim* or *the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah*

The young woman, Daughter Zion,
despises you and mocks you;
Daughter Jerusalem shakes
her head behind your back.
22 Whom did you insult and ridicule?
Against whom did you raise
your voice
and pridefully lift your eyes?
It was against the holy one
of Israel!
23 You've insulted the Lord
with your messengers;
you said, 'I, with my many chariots,
have gone up
to the highest mountains,
to the farthest reaches
of Lebanon.
I have cut down its tallest cedars,
the best of its pine trees.
I have reached its most
remote lodging place,
its best forest.
24 I have dug wells,
have drunk waters in foreign lands.[l]
With my own feet, I dried up
all of Egypt's streams.'
25 Haven't you heard?
I set this up long ago;
I planned it in the distant past!
Now I have made it happen,
making fortified cities
collapse into piles of rubble.
26 Their citizens have lost their power.
They are frightened and ashamed.
They've become like plants
in a field,
tender green shoots,
the grass on rooftops,
burned up before it matures.
27 I know where you live,
how you go out and come in,
and how you rage against me.
28 And because you rage against me
and because your pride
has reached my ears,
I will put my hook in your nose,
and my bit in your mouth.
I will make you go back
the same way you came.
29 "Now this will be the sign for you,
Hezekiah: This year you will eat what
grows by itself. Next year you will eat
what grows from that. But in the third
year, sow seed and harvest it; plant
vineyards and eat their fruit. 30 The
survivors of the house of Judah who
have escaped will take root below and
bear fruit above. 31 Those who remain
will go out from Jerusalem, and those
who survive will go out from Mount
Zion. The zeal of the LORD of heavenly
forces[m] will do this.
32 "Therefore, this is what the LORD
says about Assyria's king: He won't
enter this city. He won't shoot a single
arrow there. He won't come near the
city with a shield. He won't build a
ramp to besiege it. 33 He will go back by
the same way he came. He won't enter
this city, declares the LORD. 34 I will de-
fend this city and save it for my sake
and for the sake of my servant David."
35 That night the LORD's messenger
went out and struck down one hundred
eighty-five thousand soldiers in the As-
syrian camp. When people got up the
next morning, there were dead bodies
everywhere. 36 So Assyria's King Sen-
nacherib departed, returning to Nin-
eveh, where he stayed. 37 Later, while
he was worshipping in the temple of his
god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and
Sharezer killed him with a sword. They
then escaped to the land of Ararat. His
son Esarhaddon succeeded him as king.

19:22 Ps 71:22; Is 5:24
19:23 2Ki 18:17; Ps 20:7; Is 10:18
19:24 Is 19:6
19:27 Ps 139:1
19:28 2Ki 19:33, 2Ki 19:36; Eze 29:4, Eze 38:4; Am 4:2
19:34 1Ki 11:12-13, 1Ki 15:4; 2Ki 20:6; Is 31:5
19:35 2Sa 24:16; 2Ch 32:21; Ps 35:5-6; Ac 12:23
19:37 Gn 8:4; 2Ki 19:7; 2Ch 32:21; Is 37:38; Jer 51:27
20:1 2Sa 17:23; 2Ki 19:2; 2Ch 32:24; Is 38:1
20:3 1Ki 2:4; 2Ki 18:3; 2Ch 31:20; Neh 5:19, Neh 13:14
20:5 1Sa 9:16; 2Ki 19:20; Ps 39:12, Ps 56:8

Hezekiah's illness

20 Around that same time, Hez-
ekiah became deathly ill. The
prophet Isaiah, Amoz's son, came to him
and said, "This is what the LORD says:
Put your affairs in order because you are
about to die. You won't survive this."
2 Hezekiah turned his face to the
wall and prayed to the LORD, saying,
3 "Please, LORD, remember how I have
walked before you in truth and sincerity.
I have done what is right in your eyes."
Then Hezekiah cried and cried.
4 Isaiah hadn't even left the middle
courtyard of the palace when the LORD's
word came to him: 5 Turn around. Say

[l] Heb uncertain [m] Qere, some Heb sources, and the parallel in Isa 32; Kethib lacks *of heavenly forces*.

to Hezekiah, my people's leader: This is what the LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and have seen your tears. So now I'm going to heal you. Three days from now you will be able to go up to the LORD's temple. 6 I will add fifteen years to your life. I will rescue you and this city from the power of the Assyian king. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.

7 Then Isaiah said, "Prepare a bandage made of figs." They did so and put it on the swelling, at which point Hezekiah started getting better.

8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What is the sign that the LORD will heal me and that I'll be able to go up to the LORD's temple in three days?"

9 Isaiah said, "This will be your sign from the LORD that he will make his promise come true: Should the shadow go forward ten steps or back ten steps?"

10 "It's easy for the shadow to go forward ten steps," Hezekiah said, "but not for the shadow to go back ten steps." 11 So the prophet Isaiah called on the LORD, who made the shadow go back ten steps, down the flight of stairs built by Ahaz.[n]

12 At that time Merodach-baladan, son of Babylon's King Baladan, sent messengers to Hezekiah with letters and a gift. This was because he had heard that Hezekiah was sick. 13 Hezekiah granted them an audience and showed them everything in his treasury—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the fine oil. He also showed them his stock of weaponry and everything in his storehouses. There wasn't a single thing in his palace or his whole kingdom that Hezekiah didn't show them.

14 Then the prophet Isaiah came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say? Where have they come from?"

Hezekiah said, "They came from a distant country: Babylon."

15 "What have they seen in your palace?" Isaiah asked.

20:6 2Ki 19:34

20:7 Ex 9:9; Is 38:21

20:12 2Ch 32:31; Is 39:1

20:12-19 2Ch 32:31; Is 39:1-9

20:13 2Ch 32:27; Is 39:2

20:18 2Ki 24:12; 2Ch 33:11; Dn 1:3

20:19 1Sa 3:18; Job 1:21; Ps 39:9

20:20, 21 2Ch 32:32, 33

21:1 2Ch 33:1; Is 62:4

21:2 2Ki 16:3

21:2-9 2Ch 33:2-9

21:3 Dt 4:19; 1Ki 16:33; 2Ki 17:16, 2Ki 18:4, 2Ki 23:5

21:4 2Sa 7:13; 1Ki 8:29; Jer 32:34

21:5 1Ki 7:12; 2Ki 23:12

21:6 Lv 18:21, Lv 19:31; Dt 18:10; 2Ki 16:3, 2Ki 17:17

"They have seen everything in my palace," Hezekiah answered. "There's not a single thing in my storehouses that I haven't shown them."

16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Listen to the LORD's word: 17 The days are nearly here when everything in your palace and all that your ancestors collected up to now will be carried off to Babylon. Not a single thing will be left, says the LORD. 18 Some of your children, your very own offspring, will be taken away. They will become eunuchs in the palace of Babylon's king."

19 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The LORD's word that you've spoken is good," because he thought: There will be peace and security in my lifetime.

20 The rest of Hezekiah's deeds and all his powerful acts—how he made the pool and the channel and brought water inside the city—aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? 21 Hezekiah lay down with his ancestors. His son Manasseh succeeded him as king.

Manasseh rules Judah

21 Manasseh was 12 years old when he became king, and he ruled for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, imitating the detestable practices of the nations that the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. 3 He rebuilt the shrines that his father Hezekiah had destroyed, set up altars for Baal, and made a sacred pole,[o] just as Israel's King Ahab had done. He bowed down to all the stars in the sky and worshipped them. 4 He even built altars in the two courtyards of the LORD's temple—the very place the LORD was speaking of when he said: "I will put my name in Jerusalem." 5 Manasseh built altars for all the stars in the sky in both courtyards of the LORD's temple. 6 He burned his own son alive, consulted sign readers and fortune-tellers, and used mediums and diviners. He did much evil in the LORD's eyes and made him angry.

[n] Heb uncertain [o] Heb *asherah*, perhaps a pole devoted to the goddess Asherah

7 Manasseh set up the carved
Asherah image he had made in the
temple—the very temple the LORD
had spoken about to David and his son
Solomon, saying, In this temple and in
Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of
all Israel's tribes, I will put my name
forever. 8 I will never again remove Is-
rael from the land I gave to their an-
cestors, provided they carefully do
everything I have commanded them—
keeping all the Instruction my servant
Moses commanded them. 9 But they
wouldn't listen. Manasseh led them
into doing even more evil than the na-
tions the LORD had wiped out before
the Israelites.

10 The LORD spoke through his ser-
vants the prophets: 11 Judah's King
Manasseh has done detestable things,
things more evil than the Amorites
had done before his time. He has
caused Judah to sin with his images.
12 Because of this, the LORD, Israel's
God, has said: I'm about to bring on
Jerusalem and Judah such a great
disaster that the ears of anyone who
hears about it will ring. 13 I will stretch
out over Jerusalem the same line that
I used to measured Samaria and the
same mason's level that I used on
Ahab's family. I will wipe Jerusalem
clean the same way someone wipes a
plate clean, wiping it clean then turn-
ing it facedown. 14 Whatever survives
of my inheritance, I'll leave behind,
handing them over to their enemies.
They will be nothing but plunder and
loot for every one of their enemies.
15 This will happen because they have
done what is evil in my eyes, making
me angry from the day their ancestors
left Egypt until this very moment.

16 Manasseh spilled so much in-
nocent blood that he filled up every
corner of Jerusalem with it. And this
doesn't include the sins he caused
Judah to commit so that they did what
was evil in the LORD's eyes. 17 The rest
of Manasseh's deeds, all that he ac-
complished, and the sin he commit-

21:7 1Ki 9:3; 2Ki 23:6
21:8 2Sa 7:10
21:9 1Ki 14:16, 1Ki 15:25-26; 2Ch 33:9; Prv 29:12
21:10 2Ki 17:23
21:11 Gn 15:16; 1Ki 21:26; 2Ki 21:16, 2Ki 23:26, 2Ki 24:3
21:12 1Sa 3:11; 2Ki 22:16; Jer 19:3
21:13 Is 28:17, Is 34:11; Lam 2:8; Am 7:7-8
21:14 Jer 12:7, Jer 23:33
21:16 2Ki 21:11, 2Ki 24:4
21:17 2Ch 33:11
21:18 2Ki 21:26; 2Ch 33:20
22:1 Josh 15:39; 2Ki 21:24; 2Ch 34:1-2; Jer 1:2
22:2 Dt 5:32; 1Ki 14:8, 1Ki 15:5; 2Ki 12:2, 2Ki 18:3

ted, aren't they written in the official
records of Judah's kings? 18 Manasseh
lay down with his ancestors. He was
buried in his palace garden, the Uzza
Garden. His son Amon succeeded him
as king.

Amon rules Judah

19 Amon was 22 years old when he
became king, and he ruled for two years
in Jerusalem. His mother's name was
Meshullemeth; she was Haruz's daugh-
ter and was from Jotbah. 20 He did what
was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as his
father Manasseh had done. 21 He walked
in all the ways his father had walked. He
worshipped the same worthless idols
his father had worshipped, bowing
down to them. 22 He deserted his ances-
tors' God, the LORD—he didn't walk in
the LORD's way.

23 Amon's officials plotted against
him and assassinated the king in
his palace. 24 The people of the land
then executed all those who had plot-
ted against King Amon and made his
son Josiah the next king. 25 The rest
of Amon's deeds, aren't they writ-
ten in the official records of Judah's
kings? 26 He was buried in his tomb in
the Uzza Garden. His son Josiah suc-
ceeded him as king.

Josiah rules Judah

22 Josiah was 8 years old when
he became king, and he ruled
for thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His
mother's name was Jedidah; she was
Adaiah's daughter and was from Boz-
kath. 2 He did what was right in the
LORD's eyes, and walked in the ways
of his ancestor David—not deviating
from it even a bit to the right or left.

3 In the eighteenth year of King
Josiah's rule, he sent the secretary
Shaphan, Azaliah's son and Meshul-
lam's grandson, to the LORD's temple
with the following orders: 4 "Go to the
high priest Hilkiah. Have him care-
fully count[p] the money that has been
brought to the LORD's temple and that

[p] Heb uncertain

has been collected from the people by the doorkeepers. [5]It should be given to the supervisors in charge of the LORD's temple, who in turn should pay it to those who are in the LORD's temple, repairing the temple—[6]the carpenters, the builders, and the masons. It should be used to pay for lumber and quarried stone to repair the temple. [7]But there's no need to check on them regarding the money they receive, because they are honest workers."

[8]The high priest Hilkiah told Shaphan the secretary: "I have found the Instruction scroll in the LORD's temple." Then Hilkiah turned the scroll over to Shaphan, who read it.

[9]Shaphan the secretary then went to the king and reported this to him: "Your officials have released the money that was found in the temple and have handed it over to those who supervise the work in the LORD's temple." [10]Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll," and he read it out loud before the king.

[11]As soon as the king heard what the Instruction scroll said, he ripped his clothes. [12]The king ordered the priest Hilkiah, Shaphan's son Ahikam, Micaiah's son Achbor, Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the royal officer as follows: [13]"Go and ask the LORD on my behalf, and on behalf of the people, and on behalf of all Judah concerning the contents of this scroll that has been found. The LORD must be furious with us because our ancestors failed to obey the words of this scroll and do everything written in it about us."

[14]So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the prophetess Huldah. She was married to Shallum, Tikvah's son and Harhas' grandson, who was in charge of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem in the second district. When they spoke to her, [15]she replied, "This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says: Tell this to the man who sent you to me: [16]This is what the LORD says: I am about to bring disaster on this place and its citizens—all the words in the scroll that Judah's king has read! [17]My anger burns against this place, never to be quenched, because they've deserted me and have burned incense to other gods, angering me by everything they have done.[q] [18]But also say this to the king of Judah, who sent you to question the LORD: This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says about the message you've just heard: [19]Because your heart was broken and you submitted before the LORD when you heard what I said about this place and its citizens—that they will become a horror and a curse—and because you ripped your clothes and cried before me, I have listened to you, declares the LORD. [20]That's why I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will go to your grave in peace. You won't experience the disaster I am about to bring on this place."

22:8 Dt 31:24; 2Ch 34:14-15
22:9-13 2Ch 34:16-21
22:11 Jer 36:24
22:13 Dt 31:17
22:14 Ex 15:20; 2Ch 34:22
22:18 2Ch 34:26; Jer 37:7
22:19 Lv 26:31; 1Sa 24:5; 1Ki 21:29; Ps 51:17; Jer 26:6
22:20 Ps 37:37; Is 57:1-2
23:1 2Ch 34:29
23:3 2Ch 34:31
23:4 2Ki 21:3, 2Ki 22:4, 2Ki 23:15

Josiah's reform

When they reported Huldah's words
23 to the king, [1]the king sent a message, and all of Judah's and Jerusalem's elders gathered before him. [2]Then the king went up to the LORD's temple, together with all the people of Judah and all the citizens of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets, and all the people, young and old alike. There the king read out loud all the words of the covenant scroll that had been found in the LORD's temple. [3]The king stood beside the pillar and made a covenant with the LORD that he would follow the LORD by keeping his commandments, his laws, and his regulations with all his heart and all his being in order to fulfill the words of this covenant that were written in this scroll. All of the people accepted the covenant.

[4]The king then commanded the high priest Hilkiah, the second-order priests, and the doorkeepers to remove from the LORD's temple all the religious

[q]Or *made*

objects made for Baal, Asherah, and all the heavenly bodies. The king burned them outside Jerusalem in the Kidron fields and took the ashes to Bethel. [5]He got rid of the pagan priests that the Judean kings had appointed to burn incense at the shrines in Judah's cities and the areas around Jerusalem. He did the same to those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the heavenly bodies. [6]He removed the Asherah image[r] from the LORD's temple, taking it to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem. There he burned it, ground it to dust, and threw the dust on the public graveyard. [7]The king tore down the shrines for the consecrated workers[s] that were in the LORD's temple, where women made woven coverings[t] for Asherah.

[8]Then Josiah brought all the priests out of Judah's cities. From Geba to Beer-sheba, he defiled the shrines where the priests had been burning incense. He also tore down the shrines at the gates at the entrance to the gate of Joshua the city's governor, which were on the left as one entered the city gate. [9]Although the priests of these shrines didn't go up on the LORD's altar in Jerusalem, they did eat unleavened bread with their fellow priests.

[10]Josiah defiled the Topheth in the Ben-hinnom Valley so no one could burn their child alive in honor of the god Molech. [11]He did away with the horses that Judah's kings had dedicated to the sun. They were kept at the entrance to the LORD's temple near a room in the annex[u] that belonged to an official named Nathan-melech. Josiah set fire to the chariots that were dedicated to the sun. [12]The king also tore down the altars that were on the roof of Ahaz's upper story, which had been made by the Judean kings, and he did the same with the altars that Manasseh had built in the two courtyards of the LORD's temple. He broke them up there[v] and threw their dust into the Kidron Valley. [13]The king then defiled the shrines facing Jerusalem, south of the Mountain of Destruction. Solomon the king of Israel had built these for Ashtoreth, the monstrous Sidonian god, for Chemosh, the monstrous Moabite god, and for Milcom, the detestable Ammonite god. [14]He smashed the sacred pillars and cut down the sacred poles,[w] filling the places where they had been with human bones.

[15]Josiah also tore down the altar that was in Bethel. That was the shrine made by Jeroboam, Nebat's son, who caused Israel to sin. Josiah tore down that altar and its shrine. He burned the shrine, grinding it into dust. Then he burned its sacred pole.[x] [16]When Josiah turned around, he noticed tombs up on the hillside. So he ordered the bones to be taken out of the tombs. He then burned them on the altar, desecrating it. (This was in agreement with the word that the LORD announced by the man of God when Jeroboam stood by the altar at the festival.) Josiah then turned and saw the tomb of the man of God[y] who had predicted these things. [17]"What's this gravestone I see?" Josiah asked.

The people of the city replied, "That tomb belongs to the man of God who came from Judah and announced what you would do to the altar of Bethel."

[18]"Let it be," Josiah said. "No one should disturb his bones." So they left his bones untouched, along with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

[19]Moreover, Josiah removed all the shrines on the high hills that the Israelite kings had constructed throughout the cities of Samaria. These had made the LORD angry. Josiah did to them

23:5 2Ki 21:3; Jer 8:2
23:13 Nm 21:29; Jgs 10:6; 1Ki 11:5, 1Ki 11:7, 1Ki 11:33
23:15 1Ki 12:28, 1Ki 12:33, 1Ki 13:1, 1Ki 14:16; 2Ki 23:6
23:16 1Ki 13:2, 1Ki 13:32
23:17 1Ki 13:1, 1Ki 13:30
23:21 2Ch 35:1
23:22-23 2Ch 35:18, 19

[r]Heb lacks *image*; perhaps a pole dedicated to the goddess [s]Traditionally *cultic prostitutes* [t]Heb uncertain [u]Heb uncertain [v]Correction; MT *removed them quickly* or *ran from there* [w]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [x]Heb *asherah*, perhaps an object devoted to the goddess Asherah [y]LXX; MT lacks *when Jeroboam stood by the altar at the festival. Josiah then turned and saw the tomb of the man of God.*

just what he did at Bethel. [20]He actually slaughtered on those altars all the priests of the shrines who were there, and he burned human bones on them. Then Josiah returned to Jerusalem.

[21]The king commanded all the people, "Celebrate a Passover to the LORD your God following what is instructed in this scroll containing the covenant." [22]A Passover like this hadn't been celebrated since the days when the judges judged Israel; neither had it been celebrated during all the days of the Israelite and Judean kings. [23]But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah's rule, this Passover was celebrated to the LORD in Jerusalem.

[24]Josiah burned those who consulted dead spirits and the mediums, the household gods and the worthless idols—all the monstrous things that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem. In this way Josiah fulfilled the words of the Instruction written in the scroll that the priest Hilkiah found in the LORD's temple. [25]There's never been a king like Josiah, whether before or after him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, all his being, and all his strength, in agreement with everything in the Instruction from Moses.

[26]Even so, the LORD didn't turn away from the great rage that burned against Judah on account of all that Manasseh had done to make him angry. [27]The LORD said, "I will remove Judah from my presence just as I removed Israel. I will reject this city, Jerusalem, which I chose, and this temple where I promised my name would reside."

[28]The rest of Josiah's deeds and all that he accomplished, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [29]In his days, the Egyptian king Pharaoh Neco marched against the Assyrian king at the Euphrates River. King Josiah marched out to intercept him. But when Neco encountered Josiah in Megiddo, he killed the king. [30]Josiah's servants took his body from Megiddo in a chariot. They brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. The people of the land took Jehoahaz, Josiah's son, anointed him, and made him king after his father.

23:22 2Ch 35:1, 2Ch 35:18-19
23:28 2Ch 35:26, 27
23:29 Jgs 5:19; 2Ch 35:20; Jer 46:2
23:31 2Ki 24:18; 1Ch 3:15; 2Ch 36:1; Jer 22:11, Jer 52:1
23:33 2Ch 36:3
23:34 2Ch 36:4
23:36, 37 2Ch 36:5
24:1 2Ch 36:6; Jer 25:1; Dn 1:1

Jehoahaz rules Judah

[31]Jehoahaz was 23 years old when he became king, and he ruled for three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was Jeremiah's daughter and was from Libnah. [32]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as all his ancestors had done. [33]Pharaoh Neco made Jehoahaz a prisoner at Riblah in the land of Hamath, ending his rule in Jerusalem. Pharaoh Neco imposed a fine on the land totaling one hundred kikkars of silver and one kikkar of gold.

Jehoiakim rules Judah

[34]Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim, Josiah's son, king after his father Josiah. Neco changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. Neco took Jehoahaz away; he later died in Egypt. [35]Jehoiakim gave Pharaoh the silver and gold, but he taxed the land in order to meet Pharaoh's financial demands. Each person was taxed appropriately. Jehoiakim exacted silver and the gold from the land's people in order to give it to Pharaoh Neco. [36]Jehoiakim was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebidah; she was Pedaiah's daughter and was from Rumah. [37]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as all his ancestors had done.

24 In Jehoiakim's days, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attacked. Jehoiakim had submitted to him for three years, but then Jehoiakim changed his mind and rebelled against him. [2]The LORD sent Chaldean, Aramean, Moabite, and Ammonite raiding parties against Jehoiakim, sending them against Judah in order to destroy it. This was in agreement with the word that the LORD had spoken through his servants the prophets. [3]Indeed, this happened to Judah because the LORD

commanded them to be removed from his presence on account of all the sins that Manasseh had committed [4] and because of the innocent blood that he had spilled. Manasseh had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD didn't want to forgive that.

[5] The rest of Jehoiakim's deeds and all that he accomplished, aren't they written in the official records of Judah's kings? [6] Jehoiakim lay down with his ancestors. His son Jehoiachin succeeded him as king.

[7] The Egyptian king never left his country again because the Babylonian king had taken over all the territory that had previously belonged to him—from the border of Egypt to the Euphrates River.

Jehoiachin rules Judah

[8] Jehoiachin was 18 years old when he became king, and he ruled for three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Nehushta; she was Elnathan's daughter and was from Jerusalem. [9] He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as all his ancestors had done. [10] At that time, the officers of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem and laid siege to the city. [11] Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar himself arrived at the city while his officers were blockading it. [12] Judah's King Jehoiachin, along with his mother, his servants, his officers, and his officials, came out to surrender to the Babylonian king. The Babylonian king took Jehoiachin prisoner in the eighth year of Jehoiachin's rule.

[13] Nebuchadnezzar also took away all the treasures of the LORD's temple and of the royal palace. He cut into pieces all the gold objects that Israel's King Solomon had made for the LORD's temple, which is exactly what the LORD said would happen. [14] Then Nebuchadnezzar exiled all of Jerusalem: all the officials, all the military leaders—ten thousand exiles—as well as all the skilled workers and metalworkers. No one was left behind except the poorest of the land's people. [15] Nebuchadnezzar exiled Jehoiachin to Babylon; he also exiled the queen mother, the king's wives, the officials, and the land's elite leaders from Jerusalem to Babylon. [16] The Babylonian king also exiled seven thousand warriors—each one a hero trained for battle—as well as a thousand skilled workers and metalworkers to Babylon. [17] Then the Babylonian king made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, succeed Jehoiachin as king. Nebuchadnezzar changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

24:5, 6 2Ch 36:8
24:7 Gn 15:18; Nm 34:5; Jer 37:5, Jer 46:2
24:8, 9 2Ch 36:9
24:10 2Ki 24:11, 2Ki 25:1; Dn 1:1
24:11 2Ki 24:10, 2Ki 25:1
24:13 1Ki 7:48; 2Ki 20:17; Ezr 1:7; Is 39:6; Dn 5:2
24:14 2Ki 25:12; Jer 24:1, Jer 29:2, Jer 52:28
24:17 2Ki 23:34; 1Ch 3:15; 2Ch 36:10-11; Jer 37:1
24:19 2Ch 36:12
24:20 2Ch 36:13; Jer 52:3
25:1 2Ki 24:1, 2Ki 24:10; Jer 34:1, Jer 39:1; Eze 21:22
25:2 2Ki 24:17; 2Ch 36:11; Jer 32:3, Jer 37:1, Jer 39:5
25:3 Lam 4:9
25:4 Neh 3:15; Eze 33:21
25:5 Jer 52:8
25:6 2Ki 23:33; Jer 52:9

Zedekiah rules Judah

[18] Zedekiah was 21 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was Jeremiah's daughter and was from Libnah. [19] He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as Jehoiakim had done. [20] It was precisely because the LORD was angry with Jerusalem and Judah that he thrust them out of his presence.

The southern kingdom falls

25 Now Zedekiah rebelled against the Babylonian king. [1] So in the ninth year of Zedekiah's rule, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem with his entire army. He camped beside the city and built a siege wall all around it. [2] The city was under attack until King Zedekiah's eleventh year. [3] On the ninth day of the month, the famine in the city got so bad that no food remained for the common people. [4] Then the enemy broke into the city. All the soldiers fled[z] by night using the gate between the two walls near the King's Garden. The Chaldeans were surrounding the city, so the soldiers ran toward the desert plain. [5] But the Chaldean army chased King Zedekiah and caught up with him in the Jericho plains. His entire army deserted him. [6] So the Chal-

[z] LXX, cf Jer 52:7; MT lacks *fled*.

deans captured the king and brought him back to the Babylonian king, who was at Riblah. There his punishment was determined. 7Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered right before his eyes. Then he was blinded, put in bronze chains, and taken off to Babylon.

8On the seventh day of the fifth month in the nineteenth year of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan arrived at Jerusalem. He was the commander of the guard and an official of the Babylonian king. 9He burned down the LORD's temple, the royal palace, and all of Jerusalem's houses. He burned down every important building. 10The whole Chaldean army under the commander of the guard tore down the walls surrounding Jerusalem. 11Then Nebuzaradan the commander of the guard exiled the people who were left in the city, those who had already surrendered to Babylon's king, and the rest of the population. 12The commander of the guard left some of the land's poor people behind to work the vineyards and be farmers. 13The Chaldeans shattered the bronze columns, the stands, and the bronze Sea that were in the LORD's temple. They carried the bronze off to Babylon. 14They also took the pots, the shovels, the wick trimmers, the dishes, and all the bronze items that had been used in the temple. 15The commander of the guard took the fire pans and the sprinkling bowls, which were made of pure gold and pure silver. 16The bronze in all these objects—the two pillars, the Sea, and the stands that Solomon had made for the LORD's temple—was too heavy to weigh. 17Each pillar was twenty-seven feet high. The bronze capital on top of the first pillar was four and a half feet high. Decorative lattices and pomegranates, all made from bronze, were around the capital. And the second pillar was decorated with lattices just like the first.

18The commander of the guard also took away Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the priest next in rank, and the three doorkeepers. 19Of those still left in the city, Nebuzaradan took away an officer who was in charge of the army and five royal advisors who were discovered in the city. He also took away the secretary of the officer responsible for drafting the land's people to fight, as well as sixty people who were discovered in the city. 20Nebuzaradan the commander of the guard took all of these people and brought them to the Babylonian king at Riblah. 21The king of Babylon struck them down, killing them in Riblah in the land of Hamath.

So Judah was exiled from its land.

Gedaliah governs Judah

22Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah, Ahikam's son and Shaphan's grandson, in charge of the people he had left behind in the land of Judah. 23All the army officers and their soldiers heard that the Babylonian king had appointed Gedaliah as governor, so they came with their men to Gedaliah at Mizpah. The officers were Ishmael, Nethaniah's son; Johanan, Kareah's son; Seraiah, Tanhumeth's son who was a Netophathite; and Jaazaniah, Maacathite's son. 24Gedaliah made a solemn pledge to them and their soldiers, telling them, "Don't be afraid of the Chaldean officials. Stay in the land and serve the Babylonian king, and things will go well for you."

25But in the seventh month, Ishmael, Nethaniah's son and Elishama's grandson, who was from the royal family, came with ten soldiers, and they struck Gedaliah, and he died. They also killed the Judeans and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah. 26Then all the people, young and old, along with the army officers, departed for Egypt because they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

Jehoiachin in Babylon

27In the year that Awil-merodach[a] became king of Babylon, he released Judah's King Jehoiachin from prison.

25:7 Jgs 16:21

25:9 1Ki 9:8; 2Ch 36:19; Ps 79:1; Is 64:11; Am 2:5

25:10 Neh 1:3

25:11 2Ch 36:20

25:13 1Ki 7:15, 1Ki 7:23, 1Ki 7:27; 2Ch 36:18; Jer 52:17

25:14 Ex 27:3; 1Ki 7:50

25:15 1Ki 7:48; Ezr 1:9; Dn 5:3

25:16 1Ki 7:47

25:17 1Ki 7:15

25:18 1Ch 6:14; Ezr 7:1; Jer 21:1, Jer 29:25, Jer 52:24

25:19 Est 1:14

25:20 2Ki 23:33; Jer 52:26

25:27 Gn 40:13, Gn 40:20; 2Ki 24:12, 2Ki 24:15; Jer 52:31

[a] *Awil-merodach* means Man of Marduk in Akkadian.

This happened in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of King Jehoiachin, on the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month. [28]Awil-merodach spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and seated him above the other kings who were with him in Babylon. [29]So Jehoiachin took off his prisoner clothes and ate regularly in the king's presence for the rest of his life. [30]At the king's command, a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

1 CHRONICLES

Adam to Israel

1:1-4 Gn 5:1-32; Lk 3:36-38
1:5-23 Gn 10:1-32
1:19 Gn 10:21, Gn 10:25, Gn 11:16; 1Ch 1:25
1:24-27 Gn 11:10-26; Lk 3:34-36
1:28-31 Gn 25:12-16
1:32, 33 Gn 25:1-4
1:35-42 Gn 36:1-30

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh; [2]Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared; [3]Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; [4]Noah; Noah's family:[a] Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[5]Japheth's family: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

[6]Gomer's family: Ashkenaz, Riphath,[b] and Togarmah.

[7]Javan's family: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

[8]Ham's family: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan.

[9]Cush's family: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, and Sabteca.

Raamah's family: Sheba and Dedan.

[10]Cush was the father of Nimrod, the first warrior in the land.

[11]Egypt was the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, [12]Pathrusim, Casluhim, from whom the Philistines came, and Caphtorim.

[13]Canaan was the father of Sidon his oldest son, Heth, [14]the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, [15]the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, [16]the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

[17]Shem's family: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram.

Aram's family:[c] Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.

[18]Arpachshad was Shelah's father, and Shelah was Eber's father. [19]Two sons were born to Eber: one was named Peleg,[d] because in his days the land was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

[20]Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, [21]Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, [22]Ebal, Abimael, Sheba, [23]Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were Joktan's family.

[24]Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; [25]Eber, Peleg, Reu; [26]Serug, Nahor, Terah; [27]and Abram, that is, Abraham.

[28]Abraham's family: Isaac and Ishmael. [29]These were their descendants. Ishmael's oldest son was Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, [30]Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, [31]Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. This was Ishmael's family. [32]Abraham's secondary wife Keturah's family: she gave birth to Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

Jokshan's family: Sheba and Dedan.

[33]Midian's family: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were members of Keturah's family.

[34]Abraham was Isaac's father. Isaac's family: Esau and Israel.

[35]Esau's family: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

[36]Eliphaz's family: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

[37]Reuel's family: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

[38]Seir's family: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

[39]Lotan's family: Hori and Homam; Lotan's sister was Timna.

[a]LXX; MT lacks *Noah's family.* [b]LXX; MT *Diphath* [c]LXX; MT lacks *Aram's family.* [d]Or *division*

1:43-54 Gn 36:31-43
2:1, 2 Gn 29:31-30:24, Gn 35:16-18
2:3-17, 21-41 1Ch 4:1-23
2:6 1Ki 4:31; 1Ch 2:4, 1Ch 2:8

40 Shobal's family: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam.
Zibeon's family: Aiah and Anah.
41 Anah's family: Dishon.
Dishon's family: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
42 Ezer's family: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan.
Dishan's family:[e] Uz and Aran.
43 These were the kings who ruled in the land of Edom before any king ruled over the Israelites: Bela, Beor's son, whose city was called Dinhabah. 44 When Bela died, Jobab, Zerah's son from Bozrah, succeeded him. 45 When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites succeeded him. 46 When Husham died, Hadad, Bedad's son who defeated Midian in the Moabite countryside, succeeded him; his city was called Avith. 47 When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah succeeded him. 48 When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on the river succeeded him. 49 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan, Achbor's son, succeeded him. 50 When Baal-hanan died, Hadad succeeded him; his city was called Pai. His wife's name was Mehetabel, Matred's daughter and Me-zahab's granddaughter. 51 When Hadad died, Edom's tribal chiefs were: Chief Timna, Chief Aliah, Chief Jetheth, 52 Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, 53 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar, 54 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were Edom's tribal chiefs.

2 This was Israel's family: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, 2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

Judah's line

3 Judah's family: Er, Onan, and Shelah. These three were born to him with Bath-shua the Canaanite. Although Er was Judah's oldest, the LORD considered him wicked and put him to death. 4 His daughter-in-law Tamar bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.
5 Perez's family: Hezron and Hamul.
6 Zerah's family: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Darda[f]—five in all.
7 Carmi's family: Achar, who made trouble for Israel by disobeying the law dedicating war spoils to God.
8 Ethan's family: Azariah.
9 Hezron's family, who were born to him: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai. 10 Ram was the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, tribal chief of the Judeans. 11 Nahshon was the father of Salma, Salma was the father of Boaz, 12 Boaz was the father of Obed, and Obed was the father of Jesse. 13 Jesse was the father of Eliab his oldest son, Abinadab his second, Shimea his third, 14 Nethanel his fourth, Raddai his fifth, 15 Ozem his sixth, and David his seventh. 16 Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail.
Zeruiah's family: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel—three in all. 17 Abigail gave birth to Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmaelite.
18 Caleb, Hezron's son, had children with his wife Azubah, and with Jerioth. These were her sons: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon. 19 After Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who gave birth to Hur for him. 20 Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri was the father of Bezalel. 21 Later, Hezron had sexual relations with the daughter of Machir, Gilead's father, whom he married when he was 60 years old, and she gave birth to Segub for him. 22 Segub was the father of Jair, who owned twenty-three towns in the land of Gilead, 23 but Geshur and Aram took Havvoth-jair from them, as well as Kenath and its villages, sixty towns.
All these were descendants of Machir, Gilead's father. 24 After Hezron's death, Caleb went to Ephrath.[g] Abijah, Hezron's wife, bore him Ashhur, Tekoa's father.
25 The family of Jerahmeel, Hez-

[e] Cf 1:38; or *Dishon's family* [f] LXX, Syr; MT *Dara* [g] LXX, Vulg; MT *in Caleb-ephrathah*

ron's oldest son: Ram his oldest, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.
26 Jerahmeel had another wife named Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.
27 The family of Ram, Jerahmeel's oldest son: Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.
28 Onam's family: Shammai and Jada.

Shammai's family: Nadab and Abishur. 29 Abishur's wife's name was Abihail, and she gave birth to Ahban and Molid for him.
30 Nadab's family: Seled and Appaim, but Seled died without children.
31 Appaim's family: Ishi.

Ishi's family: Sheshan.

Sheshan's family: Ahlai.
32 The family of Jada, Shammai's brother: Jether and Jonathan, but Jether died without children.
33 Jonathan's family: Peleth and Zaza. These were Jerahmeel's descendants.
34 Sheshan had no sons, only daughters; but Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha. 35 Sheshan gave his daughter in marriage to Jarha his servant, and she gave birth to Attai for him.
36 Attai was the father of Nathan, Nathan was the father of Zabad, 37 Zabad was the father of Ephlal, Ephlal was the father of Obed, 38 Obed was the father of Jehu, Jehu was the father of Azariah, 39 Azariah was the father of Helez, Helez was the father of Eleasah, 40 Eleasah was the father of Sismai, Sismai was the father of Shallum, 41 Shallum was the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah was the father of Elishama.
42 The family of Caleb, Jerahmeel's brother: Mesha his oldest son and Ziph's father; and his second son[h] Mareshah, Hebron's father.
43 Hebron's family: Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema. 44 Shema was the father of Raham, Jorkeam's father; and Rekem was the father of Shammai.

2:32 1Ch 2:28
2:43 Josh 15:34; 1Ch 2:44
2:55 Jgs 1:16, Jgs 4:11; 2Ki 10:15; Jer 35:2, Jer 35:6
3:4 2Sa 5:4, 5; 1Ki 2:10, 11; 1Ch 29:26-30
3:5-9 2Sa 5:13-16; 1Ch 14:3-7

45 Shammai's son: Maon; Maon was Beth-zur's father. 46 Ephah, Caleb's secondary wife, gave birth to Haran, Moza, and Gazez. Haran was the father of Gazez.
47 Jahdai's family: Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph. 48 Maacah, Caleb's secondary wife, gave birth to Sheber and Tirhanah. 49 She also gave birth to Shaaph, Madmannah's father; and to Sheva, Machbenah and Gibea's father. Caleb's daughter was Achsah. 50 These were Caleb's descendants.

The family of Hur, Ephrathah's oldest son: Shobal, Kiriath-jearim's father; 51 Salma, Bethlehem's father; and Hareph, Beth-gader's father.
52 Shobal, Kiriath-jearim's father, had a family: Haroeh, and the ancestor of half of the Menuhoth.[i]
53 Kiriath-jearim's clans: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.
54 The family of Salma, Bethlehem's father:[j] the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, half of the Manahathites, and the Zorites.
55 The clans of the scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. They were Kenites who descended from Hammath, Beth-rechab's father.

David's line

3 This is David's family born to him in Hebron: the oldest Amnon, with Ahinoam the Jezreelite; the second Daniel, with Abigail the Carmelite; 2 the third Absalom son of Maacah, the daughter of Geshur's King Talmai; the fourth Adonijah, Haggith's son; 3 the fifth Shephatiah, with Abital; the sixth Ithream, with his wife Eglah. 4 Six were born to him in Hebron, where he reigned for seven and a half years. He also reigned in Jerusalem for thirty-three years. 5 These were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Sho-

[h] Or *the family of* [i] Heb lacks *the ancestor of.* [j] Cf 2:51; Heb lacks *father.*

bab, Nathan, and Solomon—four
from Bath-shua, Ammiel's daugh-
ter; [6]Ibhar, Eli-shama, Eliphelet,
[7]Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, [8]Elishama,
Eliada, and Eliphelet—nine in all.
[9]This was all of David's family, except
for his secondary wives' children.
Tamar was their sister.

[10]The descendants[k] of Solomon:
Rehoboam, his son Abijah, his son
Asa, his son Jehoshaphat, [11]his son
Joram, his son Ahaziah, his son
Joash, [12]his son Amaziah, his son Az-
ariah, his son Jotham, [13]his son Ahaz,
his son Hezekiah, his son Manasseh,
[14]his son Amon, and his son Josiah.

[15]Josiah's family: the oldest Jo-
hanan, the second Jehoiakim, the
third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shal-
lum.

[16]Jehoiakim's family: his son Jec-
oniah and his son Zedekiah.

[17]The family of Jeconiah the pris-
oner: Shealtiel his son; [18]Malchi-
ram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah,
Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

[19]Pedaiah's family: Zerubbabel
and Shimei.

Zerubbabel's family:[l] Meshul-
lam, Han-aniah, and their sister
Shelomith; [20]Hash-ubah, Ohel,
Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-
hesed—these five also.

[21]Hananiah's family:[m] Pelatiah,
Jeshaiah, Rephaiah's family, Ar-
nan's family, Obadiah's family, and
Shecaniah's family.

[22]Shecaniah's family: Shemaiah
and his family, Hattush, Igal, Bariah,
Neariah, and Shaphat—six in all.

[23]Neariah's family: Elioenai, Hiz-
kiah, and Azrikam—three in all.

[24]Elioenai's family: Hodaviah,
Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan,
Delaiah, and Anani—seven in all.

Judah's line

4 Judah's family: Perez, Hez-
ron, Caleb,[n] Hur, and Shobal.

3:15 2Ki 23:30, 2Ki 23:34, 2Ki 24:17; 2Ch 36:10; Jer 37:1

4:1-23 1Ch 2:3-17, 21-41

[2]Shobal's son Reaiah was Ja-
hath's father, and Jahath was the
father of Ahumai and Lahad. These
were the Zorathite clans.

[3]This was Etam's family:[o] Jezreel,
Ishma, and Idbash. Their sister's
name was Hazzelelponi. [4]Penuel
was Gedor's father, and Ezer was
Hushah's father.

This was the family of Hur the old-
est son of Ephrathah, Bethlehem's
father: [5]Ashhur, Tekoa's father,
had two wives, Helah and Naarah.
[6]Naarah gave birth to Ahuzzam,
Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari
for him. This was Naarah's family.

[7]Helah's family: Zereth, Zohar,[p]
and Ethnan. [8]Koz was the father of
Anub, Hazzobebah, and the clans of
Aharhel, Harum's son.

[9]Jabez was more honored than
his brothers. His mother had named
him Jabez, saying, "I bore him in
pain."[q] [10]Jabez called on Israel's
God: "If only you would greatly bless
me and increase my territory. May
your power go with me to keep me
from trouble, so as not to cause me
pain." And God granted his request.

[11]Chelub, Shuhah's brother, was
the father of Mehir, who was Esh-
ton's father. [12]Eshton was the father
of Beth-rapha, Paseah, and Tehin-
nah, Ir-nahash's father. These are
the men of Recah.

[13]Kenaz's family: Othniel and
Seraiah. Othniel's family: Hathath
and Meonothai.[r] [14]Meonothai was
the father of Ophrah. Seraiah was
the father of Joab the father of Ge-
harashim,[s] so-called because they
were skilled workers. [15]The family of
Caleb, Jephunneh's son: Iru, Elah,
and Naam. This was Kenaz's family.[t]

[16]Jehallelel's family: Ziph, Ziphah,
Tiria, and Asarel.

[17]Ezrah's family:[u] Jether, Mered,
Epher, and Jalon. Jether was the
father of[v] Miriam, Shammai, and

[k]LXX, Syr; MT *son* [l]LXX, Syr; MT *son* [m]LXX, Syr, Tg; MT *son* [n]Cf 1 Chron 2:19; MT *Carmi* [o]LXX; MT *father* [p]Qere, LXX; Kethib *Izhar* [q]Heb sounds like *Jabez.* [r]LXX, Vulg; MT lacks *Meonothai.* [s]Or *the valley of skilled workers* [t]Cf 4:13; MT *the family of Elah and Kenaz* [u]LXX, Vulg; MT *son* [v]LXX; MT *and she conceived*

Ishbah, Eshtemoa's father. [18]His Judean wife gave birth to Jered, Gedor's father; Heber, Soco's father; and Jekuthiel, Zanoah's father.

This is the family of Bithiah, Pharaoh's daughter, whom Mered married. [19]The family of his Judean wife,[w] the sister of Naham, Keilah's father the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

[20]Shimon's family: Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon.

Ishi's family: Zoheth and Benzoheth.

[21]The family of Shelah, Judah's son: Er, Lecah's father; Laadah, Mareshah's father; the clans of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea; [22]Jokim; the men of Cozeba; Joash; and Saraph, who married into[x] Moab but returned to Bethlehem[y] (the records are ancient). [23]They were the potters who lived in Netaim and Gederah; they lived there with the king in his service.

Simeon's line

[24]Simeon's family: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul, [25]his son Shallum, his son Mibsam, and his son Mishma. [26]Mishma's family: his son Hammuel, his son Zaccur, and his son Shimei. [27]Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers didn't have many children, and none of their clans became as numerous as the Judeans.

[28]They lived in Beer-sheba, Moladah, Hazar-shual, [29]Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad, [30]Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag, [31]Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and Shaaraim. These were their towns until David became king. [32]Their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan—five towns—[33]as well as all their villages around these towns as far as Baal. These were their settlements, and they kept their own family records:

[34]Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah, [35]Joel, Jehu son of Joshibiah son of Seraiah son of Asiel, [36]Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah, [37]and Ziza son of Shiphi son of Allon son of Jedaiah son of Shimri son of Shemaiah. [38]These mentioned by name were leaders in their clans, and their households increased greatly.

[39]They went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as the east side of the valley, to find pasture for their flocks. [40]They found fertile pasture, and the land was spacious, quiet, and peaceful; the people of Ham used to live there. [41]These whose names were recorded, however, came in the days of Judah's King Hezekiah, attacked their tents and the Meunim[z] found there, and completely destroyed them, as can be seen today. They settled in their place, because there was pasture there for their flocks. [42]Some of them, five hundred Simeonites, went to Mount Seir, led by Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, Ishi's sons. [43]They struck down those who were left of the Amalekites and have lived there ever since.

4:24-43 Gn 46:10

5:1-10 Gn 46:8, 9

Lines of Reuben, Gad, and East Manasseh

5 The family of Reuben, Israel's oldest son: he was actually the oldest, but when he dishonored his father's bed his birthright[a] was given to the family of Joseph, Israel's son, so Reuben isn't listed as the oldest in the records. [2]Although Judah became the strongest among his brothers and a leader came from him, the birthright belonged to Joseph.

[3]The family of Reuben, Israel's oldest son: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

[4]Joel's family: his son Shemaiah, his son Gog, his son Shimei, [5]his son Micah, his son Reaiah, his son Baal, [6]and his son Beerah, whom Assyria's King Tilgath-pilneser carried away into exile. He was a chief of the Reubenites. [7]His relatives, by their[b] clans

[w]LXX; MT *the wife of Hodiah* [x]Or *ruled over* [y]Cf Tg, Vulg; MT *Lehem returned* [z]Qere; Kethib *Meinim* [a]Or *oldest son's rights* [b]LXX[L], Syr; MT *his*

when their genealogy was listed in the records, were: Jeiel the first; Zechariah; [8]and Bela, Azaz's son, Shema's grandson, and Joel's great-grandson.

They lived in Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal-meon. [9]They also settled in the east as far as the edge of the desert that stretches to the Euphrates River, because their livestock had increased in the land of Gilead. [10]In Saul's days they waged war on the Hagrites, whom they defeated. So they lived in their tents throughout the entire region east of Gilead.

[11]Gad's family lived opposite them in the land of Bashan as far as Salecah: [12]Joel was the first, Shapham the second, and Janai governed[c] Bashan.

[13]Their relatives according to their households: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber—seven in all.

[14]This was the family of Abihail son of Huri son of Jaroah son of Gilead son of Michael son of Jeshishai son of Jahdo son of Buz. [15]Ahi, Abdiel's son and Guni's grandson, was the head of their household.

[16]They lived in Gilead, in Bashan and in its towns, and as far as the boundaries of all the open lands of Sharon. [17]They were all listed in the records in the days of Judah's King Jotham and Israel's King Jeroboam. [18]The Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh were warriors who carried shield and sword, drew the bow, and were trained for war—44,760 ready for military service. [19]When they waged war on the Hagrites (the Jeturites, the Naphishites, and the Nodabites), [20]they received help against them. The Hagrites and all who were with them were handed over to them, because they cried out to God in battle. God granted their prayer because they trusted in him. [21]They seized their livestock: 50,000 of their camels, 250,000 sheep and goats, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 captives. [22]Many died, because God fought the battle. They lived there in place of the inhabitants until the exile.

5:11-17 Gn 46:16
5:26a 2Ki 15:19
6:1 Gn 46:11

[23]The members of half the tribe of Manasseh lived in the land from Bashan to Baal-hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon. They were very numerous.

[24]These were the heads of their households:

Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel—mighty warriors, famous men, heads of their households.

[25]But they were unfaithful to the God of their ancestors and faithlessly followed the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them. [26]As a result, Israel's God stirred up the spirit of Assyria's King Pul, otherwise known as Assyria's King Tilgath-pilneser, who led the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh into exile, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the Gozan River, where they remain to this day.

High priests

6 [d]Levi's family: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

[2]Kohath's family: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

[3]Amram's family: Aaron, Moses, and Miriam.

Aaron's family: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

[4]Eleazar was the father of Phinehas, Phinehas of Abishua, [5]Abishua of Bukki, Bukki of Uzzi, [6]Uzzi of Zerahiah, Zerahiah of Meraioth, [7]Meraioth of Amariah, Amariah of Ahitub, [8]Ahitub of Zadok, Zadok of Ahimaaz, [9]Ahimaaz of Azariah, Azariah of Johanan, [10]and Johanan of Azariah. He was the one who served as priest in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem.

[11]Azariah was the father of Amariah, Amariah of Ahitub, [12]Ahitub of Zadok, Zadok of Shallum, [13]Shallum of Hilkiah, Hilkiah of Azariah, [14]Azariah of Seraiah, and Seraiah of

[c]LXX, Tg; MT *Shaphatin* [d]5:27 in Heb

Jehozadak. [15] Jehozadak went away when the LORD caused Judah and Jerusalem to be exiled by Nebuchadnezzar.

Levites

[16] [e] Levi's family: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

[17] These are the names of Gershom's family: Libni and Shimei.

[18] Kohath's family: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

[19] Merari's family: Mahli and Mushi.

These are the Levites' clans according to their fathers:

[20] Of Gershom: his son Libni, his son Jahath, his son Zimmah, [21] his son Joah, his son Iddo, his son Zerah, and his son Jeatherai.

[22] Kohath's family: his son Amminadab, his son Korah, his son Assir, [23] his son Elkanah, his son Ebiasaph, his son Assir, [24] his son Tahath, his son Uriel, his son Uzziah, and his son Shaul.

[25] Elkanah's family: Amasai and Ahimoth, [26] his son Elkanah, [f] his son Zophai, his son Nahath, [27] his son Eliab, his son Jeroham, and his son Elkanah.

[28] Samuel's family: the oldest Joel, [g] and the second Abijah.

[29] Merari's family: Mahli, his son Libni, his son Shimei, his son Uzzah, [30] his son Shimea, his son Haggiah, and his son Asaiah.

Levitical singers

[31] David put the following in charge of the music in the LORD's house after the chest was placed there. [32] They ministered with song before the dwelling of the meeting tent, until Solomon built the LORD's temple in Jerusalem. They carried out their usual duties. [33] Those who served and their families were:

Kohath's family: Heman the singer, son of Joel son of Samuel [34] son of Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Eliel son of Toah [35] son of Zuph son of Elkanah son of Mahath son of Amasai [36] son of Elkanah son of Joel son of Azariah son of Zephaniah [37] son of Tahath son of Assir son of Ebiasaph son of Korah [38] son of Izhar son of Kohath son of Levi son of Israel. [39] His relative was Asaph, who stood on his right, that is, Asaph son of Berechiah son of Shimea [40] son of Michael son of Baaseiah son of Malchijah [41] son of Ethni son of Zerah son of Adaiah [42] son of Ethan son of Zimmah son of Shimei [43] son of Jahath son of Gershom son of Levi.

[44] On the left were their relatives, Merari's family: Ethan son of Kishi son of Abdi son of Malluch [45] son of Hashabiah son of Amaziah son of Hilkiah [46] son of Amzi son of Bani son of Shemer [47] son of Mahli son of Mushi son of Merari son of Levi. [48] Their relatives the Levites were dedicated to all the services of the dwelling for God's house.

Priests from Aaron's line

[49] Aaron and his sons sacrificed on the altar for entirely burned offerings and on the altar for incense, doing all the work of the holiest place, to make reconciliation for Israel, just as Moses, God's servant, had commanded.

[50] This was Aaron's family: his son Eleazar, his son Phinehas, his son Abishua, [51] his son Bukki, his son Uzzi, his son Zerahiah, [52] his son Meraioth, his son Amariah, his son Ahitub, [53] his son Zadok, and his son Ahimaaz.

Levitical cities

[54] These are the places they lived by their camps within their territory. To Aaron's family from the Kohathite clan, as chosen by lot, [55] they gave Hebron in the land of Judah with its surrounding pasturelands. [56] But the city's fields and its settlements they gave to Caleb, Jephunneh's son. [57] To Aaron's family they gave the refuge cities: He-

6:22 Ex 6:24
6:34 1Sa 1:1; 1Ch 6:27
6:35 1Sa 1:1; 1Ch 6:25-26
6:36 1Ch 6:25
6:37 Ex 6:24; 1Ch 6:23
6:38 Ex 6:18, Ex 6:21
6:44 1Ch 15:17
6:54-81 Josh 21:1-42

[e] 6:1 in Heb [f] LXX; MT repeats *Elkanah*. [g] LXX, Syr; MT lacks *Joel*.

bron, Libnah with its pasturelands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands, [58]Hilen[h] with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands, [59]Ashan with its pasturelands, Juttah with its pasturelands,[i] and Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands. [60]From Benjamin's tribe: Gibeon with its pasturelands,[j] Geba with its pasturelands, Alemeth with its pasturelands, and Anathoth with its pasturelands. They had thirteen towns within their clan.

[61]The remaining Kohathites were given ten towns by lot from the clan of half the tribe of Manasseh. [62]The Gershomites received by lot according to their clans thirteen towns from the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Manasseh in Bashan. [63]The Merarites received by lot according to their clans twelve towns from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun. [64]In this way the Israelites gave the Levites the towns with their pasturelands. [65]They gave these towns, which they designated by name, by lot from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin.

[66]Some of the Kohathite clans had towns of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim. [67]They gave them refuge cities: Shechem with its pasturelands in the Ephraimite highlands, Gezer with its pasturelands, [68]Jokmeam with its pasturelands, Beth-horon with its pasturelands, [69]Aijalon with its pasturelands, Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands; [70]and from half the tribe of Manasseh, Taanach[k] with its pasturelands, and Bileam with its pasturelands, for the Kohathite clans who remained.

[71]To the Gershomites from the clan of half the tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands and Ashtaroth with its pasturelands; [72]from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its pasturelands and Daberath with its pasturelands, [73]Ramoth with its pasturelands and Anem with its pasturelands; [74]from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasturelands, Abdon

7:1-5 Gn 46:13
7:6-12 Gn 46:21; 1Ch 8:1-28

with its pasturelands, and [75]Helkath[l] with its pasturelands and Rehob with its pasturelands; [76]and from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, Hammon with its pasturelands, and Kiriathaim with its pasturelands. [77]To the remaining Merarites from the tribe of Zebulun: Jokneam with its pasturelands,[m] Rimmon[n] with its pasturelands, Tabor with its pasturelands, and Nahalal with its pasturelands;[o] [78]on the other side of the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the desert with its pasturelands, Jahzah with its pasturelands, [79]Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands; [80]and from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, Mahanaim with its pasturelands, [81]Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer with its pasturelands.

Issachar's line

7 Issachar's family: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron—four in all.

[2]Tola's family: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Shemuel—the heads of their households in Tola's line, mighty warriors of their generations. In David's time they numbered 22,600.

[3]Uzzi's family: Izrahiah; and Izrahiah's family—Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah—five in all, and all of them leaders. [4]According to the family records of their households, they had 36,000 troops in the units of their fighting force, since they had many wives and children. [5]Their relatives from all of Issachar's clans were 87,000 mighty warriors, all listed in the family records.

Lines of Benjamin and Naphtali

[6]Benjamin's family:[p] Bela, Becher, and Jediael—three in all.

[h]LXX, cf Josh 15:51; MT *Hilez* [i]LXX, Syr, cf Josh 21:16; MT lacks *Juttah.* [j]Cf Josh 21:17; MT lacks *Gibeon.* [k]Cf Josh 21:25; MT *Aner* [l]Cf Josh 21:31; MT *Hukkok* [m]Cf Josh 21:34; MT lacks *Jokneam.* [n]LXX; MT *Rimmono* [o]Cf Josh 21:35; MT lacks *Nahalal.* [p]LXX; MT lacks *family.*

7 Bela's family: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri—five heads of households, mighty warriors; 22,034 were listed in their family records.
8 Becher's family: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. These were all Becher's family. 9 As listed in their family records by generation, as heads of their households, mighty warriors, there were 22,200.
10 Jediael's family: Bilhan.
Bilhan's family: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar. 11 All these were Jediael's family, heads of their households, and mighty warriors. There were 17,200 ready for battle.
12 The Shuppites and Huppites were Ir's family, and the Hushites were Aher's family.
13 Naphtali's family: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum. These were Bilhah's family.

Manasseh's line

14 Manasseh's family: Asriel, to whom his Aramean secondary wife gave birth. She gave birth to Machir, Gilead's father. 15 Machir married Huppite and Shuppite women. His sister's name was Maacah. The second descendant's name was Zelophehad, who had only daughters.
16 Machir's wife Maacah gave birth to a son and named him Peresh. His brother's name was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rekem.
17 Ulam's family: Bedan.
This was the family of Gilead, Machir's son and Manasseh's grandson. 18 His sister Hammolecheth gave birth to Ishhod, Abiezer, Mahlah, and Shemida.[q] 19 The members of Shemida's family were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

Ephraim's line

20 Ephraim's family: Shuthelah, his son Bered, his son Tahath, his son Eleadah, his son Tahath, 21 his son Zabad, his son Shuthelah, and Ezer and Elead. The men of Gath, who were born in the land, killed them when they came down to take their cattle. 22 Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.
23 Ephraim had sex with his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. He named him Beriah, because misfortune had come to his house.
24 His daughter was Sheerah. She built both Lower and Upper Bethhoron and Uzzen-sheerah. 25 His son was Rephah, his son[r] Resheph, his son Telah, his son Tahan, 26 his son Ladan, his son Ammihud, his son Elishama, 27 his son Nun, and his son Joshua. 28 Their possessions and settlements were Bethel and its towns, to the east Naaran, and to the west Gezer and its towns, and Shechem and its towns as far as Ayyah and its towns. 29 Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, and Dor and its towns were under Manassite authority. The family of Joseph, Israel's son, lived in them.

Asher's line

30 Asher's family: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah.
31 Beriah's family: Heber and Malchiel, who was Birzaith's father.
32 Heber was the father of Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and their sister Shua.
33 Japhlet's family: Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. This is Japhlet's family.
34 Shemer's family: Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.
35 His brother Helem's family: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.
36 Zophah's family: Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah, 37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.
38 Jether's family: Jephunneh, Pispa, and Ara.

7:13 Gn 46:24
7:19 Josh 17:2
7:20 Gn 41:52; Nm 26:35-36
7:22 Gn 37:34; Job 2:11
7:30-40 Gn 46:17

[q] Cf 7:19, Josh 17:2; MT lacks *and Shemida.* [r] MT lacks *his son.*

39 Ulla's family: Arah, Hanniel,
and Rizia.
40 All these were Asher's family,
heads of households, select mighty
warriors, the heads of the princes.
Those ready for battle listed in the
records numbered 26,000.

Benjamin's line

8 Benjamin was the father of Bela
his oldest son, Ashbel his second
son, Aharah the third, 2 Nohah the
fourth, and Rapha the fifth.
3 Bela had a family: Addar, Gera,
Abihud, 4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,
5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.
6 This was Ehud's family. They
were heads of households of the in-
habitants of Geba, who were sent
into exile to Manahath. 7 Gera[s] sent
them into exile and was the father
of Uzza and Ahihud.
8 Shaharaim had children in the
country of Moab after he divorced
his wives Hushim and Baara. 9 He
had children with his wife Hodesh:
Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, 10 Jeuz,
Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his
sons, heads of households. 11 He also
had children with Hushim: Abitub
and Elpaal.
12 Elpaal's family: Eber, Misham,
Shemed, who built Ono and Lod
with its towns, 13 Beriah, and Shema.
They were heads of households of
the inhabitants of Aijalon, who
drove out the inhabitants of Gath.
14 Their brothers[t] were Shashak and
Jeremoth.
15 Beriah's family: Zebadiah, Arad,
Eder, 16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha.
17 Elpaal's family: Zebadiah, Me-
shullam, Hizki, Heber, 18 Ishmerai,
Izliah, and Jobab.
19 Shimei's family: Jakim, Zichri,
Zabdi, 20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,
21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath.
22 Shashak's family: Ishpan, Eber,
Eliel, 23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan, 24 Ha-
naniah, Omri,[u] Elam, Anthothijah,
25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel.

8:34 2Sa 4:4, 2Sa 9:12
9:1b 2Ki 25:21b
9:2-34 Neh 11:1-19

26 Jeroham's family: Shamsherai,
Shehariah, Athaliah, 27 Jaareshiah,
Elijah, and Zichri.
28 These were the heads of house-
holds, in their generations. They
were leaders who lived in Jerusalem.
29 Jeiel,[v] Gibeon's father, lived in
Gibeon. His wife's name was Maacah;
30 his oldest son was Abdon, then Zur,
Kish, Baal, Ner,[w] Nadab, 31 Gedor,
Ahio, Zecher, and Mikloth.
32 Mikloth was the father of
Shimeah. These also lived near their
relatives in Jerusalem.[x]
33 Ner was the father of Kish, Kish
was the father of Saul, and Saul was
the father of Jonathan, Malchishua,
Abinadab, and Esh-baal.
34 Jonathan's son was Merib-baal,
and Merib-baal was Micah's father.
35 Micah's family: Pithon, Melech,
Tarea, and Ahaz.
36 Ahaz was the father of Jeho-
addah; Jehoaddah was the father
of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri;
and Zimri was the father of Moza.
37 Moza was the father of Binea; his
son was Raphah, his son Eleasah,
and his son Azel. 38 Azel had six
sons, named Azrikam, his oldest,[y]
Ishmael, Sheariah, Azariah,[z] Oba-
diah, and Hanan. All these were in
Azel's family.
39 His brother Eshek's family:
Ulam his oldest, Jeush the second,
and Eliphelet the third. 40 Ulam's
family were mighty warriors and
archers, having many children and
grandchildren—150 in all and all
were Benjaminites.
9 So all Israel was listed in the official
records of Israel's kings.

Restored Jerusalem community

Judah was carried into exile in Bab-
ylon because of their unfaithfulness.
2 The first to resettle their property in
their towns were the Israelite people,
the priests, the Levites, and the temple
servants. 3 Those settling in Jerusalem

[s] MT *Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera* [t] LXX; MT *Ahio* [u] LXX; MT lacks *Omri.* [v] LXX; MT lacks *Jeiel.* [w] LXX; MT lacks *Ner.* [x] Syr; MT adds *with their relatives.* [y] LXX, Tg; MT *Bocheru* [z] LXX; MT lacks *Azariah.*

included some from Judah, some from Benjamin, and some from Ephraim and Manasseh:

Judah and Benjamin

[4]Uthai son of Ammihud son of Omri son of Imri son of Bani from the family of Perez, Judah's son.

[5]From the Shilonites: Asaiah the oldest son and his family.

[6]From Zerah's family: Jeuel and their relatives—690 in all.

[7]From Benjamin's family: Sallu son of Meshullam son of Hodaviah son of Senaah;[a] [8]Ibneiah, Jeroham's son; Elah son of Uzzi son of Michri; Meshullam son of Shephatiah son of Reuel son of Ibnijah; [9]and their relatives in their line of descent—956 in all. All of these were heads of their households.

Priests and Levites

[10]From the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin, [11]and Azariah son of Hilkiah son of Meshullam son of Zadok son of Meraioth son of Ahitub the leader of God's house; [12]Adaiah son of Jeroham son of Pashhur son of Malchijah; Maasai son of Adiel son of Jahzerah son of Meshullam son of Meshillemith son of Immer; [13]and their relatives, heads of their households, 1,760 capable men for the religious work of God's house.

[14]From the Levites: Shemaiah son of Hasshub son of Azrikam son of Hashabiah, from Merari's family; [15]Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah son of Mica son of Zichri son of Asaph; [16]Obadiah son of Shemaiah son of Galal son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah son of Asa son of Elkanah, who lived in the settlements of the Netophathites.

Gatekeepers

[17]The gatekeepers: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, and Ahiman. Their brother Shallum was the leader, [18]stationed until now in the King's Gate on the east side. These were the gatekeepers belonging to the Levites' camp.

[19]Shallum, Kore's son, Ebiasaph's grandson, and Korah's great-grandson, and his relatives belonging to his household, the Korahites, served as gatekeepers at the tent's entrances, as their ancestors had been gatekeepers at the entrance to the LORD's camp.

[20]Phinehas, Eleazar's son, the LORD be with him, was their leader in former times.

[21]Zechariah, Meshelemiah's son, was gatekeeper at the meeting tent's entrance.

[22]All those selected as gatekeepers at the entrances were two hundred twelve. They were listed in the family records by their settlements. David and Samuel the seer assigned them to their trusted position. [23]So they and their descendants were the gatekeepers guarding the LORD's house, that is, the tent.[b] [24]The gatekeepers were on the four sides: east, west, north, and south. [25]Their relatives came in from their settlements, from time to time, to assist them for a period of seven days. [26]Due to their trustworthiness, the four master gatekeepers, who were Levites, were in charge of the rooms and the treasuries of God's house. [27]They would spend the night patrolling God's house since they had guard duty and were responsible for unlocking it every morning. [28]Some of them were responsible for the worship objects; they counted them when they were brought in and taken out. [29]Others were appointed over the furniture, the holy equipment, the flour, wine, oil, incense, and spices. [30]Some of the priests blended the ointment for the spices; [31]and Mattithiah, one of the Levites, the oldest son of Shallum the Korahite, was entrusted with baking the flat cakes. [32]Also some of their Kohathite relatives were responsible

9:22 1Sa 9:9

[a]LXX; MT *Hassenuah* [b]Or *house of the tent*

for preparing the stacks of bread for each Sabbath. [33]The singers were the heads of the households of the Levites. They lived in temple rooms and were free from other service because they were on duty day and night. [34]These were the heads of the households of the Levites, according to descent. They lived in Jerusalem.

10:1-14 1Sa 31:1-13
11:1-3 2Sa 5:1-3

Saul's family

[35]Jeiel, Gibeon's father, lived in Gibeon. His wife's name was Maacah. [36]His oldest son was Abdon, followed by Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, [37]Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth. [38]Mikloth was the father of Shimeam. They too lived near their relatives in Jerusalem.[c] [39]Ner was the father of Kish, Kish of Saul, Saul of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

[40]Jonathan's son was Merib-baal, and Merib-baal was the father of Micah.

[41]Micah's family were Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.[d]

[42]Ahaz was the father of Jarah; and Jarah of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri.

Zimri was the father of Moza. [43]Moza was the father of Binea; Rephaiah was his son, Eleasah was his son, and Azel was his son. [44]Azel had six sons whose names were Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. This was Azel's family.

Saul's death

10 When the Philistines attacked the Israelites, the Israelites ran away from the Philistines, and many fell dead on Mount Gilboa. [2]The Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua. [3]The battle was fierce around Saul, and when the archers located him, he trembled in fear. [4]Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and kill me with it! Otherwise, these uncircumcised men will come and kill me or torture me." But his armor-bearer refused because he was terrified. So Saul took the sword and impaled himself on it. [5]When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also impaled himself on his sword and died with Saul. [6]So Saul and his three sons died; his whole household died together. [7]When all the Israelites who were in the valley saw that the army had run away and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their towns and fled. So the Philistines came to live in them.

[8]The next day when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his sons lying dead on Mount Gilboa. [9]They stripped him, carried off his head and armor, and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines to spread the news to their idols and to the people. [10]They placed his armor in their god's temple and displayed his skull on a pole in the temple of Dagon.

[11]When all the people of Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, [12]all their warriors arose and recovered the corpses of Saul and his sons. They brought them back to Jabesh, buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted for seven days.

[13]Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD and hadn't followed the LORD's word. He even consulted a medium for guidance. [14]He didn't consult the LORD, so the LORD killed him and gave the kingdom to David, Jesse's son.

All Israel makes David king

11 All the Israelites gathered around David at Hebron. "We're your own flesh and blood," they said. [2]"In the past, even when Saul ruled over us, you were the one who led Israel. The LORD your God told you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become a leader over my people Israel.'" [3]So all of Israel's elders came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with

[c]Heb adds *with their relatives*. [d]Cf 8:35; MT lacks *Ahaz*.

them before the LORD. They anointed David to make him king over Israel, just as the LORD had promised through Samuel.

David captures Jerusalem

[4]Then David and all Israel marched to Jerusalem, that is, Jebus, where the Jebusites lived. [5]The people who lived in Jebus told David, "You'll never get in here!"

But David captured the mountain fortress of Zion, which became David's City. [6]David had said, "The first one to kill a Jebusite will become commander in chief!" Joab, Zeruiah's son, was the first to attack and so became commander in chief. [7]David occupied the fortress, so it was renamed David's City. [8]He also built up the city on all sides, including its own foundations and the surrounding areas, while Joab restored the rest of the city. [9]David grew increasingly powerful, and the LORD of heavenly forces was with him.

David and his warriors

[10]These are the commanders of David's warriors who continued to support him while he was king. Together with all Israel, they made him king, as the LORD had promised Israel. [11]This is the list of David's warriors:

Jashobeam, a Hacmonite, was commander of the Thirty. He raised his spear against eight hundred, killing them on a single occasion.

[12]Next in command came Eleazar, Dodo's son the Ahohite, who was one of the three warriors. [13]He was with David at Pas-dammim. The Philistines were gathered there for battle, where part of a field was full of barley. When the people ran away from the Philistines, [14]he and David stood in the middle of the field, held their ground, and defeated the Philistines. So the LORD achieved a great victory.

[15]Three of the thirty commanders went down from the rock to David at the fortress[e] of Adullam, while the army of the Philistines camped in the Rephaim Valley. [16]At that time David was in the fortress, and a Philistine fort was in Bethlehem. [17]David had a craving and said, "If only someone could give me a drink of water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem." [18]So the three warriors broke through the Philistine camp and drew water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem and brought it back to David. But he refused to drink it and poured it out to the LORD.

[19]"God forbid that I should do that," he said. "Isn't this the blood of men who risked their lives?" So he refused to drink it. Since they had brought it at the risk of their lives, David refused to drink it.

These were the kinds of things the three warriors did.

[20]Abishai, Joab's brother, was chief of the Thirty.[f] He raised his spear against the three hundred men he had slain, but he wasn't considered one of the Three. [21]He was the most famous of the Thirty. He became their commander, but he wasn't among the Three.

[22]Benaiah, Jehoiada's son from Kabzeel, was a hero who performed great deeds. He killed two of Moab's leaders,[g] and on a snowy day went down into a pit where he killed a lion. [23]He also killed an Egyptian seven and a half feet tall, who was holding a spear like a weaver's beam. Benaiah went down to him with a club, grabbed the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with it. [24]These were the exploits of Benaiah, Jehoiada's son; he wasn't considered one of the three warriors. [25]He was famous among the Thirty, but didn't become one of the Three. David placed him in command of his own bodyguard.

[26]The mighty warriors:
Asahel, Joab's brother;
Elhanan, Dodo's son from
Bethlehem;
[27]Shammoth from Haror;
Helez from Pelon;
[28]Ira, Ikkesh's son from Tekoa;
Abiezer from Anathoth;

11:4 Josh 15:8; Jgs 1:21; 2Sa 5:6; 1Ch 11:5
11:4-9 2Sa 5:6-10
11:5 2Sa 5:9, 2Sa 6:12; 1Ki 8:1; 1Ch 11:7; 2Ch 5:2
11:6 2Sa 8:16
11:9 2Sa 3:1, 2Sa 5:10
11:10, 11 2Sa 23:8
11:12 2Sa 23:9, 10
11:13, 14 2Sa 23:11, 12
11:15-19 2Sa 5:18, 2Sa 23:13-17; 1Ch 14:9
11:16 1Sa 10:5
11:20, 21 1Sa 23:18, 19
11:22-25 2Sa 23:20-23
11:26-47 2Sa 23:24-39

[e]Or *cave*; cf 2 Sam 23:14 [f]Syr; MT *three* [g]Heb *Ariel*

[29] Sibbecai the Hushathite;
Ilai from Ahoh;
[30] Maharai from Netophah;
Heled, Baanah's son from
Netophah;
[31] Ithai, Ribai's son from Gibeah
of the Benjaminites;
Benaiah from Pirathon;
[32] Hurai from the Gaash ravines;
Abiel the Arbathite;
[33] Azmaveth from Baharum;
Eliahba from Shaalbon;
[34] Hashem[h] the Gizonite;
Jonathan, Shagee's son
from Harar;
[35] Ahiam, Sachar's son from Harar;
Eliphal, Ur's son;
[36] Hepher the Mecherathite;
Ahijah the Pelonite;
[37] Hezro from Carmel;
Naarai, Ezbai's son;
[38] Joel, Nathan's brother;
Mibhar, Hagri's son;
[39] Zelek the Ammonite;
Naharai from Beeroth, Zeruiah's
son and the armor-bearer
for Joab;
[40] Ira from Ither;
Gareb from Ither;
[41] Uriah the Hittite;
Zabad, Ahlai's son;
[42] Adina son of Shiza the Reubenite,
a leader of the Reubenites,
and thirty with him;
[43] Hanan, Maacah's son;
Joshaphat the Mithnite;
[44] Uzzia the Ashterathite;
Shama and Jeiel
the sons of Hotham the Aroerite;
[45] Jediael, Shimri's son,
and his brother Joha the Tizite;
[46] Eliel the Mahavite;
Jeribai and Joshaviah,
Elnaam's sons;
Ithmah the Moabite;
[47] Eliel, Obed,
and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

David's desert army

12 The following persons came to David at Ziklag while he was banished from the presence of Saul, Kish's son. They were some of the warriors who helped him in battle, [2] armed with bows, and they could use either hand to shoot arrows or sling stones. They were Saul's relatives from Benjamin:

[3] Ahiezer was the leader, then Joash, both Shemaah's sons from Gibeah; Jeziel and Pelet, Azmaveth's sons; Beracah; Jehu of Anathoth; [4] Ishmaiah from Gibeon, a warrior in the Thirty and a leader over the Thirty;[i] Jeremiah; Jahaziel; Johanan; Jozabad from Gederah; [5][j] Eluzai; Jerimoth; Bealiah; Shemariah; Shephatiah the Haruphite; [6] Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam the Korahites; [7] Joelah; and Zebadiah, Jeroham's son from Gedor.

[8] Some left Gad to join David at the desert fortress, brave warriors trained for battle, armed with shield and spear, who looked like lions and who were swift as gazelles on the mountains: [9] Ezer the leader, Obadiah second, Eliab third, [10] Mishmannah fourth, Jeremiah fifth, [11] Attai sixth, Eliel seventh, [12] Johanan eighth, Elzabad ninth, [13] Jeremiah tenth, Machbannai eleventh.

[14] These Gadites were military officers, the least of them ready to fight a hundred and the greatest a thousand. [15] These are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it was overflowing all its banks, and chased away everyone living in the valleys to the east and the west.

[16] Some Benjaminites and Judahites also came to David at the fortress. [17] David went out to meet them and said to them, "If you've come to me with good intentions in order to help me, then we will join forces. But if you've come to betray me to my enemies, though I've done no wrong, then may our ancestors' God see it and punish you."

[18] Then a spirit took hold of Amasai, the leader of the Thirty:

David, we are yours;
and on your side, Jesse's son!
May it go very well for you,

12:2 Jgs 3:15, Jgs 20:16; 1Ch 8:40, 1Ch 12:1, 1Ch 12:16
12:17 1Sa 18:1, 1Sa 18:3, 1Sa 24:11; 2Sa 3:20
12:18 Jgs 3:10, Jgs 6:34; 1Sa 25:5-6; 2Sa 17:25

[h] MT *the family of Hashem* [i] 12:5 in Heb [j] 12:6 in Heb

and may it go well for whoever
helps you!
Yes, your God has helped you.
Then David received them, and put them at the head of his troops.

19 Some of the Manassites also joined David when he came with the Philistines for the battle against Saul. But he[k] didn't help them, because after considering the matter, the Philistine rulers sent him away. "He'll rejoin his master Saul," they said, "and it will cost us our heads." 20 When he went to Ziklag some joined him from Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, leaders of units of a thousand in Manasseh. 21 They helped David against the raiding bands because they were all warriors and officers in the army. 22 Reinforcements came to David daily until there was an army as mighty as God's army.

23 These are the numbers of the commanders of those armed for battle who came to David in Hebron to make sure he took over Saul's kingdom, according to the LORD's word:

24 from Judah, carrying shield and spear, 6,800 troops armed for battle;
25 from Simeon, mighty warriors, 7,100;
26 from Levi, 4,600;
27 also Jehoiada, leader of Aaron's line, and with him 3,700;
28 and Zadok, a young man, a mighty warrior, and 22 officers from his household;
29 from Benjamin, Saul's relatives, 3,000, most of whom had been loyal to Saul's household;
30 from Ephraim, 20,800, mighty warriors, famous in their households;
31 from half the tribe of Manasseh, 18,000, designated by name to come and make David king;
32 from Issachar, those who understood the times and what Israel should do, 200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command;
33 from Zebulun, 50,000 experienced troops, armed for battle with all the weapons of war, to help with undivided loyalty;
34 from Naphtali, 1,000 officers, as well as 37,000 armed with shield and spear;
35 from Dan, 28,600 armed for battle;
36 from Asher, 40,000 experienced troops armed for battle;
37 from the other side of the Jordan, the Reubenites, Gadites, and the other half of the tribe of Manasseh, 120,000 armed with all the weapons of war.

38 All these men of war, armed[l] for battle, came to Hebron determined to make David king over all Israel, and all the rest of Israel were fully agreed to make David king. 39 They were there with David for three days, eating and drinking, while their relatives provided food for them. 40 Even their neighbors from as far away as Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali were bringing food by donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen. There was an abundance of flour, fig cakes, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, oxen, and sheep, because Israel was joyful.

12:38 Josh 10:36, Josh 14:14; 2Sa 2:1, 2Sa 5:1; 1Ch 12:33

13:1-14 2Sa 6:1-11

David's first attempt to move the chest

13 After consulting with the captains of the units of a thousand and a hundred, in fact with every leader, 2 David said to the entire Israelite assembly: "If you approve, and if the LORD our God agrees, let's spread the word to the rest of our relatives in all the regions of Israel, including the priests and Levites in their cities with pasturelands. Let's ask them to join us 3 so that we may bring the chest of our God back to us, because we didn't look for it in Saul's days." 4 The whole assembly agreed to do so, because all the people thought it was the right thing to do.

5 So David assembled all Israel, from

[k] LXX; MT *they* [l] LXX; MT *helpers*

the border[m] of Egypt to Lebo-hamath
in order to bring up God's chest from
Kiriath-jearim. [6]Then David and all Is-
rael went up toward Baalah, to Kiriath-
jearim, which belongs to Judah, to
bring up from there the chest of God,
the LORD, who sits enthroned on the
winged creatures, where he is called
by name.[n] [7]They moved God's chest
on a new cart from Abinadab's house.
Uzzah and Ahio were guiding the cart,
[8]while David and all Israel celebrated
in God's presence with all their strength,
accompanied by songs, zithers, harps,
tambourines, cymbals, and trum-
pets. [9]When they came to Chidon's
threshing floor, Uzzah reached out to
the chest and grabbed it because the
oxen had stumbled. [10]But the LORD
became angry with Uzzah and struck
him because he had placed his hand
on the chest. He died right there be-
fore God. [11]David was angry that the
LORD lashed out at Uzzah; and so that
place is still called Perez-uzzah today.
[12]David was frightened by God that
day. "How will I ever bring God's chest
home to me?" he asked. [13]So David
didn't take the chest away with him to
David's City. Instead, he had it put in
the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
[14]God's chest stayed with Obed-edom's
household for three months, and the
LORD blessed Obed-edom's household
and all that he had.

David's kingship established in Jerusalem

14 Tyre's King Hiram sent messen-
gers to David with cedar logs,
bricklayers, and carpenters to build
David a palace. [2]Then David knew that
the LORD had established him as king
over Israel, and that his kingship was
held in great honor for the sake of his
people Israel. [3]David married more
secondary wives in Jerusalem and fa-
thered more sons and daughters. [4]The
names of his children in Jerusalem
were as follows: Shammua, Shobab,
Nathan, Solomon, [5]Ibhar, Elishua,
Elpelet, [6]Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, [7]El-
ishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

13:6 Ex 25:22; Josh 15:9; 2Sa 6:2; 2Ki 19:15
13:8 2Sa 6:5; 1Ch 15:16, 1Ch 15:28, 1Ch 16:5, 1Ch 25:1
14:1, 2 2Sa 5:11, 12
14:3-7 2Sa 5:13-16; 1Ch 3:5-9
14:8 2Sa 5:17
14:9 2Sa 5:18, 2Sa 23:13-17; 1Ch 11:15-19
14:10-12 2Sa 5:19-21
14:13-17 2Sam 5:22-25
15:1-16:3 2Sa 6:12-19

David defeats the Philistines

[8]When the Philistines heard that
David had been anointed king over
all Israel, they all marched up to find
him. David heard this and went out
to confront them. [9]The Philistines
had invaded and were plundering the
Rephaim Valley. [10]David asked God for
advice: "Should I attack the Philistines,
and will you hand them over to me?"

The LORD answered, "Attack them,
and I'll definitely hand them over
to you."

[11]So they marched up to Baal-perazim,
and David defeated them there. "By my
strength," David exclaimed, "God has
burst out against my enemies, the way
water bursts out." That's why the place
is called Baal-perazim.[o] [12]The Philistines
left their divine images behind, and
David ordered them burned.

[13]When the Philistines plundered
the valley a second time, [14]David again
asked God's advice, but God answered,
"Don't attack them directly. Circle
around behind them and come at them
from in front of the balsam trees. [15]As
soon as you hear the sound of march-
ing in the tops of the trees, then at-
tack, for God has attacked in front
of you to defeat the Philistine army."
[16]David followed God's orders exactly,
and they defeated the Philistine army
from Gibeon all the way to Gezer. [17]Da-
vid's fame spread throughout all lands,
and the LORD made all the nations
fear him.

David prepares to bring the chest to Jerusalem

15 After he had built houses for
himself in David's City, David
prepared a place for God's chest and
pitched a tent for it. [2]David said, "Only
the Levites may carry God's chest, be-
cause the LORD has chosen them to
carry the LORD's chest and to minister
to him forever."

[m]Heb *Shikhor, river*; cf Josh 15:4; 1 Kgs 8:65; 2 Chron 7:8 [n]Heb uncertain [o]Or *master of outbursts*

3 David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring the LORD's chest to the place he had prepared for it. 4 David also gathered Aaron's family and the Levites:

5 Uriel, the leader of Kohath's family, and 120 of his relatives;

6 Asaiah, the leader of Merari's family, and 220 of his relatives;

7 Joel, the leader of Gershom's family, and 130 of his relatives;

8 Shemaiah, the leader of Elizaphan's family, and 200 of his relatives;

9 Eliel, the leader of Hebron's family, and 80 of his relatives;

10 and Amminadab, the leader of Uzziel's family, and 112 of his relatives.

11 David called for the priests Zadok and Abiathar, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab. 12 He said to them, "You are the household heads of the Levites. Make yourselves holy, you and your brothers, and then bring the chest of the LORD, Israel's God, to the place I've prepared for it. 13 When you weren't with us the first time, the LORD our God burst out against us because we didn't ask his advice properly." 14 So the priests and the Levites made themselves holy to bring up the chest of the LORD, Israel's God. 15 The Levites carried God's chest with poles on their shoulders, just as Moses had commanded according to the LORD's word.

16 Then David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint some of their relatives as singers to raise their voices joyfully, accompanied by musical instruments, including harps, lyres, and cymbals.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman, Joel's son; and from his relatives, Asaph, Berechiah's son; and from their Merarite relatives, Ethan, Kushaiah's son; 18 and second in rank with them their relatives: Zechariah, Jaaziel,[p] Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, and Obed-edom and Jeiel the gatekeepers.

19 The singers Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were to make music with bronze cymbals.

20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play harps tuned to the Alamoth.

21 Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah were to lead with lyres tuned to the Sheminith.

22 Chenaniah was leader of the Levites who provided transportation,[q] because he was skilled at it.

23 Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the chest.

24 The priests Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer were to blow the trumpets before God's chest. Obed-edom and Jehiah also were to be gatekeepers for the chest.

David brings the chest to Jerusalem

25 Then David, along with Israel's elders and the captains of the thousands, went with rejoicing to bring up the chest containing the LORD's covenant from Obed-edom's house. 26 Since God had helped the Levites who were carrying the chest containing the LORD's covenant, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. 27 David wore a fine-linen robe, as did the singers, all the Levites who were carrying the chest, and Chenaniah, the leader of transportation.[r] David also wore a linen priestly vest.[s] 28 So all Israel brought up the chest containing the LORD's covenant with shouts of joy, accompanied by the blast of the ram's horn, by trumpets and cymbals, and playing on harps and lyres. 29 As the chest containing the LORD's covenant entered David's City, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked out the window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing, she lost all respect for him.

16 They brought in God's chest and placed it inside the tent David had pitched for it. Then they brought

15:21 1Ch 15:18, 1Ch 16:5; Ps 6:1

15:27 1Sa 2:18, 1Sa 18:6-7; 2Sa 6:14; 1Ch 15:22

15:28 2Sa 6:5, 2Sa 6:15; 1Ch 13:8, 1Ch 15:16; Ezr 3:11

[p] LXX; MT *Jaaziel's* son [q] Heb uncertain [r] MT adds *the singers.* [s] Heb *ephod*

entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices before God. 2When David had finished offering the entirely burned offerings and the well-being sacrifices, he blessed the people in the LORD's name 3and distributed a loaf of bread, a piece of meat,[t] and a raisin cake to every Israelite man and woman.

David establishes worship

4David appointed some of the Levites to serve before the LORD's chest in order to remember, to give thanks, and to praise the LORD, Israel's God:
5Asaph was the leader, and Zechariah his assistant; also Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel with harps and lyres; Asaph sounding the cymbals;
6and the priests Benaiah and Jahaziel blowing trumpets regularly before the chest containing God's covenant. 7On the same day, for the first time, David ordered Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD.

David's song of praise

8 Give thanks to the LORD,
call on his name;
make his deeds known
to all people!
9 Sing to God, sing praises to him;
dwell on all his wondrous works!
10 Give praise to God's holy name!
Let the hearts rejoice
of all those seeking the LORD!
11 Pursue the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always!
12 Remember the wondrous works
he has done,
all his marvelous works,
and the justice he declared—
13 you who are the offspring
of Israel, his servant,
and the children of Jacob,
his chosen ones.
14 The LORD—he is our God.
His justice is everywhere
throughout the whole world.

16:5 1Ch 25:1
16:8 2Ki 19:19; Ps 105:1; Is 12:4
16:8-22 Ps 105:1-15
16:22 Gn 20:7
16:23-33 Ps 96:1-13

15 God remembers[u]
his covenant forever,
the word he commanded
to a thousand generations,
16 which he made with Abraham,
the solemn pledge he swore
to Isaac.
17 God set it up as binding law
for Jacob,
as an eternal covenant for Israel,
18 promising, "I hereby give you
the land of Canaan
as your allotted inheritance."
19 When they[v] were few in number—
insignificant, just immigrants—
20 wandering from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to the next,
21 God didn't let anyone
oppress them.
God punished kings for their sake:
22 "Don't touch my anointed ones;
don't harm my prophets!"
23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Share the news of his saving work
every single day!
24 Declare God's glory
among the nations;
declare his wondrous works
among all people
25 because the LORD is great
and so worthy of praise.
He is awesome beyond all other gods
26 because all the gods of the nations
are just idols,
but it is the LORD
who created heaven!
27 Greatness and grandeur
are in front of him;
strength and joy are in his place.
28 Give to the LORD,
all families of the nations—
give to the LORD glory and power!
29 Give to the LORD the glory
due his name!
Bring gifts! Enter his presence!
Bow down to the LORD
in his holy splendor!
30 Tremble before him, all the earth!
Yes, he set the world firmly
in place;[w]
it won't be shaken.

[t]Cf LXX, Syr, Vulg; Heb uncertain [u]LXX; MT *Remember* [v]LXX, Vulg; MT *when you were* [w]LXX; MT *the world is firmly established*

31 Let heaven celebrate!
Let the earth rejoice!
Let the nations say,
"The LORD rules!"
32 Let the sea and everything in it roar!
Let the countryside and
everything in it celebrate!
33 Then the trees of the forest
will shout out joyfully
before the LORD,
because he is coming
to establish justice on earth!
34 Give thanks to the LORD
because he is good,
because his faithful love
endures forever.
35 Say: "Save us, God, our savior!
Gather us! Deliver us from among
the nations
so we can give thanks
to your holy name
and rejoice in your praise."
36 Bless the LORD, Israel's God,
from forever in the past
to forever always.
And let all the people say, "Amen!"
Praise the LORD!

37 Then David placed Asaph and his relatives, together with Obed-edom and sixty-eight of his relatives, to minister there continually before the chest containing the LORD's covenant, following the routines required on each day. 38 Obed-edom, Jeduthun's son, and Hosah served as gatekeepers. 39 David also placed the priest Zadok and his other priestly relatives at the LORD's dwelling at the shrine in Gibeon. 40 They were to offer continually, both morning and evening, entirely burned offerings to the LORD on the altar for entirely burned offerings, following the written requirements in the LORD's Instruction, which he had given Israel. 41 With them were Heman and Jeduthun and the rest of those chosen by name to give thanks to the LORD, because his faithful love endures forever. 42 With them were also[x] the trumpets and the cymbals for the musicians and the instruments for God's songs. Jeduthun's family was at the gate. 43 Then all of the people left for their homes. And David returned to bless his household.

16:34 Ps 106:1, Ps 107:1, Ps 118:1, Ps 136:1
16:35, 36 Ps 106:47, 48
16:36 1Ki 8:15; Neh 8:6; Ps 72:18
16:37-43 2Sa 6:19-23
17:1, 2 2Sa 7:1-3
17:3-15 2Sa 7:4-17

God's promise to David

17 When David was settled into his palace,[y] he said to the prophet Nathan, "I'm living in a cedar palace while the chest containing the LORD's covenant is under curtains."

2 Nathan replied, "Go ahead and do whatever you are thinking, because God is with you."

3 But that very night God's word came to Nathan: 4 Go to my servant David and tell him, This is what the LORD says: You are not the one to build the temple[z] for me to live in. 5 In fact, I haven't lived in a temple from the day I brought Israel out until this very day. I've been traveling from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling.[a] 6 Throughout my traveling with the Israelites, did I ever ask one of Israel's tribal leaders, whom I appointed to shepherd my people, Why haven't you built me a cedar temple?

7 So then, say this to my servant David: This is what the LORD of heavenly forces says: I myself took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be leader over my people Israel. 8 I've been with you wherever you've gone. I've eliminated all your enemies before you. Now I will make your name great—like the name of the greatest people on earth. 9 I'm going to provide a place for my people Israel, and plant them so that they may live there and no longer be disturbed. Cruel people will no longer trouble them as they did earlier, 10 when I appointed judges over my people Israel. I'll subdue all your enemies and make you great. As for a dynasty,[b] the LORD will build one for you! 11 When the time comes for you to die, I will raise up a descendant of yours after you, one of your own sons, to succeed you, and I will establish his

[x] LXX; MT adds *Heman and Jeduthun.* [y] Or, here and elsewhere in this chapter, *house* [z] Or, here and elsewhere in this chapter, *house* [a] MT lacks *to dwelling.* [b] Or, here and elsewhere in this chapter, *house*

kingship. [12]He is the one who will build me a temple, and I will establish his throne forever. [13]I will become his father and he will become my son, and I'll never withdraw my faithful love from him as I did from the one before you. [14]I'll install him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne will be established forever.

[15]Nathan faithfully reported all that he had seen and heard to David.

David's prayer

[16]Then King David went and sat in the LORD's presence. He asked:

Who am I, LORD God, and of what significance is my family that you have brought me this far? [17]But even this was too small in your eyes, God. You have spoken about the future of your servant's dynasty and have chosen me as an important person, LORD God.

[18]What more can I say to you for honoring your servant? You yourself know your servant. [19]LORD, for your servant's sake and according to your will, you have done this great thing in order to make all these great things known.

[20]LORD, no one can compare to you, no God except you, just as we have heard with our own ears.

[21]Who is like your people Israel, a unique nation on the earth, that God redeemed as his own people, establishing a name for yourself by doing great and awesome things, by driving out nations before your people whom you saved from Egypt? [22]You established your people Israel as your own people forever, and you, LORD, became their God.

[23]Now, LORD, confirm forever the promise you have made about your servant and his dynasty. Do as you have promised [24]so that it may be established and so that your name may be made great forever when people say, "The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, is Israel's God." May your servant David's household be established before you. [25]You, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a dynasty. That is why your servant has found the courage to pray this prayer to you. [26]LORD, you are truly God, and you promised this good thing to your servant. [27]So now willingly bless your servant's dynasty so that it might continue forever before you, because you, LORD God, have promised. Let your servant's dynasty be blessed forever by your blessing.

17:12 1Ch 22:10
17:16 2Sa 7:18
17:16-27 2Sa 7:18-29
18:1 2Sa 8:1
18:2 2Sa 8:2
18:3, 4, 7, 8 2Sa 8:3, 4, 7, 8; 1Ki 11:23, 24
18:5, 6 2Sa 8:5, 6

David's wars

18 Some time later, David defeated the Philistines, subdued them, and took Gath and its villages from Philistine control. [2]He also defeated Moab, enslaving them and requiring payment. [3]David defeated Zobah's King Hadadezer at Hamath, as he continued to establish his control along the Euphrates River. [4]David captured one thousand chariots from him, seven thousand cavalry, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Then David cut the hamstrings of all but one hundred of the chariot horses. [5]When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Zobah's King Hadadezer, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Arameans. [6]David stationed soldiers[c] in Aram of Damascus, enslaved them, and required payment. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.

[7]David took the gold shields carried by Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem. [8]From Tibhath and Cun, Hadadezer's cities, David took large amounts of bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze basin,[d] the pillars, and the bronze equipment.

[9]When Hamath's King Tou heard that David had defeated the entire army of Zobah's King Hadadezer, [10]he sent his son Hadoram to King David to wish him well and to congratulate him over his battle and defeat of Hadadezer, because Tou was an enemy

[c]Cf 2 Sam 8:6; Heb lacks *soldiers*. [d]Or *sea*

of Hadadezer. Hadoram brought with him all kinds of gold, silver, and bronze objects. [11]King David dedicated these to the LORD along with the silver and the gold he had taken from all these nations: Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek. [12]Abishai, Zeruiah's son, struck down eighteen thousand Edomites in the Salt Valley. [13]He stationed soldiers in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's slaves. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.

18:11, 13 2Sa 8:11, 12

18:12, 13 2Sa 8:13, 14; 1Ki 11:15-17

18:14-17 2Sa 8:15-18

19:1-5 2Sa 10:1-5

19:6-15 2Sa 10:6-14

19:16-19 2Sa 10:15-19

David's administration

[14]David ruled over all Israel and maintained justice and righteousness for all his people. [15]Zeruiah's son Joab was in command of the army; Ahilud's son Jehoshaphat was recorder; [16]Ahitub's son Zadok and Abiathar's son Ahimelech[e] were priests; Shavsha was secretary; [17]Jehoiada's son Benaiah was in command of the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were the king's chief personal advisors.

War with the Ammonites and Arameans

19 Some time later, the Ammonite King Nahash died, and his son succeeded him as king. [2]"I'll be loyal to Nahash's son Hanun," David said, "because his father was loyal to me." So David sent messengers with condolences about his father's death.

But when David's servants arrived in the Ammonite territory to express his sympathy to Hanun, [3]the Ammonite leaders asked Hanun, "Do you really believe David is honoring your father because he has sent you condolences? Of course not! His servants have come to search the city, spy it out, and overthrow it!" [4]So Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, cut off half their garments from their buttocks down, and sent them off.

[5]When this was reported to David, he sent messengers to the men because they were completely ashamed. The king said, "Stay in Jericho until your beards have grown. Then you can come back."

[6]When the Ammonites realized that they had offended David, Hanun and the Ammonites sent one thousand kikkars of silver to hire chariots and cavalry for themselves from Aram-naharaim, Aram-maacah, and Zobah. [7]They hired thirty-two thousand chariots, as well as King Maacah and his army, who came and camped in front of Medeba, while the Ammonites left their cities and came together ready for battle. [8]When David heard this, he sent Joab and the entire army of warriors. [9]The Ammonites marched out and formed a battle line at the entrance to the city, while the kings who had come remained in the countryside.

[10]When Joab saw that the battle would be fought on two fronts, he chose some of Israel's finest warriors and deployed them to meet the Arameans. [11]The rest of the army Joab placed under the command of his brother Abishai. When they took up their positions to meet the Arameans, [12]Joab said, "If the Arameans prove too strong for me, you must help me, and if the Ammonites prove too strong for you, I'll help you. [13]Be brave! We must be courageous for the sake of our people and the cities of our God. The LORD will do what is good in his eyes."

[14]When Joab and the troops who were with him advanced into battle against the Arameans, they fled from him. [15]When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from his brother Abishai and retreated into the city. So Joab returned to Jerusalem.

[16]The Arameans saw that they had been defeated by Israel. They sent out messengers to bring Aramean reinforcements from the other side of the river, with Shophach the commander of Hadadezer's army at their head. [17]Upon hearing this, David gath-

[e]LXX, Syr; MT *Abimelech*

ered all Israel and crossed the Jordan. David advanced and took up positions against the Arameans to meet them in battle. After initiating the battle, [18]the Arameans fled before Israel, and David killed seven thousand Aramean chariot drivers and forty thousand foot soldiers. Shophach the commander of their army was killed too. [19]When the servants of Hadadezer saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. Never again would the Arameans come to the aid of the Ammonites.

Defeat of the Ammonites

20 In the spring, the time when kings go to war, Joab marched out with the army, destroyed the land of the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. David stayed in Jerusalem while Joab attacked Rabbah and overthrew it. [2]David took Milcom's[f] crown from his head. He found that it weighed one kikkar of gold and was set with a valuable stone. It was placed on David's head. The amount of loot David took from the city was huge. [3]After removing the people who were in the city, David demolished the city with saws, iron picks, and axes,[g] as he did to all the Ammonite cities. Then David and all his troops returned to Jerusalem.

War with the Philistines

[4]Once again war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines. At that time Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the Rephah,[h] and the Philistines were subdued. [5]In another war with the Philistines, Jair's son Elhanan killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam. [6]At another war in Gath there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also descended from Raphah. [7]When he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of David's brother Shimea killed him. [8]These were descended from the Raphah in Gath, and they fell by the hands of David and his servants.

20:1-3 2Sa 12:26-31
20:4 2Sa 21:18
20:5 2Sa 21:19
20:6-8 2Sa 21:20-22
21:1 2Sa 24:1; Job 1:6; Zec 3:1-2; Lk 22:31
21:1-6 2Sa 24:1-9
21:7-13 2Sa 24:10-14

David's census

21 A heavenly Adversary[i] arose against Israel and incited David to count Israel. [2]So David told Joab and the leaders of the people, "Go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, and take a census of the people so I know how many people there are."

[3]But Joab replied, "May the LORD increase his people a hundred times! Sir, aren't you the king, and aren't they all your servants? Why do you want to do this? Why bring guilt on Israel?"

[4]But the king overruled Joab, who left and traveled throughout all Israel. When he returned to Jerusalem, [5]he reported to David the total number: there were 1,100,000 men available for military service in all Israel, while Judah alone had 470,000. [6]He didn't include Levi and Benjamin among them, because Joab disagreed with the king's order.

[7]God was offended by this census and punished Israel. [8]Then David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done! Now please take away the guilt of your servant because I have done something very foolish."

[9]The LORD told Gad, David's seer: [10]Go and tell David, This is what the LORD says: I'm offering you three punishments. Choose one of them, and that is what I will do to you.

[11]When Gad came to David, he said to him, "This is what the LORD says: Take your choice: [12]three years of famine, three months of fleeing[j] from your enemies while your enemies' sword overtakes you, or three days of the LORD's sword, that is, plague in the land and the LORD's messenger bringing disaster in every part of Israel. Decide now what answer I should take back to the one who sent me."

[f]LXX, Vulg; MT *their king* [g]Cf 2 Sam 12:31; MT *saws* [h]Or *giants*; also in 20:6-7 [i]Heb *satan* [j]LXX, cf 2 Sam 24:13; MT *being swept away*

13"I'm in deep trouble," David said
to Gad. "I'd rather fall into the hands
of the LORD, who is very merciful;
don't let me fall into human hands."
14So the LORD sent a plague through-
out Israel, and seventy thousand Isra-
elites fell dead.

15Then God sent a messenger to
Jerusalem to destroy it. But just as
the messenger was about to destroy
it, the LORD looked and changed his
mind about the destruction. He said to
the messenger who was destroying it,
"That's enough! Withdraw your hand!"
At that time the LORD's messenger
was standing near the threshing floor
of Ornan the Jebusite.

16When David looked up, he saw the
LORD's messenger stationed between
the earth and the sky with a drawn
sword in his hand stretched out against
Jerusalem. Then David and the elders,
dressed in mourning clothes, fell on
their faces; 17and David said to God,
"Wasn't it I who ordered the number-
ing of the people? I'm the sinner, the
one responsible for this evil. But these
sheep—what have they done? LORD,
my God, turn your hand against me
and my household, but spare your
people from the plague."

18The LORD's messenger ordered
Gad to tell David that he should go up
to the threshing floor of Ornan the
Jebusite in order to set up an altar for
the LORD. 19So David went up, follow-
ing the instructions Gad had delivered
in the LORD's name.

20Ornan turned around and saw the
king.[k] His four sons who were with him
hid themselves, but Ornan continued
threshing wheat. 21When David ap-
proached Ornan, Ornan looked up,
recognized David, left the threshing
floor, and bowed to David with his
face to the ground. 22David said to
Ornan, "Give me the site of the thresh-
ing floor, charging me full price, so
that I may build an altar to the LORD,
and the plague among the people may
come to an end."

21:14-17 2Sa 24:15-17
21:15 Gn 6:6; Ex 32:14
21:18 2Sa 24:18; 1Ch 21:15; 2Ch 3:1
21:18-30 2Sa 24:18-25

23Ornan replied to David, "Take it
for yourself, and may my master the
king do what he thinks is best. I'll
even provide the oxen for the entirely
burned offerings, the threshing boards
for wood, and the wheat for the grain
offering—I'll provide everything!"

24But King David said to Ornan, "No,
I will buy them from you at a fair price.
I won't offer to the LORD what belongs
to you nor offer an entirely burned of-
fering that costs me nothing." 25Then
David gave Ornan six hundred shekels
of gold by weight for the site. 26David
built an altar there for the LORD and
offered entirely burned offerings and
well-being sacrifices. He called on the
LORD, who answered him with fire
from heaven on the altar of the en-
tirely burned offering, consuming the
entirely burned offering.[l] 27Then the
LORD commanded the messenger to
return his sword to its sheath.

Location of the future temple

28At that time, after David saw that
the LORD had answered him at the
threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite,
he offered sacrifices there. 29The
LORD's dwelling that Moses had made
in the desert and the altar for entirely
burned offerings were then at the
shrine in Gibeon, 30but David couldn't
go there to seek God because he feared
the sword of the LORD's messenger.

22 Then David said, "This is where
the LORD God's temple will be,
along with Israel's altar for entirely
burned offerings."

David prepares to build the temple

2David gave orders to gather the im-
migrants living in the land of Israel,
and he appointed masons who would
cut stones for building God's temple.
3David also provided a huge amount of
iron for nails for the doors of the gates
and for the braces, so much bronze that
it couldn't be weighed, 4and innumer-
able cedar logs from the Sidonians and
the Tyrians, who gave them to David.

[k] LXX, cf 2 Sam 24:20; MT *messenger* [l] LXX; MT lacks *consuming the entirely burned offering.*

[5]David thought, My son Solomon is too inexperienced to build the LORD's temple. It must be great beyond compare in order to win fame and glory throughout all lands, so I myself will prepare things for him. So David made extensive preparations before his death.

Instructions to Solomon

[6]David sent for his son Solomon and instructed him to build a temple for the LORD, the God of Israel. [7]David said to Solomon, "My son,[m] I had intended to build a temple for the name of the LORD my God. [8]But the LORD told me: You've shed much blood and waged great wars. You won't build a temple for my name because you've spilled so much blood on the ground before me. [9]A son has just been born to you. He'll be a man of peace, and I'll give him peace with all his surrounding enemies. In fact, his name will be Solomon,[n] and I'll give Israel peace and quiet during his reign. [10]He will be the one to build a temple for my name. He'll become my son, and I'll become his father, and I'll establish his royal throne over Israel forever.

[11]"Now, my son, may the LORD be with you so that you may successfully build the temple of the LORD your God, as he promised you. [12]May the LORD be sure to give you insight and understanding so that when he appoints you over Israel, you will observe the Instruction from the LORD your God.[o] [13]Then, if you carefully follow the regulations and case laws that the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel, you'll prosper. Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid or lose heart! [14]With great effort I've now provided for the LORD's temple one hundred thousand kikkars of gold, one million kikkars of silver, and so much bronze and iron that it can't be weighed, as well as wood and stone, though you may add to these. [15]You also have innumerable people to do the work: stonecutters, masons, and carpenters with every skill required for any task, [16]whether in gold, silver, bronze, or iron. So get to work, and may the LORD be with you."

22:8 1Ki 5:3; 1Ch 28:3
22:9 2Sa 12:24; 1Ki 4:20, 1Ki 4:25, 1Ki 5:4
22:14 1Ch 22:3, 1Ch 29:2, 1Ch 29:4
23:6-23 1Ch 24:20-30

Instructions to Israel's leaders

[17]Then David ordered all of Israel's leaders to help his son Solomon: [18]"The LORD your God is with you! He's given you peace on every side. He's placed under my power the land's people, so that the land is under the control of the LORD and his people. [19]Now then, dedicate yourselves to seeking the LORD your God. Get to work and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that the chest containing the LORD's covenant together with God's holy equipment may be brought into the temple built for the LORD's name."

David appoints the Levites

23 When David had grown old after a long life, he made his son Solomon king over Israel. [2]He then gathered together all Israel's leaders along with the priests and the Levites. [3]When the Levites were counted, the head count of every male 30 and older totaled 38,000. [4]Of these, there were 24,000 to supervise the work on the LORD's temple, 6,000 officers and judges, [5]4,000 gatekeepers, and 4,000 praising the LORD with instruments made[p] for offering praise. [6]Then David divided them into three groups named after Levi's family members: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Gershonites

[7]The Gershonites included Ladan and Shimei.

[8]Ladan's family: Jehiel the first, Zetham, and Joel—three in all. [9]Jehiel's[q] family: Shelomith, Haziel, and Haran—three in all. These were the heads of the households of Ladan.

[m]LXX, DSS; MT *his son* [n]*Solomon* sounds like *peace* in Heb. [o]Heb uncertain [p]LXX, Vulg; MT *I made* [q]Cf 23:8, 10; MT *Shimei's*

10 Shimei's family: Jahath, Ziza,[r] Jeush, and Beriah. These four were Shimei's family: 11 Jahath was the first, and Ziza the second; since Jeush and Beriah didn't have many children, they became a single household.

Kohathites

12 Kohath's family: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel—four in all.

13 Amram's family: Aaron and Moses. Aaron, together with his sons, was set apart to make the holiest objects holy, to make offerings before the LORD, to serve him, and to give blessings in his name forever. 14 As for Moses the man of God, his sons were considered to be Levites. 15 Moses' family: Gershom and Eliezer.

16 Gershom's family: Shebuel the first.

17 Eliezer's family: Rehabiah the first; Eliezer had no other sons, but Rehabiah had many children.

18 Izhar's family: Shelomoth[s] the first.

19 Hebron's family: Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Uzziel's family: Micah the first and Isshiah the second.

Merarites

21 Merari's family: Mahli and Mushi. Mahli's family: Eleazar and Kish.

22 Eleazar died without sons, but he did have daughters who married their relatives from Kish's family.

23 Mushi's family: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth—three in all.

24 These were the members of Levi's family according to their households. The household heads were registered, along with a listing of the names of each person 20 years old and above who carried out assigned tasks in the LORD's temple.

Levites' duties

25 David said, "Since the LORD, Israel's God, has given his people peace

23:14 Dt 33:1

23:24-32 1Ch 24:30, 31

and has made his home in Jerusalem forever, 26 the Levites need no longer carry the dwelling or any of the equipment used in its service." 27 David's last instructions were to count the Levites 20 years old and above. 28 Their assignment was to be at the side of the Aaronites to serve in the LORD's temple, maintaining the courtyards and side rooms and cleansing all of the holy objects and doing whatever was needed in the service of God's temple. 29 They were responsible for the stacks of bread, the fine flour for grain offerings, the wafers of unleavened bread, the cakes made on the griddle, the offering mixed with oil, as well as all the measuring. 30 They were to be present every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and to do the same every evening. 31 Whenever entirely burned offerings were offered to the LORD for the sabbaths, the new moons, and festivals, a designated number were to serve in the LORD's presence continuously. 32 In this way they were to observe the instructions for the meeting tent, the instructions for the sanctuary, and the instructions for Aaron's family and relatives about serving in the LORD's temple.

Divisions of the priests

24 The divisions of the Aaronites:

Aaron's family: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 Nadab and Abihu died before their father did, without having sons, and so Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests. 3 David, with the help of Zadok from Eleazar's family and Ahimelech from Ithamar's family, divided them according to their appointed duties. 4 Since Eleazar's family was found to have more male heads than Ithamar's family, they divided them so that Eleazar's family had sixteen household heads and Ithamar's family had eight. 5 They divided both groups by lots because there were holy leaders, even outstanding leaders, among both Eleazar's and

[r] LXX; MT *Zina* [s] LXX, Syr, Aram; MT *Shelomith*

Ithamar's descendants. 6Shemaiah, Nethanel's son, the levitical scribe, recorded their names in the presence of the king; the leaders; Zadok the priest; Ahimelech, Abiathar's son; and the household heads of the priests and Levites. One household was taken from Eleazar followed by one from Ithamar.

7The first lot fell to Jehoiarib,
the second to Jedaiah,
8the third to Harim,
the fourth to Seorim,
9the fifth to Malchijah,
the sixth to Mijamin,
10the seventh to Hakkoz,
the eighth to Abijah,
11the ninth to Jeshua,
the tenth to Shecaniah,
12the eleventh to Eliashib,
the twelfth to Jakim,
13the thirteenth to Huppah,
the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,
14the fifteenth to Bilgah,
the sixteenth to Immer,
15the seventeenth to Hezir,
the eighteenth to Happizzez,
16the nineteenth to Pethahiah,
the twentieth to Jehezkel,
17the twenty-first to Jachin,
the twenty-second to Gamul,
18the twenty-third to Delaiah,
and the twenty-fourth to
Maaziah.

19These were to enter the LORD's temple according to their appointed duty and by the procedure established for them by their ancestor Aaron, just as the LORD God of Israel had instructed him.

Rest of the Levites

20The rest of the Levites included:
from Amram's family: Shubael;
from Shubael's family: Jehdeiah;
21from Rehabiah and his family:
Isshiah the first;
22from the Izharites: Shelomoth;
from Shelomoth's family: Jahath;
23Hebron's family:[t] Jeriah the
first,[u] Amariah the second, Jahaziel
the third, Jekameam the fourth;
24Uzziel's family: Micah;
from Micah's family: Shamir;
25Micah's brother Isshiah;
from Isshiah's family: Zechariah;
26Merari's family: Mahli, Mushi
and his son Jaaziah's family;
27Merari's family by his son Jaaziah: Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri;
28from Mahli: Eleazar, who had
no sons;
29from Kish and his family: Jerahmeel;
30and Mushi's family: Mahli,
Eder, and Jerimoth.

These were the Levites according to their households. 31Both the household head and his youngest brother cast lots, just as their relatives, Aaron's descendants, had done in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the priestly and levitical households.

24:20-30
1Ch 23:6-23
24:30, 31
1Ch 23:24-32

Temple musicians

25 David and the army officers[v] set apart Asaph's family, Heman and Jeduthun, for service to prophesy[w] accompanied by lyres, harps, and cymbals.

This is the list of those who performed this special service:

2From Asaph's family: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asarelah. Asaph's family was under Asaph's direction and prophesied by order of the king.

3From Jeduthun and his family: Gedaliah, Izri,[x] Jeshaiah, Shimei,[y] Hashabiah, and Mattithiah—six in all. They were under their father Jeduthun's direction, prophesying with the lyre and giving thanks and praise to the LORD.

4From Heman and his family: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.

5All these were the family of

[t]LXX; MT *my sons* [u]Cf 1 Chron 23:19; MT lacks *Jeriah.* [v]Or *liturgical officers* [w]DSS, LXX, Vulg; MT *the prophets* [x]Cf 25:11; MT *Zeri* [y]LXX, cf 25:17; MT lacks *Jeriah.*

Heman the king's seer, according to God's promise to honor him. God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. [6]They were all under their father's direction when singing in the LORD's temple with cymbals, harps, and lyres to provide service in God's temple, by order of the king.

As for Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman, [7]the number of themselves and their relatives, who were trained in singing to the LORD and who were all skillful, was 288.

[8]They cast lots for their assigned duties, small as well as great, teacher and pupil alike.

[9]The first lot fell for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, his relatives, and his family, 12;

[10]the third to Zaccur, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[11]the fourth to Izri, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[12]the fifth to Nethaniah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[13]the sixth to Bukkiah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[14]the seventh to Jesarelah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[15]the eighth to Jeshaiah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[16]the ninth to Mattaniah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[17]the tenth to Shimei, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[18]the eleventh to Uzziel,[z] his family, and his relatives, 12;

[19]the twelfth to Hashabiah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[20]the thirteenth to Shubael, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[21]the fourteenth to Mattithiah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[22]the fifteenth to Jerimoth,[a] his family, and his relatives, 12;

[23]the sixteenth to Hananiah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[24]the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[25]the eighteenth to Hanani, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[26]the nineteenth to Mallothi, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[27]the twentieth to Eliathah, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[28]the twenty-first to Hothir, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[29]the twenty-second to Giddalti, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[30]the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his family, and his relatives, 12;

[31]and the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his family, and his relatives, 12.

Gatekeepers

26 The divisions of the gatekeepers: from the Korahites: Meshelemiah, Kore's son, one of Ebiasaph's[b] family.

[2]Meshelemiah's family: Zechariah the oldest, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, [3]Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, and Eliehoenai the seventh.

[4]Obed-edom's family: Shemaiah the oldest, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sachar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, [5]Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, and Peullethai the eighth. God truly blessed him. [6]To his son Shemaiah were born sons who ruled over their household, because they were valiant men. [7]Shemaiah's family: Othni, Rephael, Obed, Elzabad, and his relatives, Elihu and Semachiah, who were valiant men. [8]All these were members of Obed-edom's family, they, their sons, and their relatives. They were valiant and strong in their service, 62 men belonging to Obed-edom. [9]Meshelemiah's family and relatives, valiant men, numbered 18.

[10]Hosah, one of Merari's family, also had a family: Shimri the first (though he wasn't the oldest, his father gave him that status), [11]Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, and Zechariah the fourth. All of Hosah's family and relatives numbered 13.

26:1 1Ch 9:17, 1Ch 9:19, 1Ch 9:21

[z]LXX, Syr; MT *Azrael* [a]Cf 25:4; MT *Jeremoth* [b]LXX; MT *Asaph*

[12]These were the divisions of the gatekeepers with their leaders, who were responsible to minister in the LORD's temple, along with their relatives. [13]They cast lots for each gate in the same way, whether their household was small or large. [14]The lot for the East Gate fell to Shelemiah. They then cast lots for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his lot indicated the North Gate. [15]Obed-edom was assigned the South Gate, and his sons were assigned the storehouses. [16]Hosah[c] was assigned the West Gate, that is, the chamber[d] gate on the upper road.

The guards had the same task: [17]each day[e] the East had six, the North four, and the South four, with two at each of the storehouses. [18]At the courtyard on the West, there were four at the road and two at the courtyard. [19]These were the divisions of the gatekeepers from Korah's family and Merari's family.

[20]Their fellow[f] Levites were in charge of the treasuries of God's temple and the treasuries of the dedicated gifts: [21]from Ladan's family, the family of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, and the heads of the households belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli. [22]Jehieli's family: Zetham and Joel his brother were in charge of the treasuries of the LORD's temple. [23]From the Amramites, Izharites, Hebronites, and Uzzielites: [24]Shebuel, a descendant of Gershom, Moses' son, was the chief officer in charge of the treasuries. [25]His relatives through Eliezer included his son Rehabiah, his son Jeshaiah, his son Joram, his son Zichri, and his son Shelomoth. [26]This Shelomoth and his relatives were in charge of all the treasuries of the gifts dedicated by King David, by the household leaders, by the commanders[g] of the units of a thousand and a hundred, and by the army officers. [27]They had dedicated some of the valuable objects won in battle to repair the LORD's temple. [28]Everything that was dedicated by Samuel the seer, as well as by Saul, Kish's son; Abner, Ner's son; and Joab, Zeruiah's son—in fact, anything that had been dedicated—was under the supervision of Shelomoth[h] and his relatives.

[29]From the Izharites: Chenaniah and his family had responsibilities over Israel outside the temple as officials and judges. [30]From the Hebronites: Hashabiah and his relatives, 1,700 capable men, were put in charge of Israel west of the Jordan concerning all of the LORD's affairs and the king's service. [31]From the Hebronites: Jerijah was the head of the Hebronites according to the family records of their households. In the fortieth year of David's rule, a search was made and capable men were found among them in Jazer in Gilead. [32]Jerijah's relatives, capable men, were 2,700 heads of households. King David put them in charge of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh concerning all of God's and the king's affairs.

26:23 Nu 3:27; 1Ch 23:12
26:24 Ex 2:22, Ex 18:3
26:25 Ex 18:4; 1Ch 23:17
26:26 2Sa 8:11; 1Ki 7:51
26:28 1Sa 14:51; 1Ki 2:5
27:1 1Sa 13:2; 1Ki 4:7; 2Ch 17:12
27:3 Nm 26:20

Divisions of the military

27 This is the list of the Israelites, the heads of households, the commanders of units of a thousand and a hundred, and their officers. They served the king in every way their divisions required, and they were on duty for a month at a time through all the months of the year. Each division numbered 24,000.

[2]In charge of the first division for the first month was Jashobeam, Zabdiel's son. His division numbered 24,000. [3]He was a Perezite and the head of all the army officers for the first month.

[4]In charge of the division for the second month was Dodai the Ahohite.[i] His division numbered 24,000.

[5]The third army commander for the third month was Benaiah the chief priest Jehoiada's son. His division numbered 24,000. [6]This Benaiah was a warrior of the Thirty

[c]MT *Shuppim and Hosah* [d]LXX; MT *Shallecheth* [e]LXX; MT *Levites* [f]LXX; MT *Ahijah* [g]LXX; MT *to the commanders* [h]LXX; MT *Shelomith* [i]LXX; MT adds *and his division, and Mikloth the leader.*

and in command of the Thirty. In command of his division was his son Ammizabad.

[7]The fourth for the fourth month was Asahel, Joab's brother, and after him his son Zebadiah. His division numbered 24,000.

[8]The fifth for the fifth month was the commander Shammoth the Zerahite.[j] His division numbered 24,000.

[9]The sixth for the sixth month was Ira the Tekoite Ikkesh's son. His division numbered 24,000.

[10]The seventh for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite from Ephraim's family. His division numbered 24,000.

[11]The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite from the Zerahites. His division numbered 24,000.

[12]The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer of Annathoth from the Benjaminites. His division numbered 24,000.

[13]The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite from the Zerahites. His division numbered 24,000.

[14]The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite from Ephraim's family. His division numbered 24,000.

[15]The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite from Othniel. His division numbered 24,000.

Tribal leaders

[16]In charge of the tribes of Israel:

for the Reubenites—the leader was Eliezer, Zichri's son;

for the Simeonites—Shephatiah, Maacah's son;

[17]for the Levites—Hashabiah, Kemuel's son;

for Aaron—Zadok;

[18]for Judah—Eliab,[k] one of David's relatives;

for Issachar—Omri, Michael's son;

27:22 Gn 49:16; 1Ch 28:1

27:23 Gn 15:5; Nu 1:3; 2Sa 24:1; 1Ch 21:2

27:24 2Sa 24:1; 1Ch 21:1

[19]for Zebulun—Ishmaiah, Obadiah's son;

for Naphtali—Jerimoth, Azriel's son;

[20]for the Ephraimites—Hoshea, Azaziah's son;

for half the tribe of Manasseh—Joel, Pedaiah's son;

[21]for half the tribe[l] of Manasseh in Gilead—Iddo, Zechariah's son;

for Benjamin—Jaasiel, Abner's son;

[22]for Dan—Azarel, Jeroham's son.

These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel. [23]But David didn't count those younger than 20 years of age, because the LORD had promised to make Israel as numerous as the stars in the sky. [24]Joab, Zeruiah's son, began to count them, but he never finished. Since Israel experienced wrath because of this, the number wasn't entered into the official records of King David.

Civil servants

[25]In charge of the king's treasuries—Azmaveth, Adiel's son;

in charge of the treasuries in the country, cities, villages, and towers—Jonathan, Uzziah's son;

[26]in charge of agricultural workers cultivating the fertile land—Ezri, Chelub's son;

[27]in charge of the vineyards—Shimei the Ramathite;

in charge of the vineyard's produce for the wine cellars—Zabdi the Shiphmite;

[28]in charge of the olive and sycamore trees in the western foothills—Baal-hanan the Gederite;

in charge of the stores of oil—Joash;

[29]in charge of the cattle that grazed in Sharon—Shitrai the Sharonite;

in charge of the cattle in the valleys—Shaphat, Adlai's son;

[30]in charge of the camels—Obil the Ishmaelite;

in charge of the female donkeys—Jehdeiah the Meronothite;

[j]Cf 27:11, 13; MT *Izrahite* [k]LXX; MT *Elihu* [l]LXX, Vulg; MT lacks *for half the tribe.*

[31]in charge of the flocks of sheep and goats—Jaziz the Hagrite.

All these were stewards of King David's property.

Royal advisors

[32]Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe. Jehiel, Hachmoni's son, took care of the king's sons. [33]Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's political advisor.[m] [34]After Ahithophel came Benaiah's son Jehoiada, and Abiathar. Joab was commander of the king's army.

David addresses Israel's leaders

28 David assembled all of Israel's leaders in Jerusalem, the leaders of the tribes, the leaders of the divisions that served the king, the commanders of units of a thousand and a hundred, the officials in charge of all the property and livestock of the king and his sons, as well as the officers, warriors, and all the valiant men. [2]Then King David stood up and said:

Listen to me, my relatives and my people. I wanted to build a temple as the permanent home for the chest containing the LORD's covenant, our God's footrest. But when I prepared to build it, [3]God said to me, You must not build a temple for my name, because you are a military man and you've shed blood. [4]The LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole household to become king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and within Judah's family, my household, and among my father's family he was pleased with me, making me king over all Israel. [5]And from all the many sons the LORD has given me, he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the LORD's kingdom over Israel. [6]He said to me: Your son Solomon will build my temple and my courtyards, for I've chosen him to become my son even as I myself will become his father. [7]I'll establish his kingdom forever if he remains committed to keeping my commands and case laws as he does now.

[8]So now, in the presence of all the LORD's assembly[n] and with God as our witness, carefully observe all the commands of the LORD your God, so that you may hold on to this good land and pass it on to your children forever. [9]As for you, Solomon, my son, acknowledge your father's God and serve him with enthusiastic devotion, because the LORD searches every mind and understands the motive behind every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you abandon him, he will reject you forever. [10]Now then, since the LORD has chosen you to build a temple for him[o] as the sanctuary, work hard.

[11]Then David gave his son Solomon the plan for the entrance hall, its buildings, treasuries, upper and inner rooms, and the room for the cover.[p] [12]He provided all of the plans he had in mind: for the courtyards of the LORD's temple, and for all its surrounding rooms where the treasures of God's temple and the dedicated gifts would be stored; [13]for the divisions of the priests and Levites, for all their responsibilities within the LORD's temple, and for all the equipment used in its service; [14]for the weight of all the gold equipment used for every kind of service, and the weight of all the silver equipment used for every kind of service; [15]for the weight of the gold lampstands and their gold lamps—the weight of gold for each lampstand with its lamps—and for the weight of each silver lampstand and its lamps depending on how each would be used; [16]for the weight of gold for each table with the stacks of bread, and the silver for the silver tables; [17]for the forks, bowls,

28:3 2Sa 7:5; 1Ki 5:3; 1Ch 17:4, 1Ch 22:8

28:9 1Sa 16:7; 1Ki 8:61; 2Ch 15:2; Jer 17:10, Jer 29:13

[m]Or *friend* [n]LXX; MT *all Israel, the assembly of the* LORD [o]LXX; MT lacks *for him.* [p]Or *mercy seat* or perhaps *reconciliation cover* (Heb kapporet)

and cups of pure gold; for the weight of each gold dish and the weight of each silver dish; [18]for the weight of the incense altar made of refined gold; and for the construction of the chariot—with the gold winged creatures spreading their wings and covering the chest containing the LORD's covenant. [19]All of this the LORD made clear to David[q] directly in a document, including the plan for all of the work.

[20]"Be strong and courageous," David said to his son Solomon. "Get to work. Don't be afraid or discouraged, because the LORD God, my God, is with you. He'll neither let you down nor leave you before all the work for the service of the LORD's temple is done. [21]Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites who will perform all the service of God's temple. For all this work you will have willing and able workers with you to do it. The officials and all the people are ready to follow your instructions."

Offerings for building the temple

29 Then King David said to the whole assembly:

My son Solomon, the one whom God chose, is too inexperienced for this great task, since this temple won't be for humans but for the LORD God. [2]Using every resource at my disposal, I've provided everything for my God's temple: gold for gold objects, silver for silver objects, bronze for bronze objects, iron for iron objects, lumber for wooden objects, carnelian stones for settings, antimony, colorful stones, every kind of precious stone, and a large amount of marble. [3]What's more, because of my delight in my God's temple, I have dedicated my own private treasure of gold and silver to my God's temple, in addition to all that I've provided for the holy temple: [4]three thousand kikkars of gold from the gold of Ophir, seven thousand kikkars of refined silver for covering the walls of the rooms,[r] [5]gold for gold objects, and silver for silver objects, to be used for everything the skilled workers will make. Who else, then, will volunteer, dedicating themselves to the LORD today?

[6]Then the leaders of the households, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of the units of a thousand and a hundred, and the supervisors of the king's work volunteered [7]to give five thousand kikkars and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand kikkars of silver, eighteen thousand kikkars of bronze, and one hundred thousand kikkars of iron for the work on God's temple. [8]Anyone who had precious stones donated them to the treasury of the LORD's temple under the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. [9]The people rejoiced at this response, because they had presented their offerings to the LORD so willingly and wholeheartedly. King David also rejoiced greatly.

[10]Then David blessed the LORD before the whole assembly:

Blessed are you, LORD,
God of our ancestor Israel,
forever and always.
[11]To you, LORD,
belong greatness and power,
honor, splendor, and majesty,
because everything in heaven
and on earth belongs to you.
Yours, LORD, is the kingship,
and you are honored as head of all.
[12]You are the source of wealth
and honor,
and you rule over all.
In your hand are strength
and might,
and it is in your power to magnify
and strengthen all.
[13]And now, our God, we thank you
and praise your glorious name.
[14]Who am I,
and who are my people,
that we should be able to offer
so willingly?

29:1 1Ki 3:7; 1Ch 22:5, 1Ch 28:1, 1Ch 28:5, 1Ch 29:19
29:2 1Ch 22:3
29:3 Ps 26:8, Ps 27:4, Ps 84:1-2
29:4 1Ki 9:28, 1Ki 10:11; 1Ch 22:14; 2Ch 8:18; Job 28:16
29:5 Ex 35:4-5
29:11 Mt 6:13

[q] LXX; MT *to me* [r] Or *houses*

Since everything comes from you,
we have given you that which
comes from your own hand.
15 To be sure,
we are like all our ancestors,
immigrants without
permanent homes.
Our days are like a shadow
on the ground,
and there's no hope.

16 LORD, our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build you a temple for your holy name comes from your hand and belongs to you. 17 Since I know, my God, that you examine the mind and take delight in honesty, I have freely given all these things with the highest of motives. And now I've been delighted to see your people here offering so willingly to you.

18 LORD, God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, keep these thoughts in the mind of your people forever, and direct their hearts toward you.

19 As for Solomon my son, give him the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, laws, and regulations—observing all of them—and to build the temple that I have prepared.

20 Then David said to the whole assembly, "Bless the LORD your God," and the whole assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their ancestors, bowed down, and worshipped before the LORD and the king. 21 On the very next day they offered sacrifices and entirely burned offerings to the LORD—a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, along with their drink offerings—and many other sacrifices for all Israel's sake. 22 They ate and drank with great joy before the LORD that day and made David's son Solomon the king.[s] They anointed him[t] in the LORD's presence as prince, and Zadok as priest. 23 Thus Solomon sat on the LORD's throne as king, succeeding his father David, and he prospered. All Israel obeyed him, 24 and all the commanders and warriors, as well as all of King David's sons, submitted to King Solomon's authority. 25 Moreover, the LORD magnified Solomon before all Israel, giving him such royal majesty as no king before him[u] had enjoyed.

29:22 1Ki 1:38-40
29:23-25 1Ki 2:12; 2Ch 1:1
29:26-30 2Sa 5:4, 5; 1Ki 2:10, 11; 1Ch 3:4

Summary of David's reign

26 David, Jesse's son, was king over all Israel. 27 He reigned over Israel for forty years: seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. 28 He died at a good old age, having enjoyed a full life, wealth, and honor; and his son Solomon followed him as king. 29 The account of King David from beginning to end is written in the records of Samuel the seer, Nathan the prophet, and Gad the visionary, 30 including everything concerning his powerful rule, and what happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms in other lands.

2 CHRONICLES

Solomon first meets God

1 Solomon, David's son, was securely established over his kingdom because the LORD his God was with him and made him very great. 2 Solomon summoned all Israel, including the officers of the army,[a] the judges, and every Israelite leader who was the head of a family. 3 Then Solomon, accompanied by the whole assembly, went to the shrine at Gibeon because that is where God's meeting tent was, the

1:1 1Ki 2:12; 1Ch 29:23-25
1:2-6 1Ki 3:4

[s] LXX, Syr; MT adds *for the second time.* [t] LXX; MT lacks *him.* [u] LXX; MT adds *in Israel.* [a] Or *officers over thousands and hundreds*

tent that the LORD's servant Moses had made in the wilderness. 4Now David had already brought God's chest from Kiriath-jearim to the place he had prepared for it because he had pitched a tent for the chest in Jerusalem. 5But the bronze altar that Bezalel, Uri's son and Hur's grandson, had made was there in front of the LORD's dwelling, so that is where Solomon and the assembly worshipped. 6Solomon went there to the bronze altar in the LORD's presence at the meeting tent and offered a thousand entirely burned offerings upon it.

7That night God appeared to Solomon and said, "Ask whatever you wish, and I will give it to you."

8"You showed so much kindness to my father David," Solomon replied to God, "and you have made me king in his place. 9Now, LORD God, let your promise to my father David be fulfilled because you have made me king over a people as numerous as the earth's dust. 10Give me wisdom and knowledge so I can lead this people, because no one can govern this great people of yours without your help."

11God said to Solomon, "Since this is what you wish, and because you've asked for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I've made you king—rather than asking for wealth, riches, fame, victory over those who hate you, or even a long life—12your request for wisdom and knowledge is granted. But I will also give you wealth, riches, and fame beyond that of any king before you or after you." 13Then Solomon went from[b] the shrine in Gibeon, from the meeting tent to Jerusalem where he ruled over Israel.

Solomon's wealth

14Solomon acquired more and more chariots and horses until he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, which he stationed in chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem. 15In Jerusalem, the king made silver and gold as common as stones, and cedar as plentiful as sycamore trees that grow in the foothills. 16Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and Kue, purchased from Kue by the king's agents at the going price. 17They would import a chariot from Egypt for six hundred pieces of silver and a horse for one hundred fifty, and then export them to all the Hittite and Aramean kings.

1:7-13 1Ki 3:5-15
1:10 Nm 27:17; 2Sa 5:2; 1Ki 3:9; Jas 1:5
1:11 1Ki 3:11
1:12 1Ch 29:25; 2Ch 9:22
1:14 1Ki 4:26, 1Ki 10:26; 2Ch 9:25
1:15 1Ki 10:27; 2Ch 9:27
1:16, 17 1Ki 10:28, 29; 2Ch 9:28
2:2 2Ch 2:17, 18
2:3-16 1Ki 5:1-12

Solomon prepares to build the temple

2[c]Solomon gave orders to build a temple for the LORD's name and to build a royal palace for himself. 2[d]To work in the highlands, Solomon drafted 70,000 laborers, 80,000 stonecutters, and 3,600 supervisors. 3Solomon sent the following message to King Huram[e] of Tyre:

When my father David was building his palace, you sent him cedar logs. 4Now as his son[f] I am about to build a temple in the name of the LORD my God. I will dedicate it to him to burn fragrant incense before him, to set out the bread that is regularly displayed, and to offer entirely burned offerings every morning and evening, on the sabbaths, the first of every month, and the festivals of the LORD our God, as Israel has been commanded to do forever. 5The temple I am about to build must be magnificent, because our God is greater than all other gods. 6But who is able to build such a temple when even the highest heaven can't contain God? And who am I that I should build this temple for God, except as a place to burn incense in his presence? 7So now send me a craftsman skilled in gold, silver, bronze, and iron, as well as in purple, crimson, and violet yarn—someone also experienced as an engraver. He will work with my craftsmen in Judah and Jerusalem who were provided

[b]LXX, Vulg; MT *to* [c]1:18 in Heb [d]2:1 in Heb [e]1 Kings spells the king's name as Hiram. [f]LXX; MT lacks *his son.*

by my father David. 8Also send me cedar, cypress, and sandalwood logs from Lebanon. I know your servants know how to cut Lebanese timber, so my servants will work with your servants 9to prepare plenty of timber for me, because the temple that I am about to build will be magnificent and amazing. 10I will pay the woodcutters twenty thousand kors[g] of crushed wheat, twenty thousand kors of barley, twenty thousand baths[h] of wine, and twenty thousand baths of olive oil.

11Tyre's King Huram replied in a letter that he sent to Solomon:

The LORD must love his people Israel because he has made you their king! 12Bless the LORD, Israel's God, who made heaven and earth. He gave King David a wise son who possesses the knowledge and understanding to build a temple for the LORD and a royal palace for himself. 13I'm sending you a skilled and experienced craftsman, Huram-abi, 14whose mother is from the tribe of Dan and whose father is from Tyre. He's skilled in working with gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, and wood, as well as purple, violet, and crimson yarn, and fine linen. He can do any kind of engraving and make any design given to him with the assistance of your craftsmen and the craftsmen of my master, your father David. 15So once my master sends the wheat, barley, olive oil, and wine he has promised, 16we will cut as much timber as you need from Lebanon and bring it by raft on the sea to you at Joppa, where you can take it up to Jerusalem.

17Then Solomon counted all the immigrants in the land of Israel, as his father David had done, and the total was 153,600. 18He made 70,000 of these immigrants laborers, 80,000 of them stonecutters in the highlands, and 3,600 of them supervisors to keep the people working.

2:17-18 2Ch 2:2
3:1 Gn 22:2; 2Sa 24:18; 1Ki 6:1; 1Ch 21:15, 1Ch 21:18
3:3 1Ki 6:2; 1Ch 28:11
3:4 1Ki 6:3
3:5 1Ki 6:15, 1Ki 6:29, 1Ki 6:32
3:6 1Ki 6:9
3:7 1Ki 6:15, 29
3:8-9 1Ki 6:16-21
3:10-13 1Ki 6:23-28

Solomon builds the temple

3 Solomon began to build the LORD's temple in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord[i] had appeared to his father David, on the place David had prepared at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 2He began building in the second month[j] of the fourth year of his rule. 3Solomon laid the foundations[k] for these structures in order to build the temple of God. The length according to the old standard of measurement was ninety feet and the width thirty feet. 4Across the front of the temple[l] was a porch as long as the temple was and thirty feet wide, and thirty feet[m] high. He covered the inside walls with pure gold. 5He paneled the walls of the main room with pine, covered them with fine gold, and decorated them with palm trees and chains. 6He studded the room with precious stones for beauty; the gold was from Parvaim. 7He covered the room, its beams, doorframes, walls, and doors with gold, and carved images of winged creatures on the walls. 8Then he made the most holy place. It was as long as the temple was wide, thirty feet long and thirty feet wide. He covered it with six hundred kikkars of fine gold. 9The gold nails weighed fifty shekels.[n] He also covered the upper rooms with gold.

10In the most holy place he formed two statues of winged creatures and covered them with gold. 11Together the wingspan of these creatures was thirty feet. One of the first creature's wings was seven and a half feet long and touched the temple wall, while the other wing was seven and a half feet long, touching the wing of the other creature. 12Similarly, one wing of the other creature was seven and a half

[g]One kor is equivalent to a homer and is possibly equal to fifty gallons of grain. [h]One bath is approximately twenty quarts or five gallons. [i]LXX; MT lacks *the LORD*. [j]LXX; MT adds *on the second (day)*. [k]Syr *the measurements* [l]LXX; cf 1 Kgs 6:3 [m]LXX, Syr; MT *one hundred eighty feet* [n]Or approximately thirty ounces

feet long and touched the temple wall, while the other wing was seven and a half feet long and touched the other creature. 13The wings of these creatures extended thirty feet. They stood on their feet facing the main room.

14Then he made the curtain out of fine linen and violet, purple, and crimson yarn, weaving winged creatures into it. 15Then he made two columns in front of the temple, fifty-two and a half feet high, with a seven and a half foot cap on top of each. 16Then he made chains like a necklace[o] and placed them on the tops of the columns. He made a hundred pomegranates and placed them into the chains. 17Then he set up the pillars in front of the sanctuary, one on the south, the other on the north. The one on the south he named Jachin, and the one on the north he named Boaz.

Solomon's temple equipment

4 He[p] also made a bronze altar thirty feet long, thirty feet wide, and fifteen feet high. 2Then he made a tank of cast metal called the Sea. It was circular in shape, fifteen feet from rim to rim, seven and a half feet high, and forty-five feet in circumference. 3Under the rim were two rows of oxlike figures completely encircling it, ten every eighteen inches, each cast in its mold. 4The Sea rested on twelve oxen with their backs toward the center, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east. 5The Sea was as thick as the width of a hand. Its rim was shaped like a cup or an open lily blossom. It could hold three thousand baths.[q] 6He also made ten washbasins and put five on the south and five on the north. The items used for the entirely burned offerings were rinsed in these. The priests washed in the Sea. 7He made ten gold lampstands as prescribed and put them in the sanctuary, five on the south and five on the north. 8He also made ten tables and put them in the sanctuary, five on the south and five on the north, as well as a hundred gold bowls. 9He made the courtyard of the priests and the great courtyard, with doors covered with bronze for the courtyard. 10He placed the Sea at the southeast corner.

11Huram made the pots, the shovels, and the bowls. So Huram finished all his work on God's temple for King Solomon:

12two columns;
two circular capitals on top of the columns;
two networks adorning the two circular capitals on top of the columns;
13four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, with two rows of pomegranates for each network that adorned the two circular capitals on top of the columns;
14ten[r] stands with ten[s] basins on them;
15one Sea;
twelve oxen beneath the Sea;
16and the pots, the shovels, and the meat forks.

All the things that Huram-abi made for King Solomon for the LORD's temple were made of polished bronze. 17The king cast them in clay molds in the Jordan Valley between Succoth and Zarethan.[t] 18Due to the very large number of objects, Solomon didn't even try to weigh the bronze. 19Solomon also made all the equipment for God's temple: the gold altar; the tables for the bread of the presence; 20the lampstands with their lamps, all of pure gold, to burn before the inner sanctuary as prescribed; 21the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of pure gold; 22and the wick trimmers, bowls, ladles, and censers of pure gold. As for the temple entrance, the inner doors to the most holy place as

3:15-17 1Ki 7:15-22
3:22 1Ki 3:7
4:2-5 1Ki 7:23-26
4:6a 1Ki 7:38, 39a
4:7, 8 1Ki 7:48-50; 2Ch 4:19-22
4:9 1Ki 6:36
4:10 1Ki 7:39b
4:11-18 1Ki 7:40-47
4:19-22 1Ki 7:48-50; 1Ch 4:7, 8

[o]Heb adds *in the inner room*. [p]*Solomon* or *Huram*; this ambiguity with the pronoun continues in the following verses, but compare 2 Chron 3:1, 3; 4:11. If Huram is meant, this is a worker whose name is spelled Hiram in 1 Kgs 7:13-14. [q]One bath is approximately twenty quarts or five gallons. [r]LXX and 1 Kgs 7:43; MT *he made* [s]1 Kgs 7:43; MT *he made* [t]With 1 Kgs 7:46; Heb *Zeredah*

well as the doors to the main hall were made of gold.

5 When all of Solomon's work on the LORD's temple was finished, he brought the silver, gold, and all the objects his father David had dedicated and put them in the treasuries of God's temple.

Solomon dedicates the temple

[2]Then Solomon assembled Israel's elders, all the tribal leaders, and the clan chieftains of Israel at Jerusalem to bring up the chest containing the LORD's covenant from Zion, David's City. [3]Everyone in Israel assembled before the king in the seventh month,[u] during the festival. [4]When all Israel's elders had arrived, the Levites picked up the chest. [5]They brought the chest, the meeting tent, and all the holy objects that were in the tent. The priests and[v] the Levites brought them up, [6]while King Solomon and the entire Israelite assembly that had joined him before the chest sacrificed countless sheep and oxen. [7]The priests brought the chest containing the LORD's covenant to its designated spot beneath the wings of the winged creatures in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the most holy place. [8]The winged creatures spread their wings over the place where the chest rested, covering the chest and its carrying poles. [9]The carrying poles were so long that their tips could be seen from the holy place[w] in front of the inner sanctuary, though they weren't visible from outside. They are still there today. [10]Nothing was in the chest except the two stone tablets Moses placed there while at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites after they left Egypt.

[11]Then the priests left the holy place. All the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, regardless of their divisions. [12]All the levitical musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their families and relatives—were dressed in fine linen and stood east of the altar with cymbals, harps, and zithers, along with one hundred twenty priests blowing trumpets. [13]The trumpeters and singers joined together to praise and thank the LORD as one. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other musical instruments, they began to sing, praising the LORD:

Yes, God is good!
Yes, God's faithful love
lasts forever!

Then a cloud filled the LORD's temple.[x] [14]The priests were unable to carry out their duties on account of the cloud because the LORD's glory filled God's temple.

6 Then Solomon said, "The LORD said that he would live in a dark cloud; [2]but God, I have built you a lofty temple—a place where you can live forever."

[3]The king turned around, and while the entire assembly of Israel was standing there, he blessed them, [4]saying:

Bless the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke directly to my father David and now has kept his promise: [5]"From the day I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I haven't selected a city from any Israelite tribe as a site for the building of a temple for my name. Neither have I chosen anyone as prince over my people Israel. [6]But now I have chosen Jerusalem as a place for my name, and David as prince over my people Israel."

[7]My father David wanted to build a temple for the name of the LORD, Israel's God. [8]But the LORD said to my father David: "It is very good that you thought to build a temple for my name. Nevertheless, [9]you yourself won't build that temple. Instead, your very own son will build the temple for my name." [10]The LORD has kept his promise—I have succeeded my father David on Israel's throne, just as the LORD

5:1 1Ki 7:51
5:2-14 1Ki 8:1-11
5:13 1Ki 8:10; 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 7:3, 2Ch 20:21; Ezr 3:11
6:1-11 1Ki 8:12-21

[u]September–October, Tishrei [v]LXX; MT *the levitical priests* [w]LXX; MT *the chest* [x]Cf LXX; MT *the temple, the LORD's temple*

said, and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD, Israel's God. [11]There I've placed the chest that contains the covenant that the LORD made with the Israelites.

[12]Solomon stood before the LORD's altar in front of the entire Israelite assembly and spread out his hands. [13]Now Solomon had made a bronze platform seven and a half feet long, seven and a half feet wide, and four and a half feet high, and he set it in the middle of the enclosure. He stood on it. Then, kneeling before the whole assembly of Israel and spreading his hands toward the sky, [14]he said:

LORD God of Israel, there is no god like you in heaven or on the earth. You keep the covenant and show loyalty to your servants who walk before you with all their heart. [15]This is the covenant you kept with your servant David my father, which you promised him. Today you have fulfilled what you promised.

[16]So now, LORD God of Israel, keep what you promised my father David your servant when you said to him, "You will never fail to have a successor sitting on Israel's throne as long as your descendants carefully walk according to my Instruction, just as you have walked before me." [17]So now, LORD God of Israel, may your promise to your servant David come true.

[18]But how could God possibly live on earth with people? If heaven, even the highest heaven, can't contain you, how can this temple that I have built contain you? [19]LORD, my God, listen to your servant's prayer and request, and hear the cry and prayer that I your servant pray to you. [20]Constantly watch over this temple, the place where you promised to put your name, and listen to the prayer your servant is praying concerning this place. [21]Listen to the request of your servant and your people Israel when they pray concerning this place. Listen from your heavenly dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive!

[22]If someone wrongs another and must take a solemn pledge asserting his innocence before your altar in this temple, [23]then listen from heaven, act, and decide which of your servants is right. Condemn the guilty party, repaying them for their conduct, but justify the innocent person, repaying them for their righteousness.

[24]If your people Israel are defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you, but then they change their hearts, give thanks to your name, and ask for mercy in your presence at this temple, [25]then listen from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel. Return them to the land you gave to them and their ancestors.

[26]When the sky holds back its rain because Israel has sinned against you, but they then pray concerning this place, give thanks to your name, and turn away from their sin because you have punished them for it,[y] [27]then listen from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the best way for them to follow, and send rain on your land that you gave to your people as an inheritance.

[28]Whenever there is a famine or plague in the land, or whenever there is blight, mildew, locusts, or grasshoppers, or whenever someone's enemies attack them in their cities, or any plague or illness comes, [29]whatever prayer or petition is made by any individual or by all of your people Israel—because people will recognize their own pain and suffering and spread out their hands toward this temple—[30]then listen from heaven where you live. Forgive, act, and repay each person according to all their conduct because you

6:12-21 1Ki 8:22-30
6:18 2Ch 2:6; Ps 113:5; Is 66:1; Ac 7:49
6:22, 23 1Ki 8:31, 32
6:24, 25 1Ki 8:33, 34
6:26, 27 1Ki 8:35, 36
6:28-31 1Ki 8:37-40
6:30 1Ch 28:9

[y]LXX, Vulg; MT *you have answered them*

know their hearts. You alone know the human heart! 31Do this that they may revere you by following your ways all the days they live on the fertile land that you gave to our ancestors.

32Listen also to the foreigner who isn't from your people Israel, but who comes from a distant country because of your great reputation, your great power, and your outstretched arm. When they come and pray toward this temple, 33then listen from heaven where you live, and do everything the foreigner asks. Do this so that all the people of the earth may know your reputation and revere you, as your people Israel do, and recognize that this temple I have built bears your name.

34When your people go to war against their enemies, wherever you may send them, and they pray to you toward this city that you have chosen and concerning this temple that I have built for your name, 35then listen from heaven to their prayer and request and do what is right for them.

36When they sin against you, for there is no one who doesn't sin, and you become angry with them and hand them over to an enemy who takes them away as prisoners to enemy territory, whether distant or nearby, 37if they change their heart in whatever land they are held captive, turning back and begging for your mercy,[z] saying, "We have sinned, we have done wrong, and we have acted wickedly!" 38and if they return to you with all their heart and all their being in the enemy territory where they've been taken captive, and pray concerning their land, which you gave to their ancestors, concerning the city you have chosen, and concerning this temple I have built for your name, 39then listen to their prayer and request from your heavenly dwelling place. Do what is right for them, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

40Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers of this place. 41And now go, LORD God, to your resting place, you and your mighty chest. May your priests, LORD God, be clothed with salvation; may those loyal to you rejoice in what is good. 42LORD God, don't reject your anointed one.[a] Remember your faithful loyalty to your servant David.

6:32, 33 1Ki 8:41-43
6:34, 35 1Ki 8:44, 45
6:36 Job 15:14; Ecc 7:20; Jas 3:2; 1Jn 1:8
6:36-39 1Ki 8:46-53
6:42 Ps 132:1, Ps 132:10; Is 55:3
7:4-10 1Ki 8:62-66

7As soon as Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the entirely burned offering and the sacrifices, while the LORD's glory filled the temple. 2The priests were unable to enter the LORD's temple because the LORD's glory had filled the LORD's temple. 3All the Israelites were watching when the fire fell. As the LORD's glory filled the temple, they knelt down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, worshipping and giving thanks to the LORD, saying, "Yes, God is good! Yes, God's faithful love lasts forever!"

4Then the king and all the people sacrificed to the LORD. 5King Solomon sacrificed twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred twenty thousand sheep when the king and all the people dedicated God's temple. 6The priests stood at their posts, as did the Levites with the LORD's musical instruments, which King David had made for giving thanks to the LORD, saying, "Yes, God's faithful love lasts forever!" and which David had used when he gave praise. Across from them, the priests were blowing trumpets while all Israel was standing.

7Solomon also dedicated the middle of the courtyard in front of the LORD's temple. He had to offer the entirely burned offerings and the fat of the well-being sacrifices there because the bronze altar Solomon had made

[z]MT adds *in the land they are held captive.* [a]LXX; MT *anointed ones*

was too small to contain the entirely burned offerings, the grain offerings, and the pieces of fat.

[8]At that time Solomon, together with all Israel, celebrated the festival for seven days. It was a very large assembly that came from Lebo-hamath to the border[b] of Egypt. [9]On the eighth day there was a gathering. They had dedicated the altar for seven days and celebrated the festival for another seven days. [10]On the twenty-third day of the seventh month,[c] Solomon dismissed the people to their tents, happy and content because of the goodness the LORD had shown to David, to Solomon, and to his people Israel. [11]In this way, Solomon finished the LORD's temple and the royal palace. He successfully accomplished everything he intended for the LORD's temple and his own palace.

Solomon again meets God

[12]Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him: I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place as my house of sacrifice. [13]When I close the sky so that there is no rain or I order the locusts to consume the land or I send a plague against my people, [14]if my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. [15]From now on my eyes will be open and my ears will pay attention to the prayers offered in this place, [16]because I have chosen this temple and declared it holy so that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. [17]As for you, if you will walk before me just as your father David did, doing all that I have commanded you and keeping my regulations and case laws, [18]then I will establish your royal throne, just as I promised your father David: You will never fail to have a successor ruling in Israel. [19]But if any of you ever turn away from and abandon the regulations and commands that I have given you, and go to serve other gods and worship them, [20]then I will uproot you[d] from my land that I gave you, and I will reject this temple that I made holy for my name. I will make it a joke, insulted by everyone. [21]Everyone who passes by this temple—so lofty now—will be shocked and will wonder, Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and temple? [22]The answer will come, Because they abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt. They embraced other gods, worshipping and serving them. This is why God brought all this disaster on them.

7:9 Lv 23:36
7:11-22 1Ki 9:1-9
7:12 Dt 12:5-6, Dt 12:11; 1Ki 9:1; 2Ch 1:7
8:1, 2 1Ki 9:10-14
8:4-6 1Ki 9:17-19
8:5 Josh 16:3; 1Ch 7:24
8:7 1Ki 9:20
8:7-10 1Ki 9:20-23
8:8 1Ki 9:21
8:9 Ex 19:6; 1Ki 4:1; 2Ch 8:10

Solomon's buildings and prosperity

8 After twenty years of building the LORD's temple and his royal palace, [2]Solomon next rebuilt the cities Huram had given him, and he settled Israelites there.

[3]Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and seized it. [4]He fortified Tadmor in the wilderness, along with all the storage cities he had built in Hamath. [5]Solomon also built Upper Beth-horon and Lower Beth-horon as fortress cities with walls, gates, and crossbars; [6]Baalath; all the cities he used for storage; and all the cities used for chariots and cavalry—along with everything else he wanted to build in Jerusalem, Lebanon, and throughout his kingdom.

[7]Any non-Israelite people who remained of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—[8]that is, the descendants of such people who were still in the land because the Israelites weren't able to destroy them—Solomon forced into the labor gangs that are still in existence today. [9]However, Solomon didn't force the Israelites to work as slaves; instead, they became warriors, chief officers, and the commanders of his chariots and cavalry. [10]And Solomon had two hundred fifty chief officers[e] who were in charge of the people.

[b]Or *Wadi*, traditionally *Brook* [c]September–October, Tishrei [d]Or *Israel* (or *them*) [e]Qere; Kethib *officers of the troops*

[11]Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter from David's City to a palace he had built for her, because he said, "My wife mustn't live in the palace of Israel's King David, because the places where the LORD's chest has been are holy."

[12]Then Solomon offered entirely burned offerings to the LORD on the LORD's altar that Solomon had built in front of the porch, [13]as each day required, according to the commandment of Moses for sabbaths, new moon festivals, and the three annual festivals—Unleavened Bread, Weeks, and Booths. [14]Just as his father David had ordered, Solomon set up the divisions of the priests for their services and the Levites to their posts for offering praise and ministering in front of the priests, doing what needed to be done each day; as well as the gatekeepers in their divisions at each gate, because this was what David the man of God had commanded. [15]They didn't deviate in any way from the king's commands concerning the priests, the Levites, or the treasuries. [16]All Solomon's work was carried out from the day the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid until its completion. Then the LORD's temple was completely finished.

[17]Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber and Eloth on the coast in the land of Edom. [18]Huram had his servants bring ships to Solomon, along with crews of expert sailors. They went with Solomon's servants to Ophir and imported four hundred fifty kikkars of gold, which they brought back to King Solomon.

Queen of Sheba

9 When the queen of Sheba heard reports about Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with riddles. Accompanying her was a huge entourage, with camels carrying spices, large amounts of gold, and precious stones. After she arrived, she told Solomon everything that was on her mind. [2]Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too difficult for him to answer. [3]When the queen of Sheba saw how wise Solomon was, the palace he had built, [4]the food on his table, his servants' quarters, the function and dress of his attendants, his cupbearers and their dress, and the entirely burned offerings he offered at the LORD's temple,[f] it took her breath away.

[5]"The report I heard about your deeds and wisdom when I was still at home is true," she said to the king. [6]"I didn't believe it until I came and saw it with my own eyes. In fact, the half of it wasn't told to me! You have far more than I was told. [7]Your people and these servants who continually serve you and get to listen to your wisdom are truly happy! [8]Bless the LORD your God because he was pleased to put you on the throne as king for the LORD your God. Because your God loved Israel and wanted to establish them forever, he has made you their king to uphold justice and righteousness."

[9]Then she gave the king one hundred twenty kikkars of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones. Never again has such a quantity of spice come to Israel as when the queen of Sheba gave this gift to King Solomon.

[10]In addition, Huram's servants and the servants of Solomon, who had brought gold back from Ophir, also brought algum wood and precious stones. [11]The king made steps[g] for the LORD's temple and for the royal palace with the algum wood, as well as lyres and harps for the musicians. Never before had anything like them been seen in the land of Judah. [12]King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba everything she wanted, even more than she had brought the king. Then she and her servants returned to her homeland.

Solomon's wealth

[13]Solomon received an annual income of six hundred sixty-six kikkars of gold, [14]not including income from the traders and merchants. All the Arabian kings and the governors of the land also brought Solomon gold and silver. [15]King

8:11 1Ki 9:24a
8:12-16 1Ki 9:25
8:17, 18 1Ki 9:26-28
9:1-12 1Ki 10:1-13
9:13-20 1Ki 10:14-21

[f]LXX, Syr, Vulg, 1 Kgs 10:5; MT *how he processed* (or *went up*) *to the* LORD*'s temple.* [g]LXX, Vulg; Heb uncertain

Solomon made two hundred body-sized shields of hammered gold, using fifteen pounds[h] of hammered gold in each shield; [16]and three hundred small shields of hammered gold, using seven and a half pounds[i] of hammered gold in each shield. The king placed these in the Forest of Lebanon Palace.

[17]The king also made a large ivory throne and covered it with pure gold. [18]Six steps led up to the throne, which had a gold footrest attached. Two lions stood beside the armrests on both sides of the throne. [19]Another twelve lions stood on both sides of the six steps. No other kingdom had anything like this.

[20]All King Solomon's drinking cups were made of gold, and all the items in the Forest of Lebanon Palace were made of pure gold, not silver, since even silver wasn't considered good enough in Solomon's time! [21]The royal fleet sailed to Tarshish with the servants of Huram, returning once every three years with gold, silver, ivory, monkeys, and peacocks.[j]

[22]King Solomon far exceeded all the earth's kings in wealth and wisdom, [23]and kings of every nation wanted an audience with Solomon in order to hear his God-given wisdom. [24]Year after year they came with tribute: objects of silver and gold, clothing, weapons, spices, horses, and mules.

[25]Solomon also had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, together with twelve thousand horsemen that he kept in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem. [26]He ruled all the kings from the Euphrates[k] to the Philistines' land and the border of Egypt. [27]In Jerusalem, the king made silver as common as stones and cedar as common as sycamore trees that grow in the foothills. [28]Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and every land.

Solomon's remaining days

[29]The rest of Solomon's deeds, from beginning to end, aren't they written in the records of the prophet Nathan, the prophecies of Ahijah from Shiloh, and the visions of the seer Iddo concerning Jeroboam, Nebat's son? [30]Solomon ruled over all Israel in Jerusalem for forty years. [31]Solomon lay down with his ancestors and was buried in David's City with his father. His son Rehoboam succeeded him as king.

9:21 1Ki 10:22

9:22-24 1Ki 10:23-25

9:25 1Ki 4:26, 1Ki 10:26; 2Ch 1:14

9:26 1Ki 4:21

9:27 1Ki 10:27; 2Ch 1:15

9:28 1Ki 10:28, 29; 2Ch 1:16, 17

9:29 1Ki 11:29, 1Ki 11:41; 1Ch 29:29; 2Ch 12:15, 2Ch 13:22

10:1-19 1Ki 12:1-19

How Rehoboam lost the kingdom

10 Rehoboam went to Shechem, where all Israel had come to make him king. [2]When Jeroboam, Nebat's son, heard the news, he returned from Egypt where he had fled from King Solomon. [3]The people sent and called for Jeroboam, who along with all Israel came and said to Rehoboam, [4]"Your father made our workload[l] very heavy; if you will lessen the demands your father made of us and lighten the heavy workload he demanded from us, then we will serve you."

[5]He answered them, "Come back in three days." So the people left.

[6]King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon when he was alive. "What do you advise?" Rehoboam asked. "How should I respond to these people?"

[7]"If you are kind to these people and try to please them by speaking gently with them," they replied, "they will be your servants forever."

[8]But Rehoboam ignored the advice the elders gave him and instead sought the counsel of the young advisors who had grown up with him and now served him. [9]"What do you advise?" he asked them. "How should we respond to these people who said to me, 'Lighten the workload your father demanded from us'?"

[10]The young people who had grown up with Rehoboam said to him, "This people said to you, 'Your father made our workload heavy. Lighten it for us!' Now this is what you should say to them, 'My baby[m] finger is thicker than my father's waist! [11]So if my father made

[h]Or *six hundred shekels* [i]Or *three hundred shekels* [j]Or possibly *apes*; Heb uncertain [k]Or *the river* [l]Or *our yoke* [m]Or pinky; perhaps a euphemism

your workload heavy, I'll make it even heavier! If my father disciplined you with whips, I'll do it with scorpions!'"

[12]Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king had specified when he said, "Come back in three days." [13]The king then answered the people harshly. He ignored the elders' advice, [14]and instead followed the young people's advice. He said, "My father made your workload heavy, but I'll make it even heavier; my father disciplined you with whips, but I'll do it with scorpions!"

[15]The king didn't listen to the people because this turn of events came from God so that the LORD might keep his promise concerning Jeroboam, Nebat's son, which God delivered through Ahijah from Shiloh. [16]When all Israel saw[n] that the king wouldn't listen to them, the people answered the king,

"Why should we care about David?
We have no stake in Jesse's son!
Go back to your homes, Israel!
You better look after
your own house now, David!"

Then all Israel went back to their homes, [17]and Rehoboam ruled over only the Israelites who lived in the cities of Judah.

[18]When King Rehoboam sent Hadoram to them (he was the leader of the work gang), the Israelites stoned him to death. King Rehoboam quickly got into his chariot and fled to Jerusalem. [19]And so Israel has been in rebellion against David's dynasty to this day.

11:1-4 1Ki 12:21-24

11:15 Lv 17:7; Dt 32:17; 1Ki 12:28, 1Ki 12:31, 1Ki 13:33

11 When Rehoboam arrived at Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand select warriors, to fight against Israel and to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam. [2]But the LORD's word came to Shemaiah the man of God: [3]Tell Judah's King Rehoboam, Solomon's son, and all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, [4]This is what the LORD says: Don't make war against your relatives. Go home, every one of you, because this is my plan. When they heard the LORD's words, they abandoned their attack against Jeroboam.

[5]Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, but he built cities for Judah's defense [6]in Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, [7]Beth-zur, Soco, Adullam, [8]Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, [9]Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah, [10]Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron. These were the fortified cities in Judah and Benjamin. [11]He made the fortifications stronger, placed commanders in them, and supplied them with food, oil, and wine. [12]He also stored shields and spears in each of the cities, making them very strong. This is how Judah and Benjamin remained under his control.

[13]The priests and the Levites from every region throughout all Israel sided with Rehoboam. [14]The Levites left their pastures and property to come to Judah and Jerusalem because Jeroboam and his sons had refused to let them serve as the LORD's priests, [15]having appointed his own priests for the shrines and the goat and calf idols he had made. [16]People from every tribe of Israel who had made up their minds to seek the LORD, Israel's God, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD, the God of their ancestors. [17]They strengthened the kingdom of Judah and supported Rehoboam, Solomon's son, for three years by following the way of David and Solomon those three years.

[18]Rehoboam married Mahalath daughter of Jerimoth, David's son, and Abihail daughter of Eliab, Jesse's son. [19]The sons she bore him were Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham. [20]Later he married Maacah, Absalom's daughter, who bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith. [21]Rehoboam loved Absalom's daughter Maacah more than all his wives and secondary wives. In all, he had eighteen wives and sixty secondary wives, twenty-eight sons, and sixty daughters. [22]Rehoboam named Abijah, Maacah's son, as his successor in order to make him king. [23]He wisely placed some of his sons in every region of Judah and Benjamin, in every fortified

[n]Syr, OL, Tg; MT lacks *saw*.

city, and gave them plenty of food and sought many wives for them.

12 But as soon as Rehoboam had secured his royal power, he, along with all Israel, abandoned the LORD's Instruction.

Rehoboam rules Israel

[2]Egypt's King Shishak attacked Jerusalem in the fifth year of King Rehoboam because Israel had been unfaithful to the LORD. [3]Accompanying Shishak from Egypt were twelve hundred chariots, sixty thousand horses, and countless Libyan, Sukkite, and Cushite warriors. [4]He captured the fortified cities of Judah and came toward Jerusalem. [5]Then the prophet Shemaiah went to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and told them, This is what the LORD says: Since you have abandoned me, now I am abandoning you to Shishak's power.

[6]Then the leaders of Israel and the king submitted. "The LORD is right," they said.

[7]When the LORD saw that they had submitted, the LORD's word came to Shemaiah: Since they have submitted, I won't destroy them. I will deliver them in a little while, and I won't use Shishak to pour out my anger against Jerusalem. [8]Nevertheless, they will be subject to him so that they learn the difference between serving me and serving other nations.

[9]Egypt's King Shishak attacked Jerusalem and seized the treasures of the LORD's temple and the royal palace. He took everything, even the gold shields Solomon had made. [10]King Rehoboam replaced them with bronze shields and assigned them to the officers of the guard who protected the entrance to the royal palace. ([11]Whenever the king entered the LORD's temple, the guards would carry the shields and then return them to the guardroom.) [12]When Rehoboam submitted, the LORD was no longer angry with him, and total destruction was avoided. There were, after all, some good things still in Judah.

12:1 1Ki 14:22
12:2 1Ki 14:25
12:9-11 1Ki 14:26-28
12:13 1Ki 14:21
12:15 1Ki 12:22, 1Ki 14:29; 2Ch 9:29, 2Ch 12:5, 2Ch 13:22
12:15b 1Ki 14:30, 1Ki 15:6
12:16a 1Ki 14:31a
12:16b 1Ki 14:31b
13:1 1Ki 15:1
13:2b 1Ki 15:7b
13:5 Lv 2:13; Nm 18:19

[13]So King Rehoboam was securely established in Jerusalem. Rehoboam was 41 years old when he became king, and he ruled seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put his name. His mother's name was Naamah from Ammon. [14]But Rehoboam did what was evil because he didn't set his heart on seeking the LORD. [15]The deeds of Rehoboam, from beginning to end, aren't they written in the records of the prophet Shemaiah and the seer Iddo, including the genealogical records? There was continual warfare between Rehoboam and Jeroboam. [16]Rehoboam lay down with his ancestors and was buried in David's City. His son Abijah[o] succeeded him as king.

Abijah rules Judah

13 Abijah[p] became king over Judah in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam. [2]He ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Micaiah; she was Uriel's daughter from Gibeah. When war broke out between Abijah and Jeroboam, [3]Abijah went to fight with an army of four hundred thousand select troops against Jeroboam's select forces numbering eight hundred thousand, who were arrayed in battle formation.

[4]Abijah stood on the heights of Mount Zemaraim in Ephraim's highlands and said:

"Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel! [5]Surely you know that the LORD, Israel's God, made an unbreakable covenant[q] with David and his descendants that they would rule Israel forever. [6]It was Jeroboam, Nebat's son, the servant of Solomon, David's son, who rebelled against his master. [7]When some useless, worthless people joined his cause, they overpowered Rehoboam, Solomon's son, who was too young and timid to resist

[o]Spelled Abijam in 1 Kgs 14:31 [p]Spelled Abijam in 1 Kgs 15:1, 7-8 [q]Or *a covenant of salt*

them. [8]And now do you intend to challenge the LORD's royal rule, entrusted to David's descendants? You may have a numerical advantage, as well as the gold calves Jeroboam made for you as gods. [9]But you've banished the LORD's priests, Aaron's sons, along with the Levites, so that you could appoint your own priests as other countries do. Now anyone who shows up with a young bull and seven rams can become a priest of these phony gods!

[10]"But us? The LORD is our God, and we haven't abandoned him. Aaron's descendants serve as the LORD's priests, assisted in the work by the Levites. [11]Every morning and every evening they offer entirely burned offerings and fragrant incense to the LORD, and set out bread in stacks upon a clean table. At night they light the lamps on the gold lampstand. Yes, while you are abandoning the LORD our God, we are doing what he requires. [12]Listen! God is on our side, at our head, along with his priests, who are ready to sound the battle trumpets against you. So, Israelites, don't fight against the LORD, the God of your ancestors, for you won't succeed!"

[13]Meanwhile, Jeroboam had sent troops around behind them for an ambush so that the main force was in front of Judah while the ambush was behind. [14]When Judah looked around and suddenly realized that they were surrounded, they cried out to the LORD while the priests sounded the trumpets [15]and raised the battle cry. When they raised the battle cry, God defeated Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. [16]So the Israelites fled before Judah, and God gave Judah the victory. [17]Abijah and his people struck them severely: five hundred thousand select warriors were killed. [18]Israel was subdued on that occasion, and Judah succeeded because they relied on the LORD, the God of their ancestors. [19]Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took these cities away from him: Bethel, Jeshanah, and Ephron,[r] along with their villages. [20]Jeroboam failed to regain power during the time of Abijah. The LORD finally struck him down, and he died. [21]Abijah, however, grew strong. He married fourteen wives; he had twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters. [22]The rest of Abijah's deeds, what he did and what he said, are written in the account of the prophet Iddo.

14 Abijah lay down with his ancestors and was buried in David's City. His son Asa succeeded him as king.

Asa rules Judah

[s]In Asa's time, the land had peace for ten years. [2][t]Asa did what was right and good in the LORD his God's eyes. [3]He removed the foreign altars and shrines, smashed the sacred pillars, cut down the sacred poles,[u] [4]and urged Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, by doing what the Instruction and the commandments required. [5]He also removed the shrines and incense altars from all the cities of Judah so that the kingdom was at peace under him. [6]When the land was at peace, he built fortified cities in Judah; there was no war in those years because the LORD had given him rest.

[7]"Let's build up these cities," Asa told Judah. "We'll surround them with walls, towers, gates, and crossbars while the land is still ours, because we sought the LORD our God and he sought us[v] and surrounded us with rest." As a result, the people successfully completed their building projects.

Judah defeats Cush

[8]Asa had an army of three hundred thousand Judeans armed with body-sized shields and spears and another two hundred eighty thousand from Benjamin armed with small shields and bows. All were brave warriors.

13:11 Lv 24:5; 2Ch 2:4
13:20b 1Ki 14:20a
13:22 1Ki 15:7a 2Ch 9:29, 2Ch 12:15, 2Ch 24:27
14:1 1Ki 15:8
14:2 1Ki 15:11

[r]Qere, LXX; Kethib *Ephrain* [s]13:23 in Heb [t]14:1 in Heb [u]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah; cf 1 Kgs 15:13 [v]LXX; MT lacks *and* and repeats *we sought*.

[9]Zerah the Cushite marched against him with an army of one million men and three hundred chariots. When he got as far as Mareshah, [10]Asa marched against him, setting up for battle in a valley north[w] of Mareshah.

[11]Then Asa cried out to the LORD his God, "LORD, only you can help the weak against the powerful.[x] Help us, LORD our God; because we rely on you and we have marched against this multitude in your name. You are the LORD our God. Don't let a mere human stand against you!"

[12]So the LORD struck the Cushites before Asa and Judah, and the Cushites fled. [13]Asa and his troops chased them as far as Gerar. The Cushites fell until there were no survivors. They were completely crushed by the LORD and his army, who carried off a huge amount of loot, [14]and attacked all the cities surrounding Gerar who were terrified of the LORD. They plundered all these cities as well because there was a great amount of loot in them. [15]They also attacked the herdsmen's camps, taking many sheep and camels before returning to Jerusalem.

15 When God's spirit came upon Azariah, Oded's son, [2]he confronted Asa: "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin," he said. "The LORD is with you as long as you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you abandon him, he will abandon you. [3]For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach them, and without the Instruction. [4]But in their time of trouble they turned to the LORD, Israel's God. They sought him and found him! [5]At that time, it wasn't safe to travel because great turmoil affected all the inhabitants of the area. [6]Nation was crushed by nation and city by city, as God troubled them with every kind of problem. [7]But as for you, be brave and don't lose heart, because your work will be rewarded!"

15:1 Nm 24:2; Jgs 3:10; 2Ch 15:8, 2Ch 20:14, 2Ch 24:20
15:2 1Ch 28:9; 2Ch 20:17; Is 55:6
15:8 1Ki 15:12
15:16 1Ki 15:13
15:17-18 1Ki 15:14-15

Asa's reforms

[8]As soon as Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah, Oded's son,[y] he felt brave and removed the detestable idols from all of Judah and Benjamin, as well as from the cities he had captured in Ephraim's highlands, and he repaired the LORD's altar that stood before the LORD's entrance hall. [9]Then Asa gathered all Judah and Benjamin, along with those who were living among them as immigrants from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, because many people from Israel had joined up with him when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. [10]They gathered in Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's rule. [11]On that day they sacrificed to the LORD part of the loot they had taken: seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. [12]They made a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and all their being. [13]They agreed that anyone who refused to seek the LORD, Israel's God, would be put to death, whether young or old, male or female. [14]They swore this to the LORD with a loud voice, shouts of joy, and blasts from trumpets and horns. [15]All Judah was delighted with the solemn pledge because they had sworn it with all their hearts. When they enthusiastically sought God, he was found by them, and the LORD gave them peace on every side. [16]Asa the king even removed his grandmother Maacah from the position of queen mother because she had made an image of Asherah. Asa cut down her image, pulverized it, and burned it in the Kidron Valley. [17]Although the shrines weren't removed from Israel, Asa nevertheless remained committed with all his heart throughout his life. [18]He brought into God's temple the various silver and gold objects that he and his father had dedicated. [19]There was no war until the thirty-fifth year of Asa's rule.

[w]LXX; MT an otherwise unknown *Zephathah Valley* [x]Heb uncertain; or *it is not with you to help between the many and the powerless.* [y]Cf Syr, Vulg; MT *and the prophecy of the prophet Oded*

Aram invades Judah

16 In the thirty-sixth year of Asa's rule, Israel's King Baasha attacked Judah and fortified Ramah to prevent Judah's King Asa from moving into that area. [2]Asa took silver and gold from the treasuries of the LORD's temple and the royal palace and sent them to Aram's King Ben-hadad, who ruled in Damascus, with the following message: [3]"Let's make a covenant similar to the one between our fathers. Since I have already sent you silver and gold, break your covenant with Israel's King Baasha so that he will leave me alone." [4]Ben-hadad agreed with King Asa and sent his army commanders against the cities of Israel, attacking Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali. [5]As soon as Baasha learned of this, he stopped building Ramah and abandoned his work. [6]Then King Asa had all Judah carry away the stone and timber that Baasha was using to build Ramah, and King Asa used it to build Geba and Mizpah. [7]At that time Hanani the seer came to Judah's King Asa and said to him, "Because you relied on Aram's king and not on the LORD your God, the army of Aram's king has slipped out of your grasp. [8]Weren't the Cushites and the Libyans a vast army with chariots and horsemen to spare? Still, when you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your power, [9]because the LORD'S eyes scan the whole world to strengthen those who are committed to him with all their hearts. Your foolishness means that you will have war on your hands from now on." [10]Asa was angry with the seer. Asa was so mad he threw Hanani in jail and took his anger out on some of the people.

Asa's disease and death

[11]The rest of Asa's deeds, from beginning to end, are written in the official records of Israel's and Judah's kings. [12]In the thirty-ninth year of his rule, Asa developed a severe foot disease. But even in his illness he refused to seek the LORD and consulted doctors instead. [13]In the forty-first year of his rule, Asa lay down with his ancestors. [14]He was buried in the tomb he had prepared for himself in David's City, and was laid on a bed filled with sweet spices and various kinds of perfume, with a huge fire made in his honor.

16:1-6 1Ki 15:17-22
16:9 1Sa 13:13; Prv 15:3; Jer 16:17; Zec 4:10
16:11 1Ki 15:23a
16:12 1Ki 15:23b
16:13, 14 1Ki 15:24a
17:1a 1Ki 15:24b
17:3 Jgs 2:11, Jgs 8:33; 2Sa 5:10, 2Sa 8:15; 2Ch 20:32

Jehoshaphat rules Judah

17 Asa's son Jehoshaphat succeeded him as king. Jehoshaphat strengthened his position against Israel [2]by stationing troops in the fortified cities of Judah and placing soldiers throughout the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim that his father Asa had captured. [3]The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the earlier ways of his father[z] by not seeking Baal. [4]Instead, he sought the God of his father, and unlike Israel, he followed God's commandments. [5]The LORD gave him firm control over the kingdom, and all Judah brought Jehoshaphat tribute, so that he had abundant riches and honor. [6]Jehoshaphat took pride in the LORD's ways and again removed the shrines and the sacred poles[a] from Judah.

[7]In the third year of his rule, Jehoshaphat sent his officials Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah to teach in the cities of Judah. [8]They were accompanied by the Levites Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, and by the priests Elishama and Jehoram. [9]They taught throughout Judah. They brought with them the LORD's Instruction scroll as they made their rounds to all the cities of Judah, teaching the people.

[10]All the kingdoms surrounding Judah were afraid of the LORD and didn't wage war against Jehoshaphat. [11]Some of the Philistines brought a load of silver as tribute to Jehoshaphat. The Arabians also brought flocks to

[z]LXX; MT *in the ways of his father David* [a]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah

Jehoshaphat: seventy-seven hundred rams and seventy-seven hundred goats. [12]As Jehoshaphat grew increasingly powerful, he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah [13]and had many supplies in the cities of Judah. He also had an army of mighty warriors in Jerusalem, [14]registered by their clans as follows: Judah's officers over units of a thousand included Commander Adnah with three hundred thousand soldiers; [15]next to him was Commander Jehohanan with two hundred eighty thousand soldiers; [16]at his side was Amasiah, Zichri's son, who volunteered for the LORD with two hundred thousand soldiers. [17]From Benjamin came a valiant warrior: Eliada, together with two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield; [18]next to him was Jehozabad, together with one hundred eighty thousand soldiers. [19]These were the individuals who served the king in addition to those the king placed in the fortified cities throughout Judah.

Jehoshaphat and Ahab

18 Even though Jehoshaphat already had great wealth and honor, he allied himself with Ahab through marriage. [2]A few years later, while Jehoshaphat was visiting Ahab in Samaria, Ahab slaughtered many sheep and oxen for Jehoshaphat and those who were with him in order to persuade him to attack Ramoth-gilead. [3]"Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" Israel's King Ahab asked Judah's King Jehoshaphat.

Jehoshaphat replied, "I and my people will be united with you and your people in battle. [4]But," Jehoshaphat said to Israel's king, "first, let's see what the LORD has to say." [5]So Israel's king gathered four hundred prophets and asked them, "Should we go to war with Ramoth-gilead or not?"

"Attack!" the prophets answered. "God will hand it over to the king."

[6]But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there any other prophet of the LORD around whom we could ask?"

[b]LXX, 1 Kgs 22:14; MT omits *me*.

18:1b 1Ki 22:44
18:2, 3 1Ki 22:2-4
18:4, 5 1Ki 22:5, 6
18:6-8 1Ki 22:7-9
18:9-11 1Ki 22:10-12

[7]"There's one other man who could ask the LORD for us," Israel's king told Jehoshaphat, "but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, only bad. His name is Micaiah, Imlah's son."

"The king shouldn't speak like that!" Jehoshaphat said.

[8]So Israel's king called an officer and ordered, "Bring Micaiah, Imlah's son, right away."

[9]Now Israel's king and Judah's King Jehoshaphat were sitting on their thrones dressed in their royal robes at the threshing floor beside the entrance to the gate of Samaria. All the prophets were prophesying in front of them. [10]Zedekiah, Chenaanah's son, made iron horns for himself and said, "This is what the LORD says: With these horns you will gore the Arameans until there's nothing left of them!"

[11]The other prophets agreed: "Attack Ramoth-gilead and win! The LORD will hand it over to the king!"

[12]Meanwhile, the messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Listen, the prophets all agree that the king will succeed. You should say the same thing they say and prophesy success."

[13]But Micaiah answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, I will say only what God tells me to say."[b]

[14]When Micaiah arrived, the king asked him, "Micaiah, should we go to war with Ramoth-gilead or not?"

"Attack and win!" Micaiah answered. "The LORD will hand it over to the king."

[15]But the king said, "How many times must I demand that you tell me the truth when you speak in the LORD's name?"

[16]Then Micaiah replied, "I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd! And then the LORD said: 'They have no master. Let them return safely to their own homes.'"

[17]Then Israel's king said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you? He never prophesies anything good about me, only bad."

[18]Then Micaiah said, "Listen now to the LORD's word: I saw the LORD enthroned with all the heavenly forces stationed at his right and at his left. [19]The LORD said, 'Who will persuade Israel's King Ahab so that he attacks Ramoth-gilead and dies there?' There were several suggestions, [20]until one particular spirit approached the LORD and said, 'I will persuade him.' 'How?' the LORD asked. [21]'I will be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said. The LORD agreed: 'You will succeed in persuading him! Go ahead!' [22]So now, since the LORD placed a lying spirit in the mouths of these prophets of yours, it is the LORD who has pronounced disaster against you!"

[23]Zedekiah, Chenaanah's son, approached Micaiah and slapped him on the cheek. "Just how did the LORD's spirit leave me to speak to you?" he asked.

[24]Micaiah answered, "You will find out on the day you try to hide in an inner room."

[25]"Arrest him," ordered Israel's king, "and turn him over to Amon the city governor and to Joash the king's son. [26]Tell them, 'The king says: Put this man in prison and feed him minimum rations of bread and water until I return safely.'"

[27]"If you ever return safely," Micaiah replied, "then the LORD wasn't speaking through me." Then he added, "Mark my words, every last one of you!"

[28]So Israel's king and Judah's King Jehoshaphat attacked Ramoth-gilead. [29]Israel's king said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself when we go into battle, but you should wear your royal attire." When the king of Israel had disguised himself, they entered the battle.

[30]Meanwhile, Aram's king had commanded his chariot officers, "Don't bother with anyone big or small. Fight only with Israel's king." [31]When the chariot officers saw Jehoshaphat, they assumed that he must be Israel's king, so they turned to attack him. But when Jehoshaphat cried out, the LORD helped him, and God lured them away from him. [32]When the chariot officers realized that he wasn't Israel's king, they stopped chasing him.

[33]Someone, however, randomly shot an arrow that struck Israel's king between the joints in his armor. "Turn around and get me out of the battle," the king told his chariot driver. "I've been hit!" [34]While the battle raged all that day, Israel's king stood propped up in his chariot facing the Arameans. But that evening he died, just as the sun was going down.

18:12-27 1Ki 22:13-28
18:19 1Ki 22:20; Eze 14:9
18:28-34 1Ki 22:29-35
19:2 1Ki 16:1; 2Ch 16:7, 2Ch 18:3, 2Ch 20:34, 2Ch 32:25
19:3 1Ki 14:13; 2Ch 12:12, 2Ch 12:14, 2Ch 17:6; Ezr 7:10
19:7 Gn 18:25; Dt 10:17, Dt 32:4

19 Upon the safe arrival of Judah's King Jehoshaphat to his palace in Jerusalem, [2]Jehu son of Hanani the seer came out to meet him and said, "Why did you help the wicked? Why have you loved those who hate the LORD? This is why the LORD is angry with you. [3]Nevertheless, there is some good to be found in you, in that you have removed the sacred poles[c] from the land and set your mind to seek God."

Jehoshaphat's reforms

[4]Though Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem, he regularly went out among the people between Beer-sheba and Ephraim's highlands, and encouraged them to return to the LORD, the God of their ancestors. [5]He appointed judges throughout the land in each of the fortified cities of Judah, [6]instructing them, "Be careful when you pass judgment. You aren't dispensing justice by merely human standards but for the LORD, who is with you. [7]Therefore, respect the LORD and act accordingly, because there can be no injustice, playing favorites, or taking bribes when it comes to the LORD our God."

[8]Jehoshaphat also appointed judges in Jerusalem from among the Levites, the priests, and the family heads of Israel to administer the LORD's Instruction and to settle disputes among those living[d] in Jerusalem. [9]He instructed them, "You must respect the LORD at

[c]Heb *asherot*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [d]LXX, Vulg; MT *they returned to Jerusalem*

all times, in truth, and with complete integrity. 10In any case that comes before you from a fellow citizen in an outlying town, whether it involves bloodshed or is an issue of instruction, commandment, regulations, or case laws, you must warn them not to sin against the LORD, consequently making him angry with both you and your fellow citizen. Do this, and you won't sin. 11Amariah the chief priest will be in charge of all religious matters, and Zebadiah, Ishmael's son, the leader of Judah's house, will be in charge of all civil matters. The Levites will serve as your officers of the court. Carry out your duties with confidence, and may the LORD be with those who do good."

Jehoshaphat's victory

20 Some time later, the Moabites and the Ammonites, along with some of the Meunites,[e] attacked Jehoshaphat. 2Jehoshaphat was told, "A large army from beyond the sea, from Edom,[f] is coming to attack you. They are already at Hazazon-tamar!" (that is, En-gedi). 3Frightened, Jehoshaphat decided to seek the LORD's help and proclaimed a fast for all Judah. 4People from all of Judah's cities came to ask the LORD for help. 5Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem in the LORD's temple in front of the new courtyard. 6"LORD, the God of our ancestors, you alone are God in heaven. You rule all the kingdoms of the nations. You are so powerful that no one can oppose you. 7You, our God, drove out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and gave this land to the descendants of your friend Abraham forever. 8They have lived in it and have built a sanctuary in honor of your name in it, saying, 9'If calamity, sword, flood,[g] plague, or famine comes upon us, we will stand before this temple, before you, because your name is in this temple. We will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.' 10So look here! The Ammonites, the Moabites, and those from Mount Seir—the people you wouldn't let Israel invade when they came out of Egypt's land, so Israel avoided them and didn't destroy them—11here they are, returning the favor by coming to drive us out of your possession that you gave to us! 12Our God, won't you punish them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We don't know what to do, and so we are looking to you for help."

13All Judah was standing before the LORD, even their little ones, wives, and children. 14Then the LORD's spirit came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah son of Benaiah son of Jeiel son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the line of Asaph, as he stood in the middle of the assembly.

15"Pay attention, all of Judah, every inhabitant of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat," Jahaziel said. "This is what the LORD says to you: Don't be afraid or discouraged by this great army because the battle isn't yours. It belongs to God! 16March out against them tomorrow. Since they will be coming through the Ziz pass, meet them at the end of the valley that opens into the Jeruel wilderness. 17You don't need to fight this battle. Just take your places, stand ready, and watch how the LORD, who is with you, will deliver you, Judah and Jerusalem. Don't be afraid or discouraged! Go out tomorrow and face them. The LORD will be with you."

18Then Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD in worship. 19Levites from the lines of Kohath and Korah stood up to loudly praise the LORD, the God of Israel.

20Early the next morning they went into the Tekoa wilderness. When they were about to go out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and every inhabitant of Jerusalem! Trust the LORD your God, and you

20:6 Dt 4:39; 1Ch 29:11-12
20:7 Is 41:8; Jas 2:23
20:9 1Ki 8:37; 2Ch 6:20, 2Ch 6:28
20:10 Dt 2:4, Dt 2:9, Dt 2:19
20:11 Ps 83:12
20:12 Jgs 11:27; Ps 25:15, Ps 121:2, Ps 123:2, Ps 141:8
20:13 Josh 8:35; Ezr 8:21; Neh 12:43; Mt 21:15
20:14 2Ch 15:1, 2Ch 24:20
20:15 Ex 14:13; 1Sa 17:47; 2Ch 32:7
20:17 Ex 14:13; 2Ch 15:2
20:18 Gn 24:26; Ex 4:31; 2Ch 29:30
20:19 Ex 15:1; 1Sa 18:6; 1Ch 15:16, 1Ch 15:28, 1Ch 16:4
20:20 2Ch 20:15; Is 7:9

[e]LXX; MT *Ammonites* [f]OL; MT *Aram* [g]LXX; MT *judgment*

will stand firm; trust his prophets and succeed!"

[21]After consulting with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed musicians to play for the LORD, praising his majestic holiness. They were to march out before the warriors, saying, "Give thanks to the LORD because his faithful love lasts forever!" [22]As they broke into joyful song and praise, the LORD launched a surprise attack against the Ammonites, the Moabites, and those from Mount Seir who were invading Judah, so that they were defeated. [23]The Ammonites and the Moabites turned on those from Mount Seir, completely destroying them. Once they had finished off the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy each other!

[24]When Judah arrived at the point overlooking the wilderness, all they could see were corpses lying all over the ground. There were no survivors. [25]When Jehoshaphat and his army came to take the loot, they found a great amount of cattle,[h] goods, clothing,[i] and other valuables—much more than they could carry. In fact, there was so much it took three days to haul it away. [26]On the fourth day they assembled in Blessing Valley, where they blessed the LORD. That's why it is called Blessing Valley to this day. [27]Then everyone from Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat at their head, joyfully returned home to Jerusalem because the LORD had given them reason to rejoice over their enemies. [28]They entered Jerusalem accompanied by harps, lutes, and trumpets, and they went to the LORD's temple.

[29]The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against Israel's enemies. [30]As a result, Jehoshaphat's rule was peaceful because his God gave him rest on all sides.

Jehoshaphat's last days

[31]Jehoshaphat ruled over Judah. He was 35 years old when he became king, and he ruled for twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah; she was Shilhi's daughter. [32]Jehoshaphat walked in the way of his father Asa and didn't turn aside from it, doing what was right in the LORD's eyes, [33]with the exception that he didn't remove the shrines. The people were still not committed with all their hearts to the God of their ancestors. [34]The rest of Jehoshaphat's deeds, from beginning to end, are written in the records of Jehu, Hanani's son, which are included in the records of Israel's kings.

[35]Sometime later, Judah's King Jehoshaphat formed an alliance with Israel's King Ahaziah, which caused him to sin. [36]They agreed to build a fleet of Tarshish-styled ships, and they built them in Ezion-geber. [37]Eliezer, Dodavahu's son from Mareshah, prophesied against Jehoshaphat: "Because you have formed an alliance with Ahaziah, the LORD will destroy what you have made." The ships were wrecked and couldn't sail to Tarshish.

21 Jehoshaphat died and was buried with his ancestors in David's City. His son Jehoram succeeded him as king.

Jehoram rules Judah

[2]Jehoram's brothers, the other sons of Jehoshaphat, were Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah. All of these were the sons of Israel's King Jehoshaphat. [3]Their father had given them many gifts of silver, gold, and other valuables, along with fortified cities in Judah, but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he was the oldest son.

[4]When Jehoram had taken control of his father's kingdom, he established his rule by killing all his brothers, along with some other leaders of Israel. [5]Jehoram was 32 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eight years in Jerusalem. [6]He walked in the ways of Israel's kings, just as Ahab's

20:21 1Ch 16:29, 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13
20:22 2Ch 13:13
20:23 Jgs 7:22; 1Sa 14:20
20:25 Ex 12:36; 2Ch 14:13
20:31 1Ki 22:41, 42
20:32, 33 1Ki 22:43
20:34 1Ki 22:45
20:36 1Ki 22:48
20:37 2Ch 19:2
21:1 1Ki 22:50
21:5 2Ki 8:17; 2Ch 21:20a
21:6, 7 2Ki 8:18, 19

[h]LXX; MT *among them* [i]Vulg; MT *corpses*

dynasty had done, because he married Ahab's daughter. He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. 7Nevertheless, because of the covenant he had made with David, the LORD wasn't willing to destroy David's dynasty. He had promised to preserve a lamp for David and his sons forever. 8During Jehoram's rule, Edom rebelled against Judah's power and appointed its own king. 9Jehoram, along with all his chariots, crossed over to Zair.[j] The Edomites, who had surrounded him, attacked at night, defeating him[k] and his chariot officers. 10So Edom has been independent of Judah to this day. Libnah rebelled against Jehoram's rule at the same time because he had abandoned the LORD, the God of his ancestors. 11As if that wasn't enough, Jehoram constructed shrines throughout Judah's highlands, encouraged Jerusalem's citizens to be unfaithful, and led Judah astray.

12A letter from the prophet Elijah came to Jehoram that read, "This is what the LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says: Because you haven't walked in the ways of your father Jehoshaphat or the ways of Judah's King Asa, 13but have walked in the ways of Israel's kings and have encouraged Judah and Jerusalem's citizens to be unfaithful, just as the house of Ahab did, and because you have even murdered your own brothers, your father's family, who were better than you, 14the LORD will now strike your family, your children, your wives, and all your possessions with a heavy blow. 15You yourself will become deathly ill with a chronic disease that will cause your intestines to fall out."

16Then the LORD made the Philistines and the Arabs, who lived near the Cushites, angry with Jehoram. 17They attacked Judah, broke down its defenses, and hauled off all the goods that were found in the royal palace, along with the king's children and wives. Only Jehoahaz, Jehoram's youngest son, was spared. 18After all this, the LORD struck Jehoram with an incurable intestinal disease. 19For almost two years he grew steadily worse, until two days before his death, when his intestines fell out, causing him to die in horrible pain. His people didn't make a fire in his honor as they had done for his ancestors. 20He was 32 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eight years in Jerusalem. No one was sorry he died. He was buried in David's City but not in the royal cemetery.

22 The inhabitants of Jerusalem made his youngest son Ahaziah succeed him as king because the raiding party that had invaded the camp with the Arabs had killed all the older sons. So Ahaziah, Jehoram's son, became king of Judah.

Ahaziah rules Israel

2Ahaziah was 22 years old[l] when he became king, and he ruled for one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah; she was the granddaughter of Omri. 3Ahaziah walked in the ways of Ahab's dynasty, encouraged in this wickedness by his mother. 4He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as Ahab's dynasty had done, because after his father's death they gave him advice that led to his downfall. 5Ahaziah was following their advice when he went with Israel's King Joram,[m] Ahab's son, to fight against Aram's King Hazael at Ramoth-gilead, where the Arameans wounded Joram. 6Joram returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds he suffered at Ramah in his battle with Aram's King Hazael. Then Judah's King Ahaziah,[n] Jehoram's son, went down to visit Joram, Ahab's son, at Jezreel because he had been wounded. 7But God used this visit to Joram to bring about Ahaziah's downfall. After his ar-

21:8-10 2Ki 8:20-22
21:16 2Ch 17:11, 2Ch 22:1, 2Ch 26:7
21:17 2Ch 22:1, 2Ch 25:23
21:19 2Ki 8:24a
21:20a 2Ki 8:17; 2Ch 21:5
22:1 2Ki 8:25, 2Ki 9:29
22:2 1Ki 8:26
22:3-4 2Ki 8:27
22:5b 2Ki 8:28
22:6a 2Ki 8:29a, 2Ki 9:15a
22:7 2Ki 9:22

[j]Correction with 2 Kgs 8:21; MT *with his officers* [k]Or *he defeated Edom* [l]LXX, Syr, 2 Kgs 8:26; MT *42*
[m]Or *Jehoram* (also in 22:6-7); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoram* or short *Joram* form.
[n]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *Azariah*

rival, Ahaziah went with Joram to meet Jehu, Nimshi's son, whom the LORD had anointed to destroy Ahab's dynasty. [8]While Jehu was executing judgment on Ahab's dynasty, he discovered the princes of Judah, Ahaziah's nephews, serving Ahaziah, and Jehu killed them. [9]Jehu went looking for Ahaziah, who was captured while hiding in Samaria. He was then brought to Jehu and executed. He was given a decent burial, however, because people said, "He was the grandson of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart."

There were now no members of Ahaziah's dynasty strong enough to rule the kingdom.

Queen Athaliah rules Judah

[10]When Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother, learned of her son's death, she immediately destroyed the entire royal family of Judah's dynasty. [11]But Jehoshabeath the king's daughter secretly took Ahaziah's son Jehoash[o] from the rest of the royal children who were about to be murdered, and hid him in a bedroom, along with his nurse. In this way Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of the priest Jehoiada and the sister of Ahaziah, hid Jehoash from Athaliah so she couldn't murder him. [12]He remained hidden with them in God's temple for six years while Athaliah ruled the country.

23 But in the seventh year Jehoiada boldly formed a conspiracy with the following unit commanders: Jeroham's son Azariah, Jehohanan's son Ishmael, Obed's son Azariah, Adaiah's son Maaseiah, and Zichri's son Elishaphat. [2]They went throughout Judah recruiting the Levites from all the cities of Judah, as well as the family heads of Israel, who then came to Jerusalem. [3]The entire assembly made a covenant with the king in God's temple. Jehoiada said, "Look! Here is the king's son. He must be king, just as the LORD promised about David's descendants. [4]This is what you must do: A third of you priests and Levites coming on sabbath duty will guard the gates, [5]another third will be at the royal palace, and another third will be at the Foundation Gate. Meanwhile, all the people will be in the courtyards of the LORD's temple. [6]Don't enter the LORD's temple, because only the priests or Levites on duty can do that. They are allowed to enter because they are holy, but the rest of the people must follow the LORD's requirements. [7]The Levites must surround the king, each with his weapons drawn. Whoever comes near your ranks must be killed; stay near the king wherever he goes."

[8]The Levites and all Judah did everything that the priest Jehoiada ordered. They each took charge of those men reporting for duty on the Sabbath, as well as those going off duty, since Jehoiada hadn't released any divisions from duty. [9]Then the priest Jehoiada gave the unit commanders King David's spears and large and small shields that were kept in God's temple. [10]He positioned all the people, each with their weapons drawn, near the altar and the temple, stretching from the south side of the temple to the north side, so as to protect the king. [11]Then they brought out the king's son, crowned him, gave him the royal law,[p] and made him king. Jehoiada and his sons anointed him as everyone cried out, "Long live the king!"

[12]When Athaliah heard the noise made by the people running and cheering the king, she went to the people at the LORD's temple [13]and saw the king standing by the royal pillar at the entrance, with the commanders and trumpeters beside the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and singers accompanied by musical instruments were leading the praise. Athaliah ripped her clothes and screamed, "Treason! Treason!"

22:8 2Ki 10:12-14
22:9 2Ki 9:27
22:10 2Ki 11:1
22:11 2Ki 11:2
23:3 2Sa 5:3, 2Sa 7:12; 2Ch 6:16, 2Ch 7:18, 2Ch 21:7
23:3-11 2Ki 11:4-12
23:12-15 2Ki 11:13-16

[o]Or *Joash*; the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form in 2 Kgs.
[p]Or *testimony*; MT lacks *royal*.

14 Then the priest Jehoiada brought
out the unit commanders who were
in charge of the army. "Take her out
under guard,"[q] he told them, "and kill
anyone who follows her." This was be-
cause the priest had said, "She must
not be executed in the LORD's temple."
15 They arrested her when she reached
the entrance of the Horse Gate at the
royal palace. She was executed there.

16 Jehoiada then made a covenant
between himself, all the people, and
the king, that they would be the
LORD's people. 17 Then all the people
went to Baal's temple and tore it
down, smashing its altars and im-
ages into pieces. They executed Baal's
priest Mattan in front of the altars.
18 Jehoiada appointed the priests and[r]
Levites in charge of the LORD's tem-
ple, and then appointed the divisions
of the priests and Levites[s] that David
had assigned to the LORD's temple
to offer entirely burned sacrifices to
the LORD, as written in the Instruc-
tion from Moses, with rejoicing and
singing, just as David had ordered.
19 He posted guards at the gates of the
LORD's temple so that no one who was
unclean in any way could enter. 20 Then
he took the unit commanders, the of-
ficials, the rulers of the people, and all
the people of the land, and they led the
king down from the LORD's temple,
processing through the Upper Gate
to the palace, where the king sat upon
the royal throne. 21 All the people of the
land rejoiced, and the city was at peace
now that Athaliah had been executed
at the palace.

Jehoash rules Israel

24 Jehoash[t] was 7 years old when
he became king, and he ruled for
forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Zibiah; she was from Beer-
sheba. 2 Jehoash did what was right in
the LORD's eyes as long as Jehoiada
the priest was alive. 3 Jehoiada had
him marry two wives, and Jehoash fa-
thered sons and daughters.

4 Sometime later, Jehoash wanted
to renovate the LORD's temple. 5 He
gathered the priests and the Levites
and said, "Go to the cities of Judah
and collect the annual tax of silver due
from all Israel for the upkeep of God's
temple. Do it right away."

But the Levites procrastinated. 6 So
the king summoned the chief priest
Jehoiada and asked him, "Why haven't
you required the Levites to bring in
from Judah and Jerusalem the tax
imposed by the LORD's servant Moses
and the Israelite assembly for the cove-
nant tent?" (7 Now wicked Athaliah and
her followers had broken into God's
temple and used all the holy objects of
the LORD's temple in their worship of
the Baals.) 8 So at the king's command
a box was made and placed outside the
gate of the LORD's temple. 9 Then a proc-
lamation was issued throughout Judah
and Jerusalem requiring the people to
bring to the LORD the tax that God's
servant Moses had imposed on Israel
in the wilderness. 10 This so pleased all
the leaders and all the people that they
gladly dropped their money in the box
until it was full. 11 Whenever the box
was brought by the Levites to the royal
accountants, as soon as they saw that a
large amount of money was in the box,
the royal scribe and the representative
of the high priest would come, empty
the box, and return it to its place.
This took place day after day, and a
large amount of money was collected.
12 The king and Jehoiada would give it
to those in charge of the work on the
LORD's temple who in turn hired ma-
sons and carpenters to renovate the
LORD's temple, as well as metalwork-
ers for the iron and bronze to repair the
LORD's temple. 13 The workers labored
hard, and the restoration progressed
smoothly under their control until
they had brought God's temple back to

23:16-18 2Ki 11:17-18
23:20-21a 2Ki 11:19-20a
23:21b 2Ki 11:20b
24:1 2Ki 11:21, 2Ki 12:1
24:2 2Ki 12:2
24:4, 5 2Ki 12:4, 5
24:6-14 2Ki 12:6-16
24:8 2Ki 12:9

[q] Heb uncertain [r] LXX; MT *levitical priests* [s] LXX; MT lacks *and then appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites.* [t] Heb *Joash* (see 24:2, 4, 22, 24); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form in 2 Kgs.

its original state and reinforced it. [14]As soon as they finished, they brought the remaining money to the king and Jehoiada. They used it to make equipment for the LORD's temple, including what was used for the service and the entirely burned offerings, pans, and other objects made of gold and silver. As long as Jehoiada lived, the entirely burned offerings were regularly offered in the LORD's temple.

[15]Jehoiada grew old, and when he reached the age of 130, he died. [16]He was buried among the kings in David's City because of his exemplary service to Israel, God, and God's temple.

[17]After Jehoiada's death, however, the leaders of Judah came and bowed before the king, and the king listened to them. [18]They abandoned the temple of the LORD, their ancestors' God, and worshipped sacred poles[u] and idols. Anger came upon Judah and Jerusalem as a consequence of their sin, [19]and though God sent prophets to them to bring them back to the LORD and to warn them, they refused to listen. [20]Then the spirit of God enwrapped Zechariah the son of the priest Jehoiada. Standing before the people, he told them, "This is what God says: Why do you defy the LORD's commands and keep yourselves from prospering? Because you have abandoned the LORD, he has abandoned you!" [21]But the people plotted against Zechariah, and at the king's command stoned him to death in the courtyard of the LORD's temple. [22]King Jehoash failed to remember the loyalty that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him and murdered Jehoida's son, who cried out as he lay dying, "May the LORD see and seek vengeance!"

[23]That spring the Aramean army marched against Jehoash. They attacked Judah and Jerusalem, destroyed all the people's leaders, and sent all the loot to the king of Damascus. [24]Although the Aramean forces were relatively small, the LORD handed over to them a very large army, because the people of Judah had abandoned the LORD, their ancestors' God. Jehoash was justly punished. [25]The Arameans left him badly wounded, but his own officials plotted against him for murdering the son[v] of the priest Jehoiada. So they killed him in his bed. He died and was buried in David's City but not in the royal cemetery. [26]Those who plotted against him were the Ammonite Zabad, Shimeath's son, and the Moabite Jehozabad, Shimrith's son. [27]The list of Jehoash's sons, the many prophecies against him, and the account of his restoration of God's temple are written in the comments on the records of the kings. His son Amaziah succeeded him as king.

24:17 2Ch 24:2
24:18 2Ch 19:2, 2Ch 29:8, 2Ch 32:25
24:20 Nm 14:41; 2Ch 15:1-2, 2Ch 20:14; Mt 23:35
24:21 Mt 23:35
24:22 Gn 9:5; 2Ch 24:2
24:23 2Ki 12:17-18
24:24 Lv 26:8, Lv 26:37; Dt 28:25, Dt 32:30; 2Ch 16:8
24:25 2Ki 12:20-21; 2Ch 21:20, 2Ch 24:16, 2Ch 24:22
24:27a 2Ki 12:19
24:27b 2Ki 12:21b
25:1 2Ki 14:1, 2
25:2-4 2Ki 14:3-6

Amaziah rules Israel

25 Amaziah was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan; she was from Jerusalem. [2]He did what was right in the LORD's eyes but not with all his heart. [3]Once he had secured control over his kingdom, he executed the officials who had assassinated his father the king. [4]However, he didn't kill their children because of what is written in the Instruction scroll from Moses, where the LORD commanded, *Parents shouldn't be executed because of what their children have done; neither should children be executed because of what their parents have done. Each person should be executed for their own guilty acts.*[w]

[5]Amaziah gathered the people of Judah, organizing them into family units under captains of thousands and hundreds for all Judah and Benjamin. He summoned everyone 20 years old and older and found that there were three hundred thousand select troops, ready for service and able to handle spears and body-sized shields. [6]He also hired one hundred thousand warriors from Israel for one hundred kikkars of silver.

[u]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [v]LXX, Vulg; MT *sons* [w]Deut 24:16

7But a man of God confronted him. "King," he said, "the troops from Israel must not go with you, because the LORD isn't on the side of Israel or any Ephraimite. 8Should you go with them anyway, even if you fight fiercely, God will make you stumble before the enemy, because God has the ability to either help or make someone stumble."

9Amaziah asked the man of God, "What about the hundred kikkars I paid for the Israelite troops?"

"God can give you much more than that," the man of God replied.

10Amaziah released the Ephraimite troops who had joined him so they could go home, but this only infuriated them against Judah, and they left in a rage. 11Amaziah courageously led his people to the Salt Valley, where they killed ten thousand people from Seir. 12The Judean forces captured another ten thousand alive, brought them to the top of a cliff, and threw them off so that all were dashed to pieces. 13Meanwhile, the troops Amaziah had released from fighting alongside him raided cities in Judah from Samaria to Beth-horon, killing three thousand people and carrying off a large amount of loot. 14When Amaziah returned after defeating the Edomites, he brought the gods of the people of Seir. He set them up as his own gods, bowed down before them, and burned incense to them. 15As a result, the LORD was angry with Amaziah and sent a prophet to him.

"Why do you seek the gods of this people?" the prophet asked. "They couldn't even deliver their own people from you!"

16"Since when do you give me advice?" Amaziah interrupted. "You better quit before you end up dead!"

So the prophet stopped, but not until he said, "I know God plans to destroy you because you've done this and because you've refused to listen to my advice."

25:7 Dt 33:1; 1Ki 12:28; 2Ch 13:12, 2Ch 15:9, 2Ch 17:2

25:8 2Ch 14:11, 2Ch 20:6; Ps 62:11

25:11 2Ki 14:7

25:17-24 2Ki 14:8-14

25:20 2Ch 25:14-15

25:25 2Ki 14:17

25:26-28 2Ki 14:18-20

17After Judah's King Amaziah consulted with his advisors, he sent a challenge to Israel's King Joash, Jehoahaz's son and Jehu's grandson. "Come on," he said, "let's go head-to-head!"

18Israel's King Joash sent the following reply to Judah's King Amaziah: "Once upon a time, a thistle in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar: 'Give your daughter to my son as a wife.' But then a wild beast in Lebanon came along and trampled the thistle. 19Do you think that because you've defeated Edom, you can arrogantly seek even more? Stay home! Why invite disaster when both you and Judah will fall?" 20But Amaziah wouldn't listen, because God intended to use this to destroy them since they had sought Edom's gods. 21So Israel's King Joash moved against Judah's King Amaziah and went head-to-head in battle at Beth-shemesh in Judah. 22Judah was defeated by Israel, and everyone ran home. 23At Beth-shemesh, Israel's King Joash captured Judah's King Amaziah, Jehoash's[x] son and Ahaziah's[y] grandson. Joash brought him to Jerusalem and broke down six hundred feet of the Jerusalem wall from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. 24Joash took[z] all the gold and silver, and all the objects he could find in God's temple in the care of Obed-edom, and in the treasuries of the palace, along with some hostages. Then he returned to Samaria.

25Judah's King Amaziah, Jehoash's son, lived fifteen years after the death of Israel's King Joash, Jehoahaz's son. 26The rest of Amaziah's deeds, from beginning to end, aren't they written in the official records of Israel's and Judah's kings? 27From the time Amaziah turned away from the LORD, some people conspired against him in Jerusalem. When Amaziah fled to Lachish, they sent men after him, and they murdered him in Lachish. 28They carried him back on horses and he was buried with his ancestors in David's City.[a]

[x]Or *Joash* (see also 25:25); the king's name is variously spelled in either long *Jehoash* or short *Joash* form in 2 Kgs. [y]See 2 Kgs 14:13; MT *Jehoahaz* [z]See 2 Kgs 14:14; Heb omits *took*. [a]LXX; MT *Judah*

Uzziah rules Judah

26 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah,[b] who was 16 years old, and made him king after his father Amaziah. [2]He rebuilt Eloth, restoring it to Judah after King Amaziah had lain down with his ancestors.

[3]Uzziah was 16 years old when he became king, and he ruled for fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah; she was from Jerusalem. [4]He did what was right in the LORD's eyes, just as his father Amaziah had done. [5]He sought God as long as Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear[c] of God, was alive. And as long as he sought the LORD, God gave him success. [6]He marched against the Philistines and broke down the walls of Gath, Jabneh, and Ashdod. Then he rebuilt towns near Ashdod and elsewhere among the Philistines. [7]God helped him against the Philistines, the Arabs who inhabited Gur,[d] and the Meunites. [8]The Meunites[e] paid taxes to Uzziah, whose fame spread even to Egypt because he had grown so powerful. [9]He built towers in Jerusalem, at the Corner Gate, the Valley Gate, and at the Angle, and reinforced them. [10]He also built towers in the wilderness and dug many wells for his large herds in the lowlands and the plain. He had many workers who tended his farms and vineyards, because he loved the soil. [11]Uzziah had a standing army equipped for combat whose units went to war according to the number determined by the scribe Jeiel and Maaseiah, an officer under the authority of Hananiah, one of the king's officials. [12]The grand total of family heads in charge of these courageous warriors was twenty-six hundred. [13]They commanded an army of three hundred seven thousand five hundred. They formed a powerful force that could support the king against the enemy. [14]Uzziah supplied the entire force with shields, spears, helmets, armor, bows, and sling stones. [15]He set up clever devices in Jerusalem on the towers and corners of the wall designed to shoot arrows and large stones. And so Uzziah's fame spread far and wide, because he had received wonderful help until he became powerful.

[16]But as soon as he became powerful, he grew so arrogant that he acted corruptly. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God by entering the LORD's sanctuary to burn incense upon the incense altar. [17]The priest Azariah, accompanied by eighty other of the LORD's courageous priests, went in after him [18]and confronted King Uzziah.

"You have no right, Uzziah," he said, "to burn incense to the LORD! That privilege belongs to the priests, Aaron's descendants, who have been ordained to burn incense. Get out of this holy place because you have been unfaithful! The LORD God won't honor you for this."

[19]Then Uzziah, who already had a censer in his hand ready to burn the incense, became angry. While he was fuming at the priests, skin disease[f] erupted on his forehead in the presence of the priests before the incense altar in the LORD's temple. [20]When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests turned and saw the skin disease on his forehead, they rushed him out of there. Uzziah also was anxious to leave because the LORD had afflicted him. [21]King Uzziah had skin disease until the day he died. He lived in a separate house,[g] diseased in his skin, because he was barred from the LORD's temple. His son Jotham supervised the palace administration and governed the people of the land. [22]The rest of Uzziah's deeds, from beginning to end, were written down by the prophet Isaiah, Amoz's son. [23]Uzziah died and was buried with his ancestors in a field belonging to the kings, because people said, "He had skin disease." His son Jotham succeeded him as king.

26:1 2Ki 14:21, 2Ki 15:1
26:2 2Ki 14:22
26:3 2Ki 15:2
26:4 2Ki 15:3
26:8b 2Ch 26:15b
26:15 1Ch 14:17; Eze 26:9; Mt 4:24
26:15b 2Ch 26:8b
26:16 Dt 32:15; 2Ch 12:1, 2Ch 25:19, 2Ch 32:25
26:18 Ex 30:7-8; Nm 3:10, Nm 16:40, Nm 18:7
26:20 2Ki 15:5
26:21 2Ki 15:5
26:22, 23 2Ki 15:6, 7

[b]Uzziah is usually named Azariah in 2 Kgs 14:21; 15:1, 6-7. [c]LXX; MT *visions* [d]Tg; MT *Gur-baal* [e]LXX; MT *Ammonites* [f]The precise meaning is uncertain; traditionally *leprosy*—a term used for several different skin diseases. Also in 26:21-20, 23. [g]Heb uncertain

Jotham rules Israel

27 Jotham was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled for sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah; she was Zadok's daughter. [2]Jotham did what was right in the LORD's eyes, just as his father Uzziah had done. Unlike Uzziah, Jotham didn't enter the LORD's temple. But the people continued their crooked practices. [3]Jotham rebuilt the Upper Gate of the LORD's temple and did extensive work on the wall of the elevated fortress.[h] [4]He built towns in Judah's highlands and fortresses and towers in the wooded areas. [5]He fought against the king of the Ammonites and defeated the Ammonites. They paid him one hundred kikkars of silver, ten thousand kors[i] of wheat, and ten thousand kors of barley that year and for the next two years. [6]Jotham was securely established because he maintained a faithful life before the LORD his God. [7]The rest of Jotham's deeds, including all his wars and accomplishments, are written in the official records of Israel's and Judah's kings. [8]He was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled for sixteen years in Jerusalem. [9]Jotham lay down with his ancestors and was buried in David's City. His son Ahaz succeeded him as king.

Ahaz rules Israel

28 Ahaz was 20 years old when he became king, and he ruled for sixteen years in Jerusalem. He didn't do what was right in the LORD's eyes, unlike his ancestor David. [2]Instead, he walked in the ways of Israel's kings, making images of the Baals [3]and burning incense in the Ben-hinnom Valley. He even burned his own sons alive, imitating the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. [4]He also sacrificed and burned incense at the shrines on every hill and beneath every shady tree. [5]So the LORD his God handed him over to Aram's king, who defeated him and carried off many prisoners, bringing them to Damascus. Ahaz was also handed over to Israel's king, who defeated him with a severe beating. [6]In Judah, Pekah, Remaliah's son, killed one hundred twenty thousand warriors in the course of a single day because they had abandoned the LORD, God of their ancestors. [7]An Ephraimite warrior named Zichri killed the king's son Maaseiah, the palace administrator Azrikam, and Elkanah, the king's second in command. [8]The Israelites took captive two hundred thousand women, boys, and girls from their Judean relatives and seized enormous amounts of plunder, which they took back to Samaria.

[9]One of the LORD's prophets named Oded lived in Samaria. When the army arrived there, he went to meet them and said, "Don't you see that the LORD God of your ancestors was angry with Judah and let you defeat them? But look what you've done! Your merciless slaughter of them stinks to high heaven! [10]And now you think you can enslave the men and women of Judah and Jerusalem? What about your own guilt before the LORD your God? [11]Listen to me! Send back the captives you took from your relatives, because the LORD is furious with you."

[12]At this, some of the Ephraimite leaders—Johanan's son Azariah, Meshillemoth's son Berechiah, Shallum's son Jehizkiah, and Hadlai's son Amasa—confronted those returning from battle. [13]"Don't bring the captives here," they told them. "Your plan will only add to our sin and guilt before the LORD. We're already guilty enough, and great anger is already directed at Israel." [14]So the warriors released the captives and brought the loot before the officers and the whole assembly. [15]Then people named for this task took charge of the captives and dressed everyone who was naked with items taken from the loot. They gave them clothing, sandals, food and drink, and

27:1 2Ki 15:33; 2Ch 27:8
27:2-3 2Ki 15:34-35
27:3 2Ch 33:14; Neh 3:26-27
27:7 2Ki 15:36
27:8 2Ki 15:33; 2Ch 27:1
27:9 2Ki 15:38
28:1-4 2Ki 16:2-4
28:2 Ex 34:17; 2Ch 33:3
28:5 2Ki 16:5; Is 7:1, 2

[h]Or *hillside*; Heb uncertain [i]One kor is equivalent to a homer and is possibly equal to fifty gallons of grain.

bandaged their wounds. Everyone who couldn't walk they placed on donkeys, and they brought them to Jericho, Palm City, near their Judean relatives. Then they returned to Samaria.

[16]At that time King Ahaz sent for help from the king[j] of Assyria. [17]Once again, the Edomites had invaded Judah, defeating Judah and carrying off captives. [18]The Philistines had raided the towns in the lowlands and the arid southern plain of Judah, capturing Beth-shemesh, Aijalon, and Gederoth, along with Soco and its surrounding villages, Timnah and its surrounding villages, and Gimzo and its surrounding villages, and occupying all of these cities. [19]The LORD was humiliating Judah on account of Israel's King Ahaz, because he had exercised no restraint in Judah and had been utterly unfaithful to the LORD. [20]Assyria's King Tiglath-pileser[k] came to Ahaz, but he brought trouble, not support. [21]Even though Ahaz took items from the LORD's temple, the royal palace, and the officials to buy off the king of Assyria, it was of no help.

[22]It was during this troubled time that King Ahaz became even more unfaithful to the LORD [23]by sacrificing to the gods of Damascus, who had defeated him.

"Since the gods of Aram's kings are helping them," he said, "I'll sacrifice to them too, so that they will help me."

But they became the ruin of both him and all Israel. [24]Ahaz gathered the objects from God's temple, cut them up, shut the doors of the LORD's temple, and made himself altars on every corner in Jerusalem. [25]He made shrines in all the towns of Judah for burning incense to other gods. This made the LORD, the God of his ancestors, very angry.

[26]The rest of Ahaz's deeds, from beginning to end, are written in the official records of Israel's and Judah's kings. [27]Ahaz lay down with his ancestors and was buried in the city, in Jerusalem, but not in the royal cemetery of Israel's kings. His son Hezekiah succeeded him as king.

28:16 2Ki 16:7
28:20 2Ki 16:10
28:22, 23 2Ki 16:12, 13
28:24a 2Ki 16:17
28:26, 27 2Ki 16:19, 20
29:1 2Ki 18:1-2; 1Ch 3:13
29:2 2Ki 18:3

Hezekiah rules Israel

29 Hezekiah became king when he was 25 years old, and he ruled for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah; she was Zechariah's daughter. [2]He did what was right in the LORD's eyes, just as his ancestor David had done. [3]In the very first year of his rule, during the first month, Hezekiah reopened the doors of the LORD's temple, having repaired them. [4]Then he brought in the priests and Levites and assembled them in the eastern square.

[5]"Listen to me, you Levites!" he said. "Make yourselves holy so you can make holy the temple of the LORD God of your ancestors by removing from the sanctuary any impure thing. [6]Our ancestors were unfaithful and did what was evil in the LORD our God's eyes. They abandoned him, they ignored the LORD's dwelling, and they defied him. [7]They even closed the doors of the entrance hall, snuffed out the lamps, and stopped burning incense and offering entirely burned offerings in the sanctuary of the God of Israel. [8]This angered the LORD so much that he made Judah and Jerusalem an object of terror and horror, something people hiss at, as you can see with your own eyes. [9]That's why our ancestors died violent deaths, while our sons, daughters, and wives were taken captive. [10]But now I intend to make a covenant with the LORD, Israel's God, so God will no longer be angry with us. [11]Don't be careless, my sons! The LORD has chosen you to stand in his presence to serve him, so that you can be his servants and burn incense to him."

[12]Then the following Levites got up:
from the descendants of the
Kohathites: Mahath, Amasai's
son, and Joel, Azariah's son;
from the descendants of Merari:

[j]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *kings* [k]MT *Tilgath-pilneser*

Kish, Abdi's son, and Azariah,
Jehallelel's son;
from the Gershonites: Joah,
Zimmah's son, and Eden,
Joah's son;
13 from the descendants of
Elizaphan: Shimri and Jeuel;
from the descendants of Asaph:
Zechariah and Mattaniah;
14 from the descendants of Heman:
Jehuel and Shimei;
and from the descendants of
Jeduthun: Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 These men gathered their relatives, made themselves holy, and went in to purify the LORD's temple by obeying the king's command as the LORD had told him. 16 The priests went in to purify the inner portion of the LORD's temple. They brought out to the courtyard of the LORD's temple all the impurities they discovered inside. Then the Levites took them out to the Kidron Valley. 17 They began to make things holy on the first day of the first month.[1] On the eighth day of the month they reached the LORD's entrance hall. They made holy the LORD's temple for eight days, finishing on the sixteenth day of the first month.

18 Then they went before King Hezekiah. "We have purified the LORD's entire temple," they said, "and the altar for the entirely burned offering together with all its equipment, and the table for the stacks of bread together with all its equipment. 19 We have also restored and made holy all the items King Ahaz threw out during his rule in his unfaithfulness. They are now before the LORD's altar."

Hezekiah rededicates the temple

20 Early the next morning Hezekiah gathered the city leaders and went to the LORD's temple. 21 They brought seven bulls, seven rams, and seven lambs, along with seven male goats, for a purification offering on behalf of the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Judah. Hezekiah ordered the priests, Aaron's sons, to offer them up on the LORD's altar. 22 When they slaughtered the bulls, the priests took the blood and splashed it against the altar. Next they slaughtered the rams and splashed their blood against the altar, and also slaughtered the lambs, splashing their blood against the altar as well. 23 Finally, they brought the goats for the purification offering before the king and the assembly. After laying their hands on them, 24 the priests slaughtered them and smeared the blood on the altar as a purification offering to take away the sin of all Israel, because the king had specifically ordered that the entirely burned sacrifice and the purification offering should be on behalf of all Israel. 25 Hezekiah had the Levites stand in the LORD's temple with cymbals, harps, and zithers, just as the LORD had ordered through David, the king's seer Gad, and the prophet Nathan. 26 While the Levites took their places holding David's instruments, and the priests their trumpets, 27 Hezekiah ordered the entirely burned offering to be offered up on the altar. As they began to offer the entirely burned offering, the LORD's song also began, accompanied by the trumpets and the other instruments of Israel's King David. 28 The whole congregation worshipped with singing choirs and blaring trumpets until the end of the entirely burned offering. 29 After the entirely burned offering was complete, the king and all who were with him bowed down in worship. 30 Then King Hezekiah and the leaders ordered the Levites to praise the LORD by using the words of David and the seer Asaph. They did so joyously; then they bowed down in worship too.

31 "Now that you have dedicated yourselves to the LORD," King Hezekiah told them, "bring sacrificial thank offerings to the LORD's temple." So the assembly brought sacrificial thank offerings, with some people volunteering

29:15 1Ch 23:28; 2Ch 29:5, 2Ch 30:12
29:16 2Sa 15:23; 1Ki 15:13; 2Ki 23:6; Jn 18:1
29:21 Lv 4:3; Nu 8:19, Nm 18:1; 2Ch 26:18; Ezr 8:35
29:22 Lv 4:18
29:23 Lv 4:15; Lv 4:24
29:24 Lv 4:26; Nm 15:25; 1Ch 6:49
29:25 2Sa 24:11; 1Ch 25:1
29:27 1Sa 18:6; 2Sa 6:5; 1Ch 22:6; 2Ch 23:18; Ezr 3:10

[1] March–April, Nisan

to provide entirely burned offerings. 32All in all, the congregation brought seventy bulls, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs as entirely burned offerings for the LORD, 33as well as six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep as holy offerings. 34Unfortunately, there weren't enough priests to skin all these entirely burned offerings. So their relatives the Levites (who had been more conscientious about preparing themselves than the priests) stepped in and helped them until the work was done or additional priests had made themselves holy. 35In addition to the wealth of entirely burned offerings, there was the fat of the well-being sacrifices and drink offerings accompanying the entirely burned offerings. In this way, the service of the LORD's temple was restored, 36and Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced at what God had done for them, since it had happened so quickly.

Hezekiah's Passover

30 Then Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh as well, inviting them to the LORD's temple in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover of the LORD God of Israel. 2The king, his officials, and the entire Jerusalem congregation had decided to celebrate Passover in the second month.[m] 3They had been unable to celebrate it at the usual time because the priests had failed to make themselves holy in sufficient numbers, and the people hadn't gathered at Jerusalem. 4Since the plan seemed good to the king and the entire congregation, 5they made arrangements to circulate an announcement throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba to Dan, to come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover of the LORD God of Israel, because they hadn't often kept it as written. 6Under the authority of the king, runners took letters from the king and his officials throughout all Israel and Judah, which read:

30:1 Gn 41:52; Ex 12:3; Josh 5:10; 2Ki 18:1, 2Ki 20:1

30:9 Ex 34:6-7; Dt 30:2; Is 55:7; Mi 7:18

30:12 Jer 32:39; Phi 2:13

People of Israel! Return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, so that he may return to those of you who remain, who have escaped capture by the Assyrian kings. 7Don't be like your ancestors and relatives, who were unfaithful to the LORD, the God of their ancestors, so that he made them an object of horror as you can see for yourselves. 8So don't be stubborn like your ancestors. Surrender to the LORD! Come to God's sanctuary, which he has made holy forever, and serve the LORD your God so that he won't be angry with you any longer. 9When you return to the LORD, your relatives and your children will receive mercy from their captors and be allowed to return to this land. The LORD your God is merciful and compassionate. He won't withdraw his presence from you if you return to him.

10So the runners went from town to town in Ephraim and Manasseh, all the way to Zebulun. But they were laughed at and made fun of. 11Even so, some people from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun were submissive and came to Jerusalem. 12Moreover, God's power was at work in Judah, unifying them to do what the king and his officials had ordered by the LORD's command.

13A huge crowd gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread in the second month. A very large congregation gathered. 14First, they removed the altars in Jerusalem, and hauled off the incense altars and dumped them in the Kidron Valley. 15They slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month. Ashamed of themselves, the priests and the Levites made themselves holy and brought entirely burned offerings to the LORD's temple. 16They now took their places as laid out in the Instruction from Moses the man of God, and the priests splashed the blood they received from the Levites against

[m] April–May, Iyar

the altar. 17Since many in the congregation hadn't made themselves holy, the Levites slaughtered the Passover lambs, making them holy to the LORD for all who weren't ceremonially clean. 18This included most of those who had come from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun—people who hadn't purified themselves and so hadn't eaten the Passover meal in the prescribed way. But Hezekiah prayed for them: "May the good LORD forgive 19everyone who has decided to seek the true God, the LORD, the God of their ancestors, even though they aren't ceremonially clean by sanctuary standards." 20The LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people. 21So the Israelites in Jerusalem joyfully celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days, with the Levites and the priests praising the LORD every day, accompanied by the LORD's mighty instruments. 22Hezekiah congratulated all the Levites who had performed so skillfully for the LORD. They feasted throughout the seven days of the festival, sacrificing well-being offerings and praising the LORD, the God of their ancestors.

23Then the whole congregation agreed to celebrate another seven days, which they joyfully did. 24Judah's King Hezekiah contributed one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep for the congregation, while the officials provided another thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep, and great numbers of priests made themselves holy. 25Then the whole congregation of Judah rejoiced, as did the priests and the Levites, the whole congregation from Israel, the immigrants who had come from the land of Israel, and those who lived in Judah. 26There was great joy in Jerusalem. Nothing like this had taken place in Jerusalem since the days of Israel's King Solomon, David's son. 27Then the levitical priests blessed the people, and their voice was heard when their prayer reached God's holy dwelling in heaven.

30:21 Ex 12:15, Ex 13:6, 2Ch 30:26; Ezr 6:22; Neh 8:17

30:26 1Ki 8:1; 2Ki 21:7; 2Ch 7:8, 2Ch 7:10

31:1 2Ki 18:4

31:3 Nm 10:10, Nm 28:11, Nm 29:40; 1Ch 23:31

31:4 Nm 18:8; Neh 13:10

31:5 Nm 18:12, Nm 18:21, Nm 18:24; Dt 18:4; Neh 12:44, Neh 13:12

31:6 Lv 27:30; Dt 14:28

31 When all of these things were finished, all of the Israelites who were present went out to the cities of Judah, smashed the sacred pillars, cut down the sacred poles,[n] and completely destroyed the shrines and altars throughout Judah as well as Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh. Then all the Israelites returned to their individual homes in their own cities.

Hezekiah's reform

2Hezekiah reappointed the priests and the Levites, each to their divisions and their tasks, to make entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices, to serve, to give thanks, and to offer praise in the gates of the LORD's camp. 3As his portion, the king personally contributed the entirely burned offerings for the morning and evening sacrifices, as well as the entirely burned offerings for the Sabbaths, new moons, and festivals, as written in the LORD's Instruction. 4He ordered the people living in Jerusalem to provide the required portion for the priests and the Levites so they could devote themselves to the LORD's Instruction. 5As soon as the order was issued, the Israelites generously gave the best of their grain, new wine, oil, honey, and all their crops—a tenth of everything, a huge amount. 6The people of Israel and Judah, living in the cities of Judah, also brought in a tenth of their herds and flocks and a tenth of the items that had been dedicated to the LORD their God, stacking it up in piles. 7They began stacking up the piles in the third month[o] and finished them in the seventh.[p] 8When Hezekiah and the officials saw the piles, they blessed the LORD and his people Israel.

9When Hezekiah asked the priests and Levites about the piles, 10the chief priest Azariah, who was from Zadok's family, answered, "Ever since the people started bringing contributions to the LORD's temple we've had enough to eat with plenty to spare. The

[n]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [o]May–June, Sivan [p]September–October, Tishrei

LORD has definitely blessed his people! There's a lot left over."

[11]So Hezekiah ordered them to prepare storerooms in the LORD's temple. When they finished preparing them, [12]the priests conscientiously brought in the contributions, the tenth-part gifts, and the dedicated things. Conaniah, a Levite, was put in charge, assisted by his brother Shimei, [13]while Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah served as supervisors under them, as appointed by King Hezekiah and Azariah the official in charge of God's temple. [14]The Levite Kore, Imnah's son, who was keeper of the East Gate, was in charge of the spontaneous gifts to God. He was responsible for distributing the contribution reserved for the LORD and the dedicated gifts. [15]Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah faithfully assisted him regarding[q] the priests by distributing the portions to their relatives, old and young alike, by divisions. [16]Additionally, they also distributed daily rations to those males, registered by genealogy, three years old and older, all who entered the LORD's temple to carry out their daily duties as their divisions required. [17]They also distributed to those priests registered by their families, and to Levites 20 years of age and older according to their divisional responsibilities. [18]The official genealogy included all their small children, their wives, their sons, and their daughters—the entire congregation—for they had faithfully made themselves holy. [19]As for Aaron's descendants, the priests who lived in the outskirts of the cities, men were assigned to distribute portions to every male among the priests and to every Levite listed in the genealogical records. [20]This is what Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, doing what the LORD his God considered good, right, and true. [21]Everything that Hezekiah began to do for the service of God's temple, whether by the Instruction or the commands, in order to seek his God, he did successfully and with all his heart.

31:10 Ex 15:26, Ex 23:22; Lv 26:4; Dt 4:40; Mal 3:10

31:14 Nm 29:39; Dt 12:6; Ezr 3:5, Ezr 7:16; Ps 119:108

31:19 Nm 35:2; 2Ch 31:12

31:21 Dt 29:9; 2Ki 18:6; 1Ch 22:13; 2Ch 26:5

32:1 2Ki 18:13; Is 36:1, Is 37:1

32:9-15 2Ki 18:17-25; Is 36:2-10

Sennacherib's invasion

32 After these things and these faithful acts, Assyria's King Sennacherib invaded Judah and attacked its fortified cities, intending to capture them. [2]When Hezekiah realized that Sennacherib also planned on fighting Jerusalem, [3]he consulted with his officials and soldiers about stopping up the springs outside the city, and they supported him. [4]A large force gathered to stop up all the springs and the streams that flowed through the land. "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find plenty of water?" they asked. [5]Hezekiah vigorously rebuilt all the broken sections of the wall, erected towers, constructed another wall outside the first, reinforced the terrace of David's City, and made a large supply of weapons and shields. [6]He appointed military officers over the troops, assembled them in the square of the city gate, and spoke these words of encouragement: [7]"Be brave and be strong! Don't let the king of Assyria and all those warriors he brings with him scare you or cause you dismay, because our forces are greater than his.[r] [8]All he has is human strength, but we have the LORD our God, who will help us fight our battles!"

The troops trusted Judah's King Hezekiah.

[9]After this Assyria's King Sennacherib, who was attacking Lachish with all his forces, sent his servants to Jerusalem with the following message for Judah's King Hezekiah and all the people of Judah who were in Jerusalem:

> [10]This is what Assyria's King Sennacherib says: What makes you so confident that you stay put in Jerusalem while it is being attacked? [11]Obviously, Hezekiah has fooled you into surrendering yourselves to death by hunger and thirst

[q]Or *with the assistance of* cf LXX; MT *in the cities of* [r]Or *there is greater power with us than with him*

when he says, "The LORD our God will rescue us from Assyria's king."
12 Isn't this the same Hezekiah who got rid of his shrines and altars, and then demanded of Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship and burn incense before only one altar"? 13 Don't you know what I and my predecessors have done to the people of other nations? Were any of the gods of these other nations able to rescue their lands from my power? 14 Which one of any of the gods of these nations that my predecessors destroyed was able to rescue them from my power? So why should your god be able to rescue you from my power? 15 Don't let Hezekiah seduce you like fools. Don't believe him! No god of any other nation or kingdom has been able to rescue their people from me or from my predecessors. No, your gods won't rescue you from my power.
16 The Assyrian king's servants continued to make fun of the LORD God and his servant Hezekiah. 17 He wrote other letters insulting the LORD God of Israel, defying him by saying, "Just as the gods of the nations in other countries couldn't rescue their people from my power, Hezekiah's god won't be able to rescue his people from my power." 18 Then they shouted loudly in Hebrew[s] at the people of Jerusalem gathered on the wall, in an attempt to frighten and demoralize them, in order to capture the city. 19 They spoke about the God of Jerusalem as though he were the work of human hands, like the gods of the other peoples of the earth.
20 King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, Amoz's son, prayed about this, crying out to heaven. 21 Then the LORD sent a messenger who destroyed every warrior, leader, and officer in the camp of the Assyrian king. When Sennacherib went home in disgrace, he entered the temple of his god, and his own sons killed him with a sword. 22 This is how the LORD rescued Hezekiah and the citizens of Jerusalem from the power of Assyria's King Sennacherib, and all others, giving them rest[t] on all sides.
23 Many people brought offerings to the LORD in Jerusalem and costly gifts to Judah's King Hezekiah, who was highly regarded by all the nations from then on.

32:17 2Ki 19:9-13; Is 37:9-13
32:20 2Ki 19:14; Is 37:14-20
32:21a, 22 2Ki 19:35, 36; Is 37:36, 37
32:21b 2Ki 19:37a; Is 37:38a
32:24 2Ki 20:1; Is 38:1
32:25 2Ch 24:18, 2Ch 26:16
32:26 2Ch 32:25; Jer 26:18-19
32:30 1Ki 1:33; 2Ki 18:17, 2Ki 20:20; Is 22:9
32:31 2Ki 20:12-19; Is 39:1-9
32:32, 33 2Ki 20:20, 21

Hezekiah's illness

24 Around that same time, Hezekiah became deathly ill and prayed to the LORD, who answered him with a miraculous sign. 25 But Hezekiah was too proud to respond appropriately to the kindness he had received, and he, along with Judah and Jerusalem, experienced anger. 26 However, Hezekiah and the citizens of Jerusalem humbled themselves in their pride, and so they didn't experience the LORD's anger for the rest of Hezekiah's reign.
27 Hezekiah became very wealthy and greatly respected. He made storehouses for his silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields, and other valuables. 28 He made barns to store the harvest of grain, wine, and olive oil; stalls for all kinds of cattle; and pens for flocks. 29 He acquired towns for himself and many flocks and herds because God had given him great wealth.
30 Hezekiah was the one who blocked the upper outlet of the waters of the Gihon Spring, channeling them down to the west side of David's City. Hezekiah succeeded in all that he did, 31 even in the matter of the ambassadors sent from Babylonian officials to find out about the miraculous sign that occurred in the land, when God had abandoned him in order to test him and to discover what was in his heart.
32 The rest of Hezekiah's deeds, including his faithfulness, are written in the vision of the prophet Isaiah, Amoz's son, in the records of Israel's and Judah's kings. 33 Hezekiah lay down with his ancestors and was buried in the upper area of the tombs of

[s] Or *the language of Judah* [t] LXX; MT *he led them*

David's sons. All Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. His son Manasseh succeeded him as king.

Manasseh rules Israel

33 Manasseh was 12 years old when he became king, and he ruled for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. [2]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, imitating the detestable practices of the nations that the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. [3]He rebuilt the shrines that his father Hezekiah had destroyed, set up altars for the Baals, and made sacred poles.[u] He bowed down to all the stars in the sky and worshipped them. [4]He even built altars in the LORD's temple, the very place the LORD was speaking about when he said, "My name will remain in Jerusalem forever." [5]Manasseh built altars for all the stars in the sky in both courtyards of the LORD's temple. [6]He burned his own sons alive in the Ben-hinnom Valley, consulted sign readers, fortune-tellers, and sorcerers, and used mediums and diviners. He did much evil in the LORD's eyes and made him angry.

[7]Manasseh set up the carved image he had made in God's temple, the very temple God had spoken about to David and his son Solomon, saying: In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have selected out of all Israel's tribes, I will put my name forever. [8]I will never again remove Israel from the fertile land I gave to your ancestors, provided they carefully do everything I have commanded them—keeping all the Instruction, the regulations, and the case laws given through Moses. [9]In this way Manasseh led Judah and the residents of Jerusalem into doing even more evil than the nations that the LORD had wiped out before the Israelites.

[10]The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they wouldn't listen. [11]So the LORD brought the army commanders of Assyria's king against them. They captured Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze chains, and carried him off to Babylon. [12]During his distress, Manasseh made peace with the LORD his God, truly submitting himself to the God of his ancestors. [13]He prayed, and God was moved by his request. God listened to Manasseh's prayer and restored him to his rule in Jerusalem. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was the true God.

[14]After this, Manasseh rebuilt the outer wall of David's City, west of the Gihon Spring in the valley, extending as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate, enclosing the elevated fortress[v] and greatly increasing its height. He also installed military commanders in all the fortified cities of Judah. [15]He removed the foreign gods and the idol from the LORD's temple, as well as all the altars he had built on the hill of the LORD's temple and in Jerusalem, dumping them outside the city. [16]He restored the LORD's altar, offered well-being sacrifices and thank offerings on it, and ordered the people of Judah to worship the LORD, Israel's God. [17]The people, however, still sacrificed at the shrines, but only to the LORD their God. [18]The rest of Manasseh's deeds, including his prayer to God and what the seers told him in the name of the LORD, Israel's God, are found in the records of Israel's kings. [19]Manasseh's prayer and its answer, all his sin and unfaithfulness, and the locations of the shrines, sacred poles,[w] and idols he set up before he submitted are written in the records of Hozai.[x] [20]Manasseh lay down with his ancestors and was buried in his palace. His son Amon succeeded him as king.

Amon rules Israel

[21]Amon was 22 years old when he became king, and he ruled for two years in Jerusalem. [22]He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes, just as his

33:1 2Ki 21:1; 1Ch 3:13
33:2 2Ki 21:2; 2Ch 28:3
33:3 Dt 16:21; 2Ki 21:3; 2Ch 28:2, 2Ch 31:1
33:4 2Ki 21:4; 2Ch 6:6, 2Ch 7:16
33:5 2Ch 4:9
33:6 Dt 18:10; 2Ki 23:10; 2Ch 28:3; Jer 7:32
33:7 Jgs 20:18, Jgs 20:26; 1Ki 11:13; 2Ch 6:6, 2Ch 33:4
33:8 2Sa 7:10
33:9 1Ki 14:16, 1Ki 15:25-26, 1Ki 22:51; 2Ki 21:9
33:10 Neh 9:29; Jer 25:4; Zec 1:4
33:11 Dt 28:36; 2Ch 36:6
33:12 2Ch 32:26
33:13 1Ch 5:20; Ezr 8:23
33:14 1Ki 1:33; 2Ch 27:3, 2Ch 32:30; Neh 3:3; Zep 1:10
33:15 2Ch 33:3, 2Ch 33:7
33:16 Lv 7:11-12; 2Ch 4:1, 2Ch 14:4, 2Ch 29:18
33:17 2Ch 32:12
33:18 2Ch 33:19
33:19 2Ch 33:13
33:20 2Ki 21:18

[u]Heb *asherot*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [v]Or *hillside*; Heb uncertain [w]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [x]LXX *the seers*

father Manasseh had done. He sacrificed to all the idols his father had made and worshipped them. [23]But unlike his father Manasseh, Amon didn't submit before the LORD; instead, Amon increased his guilt. [24]His own officials plotted against him and killed him in his palace. [25]The people of the land then executed all those who had plotted against King Amon and made his son Josiah the next king.

Josiah rules Israel

34 Josiah was 8 years old when he became king, and he ruled for thirty-one years in Jerusalem. [2]He did what was right in the LORD's eyes and walked in the ways of his ancestor David, not deviating from it even a bit to the right or left. [3]In the eighth year of his rule, while he was just a boy, he began to seek the God of his ancestor David, and in the twelfth year he began purifying Judah and Jerusalem of the shrines, the sacred poles,[y] idols, and images. [4]Under his supervision, the altars for the Baals were torn down, and the incense altars that were above them were smashed. He broke up the sacred poles, idols, and images, grinding them to dust and scattering them over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. [5]He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, purifying Judah and Jerusalem. [6]In the cities of Mannaseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, all the way up to Naphtali, he removed their temples,[z] [7]tore down the altars and sacred poles, ground the idols to dust, and smashed all the incense altars throughout the land of Israel. Then Josiah returned to Jerusalem.

Josiah repairs the temple

[8]In the eighteenth year of his rule, after he had purified the land and the temple, Josiah sent Azaliah's son Shaphan, Maaseiah the mayor of the city, and Joahaz's son Joah the secretary to repair the LORD his God's temple. [9]When they came to the high priest Hilkiah, they delivered the money that had been collected in God's temple by the levitical gatekeepers from Manasseh, Ephraim, and the rest of Israel, as well as from Judah, Benjamin, and the residents of Jerusalem. [10]They handed it over to the supervisors[a] in charge of the LORD's temple, who in turn paid it to those working on, repairing, and restoring the LORD's temple. [11]They then gave it to the carpenters and the builders to pay for quarried stone and lumber for rafters and beams in the buildings the kings of Judah had neglected. [12]The men worked conscientiously under the supervision of Jahath and Obadiah, who were Levites descended from Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam from the Kohathites. The Levites, all of whom were accomplished musicians, [13]were also in charge of the laborers and all the workers, no matter what their jobs, while some of the Levites served as scribes, officials, and guards.

33:22, 23 2Ki 21:20-22
33:24 2Ki 21:25
33:25 2Ki 21:24; 2Ki 21:26b
34:1 2Ki 22:1
34:2 2Ki 22:2
34:8-12 2Ki 22:3-7
34:14 2Ch 34:9
34:15 2Ki 22:8
34:16-21 2Ki 22:9-13

The Instruction scroll

[14]While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the LORD's temple, Hilkiah the priest found the Instruction scroll that the LORD had given through Moses. [15]Hilkiah told the secretary Shaphan, "I have found the Instruction scroll in the LORD's temple."

Then Hilkiah turned the scroll over to Shaphan, [16]who brought it to the king with this report: "Your servants are doing everything you've asked them to do. [17]They have released the money that was found in the LORD's temple and have handed it over to the supervisors and the workers." [18]Then the secretary Shaphan told the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a scroll," and he read it out loud before the king.

[19]As soon as the king heard what the Instruction scroll said, he ripped his clothes. [20]The king ordered Hilkiah,

[y]Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah; also in 34:4, 7 [z]Heb uncertain [a]LXX, Vulg; MT *supervisor*

Shaphan's son Ahikam, Micah's son Abdon, the secretary Shaphan, and the royal officer Asaiah as follows: 21"Go and ask the LORD on my behalf, and on behalf of those who still remain in Israel and Judah, concerning the contents of this scroll that has been found. The LORD must be furious with us because our ancestors failed to obey the LORD's word and do everything written in this scroll."

22So Hilkiah and the royal officials went to the prophetess Huldah. She was married to Shallum, Tokhath's son and Hasrah's grandson, who was in charge of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem in the second district. When they spoke to her, 23she replied, "This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says: Tell this to the man who sent you to me: 24This is what the LORD says: I am about to bring disaster on this place and its citizens—all the curses written in the scroll that they have read to Judah's king. 25My anger burns against this place, never to be quenched, because they've deserted me and have burned incense to other gods, angering me by everything they have done.[b] 26But also say this to the king of Judah, who sent you to question the LORD: This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says about the message you've just heard: 27Because your heart was broken and you submitted before the LORD when you heard what he said against this place and its citizens,[c] and because you ripped your clothes and cried before me, I have listened to you, declares the LORD. 28I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will go to your grave in peace. You won't experience the disaster I am about to bring on this place and its citizens."

When they reported Huldah's words to the king, 29the king sent a message and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30Then the king went up to the LORD's temple, together with all the people of Judah and all the citizens of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites, and all the people, young and old alike. There the king read out loud all the words of the covenant scroll that had been found in the LORD's temple. 31The king stood in his place and made a covenant with the LORD that he would follow the LORD by keeping his commandments, his instructions, and his regulations with all his heart and all his being, in order to fulfill the words of the covenant that were written in this scroll. 32Then he made everyone found in Jerusalem and Benjamin join in a similar promise. The citizens of Jerusalem lived according to the covenant made with God, the God of their ancestors. 33Josiah got rid of all the detestable idols from all the regions that belonged to the Israelites, and he made everyone who lived in Israel serve the LORD their God. As long as Josiah lived, they didn't turn away from following the LORD God of their ancestors.

34:22-28 2Ki 22:14-20
34:29, 30 2Ki 23:1, 2
34:31 2Ki 23:3
34:33 2Ki 23:4
35:1 2Ki 23:21

Josiah's Passover

35 Then Josiah celebrated the LORD's Passover in Jerusalem. They slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the first month.[d] 2He assigned the priests to their posts, encouraging them to fulfill their responsibilities in the LORD's temple.

3Next Josiah ordered the Levites, who were holy to the LORD and who instructed all Israel: "Put the holy chest in the temple built by Israel's King Solomon, David's son. You don't need to carry it around on your shoulders anymore. Now serve the LORD your God and his people Israel. 4Organize yourselves by families according to your divisions, as directed by Israel's King David and his son Solomon. 5Stand in the sanctuary, according to the family divisions of your relatives the laypeople, so that there can be Levites for each family division.[e] 6Slaughter the Passover lambs and prepare the holy sacrifices[f] for your relatives in order to

[b] Or *made*; perhaps a reference to idols [c] MT repeats *and because you humbled yourself before me.* [d] March–April, Nisan [e] Heb uncertain [f] Correction; cf 1 Esdr 1:6; MT *and sanctify yourselves*

celebrate according to the LORD's word through Moses."

7 On behalf of the laypeople, Josiah donated from his personal holdings thirty thousand lambs and young goats, and three thousand bulls, all for the Passover offerings. 8 His officials also provided spontaneous gift offerings for the people, the priests, and the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the ones in charge of God's temple, gave two thousand six hundred Passover lambs and three hundred bulls for the priests. 9 Conaniah and his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, along with Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, the leaders of the Levites, provided the Levites with five thousand lambs and five hundred bulls as Passover sacrifices. 10 When everything was ready, the priests and the Levites took their places as the king had ordered. 11 Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs, and the priests splashed the blood[g] while the Levites skinned the animals. 12 Next they divided the entirely burned offerings among the laypeople by their families to sacrifice to the LORD as written in the scroll from Moses, and they did the same with the bulls. 13 They roasted the Passover lambs in the fire as instructed, cooked the holy offerings in pots, kettles, and pans, and brought them quickly to all the laypeople. 14 Next they prepared food for themselves and for the priests. Since the priests, Aaron's descendants, were busy offering up the entirely burned offerings and fat pieces until nighttime, the Levites prepared food for themselves and for the priests, Aaron's descendants. 15 The Asaphite singers also remained at their stations as ordered by David, Asaph, Heman, and the king's seer Jeduthun, as did the guards at the various gates. They didn't need to leave their tasks because their fellow Levites prepared food for them. 16 So on that day all of the LORD's service was prepared for celebrating Passover and offering up entirely burned offerings on the LORD's altar, just as King Josiah had ordered. 17 The Israelites who were present celebrated the Passover at that time, and observed the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days. 18 Not since the days of the prophet Samuel had such a Passover been celebrated in Israel. And no other king of Israel had celebrated a Passover like the one Josiah celebrated with the priests, the Levites, all the people of Judah and Israel who were present, and the residents of Jerusalem. 19 This Passover was celebrated in the eighteenth year of Josiah's rule.

35:18-19 2Ki 23:22-23
35:20 2Ki 23:29-30; Is 10:9; Jer 46:2
35:21 2Ki 18:25; 2Ch 25:19
35:22 Jgs 5:19; 1Ki 22:30; 2Ki 23:30; 2Ch 18:29
35:23 1Ki 22:34; 2Ch 18:33
35:24 Zec 12:11
35:25 Mt 9:23
35:26, 27 2Ki 23:28

Josiah's death

20 After all of these things, when Josiah had finished restoring the temple, Egypt's King Neco marched against Carchemish by the Euphrates, and Josiah marched out against him. 21 But Neco sent messengers to Josiah. "What do you want with me, king of Judah?" he asked. "I haven't come to attack you today. I'm after the dynasty that wars with me. God told me to hurry, and he is on my side. Get out of God's way, or he will destroy you."

22 But Josiah wouldn't turn back. Instead, he camouflaged himself in preparation for battle, refusing to listen to Neco's words from God's own mouth, and went to fight Neco on the plain of Megiddo. 23 When archers shot King Josiah, he said to his servants, "Take me away; I'm badly wounded!" 24 So his servants took him out of his chariot, placed him in another one, and brought him to Jerusalem, where he died and was buried in the tombs of his ancestors. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 Jeremiah composed a funeral song[h] for Josiah, and to this day every singer, man or woman, continues to remember Josiah in their funeral songs. They are now traditional in Israel and are written down among the funeral songs.

26 The rest of Josiah's deeds, including his faithfulness in acting according to what is written in the LORD's

[g] LXX; MT *from their hand* [h] Or *lament*, twice more in this verse

Instruction, [27]and everything else he did, from beginning to end, are written in the official records of Israel's and Judah's kings.

Jehoahaz rules Israel

36 The people of the land took Jehoahaz, Josiah's son, and made him the next king in Jerusalem. [2]Jehoahaz was 23 years old when he became king, and he ruled for three months in Jerusalem. [3]The king of Egypt removed him from office in Jerusalem. The Egyptian king imposed a fine on the land totaling one hundred kikkars of silver and one kikkar of gold. [4]Then the king of Egypt made Jehoahaz's brother Eliakim king of Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. Neco took his brother Jehoahaz prisoner and carried him off to Egypt.

Jehoiakim rules Israel

[5]Jehoiakim was 25 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eleven years in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. [6]Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar attacked him, bound him with bronze chains, and took him to Babylon. [7]Nebuchadnezzar also took some equipment from the LORD's temple to Babylon and placed them in his own temple there. [8]The rest of Jehoiakim's deeds, including his detestable practices and all that was charged against him, are written in the official records of Israel's and Judah's kings. His son Jehoiachin succeeded him as king.

Jehoiachin rules Israel

[9]Jehoiachin was 18[i] years old when he became king, and he ruled for three months[j] in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the LORD's eyes. [10]In the springtime, King Nebuchadnezzar sent for him to be brought to Babylon, along with valuable equipment from the LORD's temple. Then he made Zedekiah his uncle the next king of Judah and Jerusalem.

36:1, 2 2Ki 23:30, 31
36:3 2Ki 23:33
36:4 2Ki 23:4
36:5 2Ki 23:36, 37
36:6 2Ki 24:1
36:7 2Ki 24:13; 2Ch 36:10, 2Ch 36:18; Ezr 1:7; Dn 1:2
36:8 2Ki 24:5, 6
36:9 2Ki 24:8, 9
36:10a 2Ki 24:13
36:10b, 11 2Ki 24:17, 18; Jer 37:1, Jer 52:1
36:12 2Ki 24:19; Jer 37:2, Jer 52:2
36:13 2Ki 24:20; Jer 52:3
36:18 2Ki 25:13-17; Jer 52:17-23
36:19 2Ki 25:9 10
36:20a 2Ki 25:11; Jer 52:15
36:21 Lv 25:4, Lv 26:34-35; Jer 1:1; Dn 9:2

Zedekiah rules Israel

[11]Zedekiah was 21 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eleven years in Jerusalem. [12]He did what was evil in the LORD his God's eyes and didn't submit before the prophet Jeremiah, who spoke for the LORD. [13]Moreover, he rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, despite the solemn pledge Nebuchadnezzar had forced him to swear in God's name. He became stubborn and refused to turn back to the LORD, Israel's God. [14]All the leaders of the priests and the people also grew increasingly unfaithful, following all the detestable practices of the nations. They polluted the LORD's temple that God had dedicated in Jerusalem. [15]Time and time again, the LORD, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers because he had compassion on his people and his dwelling. [16]But they made fun of God's messengers, treating God's words with contempt and ridiculing God's prophets to such an extent that there was no hope of warding off the LORD's rising anger against his people.

Jerusalem destroyed

[17]So God brought the Babylonian[k] king against them. The king killed their young men with the sword in their temple's sanctuary, and showed no pity for young men or for virgins, for the old or for the feeble. God handed all of them over to him. [18]Then the king hauled everything off to Babylon, every item from God's temple, both large and small, including the treasures of the LORD's temple and those of the king and his officials. [19]Next the Babylonians burned God's temple down, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, and set fire to all its palaces, destroying everything of value. [20]Finally, he exiled to Babylon anyone who survived the killing so that they could be his slaves and the slaves of his children until Persia came to power. [21]This is

[i]LXX, 2 Kgs 24:8; MT *eight* [j]2 Kgs 24:8; MT adds *and ten days.* [k]Heb *Chaldean*

how the LORD's word spoken by Jeremiah was carried out. The land finally enjoyed its sabbath rest. For as long as it lay empty, it rested, until seventy years were completed.

Cyrus's decree

[22]In the first year of Persia's King Cyrus, to carry out the LORD's promise spoken through Jeremiah, the LORD moved Persia's King Cyrus to issue the following proclamation throughout his kingdom, along with a written decree:

[23]"This is what Persia's King Cyrus says: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the earth's kingdoms and has instructed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Whoever among you belong to God's people, let them go up, and may the LORD their God be with them!

36:22, 23 Ezr 1:1-4

EZRA

Permission to return to Jerusalem

1 In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia's rule, to fulfill the LORD's word spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Persia's King Cyrus. The king issued a proclamation throughout his kingdom (it was also in writing) that stated:

[2]"Persia's King Cyrus says: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has commanded me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. [3]If there are any of you who are from his people, may their God be with them! They may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. [4]And as for all those who remain in the various places where they are living, let the people of those places supply them with silver and gold, and with goods and livestock, together with spontaneous gifts for God's house in Jerusalem."[a]

Preparing to return

[5]Then the heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred up—got ready to go up and build God's house in Jerusalem. [6]All their neighbors assisted them with silver equipment, with gold, with goods, livestock, and valuable gifts, in addition to all that was freely offered. [7]King Cyrus brought out the equipment of the LORD's house—those items that Nebuchadnezzar brought from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. [8]Persia's King Cyrus handed them over to Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. [9]This was the count: thirty gold dishes, one thousand silver dishes, twenty-nine knives,[b] [10]thirty gold bowls, four hundred ten larger[c] silver bowls, and one thousand other objects. [11]The total of the gold and silver objects numbered five thousand four hundred. Sheshbazzar brought up all of these when the exiles went up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

1:2 Ezr 6:3; Is 44:28, Is 45:1, Is 45:13

1:5 Ezr 1:1; Phi 2:13

2:1 2Ki 24:14; 2Ch 36:20; Neh 7:6

2:2 Neh 7:7; Hg 1:1, Hg 1:12, Hg 2:4; Ezr 3:8

List of the returnees

2 These were the people of the province who went up from there—from among those captive exiles whom Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar had deported to Babylonia. They returned to Jerusalem and Judah, all to their own towns. [2]They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah.

[a]Heb uncertain [b]Vulg; Heb uncertain [c]Heb *double*

The number of the people of Israel

3 The family of Parosh 2,172
4 of Shephatiah 372
5 of Arah 775
6 of Pahath-moab, namely the family of Jeshua and Joab 2,812
7 of Elam 1,254
8 of Zattu 945
9 of Zaccai 760
10 of Bani 642
11 of Bebai 623
12 of Azgad 1,222
13 of Adonikam 666
14 of Bigvai 2,056
15 of Adin 454
16 of Ater, namely of Hezekiah 98
17 of Bezai 323
18 of Jorah 112
19 of Hashum 223
20 of Gibbar 95
21 of Bethlehem 123
22 The people of Netophah 56
23 of Anathoth 128
24 The family of Azmaveth 42
25 of Kiriatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth 743
26 of Ramah and Geba 621
27 The people of Michmash 122
28 of Bethel and Ai 223
29 The family of Nebo 52
30 of Magbish 156
31 of the other Elam 1,254
32 of Harim 320
33 of Lod, Hadid, and Ono 725
34 of Jericho 345
35 of Senaah 3,630

36 *The priests*

The family of Jedaiah, namely the house of Jeshua 973
37 of Immer 1,052
38 of Pashhur 1,247
39 of Harim 1,017
40 The Levites: the family of Jeshua and Kadmiel—the family of Hodaviah 74

41 *The singers*

The family of Asaph 128

42 *The family of the gatekeepers*

of Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita, and Shobai 139 in all

2:59 Neh 7:61

2:62 Nm 3:10, Nm 16:40

2:63 Ex 28:30; Lv 7:65, Dt 33:8; Neh 7:65, Neh 8:9

43 *The temple servants*

The family of Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth, 44 Keros, Siaha, Padon, 45 Lebanah, Hagabah, Akkub, 46 Hagab, Shamlai, Hanan, 47 Giddel, Gahar, Reaiah, 48 Rezin, Nekoda, Gazzam, 49 Uzza, Paseah, Besai, 50 Asnah, Meunim, Nephisim, 51 Bakbuk, Hakupha, Harhur, 52 Bazluth, Mehida, Harsha, 53 Barkos, Sisera, Temah, 54 Neziah, and Hatipha

55 *The family of Solomon's servants*

Sotai, Hassophereth, Peruda, 56 Jaalah, Darkon, Giddel, 57 Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth-hazzebaim, and Ami.

58 All of the temple servants and the family of Solomon's servants 392

Exclusions

59 The following came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but they were unable to demonstrate that their family or their descent was from Israel:

60 the family of Delaiah, Tobiah, and Nekoda, 652
61 and of the family of the priests: the family of Habaiah, Hakkoz, and Barzillai (who had married one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by their name).

62 They looked for their entries in the genealogical records, but they were not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean. 63 The governor ordered them not to eat of the most holy food until a priest arose who could consult Urim and Thummim.

Total

64 The whole assembly together totaled 42,360, 65 not including their 7,337 male and female servants; they also had 200 male and female singers, 66 736 horses, 245 mules, 67 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys.

Arrival in Jerusalem

68 When they arrived at the LORD's
house in Jerusalem, some of the heads
of the families brought spontaneous
gifts for the rebuilding of God's house
on its site. 69 According to their means,
they gave to the building fund 61,000
drachmen of gold, 5,000 manehs of sil-
ver, and 100 priestly robes.

70 The priests, the Levites, some of
the people, the singers, the gatekeepers,
and the temple servants settled in their
own towns, and all Israel in their towns.

Rebuilding the altar

3 When the seventh month[d] came
and the Israelites were in their
towns, the people gathered together as
one in Jerusalem. 2 Then Jeshua, Joza-
dak's son along with his fellow priests,
and Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son along
with his kin, started to rebuild the
altar of Israel's God so that they might
offer entirely burned offerings upon it
as prescribed in the Instruction from
Moses the man of God. 3 They set up
the altar on its foundations,[e] because
they were afraid of the neighboring
peoples,[f] and they offered entirely
burned offerings upon it to the LORD,
both the morning and the evening
offerings.

4 They celebrated the Festival of
Booths, as prescribed. Every day they
presented the number of entirely
burned offerings required by ordinance
for that day. 5 After this, they presented
the continual burned offerings, the of-
ferings at the new moons, and at all the
sacred feasts of the LORD, and the offer-
ings of everyone who brought a sponta-
neous gift to the LORD. 6 From the first
day of the seventh month, they began
to present entirely burned offerings to
the LORD.

However, the foundation of the
LORD's temple had not yet been laid.
7 So they gave money to the masons
and carpenters; and food, drink, and
oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians
to bring cedarwood by sea from Leba-
non to Joppa, according to the autho-
rization given them by Persia's King
Cyrus.

Laying the foundations of God's house

8 In the second month of the second
year after their arrival at God's house
in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's
son and Jeshua, Jozadak's son and the
rest of their kin—the priests and the
Levites and all who had come from
the captivity to Jerusalem—made a
beginning. They appointed Levites 20
years old and above to oversee the
work on the LORD's house. 9 Then Je-
shua with his sons and his kin, Kad-
miel and his sons, Binnui and his sons,
the sons of Judah, along with the sons
of Henadad, the Levites, and their
sons and kin, collaborated to supervise
the workers in God's house.

10 When the builders laid the founda-
tion of the LORD's temple, the priests
clothed in their vests and carrying their
trumpets, and the Levites the sons of
Asaph with cymbals, arose to praise
the LORD according to the directions
of Israel's King David. 11 They praised
and gave thanks to the LORD, singing
responsively, "He is good, his gracious-
ness for Israel endures forever."

All of the people shouted with
praise to the LORD because the foun-
dation of the LORD's house had been
laid. 12 But many of the older priests
and Levites and heads of families, who
had seen the first house, wept aloud
when they saw the foundation of this
house, although many others shouted
loudly with joy. 13 No one could distin-
guish the sound of the joyful shout
from the sound of the people's weep-
ing, because the people rejoiced very
loudly. The sound was heard at a great
distance.

Facing opposition

4 When the enemies of Judah and
Benjamin heard that the returned
exiles were building a temple for the

2:69 Ezr 8:25; Neh 7:70
2:70 1Ch 9:2; Ezr 7:7; Neh 7:73, Neh 11:3
3:1 Lv 23:24; Ezr 4:1, Ezr 5:1; Neh 7:73
3:2 Dt 12:5, Dt 33:1; 1Ch 3:17; Ezr 2:2; Hg 1:1
3:3 Ex 29:38; Nm 28:3; Ezr 4:4
3:4 Ex 23:16; Lv 23:34; Nm 29:12; Neh 8:14; Zec 14:16
3:5 Nm 28:11; Dt 12:6
3:7 1Ki 5:6; 2Ch 2:16, 2Ch 36:22; Ezr 6:3; Is 44:28
3:8 1Ch 23:24; Ezr 3:2; Neh 12:1; Hg 1:1, Hg 1:12
3:12 Hg 2:3

[d] September–October, Tishrei [e] A technical word meaning *pedestals* [f] Or *peoples of the lands*

LORD, the God of Israel, 2they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the families and said to them, "Let's build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we've been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Assyria's King Esarhaddon, who brought us here."

3But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of the families in Israel replied, "You'll have no part with us in building a house for our God. We alone will build because the LORD, the God of Israel, and Persia's King Cyrus commanded us."

4The neighboring peoples[g] discouraged the people of Judah, made them afraid to build, 5and bribed officials to frustrate their plan. They did this throughout the rule of Persia's King Cyrus until the rule of Persia's King Darius.

Writing to King Artaxerxes

6In the rule of Ahasuerus, at the beginning of his rule, they composed an indictment against those who lived in Judah and Jerusalem. 7In the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their associates wrote to Persia's King Artaxerxes. The letter was written in Aramaic and translated.[h] 8Rehum the royal deputy and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter concerning Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes as follows:

> 9From Rehum the royal deputy and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their colleagues, the judges, the administrators, the officials, the Persians, the people of Erech, the Babylonians, the people of Susa (that is, the Elamites), 10and the rest of the nations whom the great and famous Osnappar deported and settled in the cities of Samaria and in the rest of the province Beyond the River.
>
> (11This is a copy of the letter they sent to him.)
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> To King Artaxerxes from your servants, the people of the province Beyond the River. 12May it be known to the king that the Jews who left you and came to us have arrived in Jerusalem. They are rebuilding the rebellious and wicked city; they are completing the walls and repairing the foundations. 13May it be known to the king that if this city is rebuilt and the walls completed, they will not pay tribute or tax or dues, and the royal revenue will be reduced.
>
> 14Since we receive our salary from the palace,[i] and since it is not fitting for us to witness the king's dishonor, we now send this letter[j] and inform the king 15so that you may search the records of your ancestors. You will discover in the records that this is a rebellious city, harmful to kings and provinces, and that it has been in revolt over a long period of time. As a result, this city was laid waste. 16We tell the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls completed, you will then have no possession in the province Beyond the River.

Artaxerxes responds

17The king sent this answer:

> Greetings to Rehum the royal deputy and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their colleagues who live in Samaria and elsewhere in the province Beyond the River. 18The entire letter that you sent to us has been read in translation for me. 19I issued an order; they searched and discovered that this city has revolted against kings over a long period of time. There has been much rebellion and revolt there. 20However, there have been mighty kings over Jerusalem who also ruled over the whole province Beyond the River. Tribute and taxes and dues were paid to them.
>
> 21Therefore, issue an order to stop these people: this city is not to be rebuilt until I make a decree. 22Be

4:6 Est 1:1; Dn 9:1
4:10 2Ki 17:24; Ezr 4:17
4:20 Gn 15:18; Josh 1:4; 1Ki 4:21; 1Ch 18:3; Ps 72:8

[g]Or *peoples of the lands* [h]Heb adds *in Aramaic*, reporting that 4:8–6:18 is written in Aramaic. [i]Or *since we have salted the salt of the palace* [j]Heb lacks *this letter*.

sure to carry out this order! Why should danger grow and threaten the king?

[23]When the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their colleagues, they hurried to Jerusalem to oppose the Jews and made them stop by force of arms.[k] [24]At that time the work on God's house in Jerusalem stopped and was suspended until the second year of the rule of Persia's King Darius.

Work on God's house continues

5 Then the prophet Haggai and the prophet Zechariah, Iddo's son, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of Israel's God who was over them. [2]Subsequently, Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son, and Jeshua, Jozadak's son, began to rebuild God's house in Jerusalem. God's prophets were with them, helping them.

[3]At the same time, Tattenai, the governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai and their colleagues came to them and spoke to them, asking, "Who authorized you to build this house and finish preparing[l] this building material?"[m] [4]They[n] also asked them, "What are the names of the people who are building this building?" [5]But their God looked after the elders of the Jews, and they didn't stop them until a report reached Darius and a letter with his response had arrived.

Writing to King Darius

[6]This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai and his colleagues the officials who were in the province Beyond the River sent to King Darius. [7]In the message they sent him, the following was written:

To King Darius, all peace! [8]Let the king know that we went to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God. It is being built with dressed stone and with timber set into the walls. This work makes good progress and prospers in their hands. [9]We asked those elders, "Who authorized you to build this house and to complete the preparation of this material?" [10]We also asked them their names so that we could write down the names of the leaders for your information.

[11]This was their reply to us: "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth. We are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and completed. [12]But because our ancestors angered the God of heaven, he gave them over into the power of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house and deported the people to Babylonia. [13]However, in the first year of his rule, Babylon's King Cyrus issued a decree to rebuild this house of God. [14]King Cyrus also took the gold and silver equipment from God's house out of the temple in Babylon (the ones that Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and placed in the temple in Babylon) and gave them to a man named Sheshbazzar, whom he had appointed governor. [15]Cyrus said to him, 'Take this equipment and go and put it in Jerusalem's temple, and let God's house be rebuilt on its original site.' [16]Then Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundations of God's house in Jerusalem. From then until now the rebuilding work has continued but is not yet complete."

[17]And now, if it seems good to the king, may a search be made in the royal archives in Babylon to see if King Cyrus had issued a decree to rebuild this house of God in Jerusalem. Then may the king be pleased to send us his decision about this matter.

4:23 Ezr 4:8, Ezr 4:17
4:24 Ezr 6:1; Hg 1:15; Zec 1:1
5:1 Hg 1:1; Zec 1:1, Zec 1:7, Zec 7:1
5:2 Neh 12:1; Hg 1:12, Hg 1:14; Zec 4:6
5:13 2Ch 36:22; Ezr 1:1; Is 44:28, Is 45:1
5:14 Ezr 1:7; Dn 5:2

[k]Or *power and force* [l]Heb lacks *preparing.* [m]Heb uncertain; so also 5:9 [n]LXX, Syr, Aram *We*

Darius responds

6 Then King Darius made a decree, and they searched the archives where the documents were stored in Babylon. [2]But a scroll was found in Ecbatana, the capital of the province of Media, on which was written the following:

A memorandum—[3]In the first year of his rule, King Cyrus made a decree: Concerning God's house in Jerusalem: Let the house at the place where they offered sacrifices be rebuilt and let its foundations be retained. Its height will be ninety feet and its width ninety feet, [4]with three layers of dressed stones and one[o] layer of timber. The cost will be paid from the royal treasury. [5]In addition, the gold and silver equipment from God's house, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, is to be restored, that is, brought back to Jerusalem and put in their proper place in God's house.

[6]Now you, Tattenai, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and you, their colleagues, the officials in the province Beyond the River, keep away! [7]Leave the work on this house of God alone. Let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its original site.

[8]I also issue a decree about what you should do to help these elders of the Jews as they rebuild this house of God: The total cost is to be paid to these people, and without delay, from the royal revenue that is made up of the tribute of the province Beyond the River. [9]And whatever is needed—young bulls, rams, or sheep for entirely burned offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as requested by the priests in Jerusalem—let that be given to them day by day without fail [10]so that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the lives of the king and his sons.

6:1 Ezr 4:15, Ezr 5:17; Hg 1:1; Zec 1:1

6:3 1Ki 6:36

6:9 Lv 1:3, Lv 2:13

6:15 Ezr 6:14; Est 3:7

6:18 Nm 3:6, Nm 8:9; 1Ch 24:1; 2Ch 35:5

6:21 Ezr 6:22, Ezr 9:11; Neh 9:2

[11]I also decree that if anyone disobeys this edict, a beam is to be pulled out of the house of the guilty party, and the guilty party will then be impaled upon it. The house will be turned into a trash heap.

[12]May the God who has established his name there overthrow any king or people who try to change this order or to destroy God's house in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have decreed it; let it be done with all diligence.

God's house is completed and dedicated

[13]Then Tattenai, the governor of the province Beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their colleagues carried out the order of King Darius with all diligence. [14]So the elders of the Jews built and prospered because of the prophesying of the prophet Haggai and Zechariah, Iddo's son. They finished building by the command of Israel's God and of Cyrus, Darius, and King Artaxerxes of Persia. [15]This house was completed on the third day of the month of Adar,[p] in the sixth year of the rule of King Darius.

[16]Then the Israelites, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles joyfully celebrated the dedication of this house of God. [17]At the dedication of this house of God, they offered one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a purification offering for all Israel, twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. [18]They set the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their sections for the service of God in Jerusalem, as it is written in the scroll from Moses.

[19][q]On the fourteenth day of the first month,[r] the returned exiles celebrated the Passover. [20]All of the priests and the Levites had purified themselves; all of them were clean. They slaughtered the Passover animals for all the returned exiles, their fellow priests, and themselves. [21]The Israelites who had returned from exile, together with all

[o]LXX; Heb *new* [p]February–March [q]Heb resumes with this verse. [r]March–April, Nisan

those who had joined them by separating themselves from the pollutions of the nations of the land to worship the LORD, the God of Israel, ate the Passover meal.[s]

[22]They also joyfully celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days, because the LORD had made them joyful by changing the attitude of the king of Assyria toward them so that he assisted them in the work on the house of God, the God of Israel.

Introduction to Ezra

7 After this, in the rule of Persia's King Artaxerxes, Ezra son of Seraiah son of Azariah son of Hilkiah [2]son of Shallum son of Zadok son of Ahitub [3]son of Amariah son of Azariah son of Meraioth [4]son of Zerahiah son of Uzzi son of Bukki [5]son of Abishua son of Phinehas son of Eleazar son of Aaron the chief priest—[6]this Ezra came up from Babylon. He was a scribe skilled in the Instruction from Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given. Moreover, the king gave him everything he requested because the LORD his God's power was with him.

[7]Some of the Israelites and some of the priests and the Levites, the singers and gatekeepers and the temple servants also came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. [8]They reached Jerusalem in the fifth month, in the seventh year of the king. [9]The journey from Babylon began on the first day of the first month, and they came to Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month, for the gracious hand of his God was upon him. [10]Ezra had determined to study and perform the LORD's Instruction, and to teach law and justice in Israel.

Letter from Artaxerxes

[11]This is a copy of the letter that Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest and scribe, a scholar of the text of the LORD's commandments and his requirements for Israel:

6:22 Ex 12:15; 2Ch 30:21; Ps 42:4; Prv 21:1

7:1 2Ki 22:4; 1Ch 6:13, 1Ch 9:11; Ezr 7:21; Neh 2:1

7:2 2Sa 8:17; 1Ki 2:35; 1Ch 6:8

7:5 Ex 6:25; Lv 10:6, Lv 10:12; Nm 25:7; Josh 24:33; Jdg 20:28

7:6 Ezr 7:9, Ezr 7:11, Ezr 7:21, Ezr 7:28; Neh 12:36

[12]Artaxerxes, king of kings,
to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Instruction from the God of heaven.
Peace![u]

And now [13]I decree that any of the people of Israel or their priests or Levites in my kingdom who volunteer to go to Jerusalem with you may go. [14]You are sent by the king and his seven counselors to investigate Judah and Jerusalem according to the Instruction from your God, which is in your hand.

[15]You should bring the silver and gold that the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem, [16]together with any of the silver and gold that you find in the entire province of Babylonia. You should also bring the spontaneous gifts of the people and the priests, given freely for God's house in Jerusalem. [17]With this money you will be careful to buy bulls, rams, and lambs, as well as their grain offerings and their drink offerings. And you will offer them on the altar of God's house in Jerusalem. [18]As long as it is God's will, you and your colleagues may do what you think best with the rest of the silver and gold. [19]You will deliver the equipment that has been given to you for the service of God's house to the God of Jerusalem. [20]If anything else is required for God's house that you are responsible to provide, you may provide it from the royal treasury.

[21]I, King Artaxerxes, decree to all of the treasurers in the province Beyond the River: Whatever Ezra the priest and scribe of the Instruction from the God of heaven requires of you, it must be provided precisely, [22]even up to one hundred kikkars of silver, one hundred kors of wheat, one hundred baths[v] of wine, one hundred baths of oil, and unlimited salt. [23]Whatever the God of heaven commands will be done carefully for

[s]Heb lacks *Passover meal.* [t]7:12-26 is written in Aramaic. [u]Syr, Vulg 1 Esdr 8:9; Aram *Perfect* [v]One bath is approximately twenty quarts or five gallons.

the house of the God of heaven, or wrath will come upon the realm of the king and his heirs. [24]You must also know that it is illegal for you to charge tribute, custom, or dues on any of the priests and Levites, the singers, the doorkeepers, the temple servants, or other servants of this house of God.

[25]And you, Ezra, based on the divine wisdom that you have, appoint supervisors and judges to adjudicate among all the people in the province Beyond the River who know the laws of your God. You will also teach those who do not know them. [26]Let judgment be strictly carried out upon anyone who does not obey the Instruction from your God and the law of your king, including death, banishment, confiscation of property, or imprisonment.

Ezra prepares to leave

[27]Bless the LORD, the God of our ancestors, who has moved the king to glorify the LORD's house in Jerusalem, [28]and who has demonstrated his graciousness for me before the king and his counselors and all the king's mighty officers. I took courage because the LORD my God's power was with me. I gathered leaders from Israel to go up with me.

8 These are the heads of the families, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me during the rule of King Artaxerxes:

[2]of the family of Phinehas, Gershom; of Ithamar, Daniel; of David, Hattush, [3]Shecaniah's son;[w] of Parosh, Zechariah and with him were registered 150 men;

[4]of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai, Zerahiah's son and with him 200 men;

[5]of Zattu,[x] Shecaniah, Jahaziel's son and with him 300 men;

[6]of Adin, Ebed, Jonathan's son and with him 50 men;

7:25 Ex 18:21; Dt 16:18

8:15 Ezr 7:7, Ezr 8:21, Ezr 8:31

8:18 1Ch 6:19; Neh 8:7, Neh 9:4

8:21 Lv 16:29; 2Ch 20:3; Is 58:3

[7]of Elam, Jeshaiah, Athaliah's son and with him 70 men;

[8]of Shephatiah, Zebadiah, Michael's son and with him 80 men;

[9]of Joab, Obadiah, Jehiel's son and with him 218 men;

[10]of Bani,[y] Shelomith, Josiphiah's son and with him 160 men;

[11]of Bebai, Zechariah, Bebai's son and with him 28 men;

[12]of Azgad, Johanan, Hakkatan's son and with him 110 men;

[13]of the last of Adonikam, namely Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah and with them 60 men;

[14]of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur and with them were 70 men.

Voyage to Jerusalem

[15]I gathered them by the river that runs to Ahava, and there we camped for three days.

As I reviewed the people and the priests, I found no Levites there. [16]So I called for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, all leaders, together with Joiarib and Elnathan, who were wise. [17]I sent them[z] to Iddo, the leader at the place named Casiphia, telling them what to say to Iddo and his colleagues the temple servants at Casiphia, namely, to send us ministers for God's house. [18]Because we were favored by God, they brought us Sherebiah, a skillful man of the family of Mahli, Levi's son and Israel's grandson, together with his sons and relatives so that there were eighteen in total. [19]They also brought us Hashabiah and with him Jeshaiah of the family of Merari, together with his relatives and their sons so that there were twenty in total. [20]In addition, there were two hundred twenty temple servants whom David and the princes had appointed to serve the Levites. These were all recorded by name.

[21]Then I called for a fast there at the Ahava River so that we might submit

[w]LXX and 1 Esdr 8:29; Heb *of the descendants of Shecaniah* [x]LXX and 1 Esdr 8:32; Heb lacks *of Zattu.* [y]LXX and 1 Esdr 8:36; Heb lacks *of Bani.* [z]Kethib *I ordered them*

before our God and ask of him a safe journey for ourselves, our children, and all our possessions. [22]I had been ashamed to ask the king for a group of soldiers and cavalry to help us in facing enemies on the way, because we had told the king, "The power of God favors all who seek him, but his fierce wrath is against all who abandon him." [23]So we fasted and prayed to our God for this, and he responded to us.

[24]Then I selected twelve of the leading priests, Sherebiah and Hashabiah and ten of their relatives with them. [25]I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the equipment, the offering for the house of our God that the king, his counselors, his officials, and all Israel present there had offered. [26]I weighed out into their keeping six hundred fifty kikkars of silver, one hundred silver containers weighing a certain number of kikkars, one hundred kikkars of gold, [27]twenty gold bowls worth one thousand darics, and two containers of highly polished copper, which were as precious as gold. [28]I said to them, "You are holy to the LORD, and the equipment is holy; the silver and the gold are a spontaneous gift to the LORD, the God of your ancestors. [29]Guard them carefully until you weigh them out in Jerusalem before the officials of the priests, the Levites, and the heads of the families of Israel, within the rooms of the LORD's house." [30]So the priests and the Levites received the silver and the gold and the utensils as they were weighed out, in order to bring them to Jerusalem, to our God's house.

[31]Then we left the Ahava River on the twelfth day of the first month[a] to go to Jerusalem. The power of our God was with us; he saved us from the power of the enemy and ambushes along the way.

Finishing the journey

[32]After arriving in Jerusalem, we rested there three days. [33]On the fourth day, the silver and the gold and the equipment were weighed out in our God's house into the care of the priest named Meremoth, Uriah's son, together with Eleazar, Phinehas' son; and the Levites, Jozabad, Jeshua's son, and Noadiah, Binnui's son. [34]Everything was counted and weighed, and the total weight was recorded.

[35]At that time, those who had come from the captivity, the returned exiles, offered as entirely burned offerings to the God of Israel twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male goats as a purification offering. All this was an entirely burned offering to the LORD. [36]They also delivered the king's orders to the royal chief administrators and governors of the province Beyond the River, who supported the people and God's house.

Facing a communal problem

9 When these tasks were finished, the officials approached me and said, "The people of Israel, the priests, and the Levites haven't kept themselves separate from the peoples of the neighboring lands with their detestable practices; namely, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. [2]They've taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, and the holy descendants have become mixed with the neighboring peoples.[b] Moreover, the officials and leaders have led the way in this unfaithfulness."

[3]When I heard this, I tore my clothes and cloak, pulled out hair from my head and beard, and sat down in shock. [4]Then all those who trembled at the words of the God of Israel gathered around me on account of the transgression of the returned exiles while I remained sitting in shock until the evening sacrifice.

Ezra prays

[5]At the time of the evening sacrifice, I ended my penitential acts. While still

8:27 1Ki 7:50; 1Ch 28:17; 2Ch 4:8; Ezr 1:10
8:28 Lv 21:6
8:32 Neh 2:11
9:1 Nm 25:1; Jdg 3:5; 1Ki 11:1; Ezr 9:2
9:2 Ezr 9:1, Ezr 10:18; Neh 13:23
9:3 Nm 14:6; Josh 7:6; Neh 1:4; Job 1:20, Job 2:12

[a]March–April, Nisan [b]Or *peoples of the lands*

wearing[c] my torn clothes and cloak,
I fell upon my knees, spread out my
hands to the LORD my God, [6]and said,
"My God, I'm too ashamed to lift
up my face to you. Our iniquities
have risen higher than our heads,
and our guilt has grown to the
heavens.
[7]"From the days of our ancestors to this day, we've been deep in guilt. On account of our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been handed over to the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as is now the case.
[8]"But now, for a brief while the LORD our God has shown favor in leaving us survivors and in giving us a stake in his holy place. Our God cheered us[d] and revived us for a little while in our slavery. [9]Even though we are slaves, our God hasn't abandoned us in our slavery. Instead, he's shown us his graciousness before Persia's kings by reviving us to set up our God's house, to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judea and Jerusalem.
[10]"And now, our God, what will we say after this? We have abandoned your commandments, [11]which you commanded through your servants the prophets, saying: 'The land which you are about to enter to possess is a land polluted by the impurity of the neighboring peoples.[e] Their detestable practices have filled it with uncleanness from end to end. [12]So now, do not give your daughters to their sons in marriage, do not take their sons for your daughters to marry, and never seek their peace or prosperity. This is so you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.'
[13]"After all that has happened to us because of our evil deeds and our great guilt—although you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserve and have allowed us to survive as we do—[14]will we once again break your commandments and intermarry with the peoples who practice these detestable things? Would you not be so angry with us that you leave us without remnant or survivor? [15]LORD, God of Israel, you are righteous, for we have survived and a few remain until now. Here we are before you in our guilt, though no one can face you because of this guilt."[f]

10:1 2Ch 20:9; Ezr 7:10, Ezr 9:1; Dn 9:20
10:3 Dt 7:2; 2Ki 11:17; 2Ch 34:31; Ezr 9:4; Neh 9:38
10:5 Neh 5:12, Neh 13:25
10:6 Dt 9:18; Ezr 10:1; Neh 12:22

The community responds

10 While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and bowing down before God's house, a very large crowd of men, women, and children of Israel gathered around him. The people also wept in distress. [2]Then Shecaniah, Jehiel's son, from the family of Elam, spoke up and said to Ezra, "We've been unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women from the neighboring peoples.[g] But even now, there is hope for Israel in spite of this. [3]Let's now make a covenant with our God to send away all these wives and their children, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God. Let it be done according to the Instruction. [4]Get up, for it is your duty to deal with this matter; we will support you. Be strong and act." [5]So Ezra got up and made the leading priests, the Levites, and all Israel take a solemn pledge that they would do as had been said. So they took a solemn pledge.

The assembly decides

[6]Then Ezra got up from the area in front of God's house and went to the room of Jehohanan, Eliashib's son, where he spent[h] the night. He didn't eat food or drink water, for he was mourning because of the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

[c]Heb uncertain [d]Or *brightened our eyes* [e]Or *peoples of the lands* [f]Heb lacks *guilt.* [g]Or *peoples of the lands* [h]LXX, 1 Esdr 9:2; Heb *where he went*

7 An order was then circulated
throughout Judah and Jerusalem that
all the returned exiles should gather in
Jerusalem. 8 All those who failed to ap-
pear within three days, as mandated by
the officials and elders, would have all
their property taken away. They would
be separated from the congregation
of the exiles. 9 So within three days,
all the people of Judah and Benjamin
gathered in Jerusalem. It was the
twentieth day of the ninth month.[i] All
of the people sat in the area in front of
God's house, trembling because of this
order and because of the heavy rain.

10 Then Ezra the priest stood up
and said to them, "You have been un-
faithful by marrying foreign women
and adding to Israel's guilt. 11 But now,
make a confession to the LORD God of
your ancestors and do his will. Sepa-
rate yourselves from the neighboring
peoples[j] and from the foreign wives."

12 The whole assembly shouted in
reply, "Yes. We must do as you have
said. 13 But there are many people, and
it's the rainy season; we can't continue
to stand outside. Nor can this task
be completed in a day or two because
many of us have sinned in this matter.
14 Let our leaders represent the entire
assembly. Let all in our towns who have
taken foreign wives come at appointed
times, along with the elders and judges
of every town, until God's great anger
at us on account of this matter be
averted." 15 Only Jonathan, Asahel's
son, and Jahzeiah, Tikvah's son, op-
posed this; Meshullam and Shabbethai
the Levites supported them.

Resolving the issue

16 Then the returned exiles did so.
Ezra the priest chose[k] certain men,
heads of families, each representing
their family houses. Each of them was
designated by name. On the first day
of the tenth month[l] they sat down to
examine the matter. 17 By the first day
of the first month,[m] they had come to
the end of all the men who had married
foreign women.

10:10 Nm 32:14; Josh 22:18; 2Ch 28:13

10:11 Lv 26:40; Ezr 9:1; Prv 28:13

10:14 Nm 25:4; 2Ch 29:10, 2Ch 30:8

18 Of the family of priests, there
were found the following who had
married foreign women—of the
family of Jeshua, Jozadak's son
and his brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer,
Jarib, and Gedaliah. 19 They prom-
ised to send their wives away, and
their compensation offering was a
ram of the flock for their guilt.

20 Of the family of Immer: Ha-
nani and Zebadiah.

21 Of the family of Harim: Maa-
seiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and
Uzziah.

22 Of the family of Pashhur: Elio-
enai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel,
Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 Of the Levites: Jozabad, Shi-
mei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Petha-
hiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers: Eliashib. Of the
gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and
Uri.

25 Of Israel: of the family of
Parosh: Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah,
Mijamin, Eleazar, Hashabiah,[n] and
Benaiah.

26 Of the family of Elam: Matta-
niah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jer-
emoth, and Elijah.

27 Of the family of Zattu: Elio-
enai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth,
Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the family of Bebai: Jeho-
hanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

29 Of the family of Bani: Me-
shullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub,
Sheal, and Jeremoth.

30 Of the family of Pahath-moab:
Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah,
Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and
Manasseh.

31 Of the family of Harim: Eliezer,
Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah,
Shimeon, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, and
Shemariah.

33 Of the family of Hashum: Mat-

[i] November–December, Kislev [j] Or *peoples of the lands* [k] 1 Esdr 9:16; Syr; Heb *And there were separated*
[l] December–January, Tevet [m] March–April, Nisan [n] 1 Esdr 9:26; LXX, Heb *Malchijah*

tenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

34 Of the family of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel, 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi, 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasu.

38 Of the family of Binnui:[o] Shimei, 39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 Of the family of Nebu: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.

44 All these men[p] had married foreign women, some of whom had borne children.[q]

NEHEMIAH

Loss of Jerusalem

1 These are the words of Nehemiah, Hacaliah's son.

In the month of Kislev,[a] in the twentieth year,[b] while I was in the fortress city of Susa, 2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came with some other men from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had escaped and survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

3 They told me, "Those in the province who survived the captivity are in great trouble and shame! The wall around Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire!"

Confession

4 When I heard this news, I sat down and wept. I mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. 5 I said:

"LORD God of heaven, great and awesome God, you are the one who keeps covenant and is truly faithful to those who love you and keep your commandments. 6 Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant, which I now pray before you night and day for your servants, the people of Israel.

"I confess the sins of the people of Israel, which we have committed against you. Both I and my family have sinned. 7 We have wronged you greatly. We haven't kept the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses.

8 "Remember the word that you gave to your servant Moses when you said, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples. 9 But if you return to me and keep my commandments by really doing them, then, even though your outcasts live[c] under distant skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place that I have chosen as a dwelling for my name.' 10 They are your servants and your people. They are the ones whom you have redeemed by your great power and your strong hand.

11 "LORD, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in honoring your name. Please give success to your servant today and grant him favor in the presence of this man!"

1:1 Neh 10:1; Est 1:2; Dn 8:2

1:3 2Ki 25:10; Neh 2:3, Neh 2:17, Neh 7:6

1:4 Ezr 9:3

1:5 Dn 9:4

2:1 Ezr 4:7, Ezr 7:1; Neh 1:11, Neh 1:1, Neh 5:14

Cupbearer's plea

2 At that time, I was a cupbearer to the king. 1 In the month of Nisan,[d] in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, the king was about to be served wine. I took the wine and gave it to the king. Since I had never seemed sad in his presence, 2 the king asked me, "Why

[o] LXX, Heb *Bani, Binnui* [p] Heb lacks *men*. [q] Heb uncertain; 1 Esdr 9:36 *they sent them away with their children.*
[a] November–December [b] Of Artaxerxes' [c] Heb lacks *live.* [d] March–April

do you seem sad? Since you aren't sick, you must have a broken heart!"

I was very afraid [3]and replied, "May the king live forever! Why shouldn't I seem sad when the city, the place of my family's graves, is in ruins and its gates destroyed by fire?"

[4]The king asked, "What is it that you need?"

I prayed to the God of heaven [5]and replied, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor with you, please send me to Judah, to the city of my family's graves so that I may rebuild it."

[6]With the queen sitting beside him, the king asked me, "How long will you be away and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I told him how long I would be gone.

[7]I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may letters be given me addressed to the governors of the province Beyond the River to allow me to travel to Judah. [8]May the king also issue a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, directing him to supply me with timber for the beams of the temple fortress gates, for the city wall, and for the house in which I will live."

The king gave me what I asked, for the gracious power of my God was with me.

Inspecting Jerusalem

[9]So I went to the governors of the province[e] Beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. The king had sent officers of the army and cavalry with me.

[10]When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard this, they were very angry that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

[11]When I reached Jerusalem and had been there for three days, [12]I set out at night, taking only a few people with me. I didn't tell anyone what my God was prompting me to do for Jerusalem, and the only animal I took was the one I rode. [13]I went out by night through the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring to the Dung Gate so that I could inspect the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down, as well as its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.

[14]Then I went on to the Spring Gate and to the King's Pool. Since there was no room for the animal on which I was riding to pass, [15]I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and returned by entering through the Valley Gate.

Let's rebuild

[16]The officials didn't know where I had gone or what I was doing. I hadn't yet told the Jews, the priests, the officials, the officers, or the rest who were to do the work. [17]So I said to them, "You see the trouble that we're in: Jerusalem is in ruins, and its gates are destroyed by fire! Come, let's rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we won't continue to be in disgrace." [18]I told them that my God had taken care of me, and also told them what the king had said to me.

"Let's start rebuilding!" they said, and they eagerly began the work.[f]

[19]But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and made fun of us. "What are you doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?"

[20]"The God of heaven will give us success!" I replied. "As God's servants, we will start building. But you will have no share, right, or claim in Jerusalem."

Rebuilding the gates and walls

3 Then Eliashib the high priest set to work with his fellow priests and built[g] the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set up its doors, then dedicated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred and as far as the Tower of Hananel.

[2]The people of Jericho built next

2:1 Est 3:7
2:3 1Ki 1:31
2:7 Ezr 8:36
2:8 Neh 7:2
2:10 Neh 4:1; Is 15:5; Jer 48:3, Jer 48:5
2:11 Ezr 8:32
2:13 2Ch 26:9; Neh 3:13
2:14 2Ki 20:20; Neh 3:15, Neh 12:37
2:15 2Sa 15:23
2:16 Ezr 9:2
2:17 Neh 1:3; Ps 44:13, Ps 79:4
2:20 Ezr 4:3
3:1 Ezr 10:6

[e]Heb lacks *of the province.* [f]Or *they strengthened their hands for the good.* [g]Or *rebuilt*

to them, and Zaccur, Imri's son, built next to them. 3The children of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and set up its doors, bolts, and bars. 4Next to them Meremoth, Uriah's son and Hakkoz's grandson, made repairs. Meshullam, Berechiah's son and Meshezabel's grandson, made repairs next to them, and Zadok, Baana's son, made repairs next to them. 5Next to them the people from Tekoa made repairs, but their officials wouldn't help with the work[h] of their supervisors.[i]

6Joiada, Paseah's son, and Meshullam, Besodeiah's son, repaired the Mishneh Gate;[j] they laid its beams and set up its doors, bolts, and bars. 7Next to them repairs were made by Melatiah the Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, and[k] the people of Gibeon and of Mizpah, who were ruled by the governor of the province Beyond the River.

8Uzziel, Harhaiah's son, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs next to them; and Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs next to him. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. 9Next to them Rephaiah, Hur's son, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. 10Next to them Jedaiah, Harumaph's son, made repairs opposite his house, and Hattush, Hashabneiah's son, made repairs next to him.

11Malchijah, Harim's son, and Hasshub, Pahath-moab's son, repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. 12Next to them Shallum, Hallohesh's son, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs, along with his daughters.

13Hanun and the people of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate; they built it and set up its doors, bolts, and bars. They also repaired fifteen hundred feet of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

14Malchiah, Rechab's son, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set up its doors, bolts, and bars.

3:3 2Ch 33:14

3:5 Jdg 5:23

3:13 2Ch 26:9; Neh 2:13, Neh 12:31

3:15 Neh 2:14; Is 8:6

3:16 2Ki 20:20; Josh 15:58; Neh 3:9, 12; Is 7:3;2:29

3:17 Josh 15:44; 1Sa 23:1; Neh 3:18

3:18 Neh 3:9, Neh 3:12, Neh 3:17

3:19 2Ch 26:9; Neh 3:15

3:21 Ezr 2:61, Ezr 8:33; Neh 3:4

3:24 Ezr 3:9; Neh 10:9

3:25 Ezr 2:3; Neh 12:39; Jer 37:21, Jer 32:2

3:26 2Ch 27:3, 2Ch 33:14; Ezr 2:43; Neh 11:21

3:28 2Ki 11:16; 2Ch 23:15; Jer 31:40

15And Shallum, Col-hozeh's son, ruler of the Mizpah district, repaired the Spring Gate. He rebuilt and covered it, and set up its doors, bolts, and bars. He also built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the King's Garden, as far as the stairs that go down from David's City.

16After him, Nehemiah, Azbuk's son, ruler of half the Beth-zur district, repaired from the point opposite David's tombs as far as the artificial pool and the Warriors' House. 17After him, the Levites made repairs: Rehum, Bani's son, and next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, made repairs for his district. 18After him, their relatives made repairs: Binnui,[l] Henadad's son, ruler of half the district of Keilah.

19Next to him, Ezer, Jeshua's son, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the Angle. 20After him, Baruch, Zabbai's son, thoroughly repaired another section from the Angle to the door of the house of the high priest Eliashib. 21After him, Meremoth, Uriah's son and Hakkoz's grandson, repaired another section from the door to the back of Eliashib's house.

22After him, the priests from the surrounding area made repairs. 23After them, Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs opposite their house. After them, Azariah, Maaseiah's son and Ananiah's grandson, repaired beside his house. 24After him, Binnui, Henadad's son, repaired another section from the house of Azariah to the Angle and to the corner. 25Palal, Uzai's son, repaired[m] from the point opposite the Angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him, Pedaiah, Parosh's son, 26and the temple servants living on Ophel made repairs[n] up to the point opposite the Water Gate to the east and the projecting tower. 27After them, the people of Tekoa repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel. 28From the Horse

[h]Or *didn't bring their neck into the service of* [i]Or LORD [j]Or *Old Gate* [k]Syr; Heb lacks *and.* [l]LXX, Syr; Heb *Bvvai*
[m]Heb lacks *repaired.* [n]Heb lacks *made repairs.*

Gate, the priests made repairs, each one opposite his own house.

29 After them, Zadok, Immer's son, made repairs opposite his own house. After him, Shemaiah, Shecaniah's son, the keeper of the East Gate, made repairs. 30 After him, Hananiah, Shelemiah's son, and Hanun, Zalaph's sixth son, repaired another section. After them, Meshullam, Berechiah's son, made repairs opposite his own room.

31 After him, Malchiah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and the merchants, opposite the Parade Gate,[o] and as far as the upper room at the corner. 32 And between the upper room of the corner and the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

Opposition mounts

4 [p]When Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he became angry and raged. He mocked the Jews, 2 saying in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria: "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the piles of rubble, even though they are burned?"

3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was beside him, added: "If even a fox climbs on whatever they build, their wall of stones will crumble."

4 Listen, God; we are despised! Turn their insults to us[q] back on their heads and make them like plunder in a captive land. 5 Don't forgive their iniquity or blot out their sins from your sight. They have thrown insults at the builders!

6 We continued to build the wall. All of it was joined together, and it reached half of its intended height because the people were eager to work. 7 [r]But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the people of Ashdod heard that the work on the walls was progressing and the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. 8 They plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to create a disturbance in it.

9 So we prayed to our God and set a guard as protection against them day and night.

10 But in Judah it was said,

"The carrier's strength is failing,
for there is too much rubble.
We are unable to rebuild
the wall!"

11 Meanwhile, our enemies were saying: "Before they know or see anything, we can be in their midst and start to kill them. We'll stop the work!"

12 Now the Jews who were living near them came and said to us again and again,[s] "You must return to us!"[t]

Armed guards protect the builders

13 So I took up a position in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall in an open area.[u] Then I stationed the people by families, and they had their swords, spears, and bows. 14 After reviewing this, I stood up and said to the officials, the officers, and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them! Remember that the LORD is great and awesome! Fight for your families, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses!"

15 Then our enemies heard that we had found out and that God had spoiled their plans. So we all returned to doing our own work on the wall. 16 But from that day on, only half of my workers continued in the construction, while the other half held the spears, shields, bows, and body armor. Meanwhile, the leaders positioned themselves[v] behind the whole house of Judah, 17 who were building the wall. The carriers did their work with a load in one hand and a weapon in the other. 18 The builders built with swords fastened in their belts, and the trumpeter stayed by my side.

3:32 Neh 3:1, Neh 12:39; Jn 5:2
4:1 Ezr 4:1; Neh 2:10
4:2 Jdg 9:31; Ezr 4:9
4:3 Neh 2:10, Neh 4:7
4:4 Neh 4:5; Ps 123:3, Ps 79:12, Ps 123:4;
4:5 Neh 4:4; Ps 69:27, Ps 69:28, Ps 109:14; Jer 18:23
4:7 Neh 2:10
4:8 Neh 4:7; Ps 83:3
4:9 Neh 4:4-5; Ps 50:15; Mt 24:42
4:13 Neh 2:12, Neh 4:17-18
4:14 Nm 14:9; Dt 1:29; 2Sa 10:12; Neh 1:5
4:15 2Sa 17:14; Job 5:12
4:16 Neh 4:23
4:18 2Sa 20:8; Neh 4:20

[o] Or *Hammiphkad Gate* [p] 3:33 in Heb [q] Heb lacks *to us.* [r] 4:1 in Heb [s] Or *ten times from all sides* [t] Heb uncertain [u] Heb uncertain [v] Heb lacks *positioned themselves.*

19 Then I said to the officials, the officers, and the rest of the people, "The work is very spread out, and we are far apart from each other along the wall. 20 When you hear the trumpet sound, come and gather where we are. Our God will fight for us!" 21 So we continued the work, with half of them holding spears from dawn until dusk.

22 I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant spend the night in Jerusalem so that we can guard during the night and work during the day." 23 Neither I nor my relatives, nor my servants, nor my bodyguards took off our clothes, even when they sent for water.[w]

Internal unrest

5 Then there was a great protest of the people and their wives against their fellow Jews. 2 Some said, "With our sons and daughters we are many, and we all need grain to eat and stay alive."

3 Others said, "We have to mortgage our fields, our vineyards, and our houses in order to get grain during the famine."

4 Still others said, "We have had to borrow money against our fields and vineyards in order to pay the king's tax.

5 "We are of the same flesh and blood as our kin, and our children are the same as theirs. Yet we are just about to force our sons and daughters into slavery, and some of our daughters are already slaves! There is nothing we can do since our fields and vineyards now belong to others."

6 I was very angry when I heard their protest and these complaints. 7 After thinking it over, I brought charges against the officials and the officers. I told them, "You are all taking interest from your own people!" I also called for a large assembly in order to deal with them. 8 "To the best of our ability," I said to them, "we have bought back our Jewish kin who had been sold to other nations. But now you are selling your own kin, who must then be bought back by us!" At this they were silent, unable to offer a response.

9 So I continued, "What you are doing isn't good! Why don't you walk in the fear of our God? This will prevent the taunts of the nations that are our enemies! 10 I myself, along with my family and my servants, am lending them money and grain. But let's stop charging this interest! 11 Give it back to them, right now. Return their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses. And give back the interest on money, grain, wine, and oil that you are charging them."

12 They replied, "We'll return everything, and we won't charge anything else.[x] We'll do what you've asked."

So I called the priests and made them swear to do what they had promised. 13 I also shook out the fold of my robe, saying, "So may God shake out everyone from their house and property if they don't keep this promise. So may they be shaken out and emptied!"

The whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.

Generous Governor Nehemiah

14 In addition, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah (that is, from the twentieth to the thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes for a total of twelve years), neither I nor my family ate from the governor's food allowance. 15 The earlier governors who had come before me laid heavy burdens on the people. They took food and wine from them as well as[y] forty shekels of silver. Even their servants oppressed the people. But because I was God-fearing, I didn't behave in this way.

16 Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. We acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work. 17 One hundred fifty Jews and officials, along with those who came to us from the surrounding

4:20 Ex 14:14; Dt 1:30, Dt 3:22, Dt 20:4
5:1 Ex 22:25; Lv 25:35; Dt 15:7; Neh 4:1
5:4 Ex 22:25; Ezr 4:13; Neh 5:3
5:5 Lv 25:39; 2Ki 4:1; Mt 18:25
5:6 Ex 11:8; Nm 16:15; Neh 13:8
5:7 Ex 22:25; Lv 25:36; Dt 23:19; Ps 15:5; Is 1:23; Eze 22:12
5:8 Lv 25:47–48; Jer 34:8
5:11 1Sa 8:14; 2Ki 5:26; Neh 5:3–4; Is 58:6
5:12 2Ch 28:15; Ezr 10:5; Neh 10:29
5:13 Dt 27:15; 1Ch 16:36; Neh 8:6; Acs 18:6
5:14 Ezr 7:1; Neh 2:1
5:17 2Sa 9:7; 1Ki 18:19

[w] Heb uncertain [x] Heb lacks *everything . . . anything else.* [y] Heb uncertain

nations, gathered around my table.
18 One ox, six choice sheep, and birds
were prepared each day. Every ten days
there was a large amount of wine. Yet
even with this I didn't ask for the gov-
ernor's food allowance because of the
heavy burden the people had to carry.
19 Remember in my favor, my God,
all that I've done for this people!

Nehemiah avoids his enemies

6 Now when Sanballat, Tobiah,
Geshem the Arab, and the rest of
our enemies heard that I had rebuilt
the wall and that there were no gaps
left in it (although I hadn't yet hung
the doors in the gates), 2 Sanballat and
Geshem sent me this message: "Come,
let's meet together in one of the vil-
lages[z] in the plain of Ono."

But they wanted to harm me, 3 so
I sent messengers to tell them, "I'm
doing important work, so I can't come
down. Why should the work stop while
I leave it to come down to you?"

4 They sent me a message like this
four times, and every time I gave them
a similar reply. 5 But the fifth time,
Sanballat sent his servant to me in the
same way, except that now he carried
an open letter. 6 It stated:

> It is reported among the nations
> and confirmed by Geshem[a] that you
> and the Jews intend to rebel. This is
> why you are rebuilding the wall. Ac-
> cording to these reports, you intend
> to become their king. 7 You have also
> appointed prophets to make this
> announcement about you in Je-
> rusalem: There is a king in Judah!
> Now, the king will hear of these re-
> ports, so come; let's talk together.

8 So I sent him this reply: "Nothing
that you say has happened. You are
simply inventing this."

9 All of them were trying to make us
afraid, saying, "They will be discour-
aged, and the work won't get finished."
But now, God, strengthen me!

10 Later I went to see Shemaiah, De-
laiah's son and Mehetabel's grandson,
who was confined to his house, and he
said:

> "Let's meet together in God's house,
> inside the temple itself.
> Let's shut the doors of the temple,
> for they are coming to kill you;
> they are coming to kill
> you tonight!"

11 But I replied, "Should someone
like me run away? Who like me would
go into the temple to save his life? I
won't go in!" 12 Then I realized that God
hadn't sent him at all but that he spoke
this prophecy against me because To-
biah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He
was hired to frighten me and to make
me sin by acting in this way. Then they
could give me a bad name and discredit
me. 14 My God, remember these deeds of
Tobiah and Sanballat! Also remember
Noadiah the prophetess and the rest of
the prophets who have been trying to
frighten me.

15 So the wall was finished on the
twenty-fifth day of the month of Elul.[b]
It took fifty-two days. 16 When our en-
emies heard about this, all of the na-
tions around us were afraid and their
confidence was greatly shaken. They
knew that this work was completed
with the help of our God.

17 In addition, in those days the offi-
cials of Judah sent many letters to To-
biah, and Tobiah's letters were coming
to them. 18 Many in Judah were bound
to him by solemn pledge because
he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah,
Arah's son, and his son Jehohanan had
married the daughter of Meshullam,
Berechiah's son. 19 They also kept talk-
ing about his good deeds in my pres-
ence and then reported back to him
what I said. In addition, Tobiah sent
letters to intimidate me.

The wall is complete

7 When the wall had been built and
I had hung the doors, the gate-
keepers, singers, and Levites were
appointed. 2 Then I put my brother
Hanani and Hananiah the commander

5:18 1Ki 4:23, 22
6:1 Neh 2:10, Neh 4:1
6:2 2Sa 3:27; 1Ch 8:12; Neh 11:35
6:8 Job 13:4; Ps 52:2
6:9 Neh 6:14; Ps 71:1, Ps 138:3
6:10 Neh 6:11; Jer 36:5
6:12 Neh 2:10; Eze 13:22
6:13 Neh 6:6; Jer 20:10
6:14 Neh 13:29; Eze 13:17
6:18 Ezr 2:5; Neh 3:4
7:2 Ex 18:21; Neh 1:2, Neh 2:8

[z] LXX, Vulg; MT *at Hakkephirim* [a] Or *Gashmu* [b] August–September

of the fortress in charge of Jerusalem. Hananiah was a faithful man who revered God more than many.

3 I[c] said to them, "The gates of Jerusalem aren't to be opened during the hottest time of the day. While the gatekeepers[d] are still on duty, have them shut and bar the doors. Also, appoint guards from among those who live in Jerusalem. Station some at their watch posts and some in front of their own houses."

7:5 1Ch 9:1; 2Ch 12:15
7:7 Ezr 2:2; Neh 12:1

Nehemiah registers the families

4 Now although the city was wide and large, only a few people were living within it, and no[e] houses had been rebuilt. 5 My God then prompted me to assemble the officials, the officers, and the people so that they could be registered by families. I found the record of the families who were the first to return, and I found the following written in it:

6 These are the people of the province who returned from the captivity of those exiles whom Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile. They all returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to their own town.

7 They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah.

The number of the people of Israel:

8 The family of Parosh 2,172
9 of Shephatiah 372
10 of Arah 652
11 of Pahath-moab, that is, of the descendants of Jeshua and Joab 2,818
12 of Elam 1,254
13 of Zattu 845
14 of Zaccai 760
15 of Binnui 648
16 of Bebai 628
17 of Azgad 2,322
18 of Adonikam 667
19 of Bigvai 2,067
20 of Adin 655
21 of Ater, that is, of the descendants of Hezekiah 98
22 of Hashum 328
23 of Bezai 324
24 of Hariph 112
25 of Gibeon 95
26 The people of Bethlehem and Netophah 188
27 of Anathoth 128
28 of Beth-azmaveth 42
29 of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth 743
30 of Ramah and Geba 621
31 of Michmas 122
32 of Bethel and Ai 123
33 of the other Nebo 52
34 the inhabitants of the other Elam 1,254
35 of Harim 320
36 of Jericho 345
37 of Lod, Hadid, and Ono 721
38 of Senaah 3,930
39 The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah, that is, of the house of Jeshua 973
40 of Immer 1,052
41 of Pashhur 1,247
42 of Harim 1,017
43 The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua, that is, of Kadmiel, of the descendants of Hodaviah 74
44 The singers: the descendants of Asaph 148
45 The descendants of gatekeepers: of Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita, and Shobai 138
46 The temple servants: the descendants of Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth,
47 Keros, Sia, Padon,
48 Lebanah, Hagabah, Shalmai,
49 Hanan, Giddel, Gahar,
50 Reaiah, Rezin, Nekoda,
51 Gazzam, Uzza, Paseah,
52 Besai, Meunim, Nephushesim,
53 Bakbuk, Hakupha, Harhur,
54 Bazlith, Mehida, Harsha,
55 Barkos, Sisera, Temah,
56 Neziah, and Hatipha.
57 The descendants of Solomon's servants: Sotai, Sophereth, Perida,

[c] Or *He* [d] Or *while they* [e] Or *not enough*

58 Jaala, Darkon, Giddel, 59 Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth-hazzebaim, and Amon.

60 All of the temple servants and the descendants of Solomon's servants totaled 392.

61 The following came up from Tel-Melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer, but were unable to prove that their family or their descent was from Israel:

62 the descendants of Delaiah, Tobiah, and Nekoda, 642.

63 And of the priests: the descendants of Hobaiah, Hakkoz, and Barzillai (who had married one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by his[f] name) 64 looked for their entries in the genealogical records, but they weren't found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.

65 The governor ordered that they shouldn't eat of the most holy food until a priest arose who could consult Urim and Thummim.

66 The whole assembly together totaled 42,360. 67 This number doesn't include their 7,337 male and female servants; they also had 245 male and female singers, 68 736 horses, 245 mules,[g] 69 [h]435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys.

70 [i]Some of the heads of families made a donation for the work. The governor gave to the treasury 1,000 darics of gold, 50 bowls, and 530 priestly robes. 71 Some of the heads of families gave 20,000 darics of gold and 2,200 manehs of silver to the treasury for the work. 72 The rest of the people gave 20,000 darics of gold, 2,000 manehs of silver, and 67 priestly robes.

73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel settled in their towns.

Ezra reads the Instruction aloud

When the seventh month[j] came and the people of Israel were settled in

7:73 1Ch 9:2; Ezr 3:1, Ezr 2:70;

8:1 Ex 34:27; Lv 26:46; Dt 5:1; Josh 8:33; Ezr 7:6; Neh 3:26; Mal 4:4

8:2 Lv 23:24; Nm 29:1; Dt 31:11; Neh 8:9

8:3 Dt 31:11; Josh 8:35; Neh 8:1; Jer 36:6; Acs 13:15

8:6 Neh 5:13; 1 Tim. 2:8

8:7 Dt 33:10; Ezr 10:23; Neh 9:4

8 their towns, [l]all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction[k] scroll from Moses, according to which the LORD had instructed Israel.

2 So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. 3 Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

4 Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for this purpose. And standing beside him were Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right-hand side; while Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam stood on his lefthand side.

5 Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

7 The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, and Pelaiah[l]—helped the people to understand the Instruction while the people remained in their places. 8 They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard.

9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra

[f] Or *their* [g] Ezra 2:66; MT lacks *they also . . . mules.* [h] 7:68 in Heb [i] 7:69 in Heb [j] September–October, Tishrei [k] Heb *Torah*
[l] Vulg 1 Esdr 9:48; MT *and the Levites*

the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this[m] because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction.

[10]"Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our LORD. Don't be sad, because the joy from the LORD is your strength!"

[11]The Levites also calmed all of the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy. Don't be sad!" [12]Then all of the people went to eat and to drink, to send portions, and to have a great celebration, because they understood what had been said to them.

The people celebrate the Festival of Booths

[13]On the second day, the heads of the families of all the people, along with the priests and the Levites, gathered together around Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Instruction. [14]And they found written in the Instruction that the LORD had commanded through Moses that the Israelites should live in booths during the festival of the seventh month.[n]

[15]They also found that they should make the following proclamation and announce it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem: "Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written."

[16]So the people went out and brought them, and made booths for themselves, each on the roofs of their houses or[o] their courtyards, in the courtyards of God's house, in the area by the Water Gate, or in the area by the Gate of Ephraim.

[17]The whole assembly of those who had returned from captivity made booths and lived in them. This was something that the people of Israel hadn't done since the days of Joshua,[p] Nun's son, and there was very great rejoicing.

[18]He read from God's Instruction scroll every day, from the first until the last day of the festival.[q] They kept the festival for seven days and held a solemn assembly on the eighth day, just as the Instruction required.

8:10 Est. 9:22, 19; Ps 89:16; Joel 2:23
8:12 Neh 8:10; Jer 15:16
8:14 Gn 33:17; Ex 3:11; Lv 23:34
8:15 Lv 23:40; Dt 16:16; Is 41:19
8:16 2Ki 14:13; 2Ch 25:23; Neh 12:39
8:17 Josh 1:1; 1Ki 8:2; 2Ch 30:21
8:18 Lv 23:36; Nm 29:35; Dt 31:10-11;
9:1 Josh 7:6; 1Sa 7:6; Neh 8:1-2
9:2 Lv 26:40; Ezr 10:11; Neh 13:3; Ps 106:6
9:5 Dt 28:58; 1Ch 16:36
9:6 Gn 1:1; Dt 6:4; 2Ki 19:15; Is 37:16; Ps 146:6
9:7 Gn 11:31; Josh 24:3; 2Ch 20:7

Remembering the LORD's mighty deeds

9 On the twenty-fourth day of this month, the people of Israel were assembled. They fasted, wore funeral clothing,[r] and had dirt on their heads.[s] [2]After the Israelites separated themselves from all of the foreigners, they stood to confess their sins and the terrible behavior of their ancestors. [3]They stood in their place and read the Instruction scroll from the LORD their God for a quarter of the day. For another quarter of the day, they confessed and worshipped the LORD their God.

[4]On the stairs of the Levites stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani. They cried out with a loud voice to the LORD their God. [5]Then the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah—said:

Stand up and bless the LORD
your God.
From everlasting to everlasting
bless your glorious name,
which is high above
all blessing and praise.

[6]You alone are the LORD.
You alone made heaven,
even the heaven of heavens,
with all their forces.
You made the earth and all that is
on it, and the seas and all that is
in them.
You preserve them all, and the
heavenly forces worship you.

[7]LORD God, you are the one
who chose Abram.

[m]Heb lacks *They said this.* [n]September–October, Tishrei [o]Or *and* [p]Heb *Jeshua* [q]Heb lacks *of the festival.* [r]Or *sackcloth* [s]Or *on them*

You brought him out of Ur
of the Chaldeans and gave him
the name Abraham.
8 You found him to be faithful
before you,
and you made a covenant
with him.
You promised to give to his
descendants the land of the
Canaanites, the Hittites,
the Amorites, the Perizzites,
the Jebusites, and the
Girgashites.
And you have kept your promise
because you are righteous.

9 You saw the affliction
of our ancestors in Egypt
and heard their cry
at the Reed Sea.[t]
10 You performed signs and wonders
against Pharaoh,
all his servants,
and the people of his land.
You knew that they had acted
arrogantly against our ancestors.
You made a name for yourself,
a name that is famous
even today.
11 You divided the sea before them
so that they went through it
on dry land.
But you cast their pursuers
into the depths,
as a stone into the mighty waters.
12 With a pillar of cloud
you led them by day
and with a column of lightning
by night;
they lit the way
in which the people should go.
13 You came down upon Mount Sinai
and spoke with them from heaven.
You gave them proper judgments
and true Instruction,
good statutes and
commandments.
14 You made known to them
your holy Sabbath,
and gave them commandments,
statutes, and Instruction
through your servant Moses.

9:8 Gn 15:18; Dt 7:1; Josh 23:14; Neh 9:7

9:10; Ex 3:20; Jer 32:20; Dn. 9:15

9:11 Ex 14:21; Ps 78:13

9:12 Ex 13:21-22; Dt 1:33; Neh 9:19

9:13 Ex 20:1

9:14 Gn 2:3; Ex 20:8; Eze 20:12

9:15 Ex 16:15; Nm 20:7; Dt 1:8; Ps 78:24

9:17 Ex 34:6; Nm 14:4; Ps 86:15

9:18 Ex 32:4; Ps 106:19; Acs 7:41

9:19 Ex 13:21; Neh 9:12, 27; Ex 13:22

9:20; Ex 16:15; Nm 11:17; Josh 5:12; Ps 143:10; Is 63:11

9:21 Dt 8:4

9:22 Nm 21:21; Dt 2:26

15 When they were hungry,
you gave them bread from heaven;
when they were thirsty,
you brought water
out of the rock for them.
You told them to go in to possess
the land that you had sworn
to give them.

16 But our ancestors acted arrogantly.
They were stubborn and wouldn't
obey your commandments.
17 They refused to obey,
and didn't remember the
wonders that you accomplished
in their midst.
They acted arrogantly
and decided to return
to their slavery in Egypt.
But you are a God ready to forgive,
merciful and compassionate,
very patient, and truly faithful.
You didn't forsake them.
18 Even when they had cast
an image of a calf for themselves,
saying, "This is your God who
brought you up out of Egypt,"
and holding you
in great contempt,
19 you, in your great mercy, didn't
abandon them in the wilderness.
The column of cloud continued
to guide them on their journey
during the day,
and the column of lightning
lit their path during the night.
20 You gave your good spirit
to teach them.
You didn't withhold your manna
from them,
and you gave them water
for their thirst.
21 You kept them alive
for forty years—
they lacked nothing
in the wilderness!
Their clothes didn't wear out,
and their feet didn't swell.

22 You gave them kingdoms
and peoples,

[t] Or *Red Sea*

and assigned to them
every side.[u]
They took possession of the land
of King Sihon of Heshbon
and the land of King Og
of Bashan.
23 You multiplied their descendants
as the stars of heaven.
You brought them into the land
that you had told their ancestors
to enter and possess.
24 So the descendants went in
and possessed the land.
Before them, you subdued
the Canaanites who inhabited
the land.
You also handed over to them
their kings and the neighboring
peoples,
to do with as they wished.
25 They captured fortified cities
and productive land,
and took possession
of houses filled with
all kinds of good things:
excavated cisterns, vineyards,
olive orchards,
and a great many fruit trees.
They ate until they were satisfied
and grew fat,
and delighted themselves
in your great goodness.

26 But they were disobedient,
rebelled against you,
and turned their back
on your Instruction.
They killed your prophets
who had warned them
so that they might return to you.
They held you in great contempt.
27 Therefore, you handed them over
to the power of their enemies
who made them suffer.
But when they cried out to you
in their suffering,
you heard them from heaven.
Because you are merciful,
you gave them saviors who
saved them from the power
of their enemies.

9:23 Gn 22:17
9:26 Jdg 2:12; 1Ki 14:9; Neh 9:27
9:29 Lv 18:5; Neh 9:16; Zech. 7:11
9:30 2Ki 17:13; 1Pt 1:11; 2Pt 1:21
9:32 Dt 7:9, 21; 1Ki 8:23; 2Ki 17:3; Dn. 9:4
9:33 Gn 18:25; Job 2:10; Ps 106:6; Lam. 1:18; Dn. 9:14

28 But after they had rest from this,
they again started doing evil
against you.
So you gave them over
to the power of their enemies
who ruled over them.
Yet when they turned
and cried to you,
you heard from heaven
and rescued them many times
because of your great mercy.
29 You also warned them
to return to your Instruction,
but they acted arrogantly
and didn't obey your commands.
They sinned against
your judgments,
even though life comes
by keeping them.[v]
They turned a stubborn shoulder,
became headstrong,
and wouldn't obey.
30 You were patient with them
for many years
and warned them by your spirit
through the prophets.
But they wouldn't listen,
so you handed them over
to the neighboring peoples.
31 In your great mercy, however,
you didn't make an end of them.
Neither did you forsake them,
for you are a merciful and
compassionate God.

32 Now, our God,
great and mighty
and awesome God,
you are the one who faithfully
keeps the covenant.
Don't treat lightly all of the
hardship that has come upon us,
upon our kings, our officials,
our priests, our prophets,
our ancestors, and all your people,
from the time of the kings of
Assyria until today.
33 You have been just in all
that has happened to us;
you have acted faithfully,
and we have done wrong.

[u] Heb uncertain [v] *Them* refers to judgments.

34 Our kings, our officials, our priests,
and our ancestors
haven't kept your Instruction.
They haven't heeded your
commandments and the
warnings that you gave them.
35 Even in their own kingdom,
surrounded by the great goodness
that you gave to them,
even in the wide and rich land
that you gave them,
they didn't serve you or turn
from their wicked works.
36 So now today we are slaves,
slaves in the land
that you gave to our ancestors
to enjoy its fruit
and its good gifts.
37 Its produce profits the kings whom
you have placed over us because of
our sins.
They have power over our bodies
and do as they please with our
livestock.
We are in great distress.

Commitment to follow the Instruction

38w Because of all this,x we are making a firm agreement in writing; with the names of our officials, our Levites, and our priests on the seal.

10 y Upon the seals are the names of
Governor Nehemiah, Hacaliah's
son, and Zedekiah;
2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah;
these are the priests.

9 The Levites: Jeshua, Azaniah's
son; Binnui of the descendants of
Henadad; Kadmiel; 10 and their associates:
Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita,
Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The leaders of the people: Parosh,
Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,
18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,
24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the neighboring peoples to follow the Instruction from God, together with their wives, their sons, their daughters, and all who have knowledge and understanding. 29 They join with their officials and relatives, and make a solemn pledge to live by God's Instruction, which was given by Moses, God's servant, and to observe faithfully all the commandments, judgments, and statutes of our LORD God.

30 We won't give our daughters in marriage to the neighboring peoples, nor take their daughters in marriage for our sons.

31 If the neighboring peoples bring merchandise or any grain to sell on the Sabbath, we won't buy it from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day.

Every seventh year we won't plant crops, and we will return anything held in debt.

32 We pledge ourselves to keep the commandment and pay one-third of a shekel each year for the service of our God's house, 33 for the stacks of bread and the regular grain offering and the regular entirely burned

9:34 2Ch 23:16; Neh 10:1
9:38 2Ch 23:16; Ezr 10:3; Neh 10:1
10:28 1Ch 9:2; Ezr 2:36; Neh 9:2
10:29 2Ki 23:3; Neh 5:12; Ps 119:106
10:30 Ex 34:16; Dt 7:3; Ezr 9:12

w 10:1 in Heb x *This* refers to *great distress* in 9:37. y 10:2 in Heb

offering, for the sabbaths and the new moons and the appointed festivals, for the holy offerings and the purification offerings to make reconcilation for Israel, and for all the work of our God's house.

[34]We have also cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people so that we bring the wood offering into our God's house by families at the appointed times every year, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the Instruction.

[35]We will also bring the early produce of our soil and the early fruit from all trees every year to the LORD's house.

[36]We will also bring the oldest offspring of our children and our cattle, as it is written in the Instruction, and the oldest males of our herds and flocks to our God's house, to the priests who serve in our God's house.

[37]We will also bring the first of our dough, our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine, and the oil to the priests at the storerooms of our God's house. We will also bring one-tenth of the produce of our soil to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tenth-part gifts in all the towns where we work.

[38]A priest from the family of Aaron must be with the Levites when they collect the tenth-part gifts. Then the Levites must bring up one-tenth of the tenth-part gifts to our God's house, to the storerooms of the treasury. [39]The Israelites and the Levites must bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the storerooms where the sanctuary equipment is kept, and where the priests on duty, the gatekeepers, and the singers reside. We won't neglect our God's house!

Inhabitants of Jerusalem

11 The leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem. The rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in the holy city of Jerusalem, while the remaining nine stayed in the other towns. [2]The people blessed those who agreed to live in Jerusalem.

[3]These are the leaders of the province who lived in Jerusalem; while the Israelites, the priests, the Levites, the temple servants, and the descendants of Solomon's servants lived in the towns of Judah on their own property in their towns. [4]Some of the descendants of Judah and Benjamin settled in Jerusalem.

From the family of Judah: Athaiah son of Uzziah son of Zechariah son of Amariah son of Shephatiah son of Mahalalel of the family of Perez; [5]and Maaseiah son of Baruch son of Colhozeh son of Hazaiah son of Adaiah son of Joiarib son of Zechariah son of the Shilonite. [6]All of the family of Perez who lived in Jerusalem totaled 468 courageous people.

[7]From the family of Benjamin: Sallu son of Meshullam son of Joed son of Pedaiah son of Kolaiah son of Maaseiah son of Ithiel son of Jeshaiah. [8]And after him were Gabbai and Sallai: 928. [9]Joel son of Zichri was their supervisor, and Judah son of Hassenuah was second in charge of the city.

[10]Of the priests: Jedaiah son of Joiarib, Jachin, [11]Seraiah son of Hilkiah son of Meshullam son of Zadok son of Meraioth son of Ahitub the officer of God's house, [12]and their associates who carried out the work in the temple:[z] 822. There was also Adaiah son of Jeroham son of Pelaliah son of Amzi son of Zechariah son of Pashhur son of Malchijah, [13]and his associates, heads of families: 242. There was also Amashsai son of Azarel son of Ahzai son of Meshillemoth son of Immer [14]and their associates, for a total of 128 courageous people. Their supervisor was Zabdiel, Haggedolim's son.

[15]Of the Levites: Shemaiah son of Hasshub son of Azrikam son of Hashabiah son of Bunni; [16]as well as

11:1 Is 48:2; Matt. 4:5
11:3 1Ch 9:2; Ezr 2:43; Neh 7:57
11:4 Gn 38:29; 1Ch 9:3
11:10 1Ch 9:10; Neh 12:6, Neh 12:19

[z]Or *house*

Shabbethai and Jozabad, who were some of the leaders of the Levites in charge of the outside work on God's house; [17]also Mattaniah son of Mica son of Zabdi son of Asaph the leader who began the thanksgiving with prayer, and Bakbukiah, who was the second among his associates; and Abda son of Shammua son of Galal son of Jeduthun. [18]All the Levites in the holy city totaled 284.

[19]The gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon, and their associates who guarded the gates totaled 172. [20]The rest of Israel, the priests, and the Levites were in all the towns of Judah, each of them in their own property. [21]But the temple servants lived in Ophel, with Ziha and Gishpa in charge of them. [22]The supervisor of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi son of Bani son of Hashabiah son of Mattaniah son of Mica, from the family of Asaph, who were the singers in charge of the work of God's house.

[23]There was a command from the king setting out the daily requirements of the singers.

[24]Advising the king in all matters concerning the people was Pethahiah, Meshezabel's son, from the family of Zerah, Judah's son.

[25]As for the villages with their fields, some of the people of Judah lived in Kiriath-arba and its villages, in Dibon and its villages, in Jekabzeel and its villages, [26]in Jeshua, in Moladah and Beth-pelet, [27]in Hazar-shual, in Beer-sheba and its villages, [28]in Ziklag, in Meconah and its villages, [29]in En-rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, [30]Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, and Azekah and its villages. So they settled from Beer-sheba to the Hinnom Valley.

[31]The people of Benjamin also lived from beyond Geba, at Michmash, Aija, Bethel and its villages, [32]Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, [33]Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, [34]Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, [35]Lod, and Ono, the valley of artisans. [36]Some divisions of the Levites in Judah were joined to Benjamin.

11:24 Gn 38:30; Nm 26:20
12:1 Ezr 2:2; Neh 7:7; Hg. 1:1, 12
12:7 Ezr 3:2; Neh 12:20-21
12:12 Ezr 2:2; Neh 12:1
12:22 Ezr 10:6; Neh 12:11
12:23 1Ch 9:14; Ezr 10:6; Neh 12:22

12 These are the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, [2]Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, [3]Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, [4]Iddo, Ginnethon,[a] Abijah, [5]Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, [6]Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah, [7]Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah.

These were the leaders of the priests and of their associates in the days of Jeshua. [8]The Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and also Mattaniah, who was in charge of the thanksgiving songs along with his associates. [9]Bakbukiah and Unn and their associates stood opposite them in the service.

[10]Jeshua was the father of Joiakim, Joiakim the father of Eliashib, Eliashib the father of Joiada, [11]Joiada the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan the father of Jaddua.

[12]These were the heads of the priestly families in the days of Joiakim: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; [13]of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; [14]of Malluch,[b] Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; [15]of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; [16]of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; [17]of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; [18]of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; [19]of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; [20]of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; [21]of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

[22]In the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua, the Levites and the priests were recorded as heads of families in the rule of[c] Darius the Persian.

[23]The Levites who were heads of families were recorded in the official records until the time of Johanan, Eliashib's son. [24]These were the leaders of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua, Kadmiel's son, and their

[a]Heb *Ginnethoi* [b]LXX; MT *Malluchi* [c]LXX, Vulg; MT *upon*

associates who stood opposite them to
praise and give thanks in turn accord-
ing to the commandment of David,
the man of God, namely, [25]Mattaniah,
Bakbukiah, and Obadiah.

Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were
gatekeepers standing guard by the store-
rooms of the gates. [26]These served in
the days of Joiakim, Jeshua's son and
Jozadak's grandson, and in the days
of Governor Nehemiah and of Ezra the
priest and scribe.

Dedication of the wall

[27]When it was time for the dedica-
tion of Jerusalem's wall, they sought
out the Levites in all the places where
they lived in order to bring them to
Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication
with joy, with thanks and singing, and
with cymbals, harps, and lyres.

[28]The singers also gathered to-
gether both from the region around
Jerusalem and from the villages of
the Netophathites, [29]also from Beth-
hagilgal and from the region of Geba
and Azmaveth, because the singers
had built themselves villages around
Jerusalem. [30]After the priests and the
Levites purified themselves, they puri-
fied the people, the gates, and the wall.

[31]Then I[d] brought the leaders of
Judah up onto the wall and organized
two large groups to give thanks. The
first group went in procession on the
wall toward the right, in the direction
of the Dung Gate. [32]Following them
went Hoshaiah and half the officials
of Judah, [33]along with Azariah, Ezra,
Meshullam, [34]Judah, Benjamin, She-
maiah, and Jeremiah. [35]There were also
some young priests with trumpets—
Zechariah son of Jonathan son of She-
maiah son of Mattaniah son of Micaiah
son of Zaccur son of Asaph—[36]along
with his associates Shemaiah, Aza-
rel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel,
Judah, and Hanani. They brought[e] the
musical instruments of David the man
of God. Ezra the scribe went in front
of them.

12:27 2Sa 6:5; 1Ch 15:16, 28; 2Ch 5:13

12:37 Neh 2:14

12:39 2Ki 14:13; 2Ch 25:23; Neh 3:1

12:43 Josh 8:35; 2Ch 20:13; Matt. 21:15

12:44 1Ch 9:26; 2Ch 31:11; Neh 13:13

[37]When they reached the Fountain
Gate they went straight up by the
stairs of David's City, on the ascent to
the wall, past the house of David to the
Water Gate on the east. [38]The second
group went in procession to the left.[f] I
followed them with half of the people
along the wall past the Tower of the
Ovens to the Broad Wall, [39]past the
Gate of Ephraim and over the Mish-
neh Gate,[g] the Fish Gate, the Tower of
Hananel, and the Tower of the Hun-
dred as far as the Sheep Gate. They
came to stop at the Gate of the Guard.

In God's house

[40]Then both groups of those who
gave thanks stood in God's house. I
was there too along with the half of
the officials who were with me. [41]Also
there were the priests Eliakim, Maa-
seiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai,
Zechariah, and Hananiah with trum-
pets. [42]Also there were Maaseiah,
Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan,
Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers
sang with Jezrahiah as their leader.

[43]They offered great sacrifices on
that day and rejoiced, for God had
made them rejoice with great joy. The
women and children also rejoiced, and
the sound of the joy in Jerusalem could
be heard from far away.

[44]On that day, people were ap-
pointed over the rooms for the things
to be stored, the contributions, the
early produce, and the tenth-part gifts.
They were to gather into them the
portions required by the Instruction
for the priests and for the Levites from
the fields belonging to the towns, for
the people of Judah were delighted
with the ministry of the priests and
the Levites.

[45]They performed the service of their
God and the service of purification, as
did the singers and the gatekeepers, ac-
cording to the command of David and
his son Solomon.

[46]Long ago, in the days of David
and Asaph, there was a leader of the

[d]Or *I, Nehemiah* [e]Heb lacks *they brought.* [f]Or *opposite* [g]Or *Old Gate*

singers, and there were songs of praise and thanks to God.

47In the days of Zerubbabel and of Nehemiah all Israel gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers. They also set aside the portion for the Levites, and the Levites set aside the portion for the Aaronites.

Restoring the temple

13 On that day, when the scroll from Moses was being read to the people, they found written in it that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter God's assembly. 2This is because they hadn't met the Israelites with food and water but instead hired Balaam against them to curse them. Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3When the people heard this law, they separated out from Israel all those of mixed descent.

4Now before this, however, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed to be in charge of the storerooms of our God's house and who was related to Tobiah, 5prepared a large room for Tobiah to use. This was the room where they had previously kept the grain offering, the incense, and the equipment, together with the tenth-part gifts of grain, wine, and oil. These items were for the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers as well as the portions for the priests.

6I wasn't in Jerusalem while this was happening because I had gone to Babylon's King Artaxerxes in the thirty-second year of the king. After some time, I asked the king's permission 7and returned to Jerusalem. That was when I saw the wrong that Eliashib had done on behalf of Tobiah by preparing him a room in the courtyards of God's house. 8I was very angry and threw all of Tobiah's household furniture out of the room. 9Then I gave orders that the rooms be purified, and I put back the temple equipment, along with the grain offering and the incense.

10I also found out that the Levites hadn't been given their portions, so they and the singers who did the work had gone back to their fields. 11So I scolded the officials, asking, "Why is God's house being neglected?" I gathered them together and set them in their stations.

12Then all Judah brought the tenth-part gifts of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses. 13I appointed the priest Shelemiah, the scribe Zadok, and Pedaiah of the Levites to be in charge over the storehouses. I also appointed Hanan, Zaccur's son and Mattaniah's grandson, as their assistant. These men were considered trustworthy, and their task was to hand out shares to their colleagues.

14Remember me, my God, concerning this. Don't erase my good deeds that I have done for my God's house and for its services.

Keeping the Sabbath

15In those days I saw people in Judah using the winepresses on the Sabbath. They were also collecting piles of grain and loading them on donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs, and every kind of load, and then bringing them to Jerusalem on the Sabbath. I warned them at that time against selling food.

16In addition, people from Tyre who lived in the city were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them to the people of Judah on the Sabbath. This happened in Jerusalem itself!

17So I scolded the officials of Judah: "What is this evil thing that you are doing?" I asked. "You are making the Sabbath impure! 18This is just what your ancestors did, and God brought all this evil upon us and upon this city. And now you are bringing more wrath upon Israel by making the Sabbath impure!"

19So when it began to grow dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I gave orders that the doors should be shut. I also ordered that they shouldn't be reopened until after the Sabbath. To make sure that no load would come into the city[h] on

12:47 Nm 18:21; Neh 10:38

13:1 Dt 23:3, Dt 31:11; 2Ki 23:2; Neh 9:3

13:2 Nm 22:3; Dt 23:4; Josh 24:9

13:10 Dt 12:19; Neh 12:29; Mal 3:8

13:12 2Ch 31:5; Neh 12:44; Mal 3:10

13:13 2Ch 31:12; Neh 12:44; Ac 6:1

13:14 Neh 5:19; Heb. 6:10

13:15 Ex 20:8; 34:21; Dt 5:12; Neh 10:31; Is 63:3

13:18 Nm 32:14; Josh 22:18; Ezr 9:13; Jer 17:21, 27; Eze 20:13

[h]Heb lacks *the city.*

the Sabbath, I stationed some of my own men at the gates. [20]Once or twice the traders and sellers of all kinds of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem. [21]But I warned them: "Why are you spending the night by the wall? If you do that again, I will lay hands on you!" At that point, they stopped coming on the Sabbath. [22]I also commanded the Levites to purify themselves and to come and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy.

Remember this also in my favor, my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your mercy.

Marrying foreign women

[23]Also in those days I saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. [24]Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of various peoples; they couldn't speak the language of Judah.

[25]So I scolded them and cursed them, and beat some of them, and pulled out their hair. I also made them swear a solemn pledge in the name of God, saying, "You won't give your daughters to their sons in marriage, or take their daughters in marriage for your sons or yourselves. [26]Didn't Israel's King Solomon sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was well loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Yet foreign wives led even him into sin! [27]Should we then listen to you and do all this great evil, acting unfaithfully toward our God by marrying foreign women?"

[28]Now one of the sons of Joiada son of the high priest Eliashib was a son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite. So I chased him away from me.

[29]Remember them, my God, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priests and the Levites!

[30]So I purified them of everything foreign and established the services of the priests and Levites with specific duties for each person. [31]I also provided for the wood offering at appointed times as well as for the early produce.

Remember me, my God, for good.

13:23 Ru 1:4; 1Ki 11:1; Ezr 9:1; Neh 13:1;
13:25 Dt 7:3; Neh 13:17; Is 50:6

ESTHER

Queen Vashti

1 This is what happened back when Ahasuerus lived, the very Ahasuerus who ruled from India to Cush—one hundred twenty-seven provinces in all. [2]At that time, Ahasuerus ruled the kingdom from his royal throne in the fortified part of Susa. [3]In the third year of his rule he hosted a feast for all his officials and courtiers. The leaders of Persia and Media attended, along with his provincial officials and officers. [4]He showed off the awesome riches of his kingdom and beautiful treasures as mirrors of how very great he was. The event lasted a long time—six whole months, to be exact! [5]After that the king held a seven-day feast for everyone in the fortified part of Susa. Whether they were important people in the town or not, they all met in the walled garden of the royal palace. [6]White linen curtains and purple hangings were held up by shining white and red-purple ropes tied to silver rings and marble posts. Gold and silver couches sat on a mosaic floor made of gleaming purple crystal, marble, and mother-of-pearl. [7]They served the drinks in cups made of gold, and each cup was different. The king made sure there was plenty of royal wine. [8]The rule about the drinks was "No limits!" The king had ordered everyone serving wine in the palace to offer as much as each guest wanted. [9]At the same time,

1:1 Ezr 4:6; Est 8:9, Est 9:30; Dn 6:1

Queen Vashti held a feast for women in King Ahasuerus' palace.

[10]On the seventh day, when wine had put the king in high spirits, he gave an order to Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs who served King Ahasuerus personally. [11]They were to bring Queen Vashti before him wearing the royal crown. She was gorgeous, and he wanted to show off her beauty both to the general public and to his important guests. [12]But Queen Vashti refused to come as the king had ordered through the eunuchs. The king was furious, his anger boiling inside. [13]Now, when a need arose, the king would often talk with certain very smart people about the best way to handle it. They were people who knew both the kingdom's written laws and what judges had decided about cases in the past. [14]The ones he talked with most often were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan. They were seven very important people in Persia and Media who, as the kingdom's highest leaders, were in the king's inner circle. So the king said to them, [15]"According to the law, what should I do with Queen Vashti since she didn't do what King Ahasuerus ordered her through the eunuchs?"

[16]Then Memucan spoke up in front of the king and the officials. "Queen Vashti," he said, "has done something wrong not just to the king himself. She has also done wrong to all the officials and the peoples in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. [17]This is the reason: News of what the queen did will reach all women, making them look down on their husbands. They will say, 'King Ahasuerus ordered servants to bring Queen Vashti before him, but she refused to come.' [18]This very day, the important women of Persia and Media who hear about the queen will tell the royal officials the same thing. There will be no end of put-downs and arguments. [19]Now, if the king wishes, let him send out a royal order and have it written into the laws of Persia and Media, laws no one can ever change. It should say that Vashti will never again come before King Ahasuerus. It should also say that the king will give her royal place to someone better than she. [20]When the order becomes public through the whole empire, vast as it is, all women will treat their husbands properly. The rule should touch everyone, whether from an important family or not."

[21]The king liked the plan, as did the other men, and he did just what Memucan said. [22]He sent written orders to all the king's provinces. Each province received it written in its own alphabet and each people received it in its own language. It said that each husband should rule over his own house.

2:1 Est 1:19, Est 7:10
2:2 1Ki 1:2
2:3 Est 2:8, Est 2:12, Est 2:15
2:4 Est 1:9, Est 2:1, Est 2:17

Finding a new queen

2 Sometime later when King Ahasuerus was less angry, he remembered Vashti, what she had done, and what he had decided about her. [2]So his young male servants said, "Let the king have a search made for beautiful young women who haven't yet married. [3]And let the king choose certain people in all the royal provinces to lead the search. Have them bring all the beautiful young women together to the fortified part of Susa, to the women's house, to the care of Hegai the king's eunuch in charge of the women so that he might provide beauty treatments for them. [4]Let the young woman who pleases you the most take Vashti's place as queen." The king liked the plan and implemented it.

[5]Now there was a Jew in the fortified part of Susa whose name was Mordecai, Jair's son. He came from the family line of Shimei and Kish; he was a Benjaminite. ([6]Benjaminites had been taken into exile away from Jerusalem along with the group, which included Judah's King Jeconiah, whom Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar exiled to Babylon.) [7]Mordecai had been a father to

Hadassah (that is, Esther), though she was really his cousin, because she had neither father nor mother. The girl had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at. When her parents died, Mordecai had taken her to be his daughter. [8]When the king's order and his new law became public, many young women were gathered into the fortified part of Susa under the care of Hegai. Esther was also taken to the palace to the care of Hegai, the one in charge of the women. [9]The young woman pleased him and won his kindness. He quickly began her beauty treatments and gave her carefully chosen foods. He also gave her seven servants selected from among the palace servants and moved her and her servants into the nicest rooms in the women's house. ([10]Esther hadn't told anyone her race and family background because Mordecai had ordered her not to.) [11]Each day found Mordecai pacing back and forth along the wall in front of the women's house to learn how Esther was doing and what they were doing with her. [12]According to the rules for women, the moment for each young woman to go to King Ahasuerus came at the end of twelve months. (She had six months of treatment with pleasant-smelling creams and six months with fragrant oils and other treatments for women.) [13]So this is how the young woman would go to the king: They gave her anything that she asked to take with her from the women's house to the palace. [14]In the evening she would go in, and the next morning she would return to the second women's house under the care of Shaashgaz. He was the king's eunuch in charge of the secondary wives. She would never go to the king again unless he was so pleased that he called for her by name. [15]Soon the moment came for Esther daughter of Mordecai's uncle Abihail, whom Mordecai had taken as his own daughter, to go to the king. But she asked for nothing except what Hegai the king's eunuch in charge of the women told her. (Esther kept winning the favor of everyone who saw her.)

2:8 Neh 1:1; Est 2:3
2:12 Ps 45:8; Prv 27:9; Is 57:9
2:17 Est 1:11
2:18 Gn 29:22; Est 1:3
2:21 Est 6:2
2:23 Dt 21:22; Est 6:1, Est 10:2
3:1 Nm 24:77; Est 5:11

[16]Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, to his own palace, in the tenth month (that is, the month of Tevet)[a] in the seventh year of his rule. [17]The king loved Esther more than all the other women; she had won his love and his favor more than all the others. He placed the royal crown on her head and made her ruler in place of Vashti. [18]The king held a magnificent, lavish feast, "the feast of Esther," for all his officials and courtiers. He declared a public holiday[b] for the provinces and gave out gifts with royal generosity. [19]When they gathered the young women to the second women's house,[c] Mordecai was working for the king at the King's Gate. [20]Esther still wasn't telling anyone her family background and race, just as Mordecai had ordered her. She continued to do what Mordecai said, just as she did when she was in his care.

Mordecai saves the king

[21]At that time, as Mordecai continued to work at the King's Gate, two royal eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, became angry with King Ahasuerus. They were among the guards protecting the doorway to the king, but they secretly planned to kill him. [22]When Mordecai got wind of it, he reported it to Queen Esther. She spoke to the king about it, saying the information came from Mordecai. [23]The matter was investigated and found to be true, so the two men were impaled on pointed poles.[d] A report about the event was written in the royal record with the king present.

Haman plans to destroy Mordecai

3 Sometime later, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, Hammedatha the Agagite's son,[e] by promoting him above all the officials who worked with him. [2]All the royal workers at the

[a]December–January [b]Or *remission of taxes* [c]Or *to the women's house a second time* [d]Or *hanged the two men on gallows* [e]Or *the braggart*

King's Gate would kneel and bow face-down to Haman because the king had so ordered. But Mordecai didn't kneel or bow down. [3]So the royal workers at the King's Gate said to Mordecai, "Why don't you obey the king's order?" [4]Day after day they questioned him, but he paid no attention to them. So they let Haman know about it just to see whether or not Mordecai's words would hold true.[f] (He had told them that he was a Jew.) [5]When Haman himself saw that Mordecai didn't kneel or bow down to him, he became very angry. [6]But he decided not to kill only Mordecai, for people had told him Mordecai's race. Instead, he planned to wipe out all the Jews, Mordecai's people, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. [7]In the first month (that is, the month of Nisan)[g] in the twelfth year of the rule of King Ahasuerus, servants threw pur, namely, dice, in front of Haman to find the best day for his plan. They tried every day and every month, and the dice chose the thirteenth[h] day of the twelfth month (that is, the month of Adar).

[8]Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "A certain group of people exist in pockets among the other peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of everyone else, and they refuse to obey the king's laws. There's no good reason for the king to put up with them any longer. [9]If the king wishes, let a written order be sent out to destroy them, and I will hand over ten thousand kikkars of silver[i] to those in charge of the king's business. The silver can go into the king's treasuries."

[10]The king removed his royal ring from his finger and handed it to Haman, Hammedatha the Agagite's son, enemy of the Jews. [11]The king said to Haman, "Both the money and the people are under your power. Do as you like with them." [12]So in the first month, on the thirteenth day, royal scribes were summoned to write down everything that Haman ordered. The orders were for the king's rulers and the governors in charge of each province, as well as for the officials of each people. They wrote in the alphabet of each province and in the language of each people. They wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed the order with the king's royal ring. [13]Fast runners were to take the order to all the provinces of the king. The order commanded people to wipe out, kill, and destroy all the Jews, both young and old, even women and little children. This was to happen on a single day—the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (that is, the month of Adar).[j] They were also to seize their property. [14]A copy of the order was to become law in each province and to be posted in public for all peoples to read. The people were to be ready for this day to do as the order commanded. [15]Driven by the king's order, the runners left Susa just as the law became public in the fortified part of Susa. While the king and Haman sat down to have a drink, the city of Susa was in total shock.

3:5 Est 5:9, Est 7:10
3:6 Ps 83:4
3:7 Lv 16:8; Ezr 6:15; Est 9:24; Prv 16:33
3:8 Lv 26:33; Ac 16:21
3:10 Gn 41:42; Est 8:2
3:12 2Sa 8:17; 1Ki 21:8; Est 8:8
4:1 2Sa 13:19; Est 7:1; Dn 9:3; Jon 3:6

A crisis for the Jews

4 When Mordecai learned what had been done, he tore his clothes, dressed in mourning clothes, and put ashes on his head. Then he went out into the heart of the city and cried out loudly and bitterly. [2]He went only as far as the King's Gate because it was against the law for anyone to pass through it wearing mourning clothes. [3]At the same time, in every province and place where the king's order and his new law arrived, a very great sadness came over the Jews. They gave up eating and spent whole days weeping and crying out loudly in pain. Many Jews lay on the ground in mourning clothes and ashes. [4]When Esther's female servants and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, the queen's whole body showed how upset she was.

[f]Or *stand* [g]March–April [h]See LXX and 3:13. [i]A kikkar weighed approximately seventy-five pounds. [j]February–March

She sent everyday clothes for Mordecai to wear instead of mourning clothes, but he rejected them.

[5]Esther then sent for Hathach, one of the royal eunuchs whose job it was to wait on her. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was going on and why he was acting this way. [6]Hathach went out to Mordecai, to the city square in front of the King's Gate. [7]Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him. He spelled out the exact amount of silver that Haman promised to pay into the royal treasury. It was in exchange for the destruction of the Jews. [8]He also gave Hathach a copy of the law made public in Susa concerning the Jews' destruction so that Hathach could show it to Esther and report it to her. Through him Mordecai ordered her to go to the king to seek his kindness and his help for her people. [9]Hathach came back and told Esther what Mordecai had said.

[10]In reply Esther ordered Hathach to tell Mordecai: [11]"All the king's officials and the people in his provinces know that there's a single law in a case like this. Any man or woman who comes to the king in the inner courtyard without being called is to be put to death. Only the person to whom the king holds out the gold scepter may live. In my case, I haven't been called to come to the king for the past thirty days."

[12]When they told Mordecai Esther's words, [13]he had them respond to Esther: "Don't think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you'll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. [14]In fact, if you don't speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family."

[15]Esther sent back this word to Mordecai: [16]"Go, gather all the Jews who are in Susa and tell them to give up eating to help me be brave. They aren't to eat or drink anything for three whole days, and I myself will do the same, along with my female servants. Then, even though it's against the law, I will go to the king; and if I am to die, then die I will." [17]So Mordecai left where he was and did exactly what Esther had ordered him.

4:11 Est 5:2, Est 8:4
4:16 Gn 43:14; 2Ch 20:3; Ezr 8:21; Est 5:1
5:1 Est 4:11, Est 4:16, Est 6:4
5:2 Est 4:11, Est 8:4
5:3 Est 7:2, Est 9:12; Mk 6:23

Esther acts

5 Three days later, Esther put on royal clothes and stood in the inner courtyard of the palace, facing the palace itself. At that moment the king was inside sitting on his royal throne and facing the palace doorway. [2]When the king noticed Queen Esther standing in the entry court, he was pleased. The king held out to Esther the gold scepter in his hand, and she came forward and touched the scepter's tip.

[3]Then the king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther? What do you want? I'll give you anything—even half the kingdom."

[4]Esther answered, "If the king wishes, please come today with Haman for the feast that I have prepared for him."

[5]"Hurry, get Haman," the king ordered, "so we can do what Esther says." So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared. [6]As they sipped wine, the king asked, "Now what is it you wish? I'll give it to you. What do you want? I'll do anything—even give you half the kingdom."

[7]Esther answered, "This is my wish and this is what I want: [8]If I please the king, and if the king wishes to grant my wish and my desire, I'd like the king and Haman to come to another feast that I will prepare for them. Tomorrow I will answer the king's questions."

Haman boasts, complains, and acts

[9]That day Haman left Esther's place happy, his spirits high, but then he saw Mordecai in the King's Gate. Mordecai neither stood up nor seemed the least bit nervous around him, so Haman suddenly felt great rage toward Mordecai. [10]But Haman held himself back and went on home. He sent word that his friends and his wife Zeresh should

join him there. 11Haman boasted to them about his great wealth and his many sons. He told all about how the king had honored him by promoting him over the officials and high royal workers. 12"Best of all," Haman said, "Queen Esther has invited no one else but me to join the king for food and drinks that she has prepared. In fact, I've been called to join the king at her place tomorrow! 13But all this loses its meaning every time I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the King's Gate."

14So his wife Zeresh and all his friends told him: "Have people prepare a pointed pole seventy-five feet high. In the morning, tell the king to have Mordecai impaled on it. Then you can go with the king to the feast in a happy mood." Haman liked the idea and had the pole prepared.

Honor for Mordecai

6 That same night, the king simply couldn't sleep. He had the official royal records brought in, and his young male servants began reading them to the king. 2They came to the report about Mordecai informing on Bigthan and Teresh. (They were the two royal eunuchs among the guards protecting the king's doorway, who secretly planned to kill King Ahasuerus.) 3"What was done to honor and reward Mordecai for this?" the king asked.

His young male servants replied, "Nothing was done for him, sir."

4"Who is that out in the courtyard?" the king asked. (Haman had just entered the outer courtyard of the palace. He had come to tell the king to impale Mordecai on the pole that he had set up for him.)

5The king's servants answered, "That's Haman standing out in the courtyard, sir."

So the king said, "Have him come in."

6When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man whom the king really wants to honor?"

Haman thought to himself, Whom would the king really want to honor more than me? 7So Haman said to the king, "Here's what should be done for the man the king really wants to honor. 8Have servants bring out a royal robe that the king himself has worn and a horse on which the king himself has ridden. It should have a royal crest on its head. 9Then hand over the robe and the horse to another man, one of the king's officials. Have him personally robe[k] the man whom the king really wants to honor and lead him on the horse through the city square. As he goes, have him shout, 'This is what the king does for the man he really wants to honor!'"

10Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry, take the robe and the horse just as you've said and do exactly that for Mordecai the Jew, who works at the King's Gate. Don't leave out a single thing you've said!"

11So Haman took the robe and the horse and put the robe on Mordecai. He led him on horseback through the city square, shouting as he went, "This is what the king does for the man he really wants to honor!" 12Afterward, Mordecai returned to the King's Gate, while Haman hurried home feeling great shame, his head covered.

13Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Both his friends[l] and his wife said to him, "You've already begun to lose out to Mordecai. If he is of Jewish birth, you'll not be able to win against him. You are surely going to lose out to him."

Haman's demise

14They were still discussing this with him when several royal eunuchs arrived. They quickly hurried Haman off to the feast that Esther had prepared.

7 When the king and Haman came in for the banquet with Queen Esther, 2the king said to her, "This is the second day we've met for wine. What is your wish, Queen Esther? I'll give

6:1 Est 2:23; Dn 6:18
6:2 Est 2:21-22
6:3 Gn 40:23; Est 2:5, Est 2:21, Est 3:2, Est 4:1
6:4 Est 4:11, Est 5:14, Est 7:9
6:6 Est 5:11, Est 6:7, Est 6:11
6:8 1Ki 1:33
6:9 Gn 41:43
6:10 Est 2:19
6:11 Est 8:15
6:13 Est 5:10, Est 5:14
7:1 Est 5:8

[k] LXX sing *robe* and *lead*, cf Heb plural verbs [l] LXX; Heb *wise ones*

it to you. And what do you want? I'll do anything—even give you half the kingdom."

7:9 Est 1:10, Est 5:14
7:10 Est 9:25
8:1 Est 2:7
8:9 Est 1:1, Est 1:22, Est 3:12

3 Queen Esther answered, "If I please the king, and if the king wishes, give me my life—that's my wish—and the lives of my people too. That's my desire. 4 We have been sold—I and my people—to be wiped out, killed, and destroyed. If we simply had been sold as male and female slaves, I would have said nothing. But no enemy can compensate the king for this kind of damage."

5 King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is this person, and where is he? Who would dare do such a thing?"

6 Esther replied, "A man who hates, an enemy—this wicked Haman!" Haman was overcome with terror in the presence of the king and queen. 7 Furious, the king got up and left the banquet for the palace garden. But Haman stood up to beg Queen Esther for his life. He saw clearly that the king's mood meant a bad end for him.

8 The king returned from the palace garden to the banquet room just as Haman was kneeling on the couch where Esther was reclining. "Will you even molest the queen while I am in the house?" the king said. The words had barely left the king's mouth before covering Haman's face with dread.[m]

9 Harbona, one of the eunuchs serving the king, said, "Sir, look! There's the stake that Haman made for Mordecai, the man who spoke up and did something good for the king. It's standing at Haman's house—seventy-five feet high."

"Impale him on it!" the king ordered. 10 So they impaled Haman on the very pole that he had set up for Mordecai, and the king's anger went away.

Esther acts again

8 That same day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther what Haman the enemy of the Jews owned. Mordecai himself came before the king because Esther had told the king that he was family to her. 2 The king took off his royal ring, the one he had removed from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. Esther put Mordecai in charge of what Haman had owned.

3 Esther again spoke before the king. She bowed at his feet, wept, and begged him to treat her kindly. She wanted him to overturn the evil plot of Haman the Agagite—his secret plan directed against the Jews. 4 The king held out the gold scepter to Esther, and she got up and stood before him. 5 She said, "If the king wishes, and if I please him—that is, if the idea seems right to the king, and if he still sees me as a good person—then have people write something to call back the order—the order that put into effect the plan of Haman, Hammedatha the Agagite's son, that he wrote to destroy the Jews in all the royal provinces. 6 How can I bear to watch the terrible evil about to sweep over my people? And how can I bear to watch others destroy my own family?"

Mordecai writes a new law

7 King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Look, I've given Esther everything Haman owned. And Haman himself my servants have impaled on the pole because he planned to attack the Jews. 8 So you yourselves write to the Jews whatever you like in the name of the king and seal the letters with the king's royal ring. Anything written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's royal ring can't be called back." 9 So that was when the royal scribes were summoned—on the twenty-third day of the third month (that is, the month of Sivan).[n] They wrote exactly what Mordecai ordered to the Jews, rulers, governors, and officials of the provinces from India to Cush—one hundred twenty-seven in all. They wrote in the alphabet of each province and in the language of each people. 10 They wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed the order with the king's royal ring. He sent letters with riders

[m] Or *the face of Haman was covered.* [n] May–June

mounted on royal horses bred from mares known to run fast.[o] [11]The order allowed Jews in each town to join together and defend their lives. The Jews were free to wipe out, kill, and destroy every army of any people and province that attacked them, along with their women and children. They could also take and keep anything their attackers owned. [12]The one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus on which they could do so was the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (that is, the month of Adar). [13]A copy of the writing was to become law in each province and be on public display for all its peoples to read. The Jews were to be ready on this day to get back at their enemies. [14]The riders mounted on royal horses left Susa, spurred on by the king's order, and the law also became public in the fortified part of Susa.

[15]Mordecai went out from the king's presence in a blue and white royal robe wearing a large gold crown and a white and red-purple coat. The city of Susa greeted him with shouts of joy. [16]For the Jews it was a day of light, happiness, joy, and honor. [17]In every province and in every town—wherever the king's order and his law arrived—for the Jews it was a day of happiness and joy. For them it meant feasts and a holiday. Many people in the land became Jews themselves, out of fear of the Jews.

The fateful day

9 It was on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (that is, the month of Adar)[p] that the king's order and his law were to be enforced. On the very day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to overpower them, the tables were turned against them. The Jews overpowered their enemies instead. [2]The Jews joined together in their towns in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to defend themselves against those who tried to harm them. No one was able to stand in their way because everyone was afraid of the Jews. [3]All the leaders of the provinces, rulers, governors, and those in charge of the king's business helped the Jews because they were afraid of Mordecai. [4]Because Mordecai was very important in the palace, news about him was sweeping through the provinces. Indeed, Mordecai was becoming more and more important every day. [5]The Jews put down all their enemies with sword blows, killing, and destruction. They did whatever they wanted with those who hated them. [6]In the fortified part of Susa, the Jews killed five hundred people. [7]They also killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, [8]Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, [9]Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha. [10]These were the ten sons of Haman, Hammedatha's son, the enemy of the Jews. But the Jews didn't lay a hand on anything their enemies owned. [11]That same day, a report concerning the number killed in the fortified part of Susa reached the king.

[12]So the king said to Queen Esther in the fortified part of Susa, "The Jews have killed five hundred people as well as the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the royal provinces? What do you wish now? I'll give it to you. What is your desire? I'll do it this time too."

[13]Esther answered, "If the king wishes, let the Jews who are in Susa also have tomorrow to do what the law allows for today. And let them also impale the ten sons of Haman on pointed poles." [14]The king ordered that this be done, and the law became public in Susa. They impaled the ten sons of Haman just as she said. [15]The Jews in Susa joined together again, this time on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar. In Susa, they killed three hundred people, but they didn't lay a hand on anything the people owned.

[16]The Jews out in the royal provinces also joined together to defend their lives. They put to rest the troubles with their enemies and killed those who hated them. The total was seventy-five

8:13 Est 3:14
9:10 Gn 14:23; Est 3:1, Est 3:10, Est 5:11, Est 8:11

[o]Heb uncertain [p]February–March

thousand dead, but the Jews didn't lay a hand on anything their enemies owned. 17They acted on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. Then on the fourteenth day they rested, making it a day of feasts and rejoicing. (18The Jews in Susa joined together for self-defense on the thirteenth and fourteenth days of the month. But they rested on the fifteenth day of the month and made it a day of feasts and joyous events.) 19That is why Jews who live in villages make the fourteenth day of the month of Adar a day of rejoicing and feasts, a holiday. It is a day on which they send gifts of food to each other.

The new holiday of Purim

20Mordecai wrote these things down and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces, both near and far, of King Ahasuerus. 21He made it a rule that Jews keep the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as special days each and every year. 22They are the days on which the Jews finally put to rest the troubles with their enemies. The month is the one when everything turned around for them from sadness to joy, and from sad, loud crying to a holiday. They are to make them days of feasts and joyous events, days to send food gifts to each other and money gifts to the poor. 23The Jews agreed to continue what they had already begun to do—just what Mordecai had written to them. 24Indeed, Haman, Hammedatha the Agagite's son, the enemy of all the Jews, had planned to destroy the Jews. He had servants throw pur (that is, the dice) to find the best month and day to trouble greatly and destroy them. 25But when Esther came before the king, his written order said: The wicked plan that Haman made against the Jews should turn back on him instead. So they impaled him and his sons on pointed poles. 26That is why people call these days Purim, by using the ancient word *pur*. It all fit with what this letter said, with what they saw happen, and with what they themselves went through. 27The Jews agreed that they, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as all non-Jews who become Jews, should always keep these two days. They agreed to follow the written rules—and at the proper time too—every year. 28So forever every family, province, and town remembers to keep these days. These days of Purim won't die out among the Jews. They will remember to keep them forever. 29Queen Esther daughter of Abihail, along with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with her full royal power to show that this second letter about Purim was correct.[q] 30Letters conveying good wishes and words of friendship were sent to all the Jews throughout the one hundred twenty-seven provinces in the kingdom of Ahasuerus. 31Their aim was to make sure that the Jews kept these days of Purim at the proper time, following the rule that Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had made. The rule fit well with what they themselves had agreed to do forever and with other things they did—like fasting and lamenting. 32Esther's order made these features of Purim part of the law, so it was written down.

9:20 Est 2:5, Est 2:21, Est 3:2, Est 4:1, Est 5:14
9:22 Ps 30:11
9:24 Est 3:6-7, Est 3:10, Est 9:10
9:25 Est 7:10, Est 9:13; Ps 7:16
9:26 Est 9:20
9:27 Est 8:17; Is 56:3, Is 56:6; Zec 2:11
9:29 Est 2:15, Est 9:20
9:30 Est 1:1, Est 8:9
9:31 Est 4:1, Est 4:3, Est 4:16
9:32 Est 2:20, Est 9:26

The fame of Mordecai

10 King Ahasuerus taxed the entire kingdom, including the islands of the Mediterranean. 2Now some may want to know about all the king's mighty, great deeds. They may also want a full report about how important Mordecai became after the king honored him. Are they not written in the official records of the kings of Media and Persia? 3Certainly, Mordecai the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus in importance. The Jews also admired him greatly, and his many brothers and sisters were proud of him. He always wanted to do good things for his Jewish people and to speak up for all his family whenever they needed help.

[q] Or *wrote a second time to show that this letter*

JOB

Job's piety and life of bliss

1 A man in the land of Uz was named
Job. That man was honest, a person of absolute integrity; he feared
God and avoided evil. 2He had seven
sons and three daughters, 3and owned
seven thousand sheep, three thousand
camels, five hundred pairs of oxen, five
hundred female donkeys, and a vast
number of servants, so that he was
greater than all the people of the east.
4Each of his sons hosted a feast in his
own house on his birthday. They invited
their three sisters to eat and drink with
them. 5When the days of the feast had
been completed, Job would send word[a]
and purify his children.[b] Getting up
early in the morning, he prepared entirely burned offerings for each one of
them, for Job thought, Perhaps my children have sinned and then cursed[c] God
in their hearts. Job did this regularly.

Job's motives questioned

6One day the divine beings[d] came to
present themselves before the LORD,
and the Adversary[e] also came among
them. 7The LORD said to the Adversary, "Where did you come from?"

The Adversary answered the LORD,
"From wandering throughout the earth."

8The LORD said to the Adversary,
"Have you thought about my servant
Job; surely there is no one like him on
earth, a man who is honest, who is of
absolute integrity, who reveres God
and avoids evil?"

9The Adversary answered the LORD,
"Does Job revere God for nothing?
10Haven't you fenced him in—his
house and all he has—and blessed the
work of his hands so that his possessions extend throughout the earth?
11But stretch out your hand and strike
all he has. He will certainly curse you
to your face."

1:1 Job 1:8; Jer 25:20; Eze 14:14, Eze 14:20; Jas 5:11

1:2 Job 42:13

1:3 Gn 12:16, Gn 13:2, Gn 30:43; Job 29:25, Job 42:12

1:5 Gn 8:20; Job 42:8

1:6 1Ch 21:1; Job 2:1; Zec 3:1; Rev 12:9

1:7 1Pt 5:8

1:8 Nm 12:7; Job 1:1, Job 2:3

1:9 1Ch 21:1; Job 1:6-7, Job 1:10, Job 2:4

1:10 Job 42:12; Ps 34:7

1:11 Job 2:5, Job 19:21

1:12 Job 2:4

1:13 Job 1:4

1:14 1Ki 19:19; Jer 51:31

1:15 Gn 10:7

1:16 Gn 19:24; 1Ki 18:38; 2Ki 1:12

1:17 Gn 11:28, Gn 11:31

1:18 Job 1:4, Job 1:19

1:19 Job 1:18; Jer 4:11; Hos 13:15; Mt 7:27

1:20 Gn 37:29, Gn 37:34; Ezr 9:3

1:21 1Sa 2:7, 1Sa 3:18; Job 2:10; Ecc 5:15; 1Ti 6:7

1:22 Job 2:10

12The LORD said to the Adversary,
"Look, all he has is within your power;
only don't stretch out your hand
against him." So the Adversary left the
LORD's presence.

Job passes the test

13One day Job's sons and daughters
were eating and drinking wine in their
oldest brother's house. 14A messenger
came to Job and said: "The oxen were
plowing, and the donkeys were grazing
nearby 15when the Sabeans took them
and killed the young men with swords.
I alone escaped to tell you."

16While this messenger was speaking, another arrived and said: "A raging
fire fell from the sky and burned up the
sheep and devoured the young men. I
alone escaped to tell you."

17While this messenger was speaking, another arrived and said: "Chaldeans set up three companies, raided
the camels and took them, killing the
young men with swords. I alone escaped to tell you."

18While this messenger was speaking, another arrived and said: "Your
sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest
brother's house, 19when a strong wind
came from the desert and struck the
four corners of the house. It fell upon
the young people, and they died. I
alone escaped to tell you."

20Job arose, tore his clothes, shaved
his head, fell to the ground, and worshipped. 21He said: "Naked I came from
my mother's womb; naked I will return
there. The LORD has given; the LORD
has taken; bless the LORD's name." 22In
all this, Job didn't sin or blame God.

Job's Adversary refuses to give up

2 One day the divine beings came
to present themselves before the

[a]Heb lacks *word*. [b]Or *them* [c]Or *blessed*. The verb for *bless* is a euphemism for *curse* in 1:11; 2:5, 9; whereas in 1:10, 21 and 42:12 it has its usual meaning. [d]Or *children of God* [e]Heb *hassatan*

LORD. The Adversary also came among them to present himself before the LORD. 2The LORD said to the Adversary, "Where have you come from?"

The Adversary answered the LORD, "From wandering throughout the earth."

3The LORD said to the Adversary, "Have you thought about my servant Job, for there is no one like him on earth, a man who is honest, who is of absolute integrity, who reveres God and avoids evil? He still holds on to his integrity even though you incited me to ruin him for no reason."

4The Adversary responded to the LORD, "Skin for skin—people will give up everything they have in exchange for their lives. 5But stretch out your hand and strike his bones and flesh. Then he will definitely curse[f] you to your face."

6The LORD answered the Adversary, "There he is—within your power; only preserve his life."

The test intensifies

7The Adversary departed from the LORD's presence and struck Job with severe sores from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. 8Job took a piece of broken pottery to scratch himself and sat down on a mound of ashes. 9Job's wife said to him, "Are you still clinging to your integrity? Curse[g] God, and die."

10Job said to her, "You're talking like a foolish woman. Will we receive good from God but not also receive bad?" In all this, Job didn't sin with his lips.

Job's three friends come to comfort him

11When Job's three friends heard about all this disaster that had happened to him, they came, each one from his home—Eliphaz from Teman, Bildad from Shuah, and Zophar from Naamah. They agreed to come so they could console and comfort him. 12When they looked up from a distance and didn't recognize him, they wept loudly. Each one tore his garment and scattered dust above his head toward the sky. 13They sat with Job on the ground seven days and seven nights, not speaking a word to him, for they saw that he was in excruciating pain.

2:3 Job 1:1, Job 1:8, Job 27:6
2:4 Job 1:9
2:5 Job 1:11, Job 19:20
2:6 Job 1:12
2:7 Ex 9:9; Dt 28:35
2:8 Job 42:6; Jer 6:26; Eze 27:30; Jon 3:6; Mt 11:21
2:9 2Ki 6:33; Job 2:3, Job 2:10
2:10 Job 1:21-22; Ps 39:1; Jas 5:11
2:11 Gn 25:2; Job 4:1, Job 8:1, Job 11:1, Job 18:1
2:12 Gn 37:29; Josh 7:6; Job 1:20; Lam 2:10; Eze 27:30
2:13 Gn 50:10; Is 47:1
3:1 Job 1:22, Job 2:10, Job 6:1, Job 9:1; Jer 20:14
3:3 Job 10:18; Jer 20:14
3:6 Job 23:17, Job 30:26
3:8 Job 41:1, Job 41:10, Job 41:25; Ps 74:14
3:9 Job 41:18

Job responds differently

3 Afterward, Job spoke up and cursed the day he was born.

2Job said:

3Perish the day I was born,
the night someone said,
"A boy has been conceived."
4That day—let it be darkness;
may God above ignore it,
and light not shine on it.
5May deepest darkness claim it
and a cloud linger over it;
may all that darkens the day
terrify it.
6May gloom seize that night;
may it not be counted
in the days of a year;
may it not appear in the months.
7May that night be childless;
may no happy singing come in it.
8May those who curse the day curse it,
those with enough skill
to awaken Leviathan.
9May its evening stars stay dark;
may it wait in vain for light;
may it not see dawn's gleam,
10because it didn't close
the doors of my mother's womb,[h]
didn't hide trouble from my eyes.

Job laments his misfortune

11Why didn't I die at birth,
come forth from the womb and die?
12Why did knees receive me
and breasts let me nurse?
13For now I would be
lying down quietly;
I'd sleep; rest would be mine
14with kings and earth's advisors,
who rebuild ruins for themselves,
15or with princes who have gold,
who fill their houses with silver.
16Or why wasn't I
like a buried miscarried infant,
like babies who never see light?

[f] Or *bless* [g] Or *bless* [h] Heb lacks *mother's*.

17 There the wicked rage no more;
there the weak rest.
18 Prisoners are entirely at ease;
they don't hear a boss's voice.
19 Both small and great are there;
a servant is free from his masters.
20 Why is light given
to the hard worker,
life to those bitter of soul,
21 those waiting in vain for death,
who search for it
more than for treasure,
22 who rejoice excitedly,
who are thrilled
when they find a grave?
23 Why is light given[i] to the person
whose way is hidden,
whom God has fenced in?
24 My groans become my bread;
my roars pour out like water.
25 Because I was afraid
of something awful,
and it arrived;
what I dreaded came to me.
26 I had no ease, quiet, or rest,
and trembling came.

Eliphaz tries to comfort Job

4 Then Eliphaz, a native of Teman, responded:
2 If one tries to answer you,
will you be annoyed?
But who can hold words back?
3 Look, you've instructed many
and given strength
to drooping hands.
4 Your words have raised up
the falling;
you've steadied failing knees.
5 But now it comes to you,
and you are dismayed;
it has struck you,
and you are frightened.
6 Isn't your religion
the source of[j] your confidence;
the integrity of your conduct,
the source of your hope?

Sinners don't live long

7 Think! What innocent person
has ever perished?
When have those who do the right
thing been destroyed?
8 As I've observed, those who plow sin
and sow trouble will harvest it.
9 When God breathes deeply,
they perish;
by a breath of his nostril
they are annihilated.
10 The roar of a lion and snarl
of the king of beasts—
yet the teeth of lions are shattered;
11 the lion perishes without prey,
and its cubs are scattered.

A frightening dream

12 But a word sneaked up on me;
my ears caught a hint of it.
13 In profound thoughts,
visions of the night,
when deep sleep falls on people,
14 fear and dread struck me;
all of my bones shook.
15 A breeze swept by my face;
the hair of my skin bristled.
16 It stopped. I didn't recognize
its visible form,
although a figure was
in front of my eyes.
Silence! Then I heard a voice:
17 "Can a human be more righteous
than God,
a person purer than their maker?"

Its interpretation

18 If he doesn't trust his servants
and levels a charge
against his messengers,
19 how much less those who dwell
in houses of clay,
whose foundations are in dust,
and who are crushed like a moth?
20 They are smashed
between morning and evening;
they perish forever
without anyone knowing.
21 Isn't their tent cord pulled up?
They die without wisdom.[k]

Life's problems

5 Call out. Will anyone answer you?
To which holy one will you turn?

3:18 Job 39:7
3:19 Job 30:23; Ecc 12:5
3:23 Job 19:8; Ps 88:8; Lam 3:7
3:25 Job 9:28, Job 30:15
4:16 1Ki 19:12
4:17 Job 9:2, Job 14:4, Job 15:14, Job 25:4
4:18 Job 15:15
4:19 Job 10:9, Job 13:28, Job 33:6; 2Co 4:7, 2Co 5:1
4:20 Job 20:7
4:21 Job 36:12; Prv 5:23
5:1 Job 15:15

[i] Heb lacks *is light given.* [j] Heb lacks *the source.* [k] Some interpreters end the quotation here rather than 4:17.

2 Surely anger can kill the foolish;
fury can kill the simple.
3 I've seen the foolish take root
and promptly curse their house.
4 Their children are far[l] from safety,
crushed in the gate
without a deliverer.
5 The hungry devour[m] their crops;
it's taken even from the thorns,[n]
and the thirsty pant after
their yield.
6 Surely trouble doesn't come
from dust,
nor does distress sprout
from the ground.
7 Surely humans are born to distress,
just as sparks rise up.

The answer is God

8 But I would seek God,
put my case to God,
9 who does great things
beyond comprehension,
wonderful things without number;
10 who provides rain
over the earth's surface,
sends water to the open country,
11 exalts the lowly,
raises mourners to victory;
12 who frustrates the schemes
of the clever
so that their hands achieve
no success,
13 trapping the wise in their cleverness
so that the plans of the devious
don't succeed.
14 They encounter darkness
during the day,
and at noon they fumble about
as at night.
15 Yet he rescues the orphan[o]
from the sword of their mouth,
the needy from the grip
of the strong;
16 so the poor have hope
and violence shuts its mouth.

Divine favor

17 Look, happy is the person
whom God corrects;
so don't reject the Almighty's
instruction.
18 He injures, but he binds up;
he strikes, but his hands heal.
19 From six adversities he will
deliver you;
from seven harm won't touch you.
20 In famine he will ransom you
from death;
in war, from the power
of the sword.
21 You will be hidden
from the tongue's sting,
and you won't fear destruction
when it comes.
22 You will laugh
at destruction and hunger;
you won't be afraid of wild beasts;
23 for you will make an agreement
with the stones of the field;
and the beasts of the field
will be at peace with you.
24 You will know that your tent
is secure.
You will examine your home
and miss nothing.
25 You will know that you'll have
many children.
Your offspring will be
like the grass of the earth.
26 You will come to your grave
in old age
as bundles of grain stacked up
at harvesttime.
27 Look, we've searched this out,
and so it is;
listen and find out for yourself.

Job defends his anger

6 Job responded:
2 Oh, that my grief
were actually weighed,
all of it were lifted up in scales;
3 for now it's heavier
than the sands of the sea;
therefore, my words are rash.[p]
4 The Almighty's arrows are in me;
my spirit drinks their poison,
and God's terrors
are arrayed against me.

5:2 Prv 12:16
5:3 Ps 37:35-36; Jer 12:1-2
5:4 Job 4:11; Ps 127:5
5:5 Job 1:15
5:7 Gn 3:17; Job 14:1; Ecc 2:22-23
5:8 Job 8:5; Ps 50:15
5:9 Job 9:10, Job 11:7, Job 37:5; Ps 40:5; Is 40:28
5:11 1Sa 2:7
5:12 Neh 4:15; Ps 33:10; Is 8:10
5:13 Job 37:24; 1Co 3:19
5:14 Dt 28:29; Job 12:25, Job 18:18; Is 59:10; Am 8:9
5:17 Ps 94:12; Prv 3:11; Heb 12:5; Jas 1:12, Jas 5:11
5:18 Dt 32:39; 1Sa 2:6; Ps 147:3; Is 30:26; Hos 6:1
5:19 Ps 34:19, Ps 91:3, Ps 91:10; Prv 24:16; 1Co 10:13
5:20 Ps 33:19, Ps 37:19, Ps 91:7, Ps 144:10
5:21 Ps 31:20, Ps 91:5
5:22 Is 35:9, Is 65:25; Eze 34:25; Hos 2:18
5:23 Hos 2:18
5:24 Job 8:6
5:25 Ps 72:16, Ps 112:2
5:26 Gn 15:15, Gn 25:8; Job 42:17; Prv 9:11, Prv 10:27
6:2 Job 31:6
6:3 Prv 27:3
6:4 Job 30:15; Ps 38:2

[l] Or *May their children be far from safety.* [m] Or *May the hungry devour their crops.* [n] Heb uncertain [o] Heb lacks *orphan.* [p] Heb uncertain

[5] Does a donkey bray over grass
or an ox bellow over its fodder?
[6] Is tasteless food eaten without salt,
or does egg white[q] have taste?
[7] I refuse to touch them;
they resemble food for the sick.

He wishes to die

[8] Oh, that what I've requested
would come
and God grant my hope;
[9] that God be willing to crush me,
release his hand and cut me off.
[10] I'd still take comfort,
relieved[r] even though
in persistent pain;
for I've not denied
the words of the holy one.
[11] What is my strength,
that I should hope;
my end, that my life should
drag on?
[12] Is my strength that of rocks,
my flesh bronze?
[13] I don't have a helper for myself;
success has been taken from me.

He accuses his friends

[14] Are friends loyal
to the one who despairs,[s]
or do they stop fearing
the Almighty?
[15] My companions are treacherous
like a stream in the desert,
like channels that overrun
their streambeds,
[16] like those darkened by thawing ice,
in which snow is obscured
[17] but that stop flowing in dry times
and vanish from their channels
in heat.
[18] Caravans turn aside from their paths;
they go up into untamed areas
and perish.
[19] Caravans from Tema look;
merchants from Sheba hope for it.
[20] They are ashamed that they trusted;
they arrive and are dismayed.
[21] That's what you are like;[t]
you see something awful
and are afraid.

6:7 Job 3:24; Eze 4:14; Dn 10:3

7:1 Job 14:5-6, Job 14:14

7:2 Lv 19:13; Job 14:6

7:4 Dt 28:67; Job 7:13

7:5 Job 2:7, Job 17:14, Job 24:20; Is 14:11

He appeals to his friends

[22] Have I said, "Give me something?
Offer a bribe from your wealth
for me?
[23] Rescue me from the hand
of my enemy?
Ransom me from
the grip of the ruthless?"
[24] Instruct me and I'll be quiet;
inform me how I've erred.
[25] How painful are truthful words,
but what do your condemnations
accomplish?
[26] Do you intend to correct my words,
to treat the words of a hopeless
man as wind?
[27] Would you even gamble
over an orphan,
barter away your friend?
[28] Now look at me—
would I lie to your face?
[29] Turn! Don't be faithless.
Turn now! I am righteous.
[30] Is there wrong on my tongue,
or can my mouth not
recognize disaster?

The human condition

7 Isn't slavery everyone's condition
on earth,
our days like those of a hired
worker?
[2] Like a slave we pant for a shadow,
await our task like a hired worker.
[3] So I have inherited months
of emptiness;
nights of toil have been measured
out for me.
[4] If I lie down and think—
When will I get up?—
night drags on,[u] and restless
thoughts fill me until dawn.
[5] My flesh is covered with worms
and crusted earth;
my skin hardens and oozes.
[6] My days are swifter
than a weaver's shuttle;
they reach their end
without hope.[v]
[7] Remember that my life is wind;
my eyes won't see pleasure again.

[q] Heb uncertain [r] Heb uncertain [s] Heb uncertain [t] Heb uncertain [u] Heb uncertain [v] Or *thread*

[8] The eye that sees me now
will no longer look on me;
your eyes will be on me,
and I won't exist.
[9] A cloud breaks apart and moves on—
like the one who descends to the
grave[w] and won't rise,
[10] won't return home again,
won't be recognized
in town anymore.

Job wants to be left alone

[11] But I won't keep quiet;
I will speak in the adversity
of my spirit,
groan in the bitterness of my life.
[12] Am I Sea[x] or the Sea Monster[y]
that you place me under guard?
[13] If I say, "My couch will comfort me,"
my bed will diminish
my murmuring.
[14] You scare me with dreams,
frighten me with visions.
[15] I would choose strangling
and death instead of my bones.
[16] I reject life;[z]
I don't want to live long;
leave me alone,
for my days are empty.

A parody of Psalm 8

[17] What are human beings,
that you exalt them,
that you take note of them,
[18] visit them each morning,
test them every moment?
[19] Why not look away from me;
let me alone until I swallow
my spit?
[20] If I sinned, what did I do to you,
guardian of people?
Why have you made me your target
so that I'm a burden to myself?
[21] Why not forgive my sin,
overlook my iniquity?
Then I would lie down in the dust;
you would search hard for me,
and I would not exist.

Bildad defends God

8 Bildad from Shuah responded:
[2] How long will you mouth
such things
such that your utterances
become a strong wind?
[3] Does God pervert justice,
or does the Almighty distort
what is right?
[4] If your children sinned against him,
then he delivered them
into the power of their rebellion.
[5] If you will search eagerly for God,
plead with the Almighty.
[6] If you are pure and
do the right thing,
then surely he will become
active on your behalf
and reward your
innocent dwelling.
[7] Although your former state
was ordinary,
your future will be extraordinary.

Tradition

[8] Ask a previous generation
and verify the findings
of your ancestors,
[9] for we are only recently here
and don't know
because our days on earth
are a shadow.
[10] Won't they instruct you and tell you;
will words not[a] proceed
from their hearts?

Examples from nature

[11] Does papyrus grow apart
from a marsh?
Does a reed flourish without water?
[12] While still tender, uncut,
it will wither
before every other grass.
[13] So are the paths of all
who forget God.
Hope perishes for the godless,
[14] whose confidence is a fragile thing,[b]
their trust, a spider's web.
[15] He leans on its web,
and it doesn't stand;
grasps it, and it can't remain
in place.
[16] It's like a well-watered plant
in the sun;
its runners spread over its gardens.

7:9 2Sa 12:23; Job 14:13
7:14 Gn 41:8
7:15 1Ki 19:4; Jon 4:3; Rev 9:6
7:16 Job 6:9, Job 9:21, Job 10:1, Job 10:20; Ps 39:13
7:18 Job 14:3; Ps 17:3
8:9 Gn 47:9; 1Ch 29:15; Job 7:6, Job 14:2; Ps 102:11

[w] Heb *Sheol* [x] Heb *Yam*, a sea god [y] Heb *Tannin*, a sea dragon [z] Heb lacks *life*. [a] Heb lacks *not*. [b] Heb uncertain

17 Its roots are entwined
over a pile of rocks,
for it sees a home among stones.
18 If it's uprooted from its place,
it lies, saying, "I can't see you."
19 Surely its way is a joy,
for from the dust
other plants[c] sprout.

God's faithfulness

20 Surely God won't reject integrity,
won't strengthen
the hand of the wicked.
21 He will still fill your mouth with joy,
your lips with a victorious shout.
22 Those who hate you
will be clothed with shame,
and the tent of the wicked
will vanish.

Hymnic praise

9 Job responded:
2 I know for certain that this is so;
and how can anyone be innocent
before God?
3 If one wants to contend with him,
he won't answer one in a thousand.
4 He is wise[d] and powerful;
who can resist him and prosper?
5 Who removes mountains,
and they are unaware;
who overthrows them in anger?
6 Who shakes the earth from its place,
and its pillars shudder?
7 Who commands the sun,
and it does not rise,
even seals up the stars;
8 stretched out the heavens alone
and trod on the waves of the Sea;[e]
9 made the Bear and Orion, Pleiades
and the southern constellations;
10 does great and unsearchable things,
wonders beyond number?

A mismatch

11 If God goes by me, I can't see him;
he glides past,
and I can't perceive him.
12 If he seizes, who can bring back?
Who can say to him,
"What are you doing?"

9:2 Job 4:17, Job 25:4; Ps 130:3, Ps 143:2; Ro 3:20

9:3 Job 10:2, Job 40:2

9:7 Is 13:10; Jl 2:10, Jl 3:15

9:8 Ps 104:2; Is 40:22

9:9 Gn 1:16; Job 37:9, Job 38:31-32; Am 5:8

9:10 Job 5:9

9:17 Job 2:3, Job 16:14, Job 34:6

9:19 Job 9:4; Jer 49:19

9:20 Job 15:6; Phi 3:12

9:23 Job 24:12; Heb 11:36

9:24 Job 10:3, Job 12:6, Job 12:17, Job 16:11; Jer 12:1

9:25 Job 7:6-7; Jer 51:31

13 God won't retract his anger;
the helpers of Rahab
bow beneath him.
14 Yet I myself will answer him;
I'll choose my words
in a contest[f] with him.
15 Even if I'm innocent, I can't answer;
I must plead for justice.
16 If I were to call and he answered me,
I couldn't believe that he heard
my voice.
17 Who bruises me with a tempest
and multiplies my wounds
for no reason?
18 He doesn't let me catch my breath,
for he fills me with bitterness.
19 If the issue is strength—
behold power!
If justice—who calls God
to meet me?

There is no justice

20 If I'm innocent,
my mouth condemns me;
I have integrity;
but God declares me perverse.
21 I'm blameless, yet don't know myself;
I reject my life.
22 It's all the same;
therefore, I say God destroys
the blameless and the sinners.
23 If calamity suddenly kills,
he mocks at the slaying[g]
of innocents.
24 The earth is handed over
to the wicked;
he covers the faces of its judges.
If not God, then who does?

Job wants an arbitrator

25 My days are swifter than a runner;
they flee and don't experience good.
26 They sweep by like ships
made of reeds,
as an eagle swoops on prey.
27 If I say, "I'll forget my lament,
put on a different face
so I can smile,"
28 I'm still afraid of all my suffering;
I know that you
won't declare me innocent.

[c]Heb lacks *plants*. [d]Or *wise in heart*; cf 37:24 [e]Heb *Yam*, a sea god [f]Heb lacks *in a contest*. [g]Heb uncertain

[29] I myself am thought guilty;
why have I tried so hard in vain?
[30] If I wash myself with snow,
purify my hands with soap,
[31] then you'll hurl me into a slimy pit
so that my clothes detest me.
[32] God is not a man like me—
someone I could answer—
so that we could come together
in court.
[33] Oh, that[h] there were a mediator
between us;
he would lay his hand
on both of us,
[34] remove his rod from me,
so his fury wouldn't frighten me.
[35] Then I would speak—unafraid—
for I'm not that way.

Complaint to God

10 I loathe my life; I will let loose
my complaint;
I will speak out
of my own bitterness.
[2] I will say to God,
Don't declare me guilty;
tell me what you are accusing me
of doing.
[3] Does it seem good to you
that you oppress me,
that you reject the work
of your hands
and cause the purpose of sinners
to shine?
[4] Do you have physical eyes;
do you see like a human?
[5] Are your days like those of a human,
your years like years of a human,
[6] that you search for my wrongdoing
and seek my sin?
[7] You know that I'm not guilty,
yet no one delivers me
from your power.

Creator

[8] Your hands fashioned and made me;
yet you want to destroy me utterly.
[9] Remember that you made me
from[i] clay,
and you will return me to dust.
[10] Didn't you pour me out like milk,
curdle me like cheese?
[11] You clothed me with skin and flesh,
wove me from bones and sinews.
[12] Life and kindness you gave me,
and you oversaw and preserved
my breath.

No hiding place

[13] These things you hid in your heart;
I know this is the case with you.
[14] If I sin and you observe me,
you won't consider me innocent
of wrongdoing.
[15] If I were guilty, doom to me;
I'm innocent, but can't lift my head,
full of shame and facing my misery.
[16] I could boast like a lion,
and you would hunt me;
you would do awesome things
to me again.
[17] You contine to send your witnesses
against me
and increase your anger toward me,
a swift army against me.[j]

Death wish

[18] Why did you let me emerge
from the womb?
I wish I had died
without any eye seeing me.
[19] Then I would be just as if
I hadn't existed,
taken from the belly to the grave.
[20] Aren't my few days coming
to an end?
Look away from me
so I can brighten up a little
[21] before I go and don't return
to a land of deepest darkness,
[22] a land whose light is like gloom,
utter darkness and confusion,
such that light shines like gloom.

Zophar's rebuke

11 Zophar from Naamah responded:
[2] Should all these words
go unanswered
or a wordy man be justified?
[3] Will your idle talk silence everyone;
will you mock
and not be put to shame?

9:30 Jer 2:22
9:31 Jer 2:22
9:33 1Sa 2:25; Job 9:19, Job 16:21
10:8 Job 10:3; Ps 119:73
10:9 Gn 2:7, Gn 3:19; Job 4:19; Ecc 12:7
10:10 1Sa 17:18
10:11 Ps 139:13
10:12 Gn 2:7; Job 33:4; Ac 17:28
10:13 Job 23:13
10:15 Job 9:15, Job 10:7; Ps 25:18; Is 3:11
10:22 1Sa 2:9; Job 3:13, Job 10:21
11:2 Prv 10:19
11:3 Job 17:2

[h] Or *There is no* [i] Or *like* [j] Heb uncertain

4 You've said, "My teaching is pure,
and I'm clean in God's[k] eyes."

Divine secrecy

5 But oh, that God would speak,
open his lips against you
6 and tell you secrets of wisdom;
for sound insight has two sides.
Know that God lets some of your
sin be forgotten.
7 Can you find the secret of God
or find the extent of the Almighty?
8 They are higher than the heavens—
what can you do?
Deeper than the underworld[l]—
what can you know?
9 Its measurement is longer
than the earth
and broader than the sea.
10 If God passes by, imprisons
someone, and calls a trial,
who can stop him?
11 He knows worthless people,
sees sin, and certainly[m] takes note.
12 A stupid person becomes intelligent
when a wild ass of a person
is born tame.[n]

Abiding hope

13 If you make your mind resolute
and spread your palms to him,
14 if you throw out the sin
in your hands
and don't let injustice
dwell in your tents,
15 then you will lift up your face
without blemish;
you will be secure and not fear.
16 You will forget trouble;
you will remember it
as water that flows past.
17 A life span will rise brighter
than noon;
darkness will be like morning.
18 You will be secure, for there is hope;
you will look around
and rest safely.
19 You will lie down
without anyone to scare you;
many will beg for your favor.

11:6 Ezr 9:13
11:7 Job 5:9, Job 37:23; Ps 145:3; Ecc 3:11; Ro 11:33
11:12 2Ch 6:36; Job 5:13, Job 12:2-3, Job 39:5
12:4 Job 16:10, Job 17:2, Job 17:6, Job 30:1; Ps 91:15
12:8 Job 12:9
12:14 Job 11:10; Is 22:22; Rev 3:7

20 The eyes of the wicked
will grow faint;
flight has vanished from them;
their hope is a dying gasp.

A living joke

12 Job responded:
2 Surely you are the people,
and wisdom will die with you.
3 I am also intelligent;
I'm not inferior to you.
Who isn't like these people?[o]
4 I'm a joke to friends
who called to God
and he answered;
the innocent and blameless one
is a joke,
5 a torch[p] of contempt to one
who is idle,
a fixed point for slipping feet.

Proverbial wisdom

6 Raiders' tents are prosperous
and God's provokers secure,
who carry God in their hands.[q]
7 But ask Behemoth,
and he will teach you,
the birds in the sky,
and they will tell you;
8 or talk to earth,
and it will teach you;
the fish of the sea
will recount it for you.
9 Among all these, who hasn't known
that the LORD's hand did this?
10 In whose grasp is the life
of every thing,
the breath of every person?
11 Doesn't the ear test words
and the palate taste food?
12 "In old age is wisdom;
understanding in a long life."

God's majesty

13 With him are wisdom and power;
counsel and understanding are his.
14 If he tears down,
it can't be rebuilt;
if he ties a person up,
he can't be set free.

[k] Or *your* [l] Heb *Sheol* [m] Or *does not* [n] Or *a wild ass's colt can be born a man* [o] Heb lacks *people.* [p] Heb uncertain [q] Heb uncertain

15 If he restricts water,
they have drought;
if he lets it loose,
it overturns the land.
16 With him are might and success;
the deceiver and the deceived
are his.
17 He leads advisors away barefoot;
makes madmen of judges;
18 unties the belt of kings,
binds a garment around their loins;
19 leads priests away barefoot;
overthrows the well-established;
20 silences the talk of trusted people;
takes away elders' discernment;
21 pours contempt on royalty;
loosens the belt of the strong;
22 discloses deep secrets of darkness,
makes utter darkness enter the light;
23 makes nations prominent
and destroys them,
expands nations
and leads them astray;
24 takes away the power to think
from earth's leaders,
making them wander
in untraveled wastelands.
25 They feel their way in the dark
without light;
he makes them stumble
like drunks.

Self-defense

13 Look, my eye has seen it all;
my ear has heard and
understood it.
2 Just as you know, I also know;
I'm not inferior to you.
3 But I want to speak to the Almighty;
I would gladly present my case
to God.

Friends attacked

4 You, however, are plasterers of lies;
ineffective healers, all of you.
5 Would that you were
completely quiet;
that would be your wisdom.
6 Hear my teaching
and pay attention to the
arguments of my lips.

12:24 Job 12:20; Ps 107:40
13:18 Job 23:4

7 Will you speak injustice for God,
speak deceit on his behalf?
8 Will you be partial
or contend for God?
9 Will it go well when he searches you,
or can you fool him
as you fool people?
10 He will certainly correct you
if you've been secretly partial.
11 Wouldn't his majesty scare you
and dread of him fall on you?
12 Your old sayings are proverbs
made of ashes,
your sayings defenses
made of clay.

Job will speak out

13 Be quiet and I will speak,
come what may.
14 For what reason will I take my flesh
in my teeth,
put my life in jeopardy?
15 He will slay me; I'm without hope;[r]
I will surely prove my way
to his face.
16 Also this will be my vindication,
that a godless person
won't come before him.
17 Listen closely to my words
so that my remarks will be
in your ears.

Against God

18 Look, I have laid out my case;
I know that I'm innocent.
19 Who would dare contend with me,
for then I would be quiet and die.
20 Only don't do two things to me,
then I won't hide from your face.
21 Remove your hand far from me
and don't terrify me
with your anger.
22 Then call and I'll answer,
or I'll speak and you can reply.
23 How many are my offenses
and sins?
Inform me about my rebellions
and sins.
24 Why hide your face from me
and consider me your enemy?
25 Will you cause a wind-tossed leaf

[r] Or *Though he slay me, yet I will trust him.*

to tremble,
or will you pursue dry straw?
26 You even write bitter things
about me,
make me inherit
my youthful indiscretions.
27 You tie up my feet
and restrict all actions;
you stamp marks
on the bottom of my feet.

Human destiny

28 Surely a person wastes away
like refuse,
like clothing that a moth eats.

14 All of us[s] are born of women,
have few days,
and are full of turmoil.
2 Like a flower, we[t] bloom,
then wither,
flee like a shadow, and don't last.
(3 Yes, you open your eyes on this one;
you bring me into trial
against you.)
4 Who can make pure from impure?
Nobody.
5 If our days are fixed,
the number of our months
with you,
you set a statute
and we can't exceed it.
6 Look away from us that we may rest,
until we are satisfied
like a worker at day's end.

Trees versus humans

7 Indeed there is hope for a tree.
If it's cut down and still sprouting
and its shoots don't fail,
8 if its roots age in the ground
and its stump dies in the dust,
9 at the scent of water, it will bud
and produce sprouts like a plant.
10 But a human dies and lies there;
a person expires, and where is he?
11 Water vanishes from the sea;
a river dries up completely.
12 But a human lies down
and doesn't rise
until the heavens cease;
they don't get up
and awaken from sleep.

13:26 Job 20:11; Ps 25:7

14:1 Job 5:7; Ecc 2:23

14:2 Job 8:9; Ps 103:15; Is 40:6; Jas 1:10; 1Pt 1:24

14:3 Job 7:18; Ps 8:4, Ps 143:2, Ps 144:3

14:4 Job 15:14; Ps 51:5; Jn 3:6

14:5 Job 7:1, Job 21:21; Ps 39:4

14:7 Job 19:10

14:8 Is 11:1

14:9 Job 29:19

14:10 Job 14:12, Job 14:14

14:11 Is 19:5

14:12 Ps 102:26

14:13 Gn 8:1; Job 6:8; Is 26:20

14:14 Job 7:1, Job 13:15

14:15 Job 10:3, Job 13:22

14:16 Job 10:6, Job 10:14, Job 31:4, Job 34:21; Ps 139:1

14:17 Dt 32:34; Hos 13:12

Momentary hope

13 I wish you would hide me
in the underworld,[u]
conceal me until your anger passes,
set a time for me, and remember me.
14 If people die, will they live again?
All the days of my service
I would wait
until my restoration took place.
15 You would call,
and I would answer you;
you would long for your handiwork.
16 Though you now number my steps,
you would not keep a record
of my sin.
17 My rebellion is sealed in a bag;
you would cover my sin.

God crushes hope

18 But an eroding mountain breaks up,
and rock is displaced.
19 Water wears away boulders;
floods carry away soil;
you destroy a people's hope.
20 You overpower them relentlessly,
and they die;
you change their appearance
and send them away.
21 Their children achieve honor,
and they don't know it;
their children become
insignificant, and they don't see it.
22 They only feel the pain of their body,
and they mourn for themselves.

Job's intelligence questioned

15 Eliphaz answered:
2 Will the wise respond
with windy knowledge
and fill their belly
with the east wind?
3 Will they argue with a word
that has no benefit
and with unprofitable words?
4 You are truly making
religion ineffective
and restraining meditation
before God.
5 Your mouth multiplies your sins
a thousand times;
you opt for a clever tongue.

[s] Heb *adam* [t] Or *he;* also *he* in 14:5-6 [u] Heb *Sheol*

6 Your mouth condemns you, not I;
your lips argue against you.
7 Were you born the first Adam,
brought forth before the hills?
8 Did you listen in God's council;
is wisdom limited to you?
9 What do you know
that we don't know;
what do you understand
that isn't among us?
10 Both the graybeard and the aged
are with us;
those much older than your father.
11 Are God's comforts not enough
for you,
a word spoken gently with you?
12 Why has your mind seized you,
why have your eyes flashed,
13 so that you return your breath
to God
and utter such words
from your mouth?
14 What are humans
that they might be pure,
and those born of woman
that they might be innocent?
15 If he doesn't trust his holy ones
and the heavens aren't pure
in his eyes,
16 how much less those who are
abominable and corrupt,
for they drink sin like water.

The wicked's downfall

17 Listen to me; I will argue with you;
what I've seen, I will declare to you;
18 what the wise have told and have
not concealed from their family,
19 to whom alone the earth was given
and no stranger passed
in their midst.
20 All the days of the wicked
are painful;
the number of years reserved
for the hateful;
21 a sound of terror pierces[v] their ears;
when safe, raiders overtake them.
22 They can't count on turning away
from darkness;
they are destined for a sword.
23 They wander about for bread.
"Where is it?"
They know that their day
of darkness is fixed.
24 Adversity and stress scare them,
master them like a king ready
to strike;
25 for they raise a fist against God
and try to overpower the Almighty.
26 They run toward him aggressively,
with a massive and strong shield.
27 They cover their face with grease
and make their loins gross.
28 They lived in ruined cities,
unoccupied houses that turn
to rubble.
29 They won't get rich;
their wealth won't last;
their property won't extend
over the earth.
30 They can't turn away from darkness;
a flame will dry out their shoots,
and they will be taken away
by the wind from his mouth.
31 They shouldn't trust
in what has no worth,
for their reward will be worthless.
32 Before their branch is formed,
before it is green,
33 like the vine, they will drop
early grapes
and cast off their blossoms
like the olive.
34 The ruthless gang is barren,
and fire consumes the tents
of bribers.
35 They conceive toil
and give birth to sorrow;
their belly establishes deceit.

Job's response

16 Then Job answered:
2 I've heard many things
like these.
All of you are sorry comforters.
3 Will windy talk ever cease;
what bothers you
that you must argue?
4 In your situation I could speak
like you;
I could put words together
to oppose you,
shake my head over you.

15:8 Jer 23:18

15:13 Job 15:25; Mal 3:13

15:14 Job 14:4, Job 25:4; Prv 20:9; Ecc 7:20

15:15 Job 4:18, Job 5:1, Job 25:5

15:26 Job 15:25, Job 16:14; Ps 75:5

16:2 Job 13:4

16:4 2Ki 19:21; Ps 22:7, Ps 109:25; Lam 2:15; Mt 27:39

[v] Heb lacks *pierces*.

5 I could heap up words,
strengthen you with my speech;
my trembling lips would be held
in check.
6 If I speak, my pain is not eased;
if I hold back, what have I lost?

The innocent are God's targets

7 Now God has surely worn me out.
You have destroyed
my entire group,
8 seized me, which became grounds
for an accusation.[w]
My leanness rises to bear witness
against me.
9 His anger tears me and afflicts me;
he slashes at me with his teeth.
My enemy pierces me with his eyes.
10 They open their mouths at me
and strike my cheek in a taunt;
they gang up on me.
11 God delivers me to a criminal
and forces me into the hands
of the wicked.
12 I was at rest, but he shattered me,
seized me by the back of my neck,
dashed me into pieces;
he raised me up for his target.
13 His archers surround me;
he cuts my kidneys open without
pity and doesn't care,
pours my gall on the ground,
14 bursts me open over and over,
runs against me like a strong man.
15 I've sewed rough cloth over my skin
and buried my dignity in the dust.
16 My face is red from crying,
and dark gloom hangs
on my eyelids.
17 But there is no violence
in my hands,
and my prayer is pure.

Lingering hope

18 Earth, don't cover my blood;
let my outcry never cease.
19 Surely now my witness stands
in heaven;
my advocate is on high;
20 my go-between, my friend.[x]
While my eyes drip tears to God,
21 let him plead with God
for a human being,
like a person pleads for a friend.
22 A number of years will surely pass,
and then I'll walk a path
that I won't return.

16:5 Job 29:25
16:14 Job 9:17
16:18 Gn 4:10; Is 26:21; Eze 24:7
16:19 Gn 31:50; Job 31:2; Ps 113:5; Ro 1:9; Phi 1:8
16:20 Job 12:5; Ps 88:9, Ps 142:2; Lam 2:19
16:21 Job 31:35
17:8 Job 15:34, Job 34:30; Is 52:14
17:16 Job 3:17, Job 21:26

Another lament

17 My spirit is broken,
my days extinguished,
the grave,[y] mine.
2 Surely mockers are with me,
and my eye looks on their rebellion.
3 Take my guarantee.
Who else is willing
to make an agreement?
4 You've closed their mind to insight;
therefore, you won't be exalted.
5 He denounces his friends for gain,
and his children's eyes fail.
6 He makes me a popular proverb;
I'm like spit in people's faces.
7 My eye is weak from grief;
my limbs like a shadow—all of them.
8 Those who do the right thing
are amazed at this;
the guiltless become troubled
about the godless.
9 The innocent clings to his way;
the one whose hands are clean
grows stronger.
10 But you can bring all of them again,
and I won't find a wise one
among you.
11 My days have passed;
my goals are destroyed,
my heart's desires.
12 They turn night into day;
light is near because
of the darkness.
13 If I hope for the underworld[z]
as my dwelling,
lay out my bed in darkness,
14 I've called corruption "my father,"
the worm, "my mother and sister."
15 Where then is my hope?
My hope—who can see it?
16 Will they go down with me
to the underworld;[a]
will we descend together
to the dust?

[w] Heb uncertain [x] *Go-between* and *friend* are plural in Heb. [y] Or *graves* [z] Heb *Sheol* [a] Heb *Sheol*

Attack from a friend

18 Bildad from Shuah answered:
2 How long?
Would you all stop talking.
Try to understand
and then we can speak.
3 Why are we considered beasts,
ignorant in your sight?
4 To you who tear yourself in rage—
will earth be forsaken
for your sake,
a rock be dislodged from its place?

Evil people's fate

5 To be sure, the light of the wicked
goes out;
the blaze of their fire doesn't shine.
6 The light in their tent becomes dark,
and their lamp above doesn't shine.
7 Their strong strides slow down;
their plans trip themselves.
8 They are caught by their feet in a net;
they walk on mesh.
9 A trap grabs them by the heel;
a snare tightens on them.
10 A rope is hidden on the ground
for them;
a trap for them along the path.
11 Terrors round about scare them;
they follow their steps.
12 Their offspring hunger;
calamity is ready for their spouses.
13 It eats some of their skin.
Death's firstborn consumes
their limbs.
14 They are snatched from the safety
of their tent;
it parades them
before the king of terrors.
15 Nothing they own remains
in their tent;
sulfur is scattered over their home.
16 Their roots dry out below;
their branches wither above.
17 The memory of them will perish
from the earth;
they will achieve
no recognition abroad.
18 They are thrust from light
into darkness,
banished from the world.
19 They have no offspring or
descendants among their people,
no survivor in their dwelling place.
20 Their successors are appalled
at what happens to them;
their predecessors pull their hair.
21 These are surely the dwelling places
of the evil;
this is the place of the one
who doesn't know God.

18:5 Job 21:17; Prv 13:9, Prv 20:20, Prv 24:20

18:14 Job 8:22; Prv 14:32

18:15 Gn 19:24; Ps 11:6; Eze 38:22

19:4 Prv 9:12; Ga 6:5

19:5 Ps 35:26, Ps 38:16, Ps 55:12

19:9 Job 29:14; Ps 89:39, Ps 89:44; Lam 5:16

19:10 Job 14:7

19:14 Job 19:19; Ps 38:11; Jer 20:10

Failed friendship

19 Then Job responded:
2 How long will you harass me
and crush me with words?
3 These ten times
you've humiliated me;
shamelessly you insult me.
4 Have I really gone astray?
If so, my error remains
hidden inside me.
5 If you look down on me
and use my disgrace to criticize me,
6 know then that God
has wronged me
and enclosed his net over me.

God's treatment of Job

7 If I cry "Violence!" I'm not answered;
I shout—but there is no justice.
8 He walled up my path so I can't pass
and put darkness on my trail,
9 stripped my honor from me,
removed the crown from my head,
10 tore me down completely
so that I'll die,
and uprooted my hope like a tree.
11 His anger burns against me;
he considers me his enemy.
12 His troops come as one
and construct their siege ramp[b]
against me;
they camp around my tent.

Social ostracism

13 He has distanced my family from me;
my acquaintances are also
alienated from me.
14 My visitors have ceased;
those who know me
have forgotten me.

[b] Or *their road*

15 My guests and female servants
think me a stranger;
I'm a foreigner in their sight.
16 I call my servant,
and he doesn't answer;
I myself must beg him.
17 My breath stinks to my wife;
I am odious to my children.
18 Even the young despise me;
I get up, and they rail against me.
19 All my closest friends despise me;
the ones I have loved
turn against me.

Misery

20 My bones cling to my skin and flesh;
I have escaped by the skin
of my teeth.
21 Pity me. Pity me. You're my friends.
God's hand has truly struck me.
22 Why do you pursue me
like God does,
always hungry for my flesh?

Brief hope

23 Oh, that my words
were written down,
inscribed on a scroll
24 with an iron instrument and lead,
forever engraved on stone.
25 But I know that my redeemer[c]
is alive
and afterward he'll rise upon
the dust.
26 After my skin has been torn apart
this way—
then from my flesh[d] I'll see God,
27 whom I'll see myself—
my eyes see,[e] and not a stranger's.
I am utterly dejected.

Warning

28 You say, "How will we pursue him
so that the root of the matter can
be found in him?"[f]
29 You ought to fear the sword
yourselves,
for wrath brings punishment
by the sword.
You should know
that there is judgment.

19:16 Job 19:15

19:21 Job 1:11; Ps 38:2

19:23 Is 30:8

19:25 Prv 23:11; Is 43:14; Is 59:20

19:26 Ps 17:15; Mt 5:8; 1Co 13:12; Phi 3:21; 1Jn 3:2

19:27 Ps 73:26

20:8 Ps 73:20, Ps 90:5; Is 29:7-8

20:15 Job 20:10; Prv 23:8; Is 57:17; Jer 22:17; Mi 2:2

20:18 Job 20:10, Job 20:15

Traditional belief

20 Zophar from Naamah said:
2 Therefore, my troubled
thoughts make me turn back—
because of my inner turmoil.
3 I hear teaching that insults me,
but I am forced to answer based
on my own understanding.[g]
4 Do you know this from long ago—
from when humans were placed
on earth—
5 that the rejoicing of the wicked
is short,
the joy of the godless, brief?
6 Though their height reaches heaven
and their heads touch the clouds,
7 they will perish forever
like their dung;
those who saw them will say,
"Where are they?"
8 They will disappear like a dream,
and none will find them,
carried away like
a nighttime vision.
9 The eye that saw them
will do so no more;
they won't be seen again at home.
10 Their children will repay the poor;
their hands will give back
their wealth.
11 Vigor filled their bones
and now sleeps with them
in the dust.
12 Though wickedness is sweet
in their mouths,
they hide it under their tongues;
13 they like it, won't let it go;
they hold it in their cheeks.
14 Food turns their stomachs,
becoming a cobra's poison inside.
15 They swallow wealth and vomit it;
God dislodges it from their belly.
16 They suck cobra's poison;
a viper's tongue kills them.
17 They won't experience streams,
rivers of honey,
and brooks of cream.
18 They won't receive the reward
for their labor;
they won't enjoy the wealth
from their business.

[c] Or *avenger* [d] Or *without my flesh* or *in my flesh* [e] Or *have seen* [f] Heb manuscripts; MT *in me* [g] Heb uncertain

19 They crushed and abandoned
the poor;
stole a house they didn't build;
20 didn't know contentment
in their belly;
couldn't escape with their treasure.
21 Nothing remained of their food,
so their riches will not endure.
22 Even in their plenty,
they are hard-pressed;
all sorts of trouble come on them.
23 Let God[h] fill their belly,
unleash his burning anger on them,
rain punishing blows on them.
24 If they flee an iron weapon,
a bronze bow pierces them.
25 They pull it out,
but it sticks out from their backs;
its shaft in their liver brings terror.
26 Complete darkness waits for their
treasured possessions;
fire that no one stoked
consumes them;
what's left in their tent is ruined.
27 Heaven exposes their guilt;
earth opposes them.
28 Their household wealth
will be carried off
by rushing streams on the day
of his anger.
29 This is a wicked person's lot from God,
their heritage decreed by God.

Grant me a hearing

21 Then Job answered:
2 Listen carefully to my remarks
and let that comfort you.
3 Bear with me so I can speak,
I myself;
and after my reply you can mock.
4 Are my complaints against
another human;
why is my patience short?
5 Turn to me and be appalled;
lay your hand over your mouth.
6 If I recall it, I'm scared;
shaking seizes my body.

The success of the wicked

7 Why do the wicked live,
grow old, and even become strong?
8 Their children are always with them,
their offspring in their sight,
9 their houses safe from dread,
God's punishing stick not
upon them.
10 Their bull always breeds successfully;
their cows give birth
and never miscarry.
11 They send forth their little ones
like sheep;
their infants bounce around.
12 They raise drum and lyre,
rejoice at the sound of a flute.
13 They spend their days contentedly,
go down to the grave[i] peacefully.
14 They say to God, "Turn away from us;
we take no pleasure in
knowing your ways;
15 who is the Almighty[j]
that we should serve him,
and what can we gain
if we meet him?"
16 Look, isn't their well-being the work
of their own hands?
A sinner's logic is beyond me.

Desired vindication

17 How often does the lamp
of the wicked flicker
or disaster come upon them,
with its fury inflicting pain
on them?
18 Let them be like straw in the wind,
like dry grass stolen by a storm.
19 God stores up his punishment
for his children.
Let him destroy them so they know.
20 Let their own eyes
witness their doom.
Let them drink
from the Almighty's wrath.
21 What do they care about their
household after they die,
when their numbered days
are cut off?

A common fate

22 Will they instruct God—
he who judges the most powerful?
23 Someone dies in wonderful health,
completely comfortable and well,

20:20 Ecc 5:13
21:2 Job 21:34
21:3 Job 11:3, Job 16:10, Job 16:20, Job 17:2
21:4 Job 7:11
21:7 Job 12:6; Ps 37:35, Ps 73:3; Jer 12:1; Hab 1:13
21:8 Ps 17:14
21:9 Job 9:34
21:13 Job 7:9, Job 14:13, Job 21:23, Job 24:19, Job 36:11
21:14 Job 22:17
21:17 Job 18:5, Job 18:6; Ps 90:7; Prv 13:9
21:18 Job 13:25; Ps 1:4, Ps 35:5, Ps 83:13; Is 17:13
21:22 Job 4:18; Is 40:13, Is 40:14; Ro 11:34

[h] Or *him* [i] Heb *Sheol* [j] Heb *Shaddai* or *Mountain One*

24 their buckets full of milk,
their bones marrow-filled
and sound.
25 Another dies in bitter spirit,
never having tasted
the good things.
26 They lie together in the dust
and worms cover them.

Further disagreement

27 Look, I know your thoughts;
your plans harm me.
28 You say,
"Where is the official's house?
Where is the tent,
the dwelling of the wicked?"
29 Haven't you asked travelers
or paid attention to their reports?
30 On the day of disaster
the wicked are spared;
on the day of fury they are rescued.
31 Who can criticize their behavior
to their faces;
they act,
and who can avenge them?
32 They are carried to their graves;
someone keeps guard
over their tombs.
33 The soil near the desert streambed
is sweet to them;
everyone marches after them—
those before them,
beyond counting.
34 How empty is your comfort to me;
only deceit remains
in your responses.

Job's sins

22 Then Eliphaz from Teman answered:
2 Can a human being be useful to God?
Can an intelligent person
bring profit?
3 Does the Almighty delight
in your innocence?
Does he gain
when you perfect your ways?
4 Does he rebuke you for your piety,
bring you in for judgment?
5 Isn't your wickedness massive,
your iniquity endless?

21:24 Prv 3:8
21:28 Job 8:22
22:2 Job 35:7; Lk 17:10
22:3 Job 35:7
22:17 Job 21:14-15; Ps 4:6

6 You have taken payments
from your family for no reason;
stripped the naked,
leaving no clothes;
7 denied water to the thirsty,
withheld bread from the starving.
(8 The powerful own land;
the favored live in it.)
9 You have sent widows away empty;
crushed orphans' resources.
10 For this reason, snares surround you;
sudden dread brings panic to you
11 or a darkness that you can't see;
rushing water will cover you.

God's activity

12 Isn't God in the heights of heaven;
see how high the topmost stars are?
13 You say: "What does God know?
Can he judge through thick clouds?
14 Clouds conceal him so he can't see
while he walks on heaven's rim."
15 Will you keep the ancient way
traveled by sinful persons,
16 who were snatched prematurely
when a river flooded
their foundations,
17 who say to God,
"Turn away from us;
what can the Almighty do to us?"
18 Yet he filled their houses
with good things;
a sinner's logic is beyond me.
19 The righteous see and rejoice;
the innocent mock them:
20 our enemies are certainly cut off;
fire will devour what's left of them.

Turn to God

21 Get along well with God
and be at peace;
from this something good
will come to you.
22 Receive instruction from his mouth;
put his words in your mind.
23 If you return to the Almighty,[k]
you will be restored;
if you keep wrongdoing
out of your tent.
24 Lay your prized possession
in the dust,

[k] Heb *Shaddai* or *Mountain One*; also in 22:25 and 24:1

your gold from Ophir on a rock
in a desert streambed.
25 The Almighty will be your
prized possession,
silver piled up for you.
26 Then you will take pleasure
in the Almighty;
lift up your face to God.
27 You will pray to him,
and he will hear you;
you will fulfill
your solemn promises.
28 If you decree something,
it will stand;
light will shine on your ways.
29 When they're humbled, you will say:
"Cheer up;
God will rescue the lowly.
30 He will deliver the guilty;
they will be saved
by your pure hands."

Grant me a trial

23 Job answered:
2 Today my complaint
is again bitter;[l]
my strength is weighed down
because of my groaning.
3 Oh, that I could know
how to find him—
come to his dwelling place;
4 I would lay out my case before him,
fill my mouth with arguments,
5 know the words
with which he would answer,
understand what he would say
to me.
6 Would he contend with me
through brute force?
No, he would surely listen to me.
7 There those who do the right thing
can argue with him;
I could escape
from my judge forever.

God's hiddenness

8 Look, I go east; he's not there,
west, and don't discover him;
9 north in his activity,
and I don't grasp him;
he turns south, and I don't see.
10 Surely he knows my way;
when he tests me,
I will emerge as gold.
11 My feet have stayed right
in his tracks.
I have kept his way and not left it,
12 kept the commandments from his
lips and not departed,
valued the words from his mouth
more than my food.

Dread

13 He is of one mind;
who can reverse it?
What he desires, he does.
14 He carries out what is decreed for me
and can do many similar things
with me.
15 Therefore, I am scared
by his presence;
I think and become afraid of him.
16 God has weakened my mind;
the Almighty has frightened me.
17 Still I'm not annihilated
by darkness;
he has hidden deep darkness
from me.

Absence of justice

24 Why doesn't the Almighty establish times for punishment?[m]
Why can't those who know him
see his days?
2 People move boundary stones,
herd flocks they've stolen,
3 drive off an orphan's donkey,
take a widow's ox as collateral,
4 thrust the poor out of the way,
make the land's needy
hide together.
5 They are like the wild donkeys
in the desert;
they go forth at dawn
searching for prey;
the wasteland is food
for their young.
6 They gather their food in the field,
glean in unproductive vineyards,
7 spend the night naked, unclothed,
in the cold without a cover,
8 wet from mountain rains,

23:8 Job 9:11; Jn 1:18, Jn 5:37; 1Ti 1:17, 1Ti 6:16

23:11 Ps 17:5, Ps 44:18, Ps 125:5

23:12 Job 22:22; Ps 119:11, Ps 119:103; Jer 15:16; Mt 4:4

24:1 Is 2:12; Ac 1:7

[l] Vulg, Syr, Tg; MT *my complaint is rebellious.* [m] Heb lacks *for punishment.*

with no refuge,
huddled against a rock.
9 The orphan is stolen from the breast;
the infant[n] of the poor
is taken as collateral.
10 The poor go around naked,
without clothes,
carry bundles of grain
while hungry,
11 crush olives between millstones,[o]
tread winepresses,
but remain thirsty.
12 From the city, the dying cry out;
the throat of the mortally
wounded screams,
but God assigns no blame.

Sinners' conduct

13 They rebel against light,
don't acknowledge its direction,
don't dwell in its paths.
14 The murderer rises at twilight,
kills the poor and needy;
at night, they are like a thief.
15 The adulterer's eye watches
for twilight,
thinking, No eye can see me,
and puts a mask over his face.
16 In the dark they break into houses;
they shut themselves in by day;
they don't know the light.
17 Deep darkness is morning to them
because they recognize the horror
of darkness.
18 They are scum on the water's surface;
their portion of the land is cursed;
no one walks down a path
in the vineyards.
19 Drought and heat steal melted snow,
just as the underworld[p]
steals sinners.
20 The womb forgets them;
the worm consumes them;
they aren't remembered,
and so wickedness is shattered
like a tree.
21 They prey on the barren,
the childless,
do nothing good for the widow.
22 They drag away the strong by force;
they may get up
but without guarantee of survival.
23 They make themselves secure;
they are at ease.
His[q] eyes are on their ways.
24 They are exalted for a short time,
but no longer.
They are humbled then gathered in
like everyone else;
cut off like heads of grain.
25 If this isn't so,
who can prove me a liar
and make my words disappear?

24:14 Ps 10:8; Mi 2:1
24:15 Ps 10:11; Prv 7:9
24:21 Job 22:9
25:4 Job 4:17, Job 9:2, Job 14:4, Job 15:14; Ps 143:2
25:5 Job 15:15
25:6 Ps 22:6; Is 41:14
26:5 Ps 88:10
26:7 Job 9:8
26:8 Job 36:27, Job 37:11; Prv 30:4

Inferior humans

25 Bildad from Shuah replied:
2 Supreme power and awe
belong to God;
he establishes peace on his heights.
3 Can his troops be counted?
On whom does his light not rise?
4 How can a person be innocent
before God;
one born of a woman be pure?
5 If even the moon is not bright
and the stars not pure in his eyes,
6 how much less a human, a worm,
a person's child, a grub.

Sarcasm

26 Then Job said:
2 How well you have helped
the weak,
saved those with frail arms,
3 advised one lacking wisdom,
informed many with insight!
4 With whom have you spoken;[r]
whose breath was expelled
from you?

Truth about God

5 The dead writhe,
the inhabitants beneath the
waters as well.
6 The grave[s] is naked before God;
the underworld[t] lacks covering.
7 He stretched the North[u] over chaos,
hung earth over nothing;
8 wrapped up water in his clouds,
yet they didn't burst out below;

[n] Reading Heb *we'ul (infant)* for *we'al (against)* [o] Heb uncertain [p] Heb *Sheol* [q] Or *God's* [r] Or *told words* [s] Heb *Sheol* [t] Heb *Abaddon* [u] Heb *Zaphon*

9 hid the face of the full moon,[v]
spreading his cloud over it;
10 traced a circle on the water's surface,
at the limit of light and darkness.
11 Heaven's pillars shook,
terrified by his blast.
12 By his power he stilled the Sea;
split Rahab with his cleverness.
13 Due to his wind,
heaven became clear;
his hand split the fleeing serpent.
14 Look, these are only the outer fringe
of his ways;
we hear only a whispered word
about him.
Who can understand
his thunderous power?

Job rejects Bildad's argument

27 Then Job took up his topic again:
2 As God lives,
who rejected my legal claim,
the Almighty, who made me bitter,
3 as long as breath is in me
and God's breath
is in my nostrils—
4 my lips will utter no wickedness;
my tongue will mumble no deceit.
5 I will not agree that you are right.
Until my dying day,
I won't give up my integrity.
6 I will insist on my innocence,
never surrendering it;
my conscience will never blame me
for what I have done.[w]

Job curses his enemies

7 Let my enemy be like the wicked,
my opposition like the vicious.
8 For what hope has the godless
when God cuts them off,
when he takes them away.
9 Will God hear their cries
when distress comes to them;
10 will they delight in the Almighty,
call God at any time?

Job's view of his enemies' fate

11 I will teach you God's power,
not hide what pertains
to the Almighty.
12 Look, those of you
who recognize this—
why then this empty talk?
13 This is the wicked's portion
with God,
the inheritance that the ruthless
receive from the Almighty.
14 If their children increase,
they belong to the sword;
their offspring
won't have enough bread.
15 Their survivors will be buried
with the dead;
their widows won't weep.
16 If they store up silver like dust,
amass clothing like clay,
17 they may amass,
but the righteous will wear it;
the innocent will divide
the silver.
18 They built their houses like nests,
like a hut made by a watchman.
19 They lie down rich, but no longer;
open their eyes, but it's missing.
20 Terrors overtake them like waters;
a tempest snatches them by night;
21 an east wind lifts them,
and they are gone,
removes them from their places,
22 throws itself on them
without mercy;
they flee desperately from its force.
23 It claps its hands over them,
hisses at them from their place.

Expertise in mining

28 There is a sure source of silver,
a place where gold is refined.
2 Iron is taken from the earth;
rock is smelted into copper.
3 Humans[x] put an end to darkness,
dig for ore to the farthest depths,
into stone in utter darkness,
4 open a shaft away
from any inhabitant,
places forgotten by those on foot,
apart from any human
they hang and sway.
5 Earth—from it comes food—
is turned over below ground
as by fire.[y]

26:10 Job 38:8; Ps 33:7; Prv 8:27, Prv 8:29; Jer 5:22
26:14 Job 4:12
27:2 Ru 1:20; Job 34:5
27:3 Gn 2:7; Job 33:4; Ac 17:25
27:5 Job 2:9
27:6 Job 2:3; Ac 23:1, Ac 24:16
28:1 Mal 3:3

[v] Or *throne*; Heb uncertain [w] Or *for my days* [x] Or *they* [y] Heb uncertain

6 Its rocks are the source
for lapis lazuli;
there is gold dust in it.
7 A path—
no bird of prey knows it;
a hawk's eye hasn't seen it;
8 proud beasts haven't trodden on it;
a lion hasn't crossed over it.
9 Humans thrust their hands
into flint,
pull up mountains from their roots,
10 cut channels into rocks;
their eyes see everything precious.
11 They dam up the sources
of rivers;
hidden things come to light.

Wisdom's value

12 But wisdom, where can it be found;
where is the place of understanding?
13 Humankind doesn't know its value;
it isn't found in the land
of the living.
14 The Deep[z] says, "It's not with me";
the Sea[a] says, "Not alongside me!"
15 It can't be bought with gold;
its price can't be measured in silver,
16 can't be weighed against
gold from Ophir,
with precious onyx or lapis lazuli.
17 Neither gold nor glass
can compare with it;
she can't be acquired
with gold jewelry.
18 Coral and jasper
shouldn't be mentioned;
the price of wisdom
is more than rubies.
19 Cushite topaz won't compare
with her;
she can't be set alongside pure gold.
20 But wisdom,
where does she come from?
Where is the place of understanding?
21 She's hidden from the eyes
of all the living,
concealed from birds of the sky.
22 Destruction[b] and Death have said,
"We've heard a report of her."
23 God understands her way;
he knows her place;
24 for he looks to the ends of the earth
and surveys everything
beneath the heavens.
25 In order to weigh the wind,
to prepare a measure for waters,
26 when he made a decree for the rain,
a path for thunderbolts,
27 then he observed it, spoke of it,
established it, searched it out,
28 and said to humankind: "Look,
the fear of the LORD is wisdom;
turning from evil
is understanding."

Job's previous blessing

29 Job took up his subject again:
2 "Oh, that life was like it used
to be,
like days when God
watched over me;
3 when his lamp shone on my head,
I walked by his light in the dark;
4 when I was in my prime;
when God's counsel was in my tent;
5 when the Almighty was with me,
my children around me;
6 when my steps were washed
with cream
and a rock poured out
pools of oil for me.

Previous honor

7 When I went out to the city gate,
took my seat in the square,
8 the young saw me and drew back;
the old rose and stood;
9 princes restrained speech,
put their hand on their mouth;
10 the voices of officials were hushed,
their tongue stuck to their palate.

Job's implementation of justice

11 Indeed, the ear that heard
blessed me;
the eye that looked
commended me,
12 because I rescued the weak
who cried out,
the orphans who lacked help.
13 The blessing of the perishing
reached me;

28:8 Job 41:34
28:15 Prv 3:13-14, Prv 8:10, Prv 8:19, Prv 16:16
28:19 Ex 28:17; Prv 8:19; Eze 28:13; Rev 21:20
28:22 Job 26:6
28:28 Ps 111:10; Prv 1:7, Prv 3:7, Prv 9:10; Ecc 12:13
29:2 Jer 31:28
29:12 Ps 72:12; Prv 21:13
29:13 Job 22:9

[z]Heb *Tehom*, a reference to a divine being in the grave or underworld [a]Heb *Yam*, a sea god [b]Heb *Abaddon*

I made the widow's heart sing;
14 I put on justice, and it clothed me,
righteousness as my coat
and turban;
15 I was eyes to the blind,
feet to the lame.
16 I was a father to the needy;
the case I didn't know, I examined.
17 I shattered the fangs of the wicked,
rescued prey from their teeth.

Job's expected blessing

18 I thought, I'll die in my nest,
multiply days like sand,[c]
19 my roots opening to water,
dew lingering on my branches,
20 my honor newly with me,
my bow ever successful
in my hand.

Previous honor

21 People listened to me and waited,
were silent for my advice.
22 After my speech, they didn't respond.
My words fell gently on them;
23 they waited for me as for rain,
opened their mouth
as for spring rain.
24 I smiled[d] on them;
they couldn't believe it.
They never showed me disfavor.
25 I decided their path, sat as chief.
I lived like a king with his troops,
like one who comforts mourners.

Mockers

30 But now
those younger than I mock me,
whose fathers I refused
to put beside my sheepdogs.
2 Their strength, what's it to me,
their energy having perished?
3 Stiff from want and hunger,
those who gnaw dry ground,
yesterday's desolate waste,
4 who pluck off the leaves on a bush,
the root of the broom—
a shrub is their food.
5 People banish them from society,
shout at them as if to a thief;
6 so they live in scary ravines,
holes in the ground and rocks.
7 Among shrubs, they make sounds
like donkeys;
they are huddled together
under a bush,
8 children of fools and the nameless,
whipped out of the land.

Specific mocking behavior

9 And now I'm their song;
I'm their cliché!
10 They detest me, keep their distance,
don't withhold spit from my face.
11 Because he loosened my bowstring
and afflicted me,
they throw off restraint
in my presence.
12 On the right, upstarts[e] rise
and target my feet,
build their siege ramps against me,
13 destroy my road,
profit from my fall,
with no help.
14 They advance as if through
a destroyed wall;[f]
they roll along beneath the ruin.
15 Terrors crash upon me;
they sweep away my honor
like wind;
my safety disappears like a cloud.

Accusation against God

16 Now my life is poured out on me;
days of misery have seized me.
17 At night he bores my bones;
my gnawing pain won't rest.
18 With great force he grasps[g]
my clothing;[h]
it binds me like the neck
of my shirt.
19 He hurls me into mud;
I'm a cliché, like dust and ashes.
20 I cry to you, and you don't answer;
I stand up, but you just look at me.
21 You are cruel to me,
attack me with the strength
of your hand.
22 You lift me to the wind
and make me ride;
you melt me in its roar.
23 I know you will return me to death,

29:14 Job 19:9; Ps 132:9; Is 59:17, Is 61:10; Eph 6:14
29:15 Nm 10:31; Job 29:16
29:16 Job 29:15; Prv 29:7
29:17 Ps 3:7
29:18 Ps 30:6
29:22 Dt 32:2
29:23 Zec 10:1
30:1 Job 30:9
30:3 Job 24:5, Job 38:27; Zep 1:15
30:4 1Ki 19:4
30:19 Gn 18:27; Job 2:8, Job 42:6; Ps 69:2

[c] Heb uncertain [d] Or *laughed at* [e] Heb uncertain [f] Or *a wide opening* [g] LXX [h] Heb uncertain

the house appointed
for all the living.

Job's agony

24 Surely he won't strike someone
in ruins
if in distress he cries out to him,
25 if I didn't weep for those
who have a difficult day
or my soul grieve for the needy;
26 for I awaited good, but evil came;
I expected light,
but gloom arrived.
27 My insides, churning, are never quiet;
days of affliction confront me.
28 I walk in the dark, lacking sunshine;
I rise in the assembly and cry out.
29 I have become a brother to jackals,
a companion to young ostriches.
30 My skin is charred;
my bones are scorched by the heat.
31 My lyre is for mourning,
my flute, a weeping sound.

Lust

31 I've made a covenant with my eyes;
how could I look at a virgin?
2 What is God's portion for me[i]
from above,
the Almighty's inheritance
from on high?
3 Isn't it disaster for the wicked,
destruction for workers of iniquity?
4 Doesn't he see my ways,
count all my steps?

Deceit

5 If I have walked with frauds
or my feet have hurried to deceit,
6 let him weigh me on accurate scales;
let God know my integrity.
7 If my step has turned from the way,
if my heart has followed my eyes
or a blemish has clung
to my hands,
8 then let me sow and another reap;
let my offspring be uprooted.

Adultery

9 If my heart has been drawn
to a woman
and I have lurked
at my neighbor's door,
10 then may my wife grind
for another
and others kneel over her;
11 for that's a crime;
it's a punishable offense;
12 indeed, it's a fire that consumes
to the underworld,[j]
uprooting all my harvest.

Slaves

13 If I've rejected the just cause
of my male or female servant
when they contended with me,
14 what could I do when God rises;
when he requires an account,
what could I answer?
15 Didn't the one who made me
in the belly make them;
didn't the same one fashion us
in the womb?

The defenseless

16 If I have denied what
the poor wanted,
made a widow's eyes tired,
17 eaten my morsel alone,
and not shared any
with an orphan
(18 for from my youth
I raised the orphan as a father,
and from my mother's womb
I led the widow);[k]
19 if I ever saw someone dying
without clothes, the needy naked;
20 if they haven't blessed me fervently,[l]
or if they weren't warmed
by the wool from my sheep;
21 if I have lifted my hand
against the orphans,
when I saw that I had help
in the city gate—
22 may my arm fall from my shoulder,
my forearm be broken
at the elbow—
23 for God's calamity is terror to me;
I couldn't endure his splendor.

False worship

24 If I've made gold my trust,
said to fine gold: "My security!"

30:25 Ps 35:13-14; Ro 12:15

30:29 Ps 44:19; Is 13:21, Is 34:13; Jer 9:11; Mi 1:8

31:1 Prv 4:25; Mt 5:28

31:5 Job 15:31; Ps 12:2

31:6 Job 6:2; Is 40:12; Dn 5:27

31:13 Dt 24:14

31:14 Job 31:13

31:15 Job 10:3, Job 34:19; Prv 14:31, Prv 22:2; Mal 2:10

31:24 Ps 52:7; Lk 12:15; 1Ti 6:17

[i] Heb lacks *for me.* [j] Heb *Abaddon* [k] Heb lacks *orphan . . . widow.* [l] Or *his loins*

[25] if I've rejoiced because
my wealth was great,
when my hand found plenty;
[26] if I've looked at the sun
when it shone,
the moon, splendid as it moved;
[27] and my mind has been secretly
enticed,
and threw a kiss with my hand,
[28] that also is a punishable offense,
because I would then be disloyal
to God above.

Other's misfortune

[29] If I have rejoiced over my foes' ruin
or was excited when evil
found them,
[30] I didn't let my mouth sin
by asking for their life with a curse.
[31] Surely those in my tent never said:
"Who has been filled
by Job's food?"
[32] A stranger didn't spend the night
in the street;
I opened my doors to the road.

Concealing sin

[33] If I have hidden my transgressions
like Adam,[m]
concealing my offenses inside me
[34] because I feared the large crowd;
the clan's contempt frightened me;
I was quiet and
didn't venture outside.

Sealing the solemn pledge

[35] Oh, that I had someone to hear me!
Here's my signature;[n]
let the Almighty respond,
and let my accuser
write an indictment.
[36] Surely I would bear it
on my shoulder,
tie it around me like a wreath.
[37] I would give him an account
of my steps,
approach him like a prince.

Abuse of the land

[38] If my land has cried out against me,
its rows wept together;

31:25 Dt 8:17; Est 5:11; Job 31:28; Ps 62:10; Eze 28:5

31:26 Dt 4:19, Dt 17:3; Jer 8:2, Jer 44:17; Eze 8:16

31:27 Dt 11:16; 1Ki 19:18; Hos 13:2

31:28 Dt 17:2; Josh 24:27; Job 31:11, Job 31:24-25

31:31 Job 22:7

31:32 Gn 19:2; Jgs 19:20-21; Mt 25:35; Heb 13:2

31:33 Gn 3:8; Prv 28:13

31:34 Ex 23:2

31:35 Job 13:22, Job 19:23, Job 23:3, Job 27:7, Job 30:28

32:7 Job 12:12

32:8 Job 33:4, Job 35:11, Job 38:36; Prv 2:6; Ecc 2:26

32:9 Job 12:20; 1Co 1:26

[39] if I have eaten its yield
without payment
and caused its owners grief,
[40] may briars grow instead of wheat,
poisonous weeds instead
of barley.

Job's words are complete.

Introduction of Elihu

32 These three men stopped answering Job because he thought he was righteous.[o] [2] Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite from the clan of Ram was angry, angry with Job because he considered himself more righteous than God. [3] He was also angry with his three friends because they hadn't found an answer but nevertheless thought Job wicked. [4] Elihu had waited while Job spoke, for they were older than he. [5] When Elihu saw that there had been no response in the speeches of the three men, he became very angry.

Elihu's justification for speaking

[6] Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite said:
I'm young and you're old,
so I held back, afraid to express
my opinion to you.
[7] I thought, Let days speak;
let multiple years
make wisdom known.
[8] But the spirit in a person,
the Almighty's breath,
gives understanding.
[9] The advanced in days aren't wise;
the old don't understand
what's right.
[10] Therefore, I say: "Listen to me;
I'll state my view, even I."
[11] Look, I waited while you spoke,
listened while you reasoned,
while you searched for words.
[12] I was attentive to you,
but you offered no rebuke to Job,
no answer from you for his words.
[13] Be careful you don't say,
"We've found wisdom;
God, not a person,
will defeat him."

[m] Or *like a human* [n] Heb *tau*, the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet [o] Or *was righteous in his own eyes*

14 Now Job[p] hasn't addressed me,
and I won't quote you to him.
15 They are troubled, no longer answer;
words now escape them.
16 I waited, but they didn't speak,
for they stood but answered
no more.
17 I will answer.
Indeed, I will state[q] my piece;
I too will declare my view,
18 for I'm full of words.
The spirit in my belly compels me.
19 Look, my belly is like
unopened wine;
like new wineskins it will burst.
20 I will speak and get relief;
I will open my lips and respond.
21 I won't be partial to anyone,
won't flatter a person;
22 for I don't know flattery;
otherwise my maker would quickly
whisk me away.

Elihu's appeal to be heard

33 But now, listen to me, Job;
pay attention to all my words.
2 Notice that I am opening my mouth;
my tongue is speaking
in my mouth.[r]
3 My words come from
a virtuous heart;
my lips speak knowledge clearly.
4 God's spirit made me;
the Almighty's breath enlivens me.
5 If you are able, answer me;
lay out your case[s] before me
and take a stand.
6 Notice that I'm just like you to God;
I also was pinched from clay.
7 Surely fear of me shouldn't scare you;
my pressure on you shouldn't
be heavy.

The argument

8 You certainly said in my hearing;
I heard the sound of your words:
9 "I'm pure, without sin;
I'm innocent, without offense.
10 Notice that he invents arguments
against me;
he considers me his enemy,
11 ties up my feet,
watches all my paths."
12 Now you're wrong about this;
I'll answer you,
for God is greater than anybody.
13 Why do you contend with him,
saying that he doesn't answer
all your words?[t]
14 God speaks in one way,
in two ways, but no one perceives it.
15 In the dream, a vision of the night,
when deep sleep falls
upon humans,
during their slumber on a bed,
16 then he opens people's ears,
scares them with warnings,
17 to turn them from a deed
and to smother human pride.
18 He keeps one from the pit,
a life from perishing by the sword.
19 Or a person may be disciplined
by pain
while in bed, bones ever aching
20 until a person loathes food,
an appetite rejects a delicacy;
21 the flesh wastes away,
no longer visible;
the bones, once hidden, protrude.
22 A life approaches the pit;
its very being draws near
the death dealers.
23 Surely there's a messenger
for this person,
a mediator, one out of a thousand
to declare one's integrity to another
24 so that God has compassion
on that person and says,
"Rescue this one from going
down to the pit;
I have found a ransom."
25 That person's flesh is renewed
like a child's;
they regain their youth.
26 They pray to God,
and God is pleased with them;
they behold God's presence
with a joyful shout.
God rewards a person's
righteousness.
27 They sing before people and say:
"I have sinned, perverted justice,

32:21 Lv 19:15; Prv 29:5
33:4 Gn 1:2, Gn 2:7; Job 27:3, Job 32:8
33:6 Gn 2:7; Job 4:19, Job 10:9

[p] Or *he* [q] Heb lacks *will state.* [r] Or *palate* [s] Heb lacks *your case.* [t] Or *his words*

but didn't experience
the consequences.
28 He ransomed me
from crossing into the pit;
my life beholds light."
29 Look, God does all this,
twice, three times with persons
30 to bring them back from the pit,
to shine with life's light.
31 Listen, Job; hear me;
be quiet, and I will speak.
32 If you have words, answer me;
speak, for I want to be innocent.
33 If not, you must hear me;
be quiet, and I will teach you
wisdom.

34 Elihu continued:
2 Hear my words, wise ones;
knowledgeable ones, listen to me,
3 for the ear tests words
like the palate tastes food.
4 Let's choose for us what's right;
let's determine among ourselves
what's good;
5 for Job has said, "I'm innocent;
God has denied my just cause;
6 because of my cause
I'm thought a liar;
my wound from an arrow
is incurable, even though
I didn't rebel."
7 Who is a man like Job?
He drinks mockery like water
8 and travels a path with wrongdoers,
walking with evil persons.
9 Indeed he said, "No one is rewarded
for delighting in God."
10 Therefore, intelligent ones, hear me;
far be it from God to do evil
and the Almighty to sin,
11 for he repays people
based on what they do,
paying back everyone
according to their ways.
12 Surely God doesn't act wickedly;
the Almighty
doesn't distort justice.
13 Who placed earth in his care,
and who gave him dominion
over the entire world?
14 If he were to decide to do it—

34:3 Job 12:11

34:10 Gn 18:25; Dt 32:4; Job 8:3, Job 36:23; Ro 9:14

34:11 Ps 62:12; Prv 24:12; Jer 17:10, Jer 32:19; Mt 16:27

34:30 Job 8:13, Job 34:17; Prv 29:2

to gather his spirit and breath
back to himself—
15 all flesh would die together,
and humans would return to dust.

16 But if you have understanding,
hear this;
pay attention to the sound
of my words.
17 Will one who hates justice rule;
will you condemn
the most righteous one?
18 Will you say to a king, "Worthless!"
to royalty, "Evil!"
19 Who shows no favor to princes
nor regards the rich over the poor,
for they are all the work
of God's hands?
20 In the middle of the night
they suddenly die;
people are shaken and pass away.
The mighty are removed,
not by a human hand.
21 God's eyes are on human ways,
and he sees all their steps.
22 There's no darkness,
no deep darkness,
where evildoers can hide
themselves;
23 surely no time is set for a person
to appear before God in judgment.
24 He shatters the mighty
without examining them;
makes others take their place.
25 Thus he regards their deeds,
overturns them at night,
and they are crushed.
26 He strikes them
because of their wickedness
at a place where people can see it.
27 Because they turned from
following him
and didn't value all his ways,
28 causing the cry of the poor
to reach him,
he hears the cry of the afflicted.
29 Still, if he remains quiet,
who can condemn;
if he hides his face, who can see him?
30 He prevents a lawless person
from ruling,
from capturing people.

31 Has Job said to God,
"I have borne punishment;
I won't sin again?
32 You teach me what I can't see;
if I've sinned, I won't do it again."
33 Will he repay you
because you reject sin,
for you must choose, not I;
declare what you know.
34 Smart people say to me,
the wise who hear me,
35 "Job speaks without knowledge;
his words aren't astute."
36 I wish Job would be tested
to the limit
because he responds
like evil people.
37 He adds rebellion to his sin;
mocks us openly
and adds to his words against God.

Sin's impact

35 Elihu continued:
2 Do you think it right?
You say, "I'm more just than God."
3 Yet you ask,
"What does it benefit you?
What have I gained
by avoiding sin?"
4 I'll answer you,
and your friends along with you.
5 Look at the heavens and see;
scan the clouds high over you.
6 If you've sinned,
how have you affected God?
Your offenses have multiplied;
what have you done to him?
7 If you are righteous,
what do you give to him?
Or what does he receive
from your hand?
8 Your evil affects others like you,
and your righteousness affects
fellow human beings.
9 People cry out
because of heavy oppression;
shout under the power
of the mighty.
10 But no one says,
"Where is God my maker;
who gives songs in the night;
11 who teaches us more than
the beasts of the earth,
makes us wiser than the birds
in the sky?"
12 Then they cry out;
but he doesn't answer,
because of the pride of the wicked.
13 God certainly doesn't respond
to a deceitful cry;
the Almighty doesn't pay attention
to it.
14 Although you say
that you don't see him,
the case is before him;
so wait anxiously for him.
15 Even though his anger is now
held back,
a person doesn't know
it's only delayed.[u]
16 So Job mouths emptiness;
he piles up ignorant words.

Reason for continuing

36 Continuing, Elihu said,
2 Wait a little while
so I can demonstrate for you
that there is still something more
to say about God.
3 I will draw from my broad knowledge,
attribute justice to my maker.
4 My words are certainly truthful;
one with total knowledge
is present with you.

Divine discipline

5 Look, God is mighty
and doesn't reject anyone;
he is mighty in strength and mind.
6 He doesn't let the wicked live,
but grants justice to the poor.
7 He doesn't avert his eyes
from the righteous;
he seats kings on thrones forever,
and they are lifted up.
8 If they are tied with ropes,
caught in cords of affliction,
9 he informs them about
their offenses
and their grave sins.
10 He opens their ears with discipline
and commands them
to turn from wrong.

35:7 Job 22:2-3; Prv 9:12; Lk 17:10; Ro 11:35

35:8 Job 9:4, Job 12:13; Ps 22:24; Jer 10:12, Jer 32:19

[u] Heb uncertain

11 If they listen and serve,
they spend their days in plenty,
their years contentedly.
12 But if they don't listen,
they perish by the sword,
breathe their last
without understanding.
13 Those with impious hearts
become furious;
they don't cry out
even though he binds them.
14 They die young;
they are among the holy ones.
15 He saves the weak in their affliction,
opens their ears through
oppression.
16 Surely he draws you up
from the brink of trouble
to a wide place without distress;
your table is set with rich food.
17 You are overly concerned
about the case of the wicked;
justice will be upheld in it.
18 Don't let them lure you with wealth;
don't let a huge bribe mislead you.
19 Will he arrange your rescue
from distress
or from all your exertions
of strength?
20 Don't wish for the night
when people vanish
from their place.
21 Take care; don't turn to evil
because you've chosen it
over affliction.
22 Look, God is inaccessible
due to his power;
who is a teacher like him?
23 Who has repaid him for his action,
and who would ever say,
"You've done wrong"?
24 Remember to praise his work
that all of us have seen.
25 Every person has seen him;
people can observe
at great distance.

God's control of the storm

26 Look, God is exalted and
unknowable;
the number of his years
is beyond counting.

36:27 Gn 2:5-6; Job 5:9, Job 26:8; Ps 147:8

37:9 Job 9:9; Ps 147:17; Is 21:1

37:10 Job 38:29-30; Ps 147:17

27 He draws up drops of water
that distill rain from his flood;
28 the clouds pour moisture
and drip continually on humans.
29 Even if one perceives
a spreading cloud
and the thunder of his pavilion,[v]
30 look how he spreads lightning
across it
and covers the seabed;
31 for by water[w] he judges peoples
and gives food in abundance.
32 He conceals lightning in his palms
and orders it to its target.
33 His thunder announces it;
even cattle proclaim its rising.

37 Oh, my mind is disturbed by this
and is more troubled than usual.
2 Listen closely to the rumble
of his voice,
the roar issuing from his mouth.
3 He looses it under the whole sky,
his lightning on earth's edges.
4 After it, a voice roars;
he thunders with a mighty voice,
and no one can stop it
when his voice is heard.
5 God roars with his wondrous voice;
he does great things we can't know.
6 He says to the snow, "Fall to earth,"
and to the downpour of rain,
"Be a mighty shower."
7 He stamps the hand of every person
so all can know his work.[x]
8 The wild beast enters its lair,
lies down in its den.
9 The storm comes from its chamber,
the cold from the north wind.
10 By God's breath ice forms;
water's expanse becomes solid.
11 He also fills clouds with moisture;
his lightning scatters clouds.
12 He overturns the circling clouds;[y]
by his guidance
they do[z] their work,
doing everything he commands
over the entire earth.
13 Whether for punishment,
for his world,
or for kindness,
God makes it all happen.

[v] Or *canopy* [w] Or *them* [x] Or *that everyone he has made can know it* [y] Heb uncertain [z] Heb lacks *they do.*

14 Hear this, Job;
stop and ponder God's mighty deeds.
15 Do you realize that when God
commands them,
his clouds produce lightning?
16 Do you understand the positioning
of the clouds,
the amazing deeds of one
with perfect knowledge,
17 you whose clothes are hot
when earth is calmed
by the south wind?
18 Can you form the sky with him,
hard like a mirror made of metal?
19 Tell us what we should say to him;
we can't present our case
due to darkness.
20 Should someone inform him
that I wish to speak,
or would anyone say he wants
to be devoured?

Divine splendor

21 For now, no one can look at the sun;
it is bright in the sky;
the wind has passed and cleared
away the clouds.
22 From the north comes golden light,
the awesome splendor of God.
23 As for the Almighty,
we can't find him—
he is powerful and just,
abundantly righteous—
he won't respond.
24 Therefore, people fear him;
none of the wise[a] can see him.

The LORD answers from a whirlwind

38 Then the LORD answered Job
from the whirlwind:
2 Who is this darkening counsel
with words lacking knowledge?
3 Prepare yourself like a man;
I will interrogate you,
and you will respond to me.

The establishing of order

4 Where were you
when I laid the earth's foundations?
Tell me if you know.
5 Who set its measurements?
Surely you know.
Who stretched a measuring tape
on it?
6 On what were its footings sunk;
who laid its cornerstone,
7 while the morning stars sang
in unison
and all the divine beings shouted?
8 Who enclosed the Sea[b] behind doors
when it burst forth from the womb,
9 when I made the clouds its garment,
the dense clouds its wrap,
10 when I imposed[c] my limit for it,
put on a bar and doors
11 and said, "You may come this far,
no farther;
here your proud waves stop"?

12 In your lifetime have you
commanded the morning,
informed the dawn of its place
13 so it would take hold of earth
by its edges
and shake the wicked out of it?
14 Do you turn it over like clay
for a seal,
so it stands out
like a colorful garment?
15 Light is withheld from the wicked,
the uplifted arm broken.

The vast beyond

16 Have you gone to the sea's sources,
walked in the chamber of the deep?
17 Have death's gates
been revealed to you;
can you see the gates
of deep darkness?
18 Have you surveyed earth's expanses?
Tell me if you know everything
about it.
19 Where's the road to the place
where light dwells;
darkness, where's it located?
20 Can you take it to its territory;
do you know the paths
to its house?
21 You know, for you were born then;
you have lived such a long time![d]
22 Have you gone to snow's storehouses,
seen the storehouses of hail
23 that I have reserved for a time
of distress,

37:15 Job 36:30
37:16 Job 36:4
37:22 Ps 93.1, Ps 104:1; Is 2:10
37:23 Job 8:3, Job 11:7, Job 36:5; Lam 3:33; Ro 11:33
38:1 Job 40:6; Eze 1:4; Na 1:3
38:2 Job 34:35, Job 35:16, Job 42:3
38:3 Job 40:7, Job 42:4
38:4 Ps 104:5; Prv 30:4
38:5 Is 40:12
38:6 Job 26:7
38:7 Job 1:6; Ps 148:2; Lk 2:13-14; Rev 22:16
38:10 Job 26:10; Ps 104:9
38:11 Job 38:8; Ps 65:7, Ps 89:9, Ps 93:4
38:12 Ps 74:16
38:17 Ps 9:13; Is 38:10; Mt 16:18

[a] Or *wise in heart*; cf 9:4 [b] Heb *Yam*, a sea god [c] Heb uncertain [d] Or *the number of your days is many*

for a day of battle and war?
24 What is the way to the place
where light is divided up;
the east wind scattered over earth?

Meteorological facts

25 Who cut a channel for the downpours
and a way for blasts of thunder
26 to bring water to uninhabited land,
a desert with no human
27 to saturate dry wasteland
and make grass sprout?
28 Has the rain a father
who brought forth drops of dew?
29 From whose belly does ice come;
who gave birth to heaven's frost?
30 Water hardens like stone;
the surface of the deep thickens.
31 Can you bind Pleiades' chains
or loosen the reins of Orion?
32 Can you guide the stars
at their proper times,
lead the Bear with her cubs?
33 Do you know heaven's laws,
or can you impose its rule on earth?
34 Can you issue an order to the clouds
so their abundant waters cover you?
35 Can you send lightning so that it goes
and then says to you, "I'm here"?
36 Who put wisdom in remote places,
or who gave understanding
to a rooster?[e]
37 Who is wise enough to count
the clouds,
and who can tilt heaven's
water containers
38 so that dust becomes mud
and clods of dirt adhere?

Lion and raven

39 Can you hunt prey for the lion
or fill the cravings of lion cubs?
40 They lie in their den,
lie in ambush in their lair.
41 Who provides food for the raven
when its young cry to God,
move about without food?

Mountain goat and doe

39 Do you know when mountain
goats give birth;
do you observe the birthing of does?
2 Can you count the months
of pregnancy;
do you know when they give birth?
3 They crouch,
split open for their young,
send forth their offspring.
4 Their young are healthy;
they grow up in the open country,
leave and never return.

Wild donkey

5 Who freed the wild donkey,
loosed the ropes of the onager
6 to whom I gave the desert as home,
his dwelling place in the salt flats?
7 He laughs at the clamor of the town,
doesn't hear the driver's shout,
8 searches the hills for food
and seeks any green sprout.

Wild ox

9 Will the wild ox agree
to be your slave,
or will it spend the night
in your crib?
10 Can you bind it with a rope
to a plowed row;
will it plow the valley behind you?
11 Will you trust it
because its strength is great
so that you can leave
your work to it?
12 Can you rely on it
to bring back your grain
to gather into your threshing floor?

Ostrich

13 The ostrich's wings flap joyously,
but her wings and plumage
are like a stork.
14 She leaves her eggs on the earth,
lets them warm in the dust,
15 then forgets that
a foot may crush them
or a wild animal trample them.
16 She treats her young harshly
as if they were not hers,
without worrying that her labor
might be in vain;
17 God didn't endow her with sense,

38:28 Jer 14:22
38:29 Job 6:16, Job 37:10; Ps 147:16-17
38:31 Job 9:9; Am 5:8
38:32 Job 9:9
38:36 Job 32:8; Ps 51:6; Ecc 2:26
39:5 Gn 16:12; Job 6:5, Job 11:12, Job 24:5; Ps 104:11
39:6 Job 24:5; Ps 107:34; Jer 2:24, Jer 17:6
39:7 Job 3:18
39:16 Lam 4:3

[e] Heb uncertain

didn't give her some good sense.
18 When she flaps her wings high,
she laughs at horse and rider.

Horse

19 Did you give strength to the horse,
clothe his neck with a mane,
20 cause him to leap like a locust,
his majestic snorting, a fright?
21 He[f] paws in the valley,
prances proudly,
charges at battle weapons,
22 laughs at fear, unafraid.
He doesn't turn away
from the sword;
23 a quiver of arrows flies by him,
flashing spear and dagger.
24 Excitedly, trembling,
he swallows the ground;
can't stand still
at a trumpet's blast.
25 At a trumpet's sound, he says, "Aha!"
smells the battle from afar,
hears[g] officers' shouting
and the battle cry.

Hawk and eagle

26 Is it due to your understanding
that the hawk flies,
spreading its wings to the south?
27 Or at your command
does the eagle soar,
the vulture build a nest on high?
28 They dwell on an outcropping of rock,
their fortress on rock's edge.
29 From there they search for food;
their eyes notice it from afar,
30 and their young lap up blood;
where carcasses lie, there they are.

The LORD speaks and Job answers

40 The LORD continued
to respond to Job:
2 Will the one who disputes with the
Almighty correct him?
God's instructor must answer him.
3 Job responded to the LORD:
4 Look, I'm of little worth.
What can I answer you?
I'll put my hand over my mouth.
5 I have spoken once, I won't answer;
twice, I won't do it again.

[f] Or *they* [g] Heb lacks *hears.*

39:26 Lv 11:16; Dt 14:15; Jer 8:7
40:1 Job 38:1
40:2 Job 9:3, Job 33:13; Is 45:9
40:3 Job 42:1
40:4 Job 21:5, Job 29:9, Job 42:6
40:5 Job 9:15
40:6 Job 38:1
40:8 Job 27:2
40:9 Ps 89:13
40:14 Ps 20:6; Is 63:5
40:19 Job 41:33
40:20 Ps 104:14, Ps 104:26
40:21 Ps 68:30; Is 19:6, Is 35:7
40:22 Lv 23:40; Is 44:4
40:23 Gn 13:10

A challenge from the LORD

6 The LORD answered Job
from the whirlwind:
7 Prepare yourself like a man;
I will interrogate you,
and you will respond to me.
8 Would you question my justice,
deem me guilty
so you can be innocent?
9 Or do you have an arm like God;
can you thunder with a voice
like him?
10 Adorn yourself
with splendor and majesty;
clothe yourself with honor
and esteem.
11 Unleash your raging anger;
look on all the proud
and humble them.
12 Look on all the proud
and debase them;
trample the wicked in their place.
13 Hide them together in the dust;
bind their faces in a hidden place.
14 Then I, even I, will praise you,
for your strong hand
has delivered you.

Behemoth

15 Look at Behemoth,
whom I made along with you;
he eats grass like cattle.
16 Look, his strength is in his thighs,
his power in stomach muscles.
17 He stiffens his tail like a cedar;
the tendons in his thighs
are tightly woven.
18 His bones are like bronze tubes,
his limbs like iron bars.
19 He is the first of God's acts;
only his maker can come near him
with a sword.
20 Indeed, the hills bring him tribute,
places where all the wild animals
play.
21 He lies under the lotuses,
under the cover of reed and marsh.
22 The lotuses screen him with shade;
poplars of the stream
surround him.
23 If the river surges, he doesn't hurry;

he is confident even though the
Jordan gushes into his mouth.
24 Can he be seized by his eyes?
Can anyone pierce his nose
by hooks?

Leviathan

41 [h]Can you draw out Leviathan
with a hook,
restrain his tongue with a rope?
2 Can you put a cord through his nose,
pierce his jaw with a barb?
3 Will he beg you at length
or speak gentle words to you?
4 Will he make a pact with you
so that you will take him as a
permanent slave?
5 Can you play with him like a bird,
put a leash on him for your girls?
6 Will merchants sell him;
will they divide him among traders?
7 Can you fill his hide with darts,
his head with a fishing spear?
8 Should you lay your hand on him,
you would never remember
the battle.
9 Such hopes[i] would be delusional;
surely the sight of him
makes one stumble.
10 Nobody is fierce enough
to rouse him;
who then can stand before me?
11 Who opposes me that I must repay?
Everything under heaven is mine.
12 I'm not awed by his limbs,
his strength, and impressive form.
13 Who can remove his outer garment;
who can come with a bridle for him?
14 Who can open the doors of his mouth,
surrounded by frightening teeth?
15 His matching scales are his pride,
closely locked and sealed.
16 One touches another;
even air can't come between them.
17 Each clings to its pair;
joined, they can't be separated.
18 His sneezes emit flashes of light;
his eyes are like dawn's rays.
19 Shafts of fire shoot from his mouth;
like fiery sparks they fly out.
20 Smoke pours from his nostrils
like a boiling pot over reeds.
21 His breath lights coals;
a flame shoots from his mouth.
22 Power resides in his neck;
violence dances before him.
23 The folds of his flesh stick together;
on him they are tough
and unyielding.
24 His heart is solid like a rock,
hard like a lower millstone.
25 The divine beings dread his rising;
they withdraw before his thrashing.
26 The sword that touches him
won't prevail;
neither will the dart, spear,
nor javelin.
27 He treats iron as straw,
bronze as rotten wood.
28 Arrows can't make him flee;
slingstones he turns to straw.
29 He treats a club like straw;
he laughs at the lance's rattle.
30 His abdomen is
like jagged pottery shards;
its sharp edges leave a trail
in the mud.
31 He causes the depths
to churn like a boiling pot,
stirs up the sea
like a pot of scented oils,
32 leaves a bright wake behind him;
the frothy deep seems
white-haired.
33 None on earth can compare to him;
he is made to be without fear.
34 He looks on all the proud;
he is king over all proud beasts.

Job's second response

42 Job answered the LORD:
2 I know you can do anything;
no plan of yours
can be opposed successfully.
3 You said,[j] "Who is this darkening
counsel without knowledge?"
I have indeed spoken about
things I didn't understand,
wonders beyond my comprehension.
4 You said,[k] "Listen and I will speak;
I will question you
and you will inform me."
5 My ears had heard about you,

40:24 Job 41:2
41:1 Job 3:8; Ps 74:14, Ps 104:26; Is 27:1
41:4 Ex 21:6
41:10 Job 3:8
41:11 Ex 19:5; Dt 10:14; Ps 24:1; Ro 11:35; 1Co 10:26
41:18 Job 3:9
41:34 Job 28:8
42:2 Gn 18:14; Mt 19:26
42:3 Job 38:2; Ps 40:5, Ps 131:1, Ps 139:6
42:5 Is 6:5; Ro 10:17

[h] 40:25 in Heb [i] Or *his hopes* [j] Heb lacks *You said.* [k] Heb lacks *You said.*

but now my eyes have seen you.
[6]Therefore, I relent[l] and find comfort
on dust and ashes.

Epilogue

[7]After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, he said to Eliphaz from Teman, "I'm angry at you and your two friends because you haven't spoken about me correctly as did my servant Job. [8]So now, take seven bulls and seven rams, go to my servant Job, and prepare an entirely burned offering for yourselves. Job my servant will pray for you, and I will act favorably by not making fools of you because you didn't speak correctly, as did my servant Job."

[9]Eliphaz from Teman, Bildad from Shuah, and Zophar from Naamah did what the LORD told them; and the LORD acted favorably toward Job. [10]Then the LORD changed Job's fortune when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD doubled all Job's earlier possessions. [11]All his brothers, sisters, and acquaintances came to him and ate food with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him concerning all the disaster the LORD had brought on him, and each one gave him a qesitah[m] and a gold ring. [12]Then the LORD blessed Job's latter days more than his former ones. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. [13]He also had seven sons and three daughters. [14]He named one Jemimah,[n] a second Keziah,[o] and the third Keren-happuch.[p] [15]No women in all the land were as beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave an inheritance to them along with their brothers. [16]After this, Job lived 140 years and saw four generations of his children. [17]Then Job died, old and satisfied.

42:6 Job 2:8, Job 30:19, Job 40:4

42:7 Job 2:11, Job 4:1, Job 32:3, Job 42:8

42:8 Nm 23:1; Job 1:5; 1Jn 5:16

42:10 Dt 30:3; Ps 14:7

PSALMS

BOOK I
(Psalms 1–41)

Psalm 1

[1]The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with
the disrespectful.
[2]Instead of doing those things,
these persons
love the LORD's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction
day and night!
[3]They are like a tree
replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit
at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.
Whatever they do succeeds.
[4]That's not true for the wicked!
They are like dust
that the wind blows away.
[5]And that's why the wicked
will have no standing
in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.
[6]The LORD is intimately acquainted
with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
is destroyed.

1:1 Ps 26:4-5; Prv 1:22, Prv 4:14; Jer 15:17

1:2 Josh 1:8; Ps 112:1, Ps 119:1, Ps 119:16, Ps 119:35

1:3 Gn 39:3; Nm 24:6; Ps 92:12; Jer 17:8; Eze 47:12

1:4 Job 21:18; Ps 35:5; Is 17:13; Hos 13:3; Mt 3:12

1:5 Ps 5:5

1:6 Ps 37:18; Na 1:7; 2Ti 2:19

2:1 Ps 46:6; Ac 4:25-26

2:2 Jn 1:41

Psalm 2

[1]Why do the nations rant?
Why do the peoples rave uselessly?
[2]The earth's rulers take their stand;
the leaders scheme together
against the LORD and
against his anointed one.

[l]The verse is capable of several translations: *I despise or relent*, no direct object; *repent of* or *concerning dust and ashes*. [m]A monetary unit [n]*Dove* [o]*Cinnamon* [p]*Jar for Dark Cosmetic*

3 "Come!" they say.
"We will tear off their ropes
and throw off their chains!"
4 The one who rules in heaven laughs;
my Lord makes fun of them.
5 But then God speaks to them angrily;
then he terrifies them with his fury:
6 "I hereby appoint my king on Zion,
my holy mountain!"

7 I will announce the LORD's decision:
He said to me, "You are my son,
today I have become your father.
8 Just ask me,
and I will make the nations
your possession;
the far corners of the earth
will be your property.
9 You will smash them
with an iron rod;
you will shatter them
like a pottery jar."

10 So kings, wise up!
Be warned, you rulers of the earth!
11 Serve the LORD reverently—
trembling, 12 kiss his feet[a]
or else he will become angry,
and your way will be destroyed
because his anger ignites
in an instant.

But all who take refuge in the LORD
are truly happy!

Psalm 3

A psalm of David,
when he fled from his son Absalom.

1 LORD, I have so many enemies!
So many are standing against me.
2 So many are talking about me:
"Even God won't help him." *Selah*[b]
3 But you, LORD, are my shield!
You are my glory!
You are the one who restores me.
4 I cry out loud to the LORD,
and he answers me
from his holy mountain. *Selah*
5 I lie down, sleep, and wake up
because the LORD helps me.
6 I won't be afraid of thousands
of people
surrounding me on all sides.

7 Stand up, LORD!
Save me, my God!
In fact, hit all my enemies
on the jaw;
shatter the teeth of the wicked!
8 Rescue comes from the LORD!
May your blessing be
on your people! *Selah*

Psalm 4

For the music leader. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David.

1 Answer me when I cry out,
my righteous God!
Set me free from my troubles!
Have mercy on me!
Listen to my prayer!

2 How long, you people,
will my reputation be insulted?
How long will you continue
to love what is worthless
and go after lies? *Selah*
3 Know this: the LORD takes
personal care of the faithful.
The LORD will hear me
when I cry out to him.
4 So be afraid, and don't sin!
Think hard about it in your bed
and weep over it! *Selah*
5 Bring righteous offerings,
and trust the LORD!

6 Many people say,
"We can't find
goodness anywhere.
The light of your face
has left us, LORD!"[c]
7 But you have filled my heart with
more joy
than when their wheat and wine
are everywhere!
8 I will lie down and fall asleep
in peace

2:3 Jer 5:5
2:4 Ps 11:4, Ps 37:13, Ps 59:8; Prv 1:26; Is 40:22
2:5 Ps 21:9, Ps 76:7
2:6 Ps 48:2, Ps 110:2; Is 9:7
2:7 2Sa 7:14; Mt 3:17; Ac 13:33; Heb 1:5, Heb 5:5
2:8 Ps 22:27, Ps 72:8
2:9 Rev 2:27, Rev 12:5, Rev 19:15
2:10 2Sa 23:3; Ps 2:11, Ps 72:11; Prv 8:15, Prv 16:12
2:11 Phi 2:12; Heb 12:28
2:12 Ps 5:11, Ps 34:8, Ps 84:12; Jer 17:7; Rev 6:16
3:1 2Sa 15:12, 2Sa 15:14
3:3 Gn 15:1; Ps 27:6, Ps 28:7, Ps 119:114
3:4 Ps 2:6, Ps 34:4, Ps 43:3, Ps 77:1, Ps 142:1
3:5 Lv 26:6; Ps 4:8; Prv 3:24
3:6 Ps 23:4, Ps 27:3, Ps 118:10
3:7 Job 16:10, Job 29:17; Ps 58:6
3:8 Ps 37:39; Is 43:11, Is 45:21; Jon 2:9; Rev 7:10
4:1 Job 36:16; Ps 3:4, Ps 6:1, Ps 17:6; Hab 3:19
4:2 Ps 3:3, Ps 5:6, Ps 31:6, Ps 57:4; Is 59:4
4:3 Ps 6:8
4:4 Ps 77:6; Eph 4:26
4:5 Dt 33:19; Ps 37:3, Ps 51:19, Ps 62:8, Ps 115:9
4:6 Nm 6:25-26; Ps 31:16, Ps 67:1, Ps 119:135
4:7 Is 9:3
4:8 Ps 3:5; Prv 3:24

[a] Correction; Heb uncertain; MT *rejoice with trembling, kiss the son* (but with *son* in Aram, not Heb)
[b] Heb uncertain; probably a musical term [c] Correction; MT *Shine the light of your face on us, LORD!*

because you alone, LORD,
let me live in safety.

Psalm 5

For the music leader. For the flutes.
A psalm of David.

1 Hear my words, LORD!
Consider my groans!
2 Pay attention to the sound of my
cries, my king and my God,
because I am praying to you!
3 LORD, in the morning
you hear my voice.
In the morning I lay it all out
before you.
Then I wait expectantly.
4 Because you aren't a God
who enjoys wickedness;
evil doesn't live with you.
5 Arrogant people won't last long
in your sight;
you hate all evildoers;
6 you destroy liars.
The LORD despises people
who are violent and dishonest.

7 But me? I will enter your house
because of your abundant,
faithful love;
I will bow down at your
holy temple,
honoring you.
8 LORD, because of many enemies,
please lead me in your
righteousness.
Make your way clear,
right in front of me.
9 Because there's no truth
in my enemies' mouths,
all they have inside them is
destruction.
Their throats are open graves;
their tongues slick with talk.
10 Condemn them, God!
Let them fail by their own plans.
Throw them out for their many sins
because they've rebelled against you.
11 But let all who take refuge
in you celebrate.
Let them sing out loud forever!
Protect them
so that all who love your name
can rejoice in you.
12 Because you, LORD,
bless the righteous.
You cover them with favor
like a shield.

5:1 Ps 17:1
5:2 Ps 44:4, Ps 84:3
5:3 Ps 88:13, Ps 119:147, Ps 130:6; Is 26:9
5:4 Ps 11:5
5:5 Ps 1:5, Ps 45:7
5:6 Ps 55:23; Rev 21:8
5:7 Ps 138:2
5:8 Ps 25:4-5, Ps 27:11
5:9 Ps 12:2, Ps 52:2, Ps 55:21; Prv 29:5; Ro 3:13
5:10 2Sa 15:31, 2Sa 17:14, 2Sa 17:23; Ps 9:15 16
5:11 Ps 2:12, Ps 64:10, Ps 69:36
5:12 Ps 29:11, Ps 32:10, Ps 115:13
6:1 Ps 38:1
6:2 Ps 41:4
6:3 Ps 13:1, Ps 90:13; Jn 12:27
6:4 Ps 17:13, Ps 31:16, Ps 69:16, Ps 80:14
6:5 Ps 30:9, Ps 88:10, Ps 115:17; Ecc 9:10; Is 38:18
6:6 Ps 42:3
6:7 Job 17:7; Ps 31:9, Ps 38:10, Ps 88:9; Lam 5:17
6:8 Ps 3:4, Ps 119:115, Ps 139:19; Mt 7:23
6:9 Ps 116:1

Psalm 6

For the music leader.
On stringed instruments.
According to the eighth.[d]
A psalm of David.

1 Please, LORD,
don't punish me
when you are angry;
don't discipline me
when you are furious.
2 Have mercy on me, LORD,
because I'm frail.
Heal me, LORD,
because my bones
are shaking in terror!
3 My whole body[e]
is completely terrified!
But you, LORD!
How long will this last?
4 Come back to me, LORD! Deliver me!
Save me for the sake of your
faithful love!
5 No one is going to praise you
when they are dead.
Who gives you thanks
from the grave?[f]

6 I'm worn out from groaning.
Every night, I drench my bed
with tears;
I soak my couch
all the way through.
7 My vision fails because of my grief;
it's weak because of all my distress.
8 Get away from me, all you evildoers,
because the LORD
has heard me crying!
9 The LORD has listened
to my request.
The LORD accepts my prayer.
10 All my enemies will be ashamed
and completely terrified;

[d] Perhaps a reference to an eight-string instrument; also in Ps 12 [e] Or *soul*; also in 6:4 [f] Heb *Sheol*

they will be defeated
and ashamed instantly.

Psalm 7

A shiggayon[g] of David,
which he sang to the LORD
about Cush, a Benjaminite.

1 I take refuge in you, LORD, my God.
Save me from all who chase me!
Rescue me!
2 Otherwise, they will rip me apart,
dragging me off
with no chance of rescue.
3 LORD, my God, if I have done this—
if my hands have done
anything wrong,
4 if I have repaid a friend with evil
or oppressed a foe for no reason—
5 then let my enemy
not only chase but catch me,
trampling my life into the ground,
laying my reputation in the dirt.
Selah

6 Get up, LORD; get angry!
Stand up against the fury
of my foes!
Wake up, my God;[h]
you command that justice be done!
7 Let the assembled peoples
surround you.
Rule them from on high![i]
8 The LORD will judge the peoples.
Establish justice for me, LORD,
according to my righteousness
and according to my integrity.
9 Please let the evil of the wicked
be over,
but set the righteous firmly
in place
because you, the righteous God,
are the one who examines
hearts and minds.

10 God is my shield;
he saves those
whose heart is right.
11 God is a righteous judge,
a God who is angry at evil[j]
every single day.
12 If someone doesn't change their ways,
God will sharpen his sword,
will bend his bow,
will string an arrow.
13 God has deadly weapons in store
for those who won't change;
he gets his flaming arrows ready!

14 But look how the wicked hatch evil,
conceive trouble, give birth to lies!
15 They make a pit, dig it all out,
and then fall right into the hole
that they've made!
16 The trouble they cause
will come back on their own heads;
the violence they commit
will come down on their
own skulls.
17 But I will thank the LORD
for his righteousness;
I will sing praises
to the name of the LORD
Most High.

Psalm 8

For the music leader. According to
the Gittith.[k] A psalm of David.

1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic
is your name throughout
the earth!
You made your glory
higher than heaven![l]
2 From the mouths of nursing babies
you have laid a strong foundation
because of your foes,
in order to stop vengeful enemies.
3 When I look up at your skies,
at what your fingers made—
the moon and the stars
that you set firmly in place—
4 what are human beings
that you think about them;
what are human beings
that you pay attention to them?
5 You've made them only slightly
less than divine,

7:1 Ps 11:1, Ps 31:1, Ps 31:15; Hab 3:1
7:3 1Sa 24:11; Job 16:17
7:4 1Sa 24:7, 1Sa 26:9; Ps 109:5
7:5 2Sa 22:43; 2Ki 9:33; Ps 7:4; Is 10:6
7:6 Ps 3:7, Ps 35:23, Ps 44:23, Ps 94:2
7:8 Ps 18:20, Ps 26:1, Ps 35:24, Ps 43:1
7:9 1Ch 28:9; Ps 11:5; Ps 26:2; Jer 11:20; Rev 2:23
7:10 Ps 3:3
7:11 Gn 18:25; Nm 11:1; Ps 9:4, Ps 50:6; Na 1:2
7:12 Dt 32:41
7:14 Job 15:35; Is 33:11, Is 59:4; Jas 1:15
7:15 Ps 9:15, Ps 35:7, Ps 57:6; Prv 26:27; Ecc 10:8
7:16 Est 9:25
7:17 Ps 9:2
8:1 Ps 81:1, Ps 84:1, Ps 113:4, Ps 148:13
8:2 Ps 44:16; Mt 11:25, Mt 21:16; 1Co 1:27
8:3 Gn 1:16; Ex 8:19; Ps 19:1, Ps 102:25, Ps 111:2
8:4 Job 7:17; Ps 8:3, Ps 144:3; Heb 2:6
8:5 Gn 1:26; Ps 21:5

[g] Perhaps *lament* [h] Or *for my sake* [i] Correction; MT *Come back to be exalted over them.* [j] Heb lacks *at evil.* [k] Perhaps the name of an instrument (Tg) or melody. LXX *About the winepresses;* or *About the Gittite*; also in Pss 81 and 84 [l] Correction; Heb uncertain

crowning them with glory
and grandeur.
6 You've let them rule
over your handiwork,
putting everything
under their feet—
7 all sheep and all cattle,
the wild animals too,
8 the birds in the sky,
the fish of the ocean,
everything that travels
the pathways of the sea.
9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic
is your name throughout the earth!

Psalm 9[m]

For the music leader. According to Muth-labben.[n] A psalm of David.

א 1 I will thank you, LORD,
with all my heart;
I will talk about
all your wonderful acts.
2 I will celebrate and
rejoice in you;
I will sing praises to your name,
Most High.

ב 3 When my enemies turn
and retreat,
they fall down and die
right in front of you
4 because you
have established justice
for me and my claim,
because you rule from the throne,
establishing justice rightly.

ג 5 You've denounced the nations,
destroyed the wicked.
You've erased their names
for all time.
6 Every enemy is wiped out,
like something ruined forever.
You've torn down their cities—
even the memory of them
is dead.

8:6 Gn 1:26, Gn 1:28; 1Co 15:27; Eph 1:22

8:8 Gn 1:26

9:1 Ps 26:7, Ps 86:12, Ps 111:1, Ps 119:10, Ps 138:1

9:6 Ps 34:16; Is 14:22

9:7 Ps 93:2; Lam 5:19

9:9 Ps 10:18, Ps 74:21

9:11 Ps 105:1

9:12 Gn 9:5; Ps 9:18, Ps 10:17

9:13 1Sa 1:11; 2Ki 19:16; Job 38:17; Ps 4:1; Mt 16:18

9:14 Ps 13:5, Ps 20:5, Ps 21:1, Ps 35:9, Ps 51:12

9:15 Job 18:8; Ps 7:15, Ps 57:6

9:16 Ex 7:5

ה 7 But the LORD rules forever!
He assumes his throne
for the sake of justice.
8 He will establish justice
in the world rightly;
he will judge all people fairly.

ו 9 The LORD is a safe place
for the oppressed—
a safe place in difficult times.
10 Those who know your name
trust you
because you have not abandoned
any who seek you, LORD.

ז 11 Sing praises to the LORD,
who lives in Zion!
Proclaim his mighty acts
among all people!
12 Because the one who avenges
bloodshed
remembers those who suffer;
the LORD hasn't forgotten
their cries for help.

ח 13 Have mercy on me, LORD!
Just look how I suffer
because of those who hate me.
But you are the one
who brings me back
from the very gates of death
14 so I can declare
all your praises,
so I can rejoice
in your salvation
in the gates of Daughter Zion.

ט 15 The nations have fallen
into the hole they
themselves made!
Their feet are caught
in the very net they
themselves hid!
16 The LORD is famous for the justice
he has done;
it's his own doing
that the wicked are trapped.
Higgayon.[o] *Selah*

[m] Ps 9 is an alphabetic acrostic poem (cf Ps 119) in Heb, with successive letters of the alphabet beginning every few lines, with only a few exceptions. Only ten letters are found in Ps 9; the sequence may be continued in Ps 10, suggesting that Pss 9–10 are a single poem. [n] Or *Almuth labben*; Heb uncertain, perhaps a reference to the melody; cf Pss 46:1; 48:14 [o] Heb uncertain; or *recitation* (see Pss 1:2; 19:14) or *melody* (see Ps 92:3)

ו 17 Let the wicked
go straight to the grave,[p]
the same for every nation
that forgets God.

כ 18 Because the poor
won't be forgotten forever,
the hope of those who suffer
won't be lost for all time.

19 Get up, LORD!
Don't let people prevail!
Let the nations be judged
before you.
20 Strike them with fear, LORD.
Let the nations know
they are only human. *Selah*

Psalm 10[q]

ל 1 Why do you stand
so far away, LORD,
hiding yourself in troubling times?
2 Meanwhile, the wicked are proudly
in hot pursuit
of those who suffer.
Let them get caught
in the very same schemes
they've thought up!

3 The wicked brag
about their body's[r] cravings;
the greedy reject the LORD,
cursing.
4 At the peak of their wrath,
the wicked don't seek God:
There's no God—
that's what they are
always thinking.
5 Their ways are always twisted.
Your rules are too lofty for them.
They snort at all their foes.
6 They think to themselves,
We'll never stumble.
We'll never encounter
any resistance.

פ 7 Their mouths are filled
with curses, dishonesty, violence.
Under their tongues lie
troublemaking and wrongdoing.
8 They wait in a place
perfect for ambush;[s]
from their hiding places
they kill innocent people;
ע their eyes spot those
who are helpless.
9 They lie in ambush
in secret places,
like a lion in its lair.
They lie in ambush
so they can seize
those who suffer!
They seize the poor, all right,
dragging them off in their nets.
10 Their helpless victims
are crushed;
they collapse, falling prey
to the strength of the wicked.
11 The wicked think to themselves:
God has forgotten.
God has hidden his face.
God never sees anything!

ק 12 Get up, LORD!
Get your fist ready, God!
Don't forget the ones who suffer!
13 Why do the wicked reject God?
Why do they think to themselves
that you won't find out?
ר 14 But you do see!
You do see troublemaking
and grief,
and you do something about it!
The helpless leave it all to you.
You are the orphan's helper.

ש 15 Break the arms of those
who are wicked and evil.
Seek out their wickedness
until there's no more to find.
16 The LORD rules forever and always!
The nations will vanish
from his land.
ת 17 LORD, you listen to the desires
of those who suffer.
You steady their hearts;
you listen closely to them,

9:17 Job 8:13; Ps 50:22
9:18 Ps 9:12, Ps 12:5, Ps 71:5; Prv 23:18, Prv 24:14
9:19 2Ch 14:11; Ps 3:7
9:20 Is 31:3; Eze 28:2
10:1 Ps 13:1, Ps 22:1, Ps 35:22
10:2 Ex 18:11; Ps 7:16, Ps 9:16, Ps 73:6; Prv 5:22
10:3 Ps 10:13, Ps 49:6, Ps 94:4
10:4 Ps 14:1, Ps 36:1, Ps 53:1; Eph 2:12
10:5 Is 26:11
10:6 Ps 14:1; Rev 18:7
10:7 Job 20:12; Ps 12:2, Ps 36:3; Ro 3:14
10:8 Ps 94:6; Prv 1:11; Hab 3:14
10:9 Ps 17:12, Ps 59:3; Mi 7:2
10:13 Ps 10:3
10:14 Dt 10:18; Ps 68:5, Ps 146:9; Hos 14:3
10:16 Ex 15:18; Ps 29:10, Ps 93:1; Jer 10:10; 1Ti 1:17
10:17 1Ch 29:18; Ps 9:12, Ps 9:18, Ps 145:19; Prv 10:24

[p] Heb *Sheol* [q] Pss 9 and 10 contain part of an acrostic poem and might originally be one poem in Heb. [r] Or *soul's* [s] Heb uncertain

18 to establish justice
for the orphan and the oppressed,
so that people of the land
will never again be terrified.

Psalm 11

For the music leader. Of David.

1 I have taken refuge in the LORD.
So how can you say to me,[t]
"Flee to the hills like a bird
2 because the wicked
have already bent their bows;
they've already strung their
arrows;
they are ready to secretly shoot
those whose heart is right?"
3 When the very bottom
of things falls out,
what can a righteous person
possibly accomplish?

4 But the LORD is in his holy temple.
The LORD! His throne is in heaven.
His eyes see—
his vision examines
all of humanity.
5 The LORD examines
both the righteous and the wicked;
his very being[u] hates
anyone who loves violence.
6 God will rain fiery coals and sulfur
on the wicked;
their cups will be filled
with nothing but
a scorching hot wind
7 because the LORD is righteous!
He loves righteous deeds.
Those whose heart is right
will see God's face.[v]

Psalm 12

For the music leader. According to the Sheminith.[w] *A psalm of David.*

1 Help, LORD,
because the godly are all gone;
the faithful
have completely disappeared
from the human race!

10:18 Dt 10:18; Ps 9:9

11:1 Ps 7:1, Ps 16:1, Ps 31:14

11:2 Ps 7:10, Ps 7:12, Ps 21:12, Ps 37:14, Ps 58:7

11:3 Ps 82:5

11:4 Ps 2:4, Ps 18:6; Is 66:1; Hab 2:20; Mt 5:34

11:5 Ps 5:5

11:6 Gn 19:24; Job 18:15; Ps 75:8; Eze 38:22

11:7 Ps 33:5

12:1 Is 57:1; Mi 7:2

12:2 1Ch 12:33; Ps 5:9, Ps 41:6; Jer 9:8; Ro 16:18

12:3 Dn 7:8; Rev 13:5

12:4 Ex 5:2; 1Sa 2:3; Job 21:14-15; Jas 3:6

12:5 Ecc 5:8; Is 33:10

12:6 2Sa 22:31; Ps 18:30, Ps 19:8, Ps 119:140; Prv 30:5

12:7 1Sa 2:9; Ps 16:1, Ps 37:28

12:8 Ps 55:10; Prv 29:12

13:1 Ps 89:46

13:2 Ps 42:4, Ps 116:3; Jer 8:18

13:3 1Sa 14:29; Ezr 9:8; Ps 119:153; Jer 51:39

13:4 Ps 25:2, Ps 38:16

2 Everyone tells lies to everyone else;
they talk with slick speech
and divided hearts.
3 Let the LORD cut off
all slick-talking lips
and every tongue
that brags and brags,
4 that says, "We're unbeatable
with our tongues!
Who could get the best of us
with lips like ours?"

5 But the LORD says,
"Because the poor are oppressed,
because of the groans of the needy,
I'm now standing up.
I will provide the help
they are gasping for."[x]
6 The LORD's promises are pure,
like silver that's been refined
in an oven,
purified seven times over!

7 You, LORD, will keep us,[y]
protecting us
from this generation forever.
8 The wicked roam all over the place,
while depravity is praised
by human beings.

Psalm 13

For the music leader. A song of David.

1 How long will you forget me, LORD?
Forever?
How long will you hide your face
from me?
2 How long will I be left
to my own wits,
agony filling my heart? Daily?
How long will my enemy keep
defeating me?

3 Look at me!
Answer me, LORD my God!
Restore sight to my eyes!
Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep
of death,
4 and my enemy will say, "I won!"
My foes will rejoice
over my downfall.

[t] Or *my soul* [u] Or *soul* [v] Heb lacks *heart*, but see 11:2 and Pss 7:10; 32:11; 36:10. [w] Perhaps a reference to an eight-string instrument; also in Ps 6 [x] Heb uncertain [y] LXX; MT *keep them*

5 But I have trusted
in your faithful love.
My heart will rejoice
in your salvation.
6 Yes, I will sing to the LORD
because he has been good to me.

Psalm 14

For the music leader. Of David.

1 Fools say in their hearts,
There is no God.
They are corrupt and do evil things;
not one of them
does anything good.

2 The LORD looks down
from heaven on humans
to see if anyone is wise,
to see if anyone seeks God,
3 but all of them have turned bad.
Everyone is corrupt.
No one does good—
not even one person!

4 Are they dumb, all these evildoers,
devouring my people
like they are eating bread
but never calling on the LORD?

5 Count on it:[z]
they will be in utter panic
because God is with
the righteous generation.
6 You evildoers may humiliate
the plans of those who suffer,
but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Let Israel's salvation come out of Zion!
When the LORD changes
his people's circumstances
for the better,
Jacob will rejoice;
Israel will celebrate!

Psalm 15

A psalm of David.

1 Who can live in your tent, LORD?
Who can dwell
on your holy mountain?

13:6 Ps 9:14

14:1 Ps 10:4, Ps 53:1; Ro 3:10

14:2 Ps 102:19

14:3 Job 15:16; Ecc 7:20; Ro 3:10

14:4 Ps 79:6, Ps 82:5; Is 64:7; Jer 10:25; Mi 3:3

14:5 Ps 73:15, Ps 112:2

14:6 Ps 46:1

14:7 Ps 53:6, Ps 85:1, Ps 126:1

15:1 Ps 2:6, Ps 23:6, Ps 24:3, Ps 27:4, Ps 61:4

15:2 Zec 8:16; Eph 4:25

15:3 Ex 23:1; Lv 19:16; Ro 1:30

15:4 Gn 49:6; Dt 4:10; Jgs 11:35; Ps 101:4; Mt 5:33

15:5 Ex 22:25; Lv 25:36; Dt 23:19; Ps 55:22; Eze 18:8

16:1 Ps 7:1, Ps 17:8, Ps 25:20, Ps 56:1, Ps 60:1

16:2 Ps 31:14, Ps 73:25, Ps 140:6

16:3 Ps 101:6, Ps 119:63; Prv 12:26; Ac 9:13; Ro 12:10

16:4 Ex 23:13; Josh 23:7; Ps 32:10

16:5 Ps 23:5, Ps 73:26, Ps 119:57, Ps 142:5; Lam 3:24

16:6 Job 22:26; Ps 21:1, Ps 78:55; Jer 3:19

16:7 Ps 42:8, Ps 73:24, Ps 77:6; Is 11:2

16:8 Ps 15:5, Ps 73:23, Ps 110:5, Ps 121:5; Ac 2:25

16:9 Ps 4:7, Ps 30:12

2 The person who
lives free of blame,
does what is right,
and speaks the truth sincerely;
3 who does no damage with their talk,
does no harm to a friend,
doesn't insult a neighbor;
4 someone who despises
those who act wickedly,
but who honors those
who honor the LORD;
someone who keeps their promise
even when it hurts;
5 someone who doesn't lend money
with interest,
who won't accept a bribe
against any innocent person.
Whoever does these things
will never stumble.

Psalm 16

A miktam[a] of David.

1 Protect me, God,
because I take refuge in you.
2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord.
Apart from you,
I have nothing good."
3 Now as for the "holy ones"
in the land,
the "magnificent ones"
that I was so happy about;
4 let their suffering increase because
they hurried after a different god.[b]
I won't participate
in their blood offerings;
I won't let their names
cross my lips.
5 You, LORD, are my portion, my cup;
you control my destiny.
6 The property lines have fallen
beautifully for me;
yes, I have a lovely home.

7 I will bless the LORD who advises me;
even at night I am instructed
in the depths of my mind.
8 I always put the LORD in front of me;
I will not stumble
because he is on my right side.
9 That's why my heart celebrates
and my mood is joyous;

[z] Or *There they will be*; cf 53:5 [a] Perhaps *inscription* [b] Heb uncertain in 16:3-4; Heb lacks *because* and *god* in 16:4.

yes, my whole body will rest
in safety
10 because you won't abandon my life[c]
to the grave;[d]
you won't let your faithful follower
see the pit.

11 You teach me the way of life.
In your presence is total celebration.
Beautiful things are always
in your right hand.

Psalm 17

A prayer of David.

1 Listen to what's right, LORD;
pay attention to my cry!
Listen closely to my prayer;
it's spoken by lips that don't lie!
2 My justice comes from you;
let your eyes see what is right!
3 You have examined my heart,
testing me at night.
You've looked me over closely,
but haven't found anything wrong.
My mouth doesn't sin.
4 But these other people's deeds?
I have avoided such violent ways
by the command from your lips.
5 My steps are set firmly
on your paths;
my feet haven't slipped.

6 I cry out to you
because you answer me.
So tilt your ears toward me now—
listen to what I'm saying!
7 Manifest your faithful love
in amazing ways
because you are the one
who saves those
who take refuge in you,
saving them from their attackers
by your strong hand.
8 Watch me with the very pupil
of your eye!
Hide me in the protection
of your wings,
9 away from the wicked
who are out to get me,
away from my deadly enemies
who are all around me!
10 They have no pity;[e]
their mouths speak arrogantly.
11 They track me down—
suddenly, they surround me!
They make their plans
to put me in the dirt.
12 They are like a lion eager to rip
its prey;
they are like a strong young lion
lying in wait.

13 Get up, LORD!
Confront them!
Bring them down!
Rescue my life from the wicked—
use your sword!
14 Rescue me from these people—
use your own hands, LORD!
Rescue me from these people
whose only possession
is their fleeting life.[f]
But fill the stomachs
of your cherished ones;
let their children be filled full
so that they have leftovers
enough for their babies.

15 But me? I will see your face
in righteousness;
when I awake, I will be filled full
by seeing your image.

Psalm 18[g]

For the music leader. Of David the LORD's servant, who spoke the words of this song to the LORD after the LORD delivered him from the power of all his enemies and from Saul.

1 He said: I love you, LORD,
my strength.
2 The LORD is my solid rock,
my fortress, my rescuer.
My God is my rock—
I take refuge in him!—
he's my shield,
my salvation's strength,
my place of safety.

16:10 Ps 49:15, Ps 86:13; Ac 2:31, Ac 13:35
16:11 Ps 21:6, Ps 36:8; Mt 7:14
17:1 Ps 61:1, Ps 86:1, Ps 142:1, Ps 142:6
17:2 Ps 26:1, Ps 99:4
17:3 Job 23:10; Ps 139:1
17:4 Ps 119:9
17:5 Job 23:11; Ps 44:18, Ps 119:133
17:6 Ps 86:7, Ps 116:2
17:8 Dt 32:10; Ru 2:12; Ps 36:7, Ps 63:7, Ps 91:4
17:13 Ps 3:7
17:14 Lk 16:8, Lk 16:25
17:15 Job 19:26; Ps 16:11; 1Jn 3:2
18:1 2Sa 22:1
18:2 Ps 9:9, Ps 31:3, Ps 91:2, Ps 144:2; Lk 1:69

[c] Or *my soul* [d] Heb *Sheol* [e] Heb uncertain [f] Heb uncertain [g] This poem also occurs in 2 Sam 22 with some variations.

3 Because he is praiseworthy,[h]
I cried out to the LORD,
and I was saved from my enemies.
4 Death's cords were wrapped
around me;
rivers of wickedness terrified me.
5 The cords of the grave[i]
surrounded me;
death's traps held me tight.
6 In my distress I cried out
to the LORD;
I called to my God for help.
God heard my voice from his temple;
I called to him for help,
and my call reached his ears.

7 The earth rocked and shook;
the bases of the mountains
trembled and reeled
because of God's anger.
8 Smoke went up from God's nostrils;
out of his mouth came
a devouring fire;
flaming coals blazed out
in front of him!
9 God parted the skies
and came down;
thick darkness was beneath his feet.
10 God mounted the heavenly
creatures and flew;
he soared on the wings
of the wind.
11 God made darkness cloak him;
his covering was dark water
and dense cloud.
12 God's clouds went ahead
of the brightness before him;
hail and coals of fire went too.
13 The LORD thundered in heaven;
the Most High made his voice heard
with hail and coals of fire.
14 God shot his arrows,
scattering the enemy;
he sent the lightning and threw
them into confusion.
15 The seabeds were exposed;
the earth's foundations
were laid bare
at your rebuke, LORD,
at the angry blast of air coming
from your nostrils.

18:3 Ps 48:1, Ps 96:4, Ps 145:3
18:4 Ps 116:3
18:5 2Sa 22:6; Job 11:8, Job 26:6; Ps 9:17, Ps 116:3
18:6 Ps 120:1
18:7 Jgs 5:4; Ac 4:31
18:8 Ps 50:3, Ps 97:3
18:9 Ps 144:5
18:10 Ps 99:1, Ps 104:3
18:11 Dt 4:11; Ps 97:2
18:12 Josh 10:11
18:13 1Sa 2:10; Ps 29:3, Ps 104:7
18:14 Ps 144:6
18:15 Ex 15:8; 2Sa 22:16; Ps 106:9
18:16 Ps 144:7
18:17 Ps 18:40, Ps 34:4, Ps 34:19, Ps 35:10, Ps 38:19
18:24 1Sa 26:23
18:25 Ps 62:12; Mt 5:7
18:26 Lv 26:23-24; Prv 3:34
18:27 Ps 101:5; Prv 6:17
18:28 1Ki 11:36; Job 18:6, Job 29:3; Ps 132:17
18:29 Ps 118:10, Ps 144:10

16 From on high God reached down
and grabbed me;
he took me out of all that water.
17 God saved me from
my powerful enemy,
saved me from my foes,
who were too much for me.
18 They came at me on the very day
of my distress,
but the LORD was my support.
19 He brought me out
to wide-open spaces;
he pulled me out safe
because he is pleased with me.
20 The LORD rewarded me
for my righteousness;
he restored me
because my hands are clean,
21 because I have kept the LORD's ways.
I haven't acted wickedly
against my God.
22 All his rules are right in front of me;
I haven't turned away from
any of his laws.
23 I have lived with integrity before him;
I've kept myself from wrongdoing.
24 And so the LORD restored me
for my righteousness
because my hands are clean
in his eyes.

25 You deal faithfully with the faithful;
you show integrity
toward the one who has integrity.
26 You are pure toward the pure,
but toward the crooked,
you are tricky.
27 You are the one who saves
people who suffer
and brings down those
with proud eyes.
28 You are the one
who lights my lamp—
the LORD my God
illumines my darkness.
29 With you I can charge into battle;
with my God I can leap over a wall.
30 God! His way is perfect;
the LORD's word is tried and true.
He is a shield
for all who take refuge in him.

[h] Heb uncertain [i] Heb *Sheol*

31 Now really, who is divine
except the LORD?
And who is a rock but our God?
32 Only God! The God
who equips me with strength
and makes my way perfect,
33 who makes my step
as sure as the deer's,
who lets me stand securely
on the heights,
34 who trains my hands for war
so my arms can bend a bronze bow.
35 You've given me the shield
of your salvation;
your strong hand has supported me;
your help has made me great.
36 You've let me walk fast and safe,
without even twisting an ankle.
37 I chased my enemies
and caught them!
I didn't come home
until I finished them off.
38 I struck them down;
they couldn't get up again;
they fell under my feet.
39 You equipped me with strength
for war;
you brought my adversaries down
underneath me.
40 You made my enemies turn tail
from me;
I destroyed my foes.
41 They cried for help,
but there was no one
to save them.
They cried for help to the LORD,
but he wouldn't answer them.
42 I crushed them
like dust blown away by the wind;
I threw them out
like mud dumped in the streets.
43 You delivered me from struggles
with many people;
you appointed me the leader
of many nations.
Strangers come to serve me.
44 After hearing about me, they obey me;
foreigners grovel before me.
45 Foreigners lose their nerve;
they come trembling
out of their fortresses.[j]

18:31 Dt 32:31, Dt 32:39; 1Sa 2:2; Ps 86:8; Is 45:5
18:32 Is 45:5
18:33 Dt 32:13; Hab 3:19
18:35 Dt 33:27; 2Sa 22:36; Ps 37:17; Is 40:11, Is 41:10
18:39 Ps 18:32
18:41 Jer 11:11
18:42 2Ki 13:7; Ps 83:13; Is 10:6; Zec 10:5
18:43 2Sa 3:1, 2Sa 8:1; Is 55:5
18:44 Ps 66:3
18:45 Mi 7:17
18:46 Ps 18:2
18:50 Ps 89:20; Ps 144:10
19:1 Gn 1:6; Ps 8:1; Ps 50:6; Ro 1:19-20
19:2 Ps 74:16
19:4 Ps 104:2; Ro 10:18
19:5 Jl 2:16; 1Co 9:24; Heb 12:1-2
19:6 Ps 113:3; Ecc 1:5

46 The LORD lives! Bless God, my rock!
Let the God of my salvation
be lifted high!
47 This is the God who avenges
on my behalf,
who subdues people before me,
48 who delivers me from my enemies.
Yes, you lifted me high
above my adversaries;
you delivered me from
violent people.
49 That's why I thank you, LORD,
in the presence of the nations.
That's why I sing praises
to your name.
50 You are the one who gives great
victories to your king,
who shows faithful love
to your anointed one—
to David and to his descendants
forever.

Psalm 19

For the music leader.
A psalm of David.

1 Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming
his handiwork.
2 One day gushes the news
to the next,
and one night informs another
what needs to be known.
3 Of course, there's no speech,
no words—
their voices can't be heard—
4 but their sound[k] extends
throughout the world;
their words reach the ends
of the earth.

God has made a tent in heaven
for the sun.
5 The sun is like a groom
coming out of his
honeymoon suite;
like a warrior,
it thrills at running its course.
6 It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.

[j] Or *prisons* [k] LXX, Vulg, Sym; MT *line* or *string*

7 The LORD's Instruction is perfect,
reviving one's very being.[1]
The LORD's laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.
8 The LORD's regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.
The LORD's commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.
9 Honoring the LORD is correct,
lasting forever.
The LORD's judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!
10 They are more desirable than gold—
than tons of pure gold!—
and they are sweeter than honey—
even dripping off the honeycomb!
11 No doubt about it:
your servant is enlightened
by them;
there is great reward
in keeping them.
12 But can anyone know
what they've accidentally
done wrong?
Clear me of any unknown sin
13 and save your servant
from willful sins.
Don't let them rule me.
Then I'll be completely blameless;
I'll be innocent of great
wrongdoing.

14 Let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to you,
LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 20

For the music leader.
A psalm of David.

1 I pray that the LORD answers you
whenever you are in trouble.
Let the name of Jacob's God
protect you.
2 Let God send help to you
from the sanctuary
and support you from Zion.
3 Let God recall your many
grain offerings;
let him savor your
entirely burned offerings. *Selah*

4 Let God grant what is in your heart
and fulfill all your plans.
5 Then we will rejoice
that you've been helped.
We will fly our flags
in the name of our God.
Let the LORD fulfill
all your requests!

6 Now I know that the LORD saves
his anointed one;
God answers his anointed one
from his heavenly sanctuary,
answering with mighty acts
of salvation
achieved by his strong hand.
7 Some people trust in chariots,
others in horses;
but we praise the LORD's name.
8 They will collapse and fall,
but we will stand up straight
and strong.

9 LORD, save the king!
Let him answer us when we cry out!

Psalm 21

For the music leader.
A psalm of David.

1 The king celebrates your strength,
LORD;
look how happy he is
about your saving help!
2 You've given him
what his heart desires;
you haven't denied
what his lips requested. *Selah*
3 You bring rich blessings
right to him;
you put a crown of pure gold
on his head.
4 He asked you for life,
and you gave it to him, all right—
long days, forever and always!
5 The king's reputation is great
because of your saving help;
you've conferred on him
glory and grandeur.
6 You grant him blessings forever;

19:7 Ps 23:3, Ps 93:5, Ps 111:7, Ps 119:130
19:8 Ps 12:6, Ps 119:14
19:9 Ps 119:142
19:10 Ps 119:72, Ps 119:103, Ps 119:127; Prv 8:10, Prv 8:19
19:11 Prv 29:18
19:12 Ps 90:8
19:13 Nm 15:30; 1Sa 25:39; Ps 119:133; Ro 6:12
19:14 Ex 6:6; Ps 18:2, Ps 104:34; Is 43:14, Is 47:4
20:1 Ps 46:7, Ps 46:11
20:4 Ps 21:2, Ps 37:4, Ps 145:19
20:7 2Ch 32:8; Ps 33:17; Prv 21:31; Is 31:1
20:8 Mi 7:8
21:1 Ps 9:14, Ps 28:7
21:3 2Sa 12:30; 1Ch 20:2
21:4 Ps 61:6, Ps 91:16, Ps 133:3
21:5 Ps 8:5, Ps 45:3, Ps 96:6

[1] Or *soul*

you make him happy
with the joy of your presence.
7 Because the king trusts the LORD,
and because of the Most High's
faithful love,
he will not stumble.

8 Your hand will catch
all your enemies;
your strong hand will catch
all who hate you.
9 When you appear, LORD,
you will light them up
like an oven on fire.
God will eat them whole
in his anger;
fire will devour them.
10 You will destroy their offspring
from the land;
destroy their descendants
from the human race.
11 Because they sought
to do you harm,
they devised a wicked plan—
but they will fail!
12 Because you will make them
turn and run
when you aim your bow
straight at their faces!

13 Be exalted, LORD, in your strength!
We will sing and praise
your power!

Psalm 22

For the music leader. According to the "Doe of Dawn." A psalm of David.

1 My God! My God,
why have you left me all alone?
Why are you so far from
saving me—
so far from my anguished groans?
2 My God, I cry out during the day,
but you don't answer;
even at nighttime I don't stop.
3 You are the holy one, enthroned.
You are Israel's praise.
4 Our ancestors trusted you—
they trusted you
and you rescued them;
5 they cried out to you
and they were saved;
they trusted you
and they weren't ashamed.
6 But I'm just a worm,
less than human;
insulted by one person,
despised by another.
7 All who see me make fun of me—
they gape, shaking their heads:
8 "He committed himself
to the LORD,
so let God rescue him;
let God deliver him
because God likes him so much."
9 But you are the one who pulled me
from the womb,
placing me safely
at my mother's breasts.
10 I was thrown on you from birth;
you've been my God
since I was in my mother's womb.
11 Please don't be far from me,
because trouble is near
and there's no one to help.

12 Many bulls surround me;
mighty bulls from Bashan
encircle me.
13 They open their mouths at me
like a lion ripping and roaring!
14 I'm poured out like water.
All my bones have fallen apart.
My heart is like wax;
it melts inside me.
15 My strength is dried up
like a piece of broken pottery.
My tongue sticks
to the roof of my mouth;
you've set me down
in the dirt of death.
16 Dogs surround me;
a pack of evil people circle me
like a lion—
oh, my poor hands and feet!
17 I can count all my bones!
Meanwhile, they just stare at me,
watching me.
18 They divvy up my garments
among themselves;
they cast lots for my clothes.
19 But you, LORD! Don't be far away!

21:12 Ps 7:13

22:1 Job 3:24; Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34

22:2 Ps 42:3, Ps 88:1; Lk 18:7

22:3 Lv 19:2; 2Ki 19:22; Ps 99:9, Ps 148:14; Is 6:3

22:4 Ps 78:53, Ps 107:6

22:5 Ps 25:2, Ps 71:1; Is 49:23

22:6 Job 25:6; Is 41:14, Is 49:7, Is 53:3

22:7 Ps 35:16, Ps 109:25; Mt 27:39; Mk 15:29; Lk 23:35

22:8 Ps 18:19, Ps 91:14; Mt 3:17, Mt 27:43

22:9 Ps 71:6

22:10 Is 46:3, Is 49:1

22:11 2Ki 14:26; Ps 10:1, Ps 22:1, Ps 71:12; Is 63:5

22:12 Dt 32:14; Ps 68:30; Eze 39:18; Am 4:1

22:13 Job 16:10; Ps 17:12; Lam 2:16, Lam 3:46

22:15 Job 7:21; Ps 104:29; Jn 19:28

22:16 Zec 12:10; Mt 27:35; Lk 23:33; Jn 19:23, Jn 20:25

22:17 Lk 23:35

22:18 Mt 27:35; Mk 15:24; Lk 23:34; Jn 19:23-24

22:19 Ps 18:1, Ps 22:11, Ps 38:22, Ps 40:13, Ps 70:5

You are my strength!
Come quick and help me!
20 Deliver me[m] from the sword.
Deliver my life from
the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion.
From the horns of the wild oxen
you have answered me!

22 I will declare your name
to my brothers and sisters;
I will praise you in the very center
of the congregation!
23 All of you who revere the LORD—
praise him!
All of you who are Jacob's
descendants—honor him!
All of you who are all
Israel's offspring—
stand in awe of him!
24 Because he didn't despise or detest
the suffering of the one
who suffered—
he didn't hide his face from me.
No, he listened when I cried out to
him for help.

25 I offer praise in the
great congregation
because of you;
I will fulfill my promises
in the presence of those who
honor God.
26 Let all those who are suffering
eat and be full!
Let all who seek the LORD
praise him!
I pray your hearts live forever!
27 Every part of the earth
will remember
and come back to the LORD;
every family among all the nations
will worship you.
28 Because the right to rule
belongs to the LORD,
he rules all nations.
29 Indeed, all the earth's powerful
will worship him;[n]
all who are descending to the dust
will kneel before him;

22:20 Ps 35:17
22:21 Nm 23:22; 2Ti 4:17
22:22 Ps 35:18, Ps 40:9; Heb 2:12
22:23 Ps 33:8, Ps 50:23, Ps 135:19-20
22:24 Ps 13:1, Ps 31:22; Heb 5:7
22:25 Ps 35:18, Ps 40:9, Ps 50:14, Ps 61:8, Ps 66:13
22:26 Ps 69:32
22:27 Ps 2:8, Ps 86:9; Is 45:22
22:28 Ps 47:7-8; Zec 14:9
22:29 Ps 45:12, Ps 89:48; Is 26:19
22:30 Ps 102:18
22:31 Ps 78:6, Ps 102:18
23:1 Ps 34:9-10, Ps 80:1; Is 40:11; Jn 10:11
23:2 Ps 23:1, Ps 46:4; Eze 34:14; Jn 10:9; Rev 7:17
23:3 Ps 5:8, Ps 19:7, Ps 31:3; Prv 8:20
23:4 Ps 3:6, Ps 27:1; Is 43:2
23:5 Ps 16:5, Ps 45:7, Ps 92:10, Ps 104:15; Lk 7:46
23:6 Ps 21:4, Ps 27:4
24:1 Ex 9:29, Ex 19:5; Ps 50:12, Ps 89:11; 1Co 10:26
24:2 Ps 104:5, Ps 136:6
24:3 Ps 2:6, Ps 15:1

my being also lives for him.[o]
30 Future descendants will serve him;
generations to come will be told
about my Lord.
31 They will proclaim
God's righteousness
to those not yet born,
telling them what God has done.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd.
I lack nothing.
2 He lets me rest in grassy meadows;
he leads me to restful waters;
3 he keeps me [p] alive.
He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.

4 Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger
because you are with me.
Your rod and your staff—
they protect me.

5 You set a table for me
right in front of my enemies.
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!
6 Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days
of my life,
and I will live[q] in the LORD's house
as long as I live.

Psalm 24

A psalm of David.

1 The earth is the LORD's
and everything in it,
the world and its inhabitants too.
2 Because God is the one
who established it on the seas;
God set it firmly on the waters.

3 Who can ascend the
LORD's mountain?
Who can stand in his
holy sanctuary?

[m] Or *my soul*; also in 22:29 [n] Correction; MT *All the earth's powerful have eaten and will worship.* [o] Correction with LXX; Heb uncertain [p] Or *my soul* [q] LXX; MT *I will return*

4 Only the one with clean hands
and a pure heart;
the one who hasn't made
false promises,
the one who hasn't
sworn dishonestly.
5 That kind of person receives
blessings from the LORD
and righteousness
from the God who saves.
6 And that's how things are
with the generation that
seeks him—
that seeks the face of Jacob's God.[r]
Selah

7 Mighty gates:
lift up your heads!
Ancient doors: rise up high!
So the glorious king can enter!
8 Who is this glorious king?
The LORD—strong and powerful!
The LORD—powerful in battle!
9 Mighty gates: lift up your heads!
Ancient doors: rise up high!
So the glorious king can enter!
10 Who is this glorious king?
The LORD of heavenly forces—
he is the glorious king! *Selah*

Psalm 25[s]

Of David.

א 1 I offer my life[t] to you, LORD.
ב 2 My God, I trust you.
Please don't let me
be put to shame!
Don't let my enemies
rejoice over me!
ג 3 For that matter,
don't let anyone
who hopes in you
be put to shame;
instead, let those who are
treacherous without excuse be
put to shame.

ד 4 Make your ways known to me,
LORD; teach me your paths.

24:4 Ps 73:1; Mt 5:8
24:5 Ps 115:13
24:6 Ps 27:8, Ps 105:4
24:7 Ps 118:19-20; Is 26:2; 1Co 2:8
24:8 Ex 15:3
24:10 Ex 15:18; 2Ch 20:6; Neh 9:6; Ps 2:6, Ps 10:16
25:1 Ps 86:4, Ps 143:8
25:4 Ex 33:13; Ps 5:8, Ps 27:11, Ps 86:11, Ps 143:8
25:5 Ps 43:3
25:7 Job 13:26, Job 20:11; Ps 51:1, Ps 109:26, Ps 119:124
25:8 Ps 32:8, Ps 92:15, Ps 119:68; Is 26:7
25:9 Ps 23:3, Ps 27:11
25:10 Ps 103:18
25:11 Ex 34:9; Ps 31:3, Ps 79:9
25:14 Prv 3:32; Mt 13:11; Jn 7:17, Jn 15:15
25:15 2Ch 20:12; Ps 31:4, Ps 121:1, Ps 123:2, Ps 141:8

ה 5 Lead me in your truth—
teach it to me—
because you are the God
who saves me.
ו I put my hope in you
all day long.
ז 6 LORD, remember your compassion
and faithful love—
they are forever!
ח 7 But don't remember the sins
of my youth or my wrongdoing.
Remember me only
according to your faithful love
for the sake of your goodness,
LORD.

ט 8 The LORD is good
and does the right thing;
he teaches sinners which way
they should go.
י 9 God guides the weak to justice,
teaching them his way.
כ 10 All the LORD's paths
are loving and faithful
for those who keep his covenant
and laws.
ל 11 Please, for the sake of your good
name, LORD, forgive my sins,
which are many!

מ 12 Where are the ones
who honor the LORD?
God will teach them
which path to take.
נ 13 They will live a good life,
and their descendants
will possess the land.
ס 14 The LORD counsels those who
honor him;
he makes his covenant known
to them.
ע 15 My eyes are always looking
to the LORD
because he will free my feet
from the net.

פ 16 Turn to me, God,
and have mercy on me

[r] LXX, Syr; MT *seek your face, Jacob* [s] Ps 25 is an alphabetic acrostic poem; see the note at Pss 9–10. [t] Or *soul*; also in 25:13, 20

because I'm alone
and suffering.
צ 17 My heart's troubles
keep getting bigger—
set me free from my distress!
18 Look at my suffering
and trouble—
forgive all my sins!
ר 19 Look at how many enemies
I have
and how violently
they hate me!
ש 20 Please protect my life!
Deliver me!
Don't let me be put to shame
because I take refuge in you.
ת 21 Let integrity and virtue
guard me
because I hope in you.

22 Please, God, save Israel
from all its troubles!

Psalm 26

Of David.

1 Establish justice for me, LORD,
because I have walked
with integrity.
I've trusted the LORD
without wavering.
2 Examine me, LORD;
put me to the test!
Purify[u] my mind[v]
and my heart.
3 Because your faithful love
is right in front of me—
I walk in your truth!
4 I don't spend time with people
up to no good;
I don't keep company
with liars.
5 I detest the company
of evildoers,
and I don't sit
with wicked people.
6 I wash my hands—
they are innocent!
I walk all around your altar, LORD,
7 proclaiming out loud my thanks,
declaring all your
wonderful deeds!
8 I love the beauty[w] of your house,
LORD; I love the place
where your glory resides.

9 Don't gather me[x] up
with the sinners,
taking my life along with
violent people
10 in whose hands are evil schemes,
whose strong hands are full
of bribes.
11 But me? I walk with integrity.
Save me! Have mercy on me!

12 My feet now stand on level ground.
I will bless the LORD
in the great congregation.

25:17 1Ki 1:29; Ps 34:6, Ps 34:17, Ps 40:12, Ps 107:6
25:18 2Sa 16:12
25:19 Ps 3:1, Ps 35:19, Ps 38:19
25:22 Ps 130:8
26:1 Ps 7:8; Prv 20:7
26:2 Ps 7:9, Ps 17:3, Ps 66:10, Ps 139:23-24
26:3 2Ki 20:3; Ps 86:11; 2Jn 1:4
26:4 Ps 1:1, Ps 28:3
26:5 Ps 31:6, Ps 139:21-22
26:6 Ex 30:19; Dt 21:6; Ps 43:4, Ps 73:13; Mt 27:24
26:7 Ps 9:1
26:8 1Ch 29:3; Ps 27:4, Ps 84:1-2
26:9 Ps 28:3, Ps 55:23, Ps 139:19
26:10 Ex 23:8
26:12 Ps 22:22, Ps 22:25, Ps 27:11, Ps 40:2, Ps 107:32
27:1 Ex 15:2; Ps 118:6, Ps 118:14; Is 12:2; Mi 7:8
27:2 Ps 14:4
27:3 Ps 3:6
27:4 Ps 23:6, Ps 26:8, Ps 63:2, Ps 65:4, Ps 84:2

Psalm 27

Of David.

1 The LORD is my light
and my salvation.
Should I fear anyone?
The LORD is a fortress
protecting my life.
Should I be frightened
of anything?
2 When evildoers come at me
trying to eat me up—
it's they, my foes and my enemies,
who stumble and fall!
3 If an army camps against me,
my heart won't be afraid.
If war comes up against me,
I will continue to trust in this:
4 I have asked one thing
from the LORD—
it's all I seek—
to live in the LORD's house
all the days of my life,
seeing the LORD's beauty
and constantly adoring his temple.
5 Because he will shelter me
in his own dwelling
during troubling times;
he will hide me in a secret place
in his own tent;
he will set me up high,
safe on a rock.

[u] LXX or *investigate* [v] Or *kidneys* [w] LXX; MT *the dwelling of your house* [x] Or *my soul*

6 Now my head is higher
than the enemies surrounding me,
and I will offer sacrifices
in God's tent—
sacrifices with shouts of joy!
I will sing and praise the LORD.

7 LORD, listen to my voice
when I cry out—
have mercy on me and answer me!
8 Come, my heart says,
seek God's face.[y]
LORD, I do seek your face!
9 Please don't hide it from me!
Don't push your servant
aside angrily—
you have been my help!
God who saves me,
don't neglect me!
Don't leave me all alone!
10 Even if my father and mother
left me all alone,
the LORD would take me in.
11 LORD, teach me your way;
because of my opponents,
lead me on a good path.
12 Don't give me over
to the desires of my enemies,
because false witnesses
and violent accusers
have taken their stand against me.
13 But I have sure faith
that I will experience
the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living!

14 Hope in the LORD!
Be strong! Let your heart
take courage!
Hope in the LORD!

Psalm 28

Of David.

1 I cry out to you, LORD.
You are my rock;
don't refuse to hear me.
If you won't talk to me,
I'll be just like those
going down to the pit.
2 Listen to my request for mercy
when I cry out to you,
when I lift up my hands
to your holy inner sanctuary.
3 Don't drag me off with the wicked
and those who do evil;
the type who talk nice
to their friends
while evil thoughts
are in their hearts!
4 Pay them back
for what they've done!
Pay them back for their evil deeds!
Pay them back
for their handiwork!
Give back to them
exactly what they deserve!
5 Because they have no regard
for what the LORD has done,
no regard for his handiwork,
God will tear them down
and never rebuild!

6 Bless the LORD
because he has listened
to my request for mercy!
7 The LORD is my strength
and my shield.
My heart trusts him.
I was helped, my heart rejoiced,
and I thank him with my song.
8 The LORD is his people's strength;
he is a fortress of protection
for his anointed one.
9 Save your people, God!
Bless your possession!
Shepherd them
and carry them for all time!

Psalm 29

A psalm of David.

1 You, divine beings!
Give to the LORD—
give to the LORD glory and power!
2 Give to the LORD the glory
due his name!
Bow down to the LORD
in holy splendor!

3 The LORD's voice is over the waters;
the glorious God thunders;
the LORD is over the mighty waters.

27:7 Ps 4:1
27:8 Ps 24:6, Ps 105:4
27:9 Ps 40:17, Ps 69:17, Ps 71:18, Ps 102:2, Ps 143:7
27:10 Is 40:11, Is 49:15
27:11 Ps 5:8, Ps 25:4-5, Ps 86:11, Ps 143:10
27:12 Dt 19:16; Ps 35:11; Mt 26:59-60; Ac 9:1
27:13 Job 28:13; Ps 52:5, Ps 116:9, Ps 142:5; Is 38:11
27:14 Ps 31:24, Ps 62:5, Ps 130:5; Is 8:17
28:1 Ps 18:2, Ps 35:22, Ps 83:1, Ps 88:4, Ps 143:7
28:2 Ps 5:7, Ps 134:2, Ps 141:2; Lam 2:19; 1Ti 2:8
28:4 Ps 62:12; Lam 3:64; 2Ti 4:14; Rev 18:6, Rev 22:12
28:5 Is 5:12
28:7 Ps 3:3, Ps 13:5, Ps 16:9, Ps 40:3, Ps 69:30
28:8 Ex 15:2; Ps 20:6, Ps 27:1
28:9 Dt 9:29; Ps 78:71, Ps 80:1; Is 40:11, Is 63:9
29:1 1Ch 16:28; Ps 96:7
29:3 Job 37:4-5; Ps 18:13, Ps 104:7

[y] Correction; MT *My heart says to/of you . . . see my face!*

4 The LORD's voice is strong;
the LORD's voice is majestic.
5 The LORD's voice breaks
cedar trees—
yes, the LORD shatters
the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes Lebanon jump around
like a young bull,
makes Sirion jump around
like a young wild ox.
7 The LORD's voice unleashes
fiery flames;
8 the LORD's voice shakes the
wilderness—
yes, the LORD shakes
the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The LORD's voice convulses the oaks,
strips the forests bare,
but in his temple everyone
shouts, "Glory!"
10 The LORD sits enthroned
over the floodwaters;
the LORD sits enthroned—
king forever!

11 Let the LORD give strength
to his people!
Let the LORD bless his people
with peace!

Psalm 30

A psalm. A song for the temple dedication. Of David.

1 I exalt you, LORD,
because you pulled me up;
you didn't let my enemies
celebrate over me.
2 LORD, my God,
I cried out to you for help,
and you healed me.
3 LORD, you brought me[z] up
from the grave,[a]
brought me back to life from among
those going down to the pit.

4 You who are faithful to the LORD,
sing praises to him;
give thanks to his holy name!
5 His anger lasts for only a second,
but his favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping may stay all night,
but by morning, joy!

6 When I was comfortable, I said,
"I will never stumble."
7 Because it pleased you, LORD,
you made me a strong mountain.
But then you hid your presence.
I was terrified.
8 I cried out to you, LORD.
I begged my Lord for mercy:
9 "What is to be gained
by my spilled blood,
by my going down into the pit?
Does dust thank you?
Does it proclaim your faithfulness?
10 LORD, listen and have mercy on me!
LORD, be my helper!"

11 You changed my mourning
into dancing.
You took off my funeral clothes
and dressed me up in joy
12 so that my whole being
might sing praises to you
and never stop.
LORD, my God,
I will give thanks to you forever.

Psalm 31

For the music leader.
A psalm of David.

1 I take refuge in you, LORD.
Please never let me be put to shame.
Rescue me by your righteousness!
2 Listen closely to me!
Deliver me quickly;
be a rock that protects me;
be a strong fortress that saves me!
3 You are definitely my rock
and my fortress.
Guide me and lead me
for the sake of your good name!
4 Get me out of this net
that's been set for me
because you are my protective
fortress.
5 I entrust my spirit into your hands;
you, LORD, God of faithfulness—
you have saved me.

29:4 Ps 68:33
29:5 Jgs 9:15; Ps 104:16; Is 2:13, Is 14:8
29:6 Nm 23:22; Dt 3:9; Ps 114:4, Ps 114:6
29:8 Nm 13:26
29:9 Job 39:1
29:10 Gn 6:17; Ps 10:16, Ps 93:1
30:1 Dt 20:5; Ps 25:2, Ps 35:19, Ps 35:24
30:2 Ps 6:2, Ps 88:13, Ps 103:3
30:3 1Sa 2:6; Ps 16:10, Ps 28:1, Ps 56:13, Ps 86:13
30:4 Ps 97:12
30:5 Ps 103:9, Ps 126:5; Is 54:7-8; 2Co 4:17
30:6 Job 29:18; Ps 10:6
30:7 Dt 31:17; Ps 5:12, Ps 104:29, Ps 143:7
30:8 Ps 142:1
30:9 Ps 6:5, Ps 28:1; Is 38:18
30:10 Ps 4:1, Ps 17:1
30:11 Ps 149:3; Jer 31:4, Jer 31:13
30:12 Ps 16:9, Ps 44:8
31:1 Ps 25:2, Ps 71:1-2, Ps 143:1
31:2 Ps 18:2, Ps 71:2, Ps 86:1
31:3 Ps 18:2, Ps 23:3
31:5 Dt 32:4; Lk 23:46; Ac 7:59

[z] Or *my soul* [a] Heb *Sheol*

6 I hate those who embrace
what is completely worthless.
I myself trust the LORD.
7 I rejoice and celebrate
in your faithful love
because you saw my suffering—
you were intimately acquainted
with my deep distress.
8 You didn't hand me over
to the enemy,
but set my feet in
wide-open spaces.

9 Have mercy on me, LORD,
because I'm depressed.
My vision fails because of my grief,
as do my spirit and my body.
10 My life is consumed with sadness;
my years are consumed
with groaning.
Strength fails me
because of my suffering;[b]
my bones dry up.
11 I'm a joke to all my enemies,
still worse to my neighbors.
I scare my friends,
and whoever sees me in the street
runs away!
12 I am forgotten, like I'm dead,
completely out of mind;
I am like a piece of pottery,
destroyed.
13 Yes, I've heard all the gossiping,
terror all around;
so many gang up together
against me,
they plan to take my life!

14 But me? I trust you, LORD!
I affirm, "You are my God."
15 My future is in your hands.
Don't hand me over to my enemies,
to all who are out to get me!
16 Shine your face on your servant;
save me by your faithful love!
17 LORD, don't let me be put to shame
because I have cried out to you.
Let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silenced
in death's domain![c]

31:6 Dt 32:21; Ps 26:5; Jer 10:8; Jon 2:8

31:7 Ps 1:6, Ps 9:2, Ps 9:13, Ps 10:14, Ps 31:21

31:8 Dt 32:30

31:9 Ps 6:7

31:10 Ps 6:2, Ps 32:3, Ps 102:3

31:11 Ps 38:11, Ps 88:18

31:14 Ps 140:6

31:15 Job 24:1; Ps 7:1

31:16 Nm 6:25; Ps 4:6, Ps 6:4, Ps 67:1, Ps 80:3

31:18 1Sa 2:3; Ps 120:2; Jud 1:15

31:19 Ps 23:5; Is 64:4

31:20 Ps 27:5, Ps 32:7, Ps 64:2

31:21 1Sa 23:7; Ps 17:7, Ps 28:6

31:22 Ps 6:9, Ps 66:19, Ps 116:11; Is 38:11; Lam 3:54

31:24 Ps 27:14

32:1 Ps 1:1, Ps 85:2; Ro 4:7

32:2 Jn 1:47; Ro 4:7; 2Co 5:19; Rev 14:5

18 Let their lying lips be shut up
whenever they speak arrogantly
against the righteous
with pride and contempt!
19 How great is the goodness
that you've reserved
for those who honor you,
that you commit to those
who take refuge in you—
in the sight of everyone!
20 You hide them
in the shelter of your wings,[d]
safe from human scheming.
You conceal them in a shelter,
safe from accusing tongues.

21 Bless the LORD,
because he has wondrously revealed
his faithful love to me
when I was like a city under siege!
22 When I was panicked, I said,
"I'm cut off from your eyes!"
But you heard my request for mercy
when I cried out to you for help.

23 All you who are faithful,
love the LORD!
The LORD protects
those who are loyal,
but he pays the proud back
to the fullest degree.
24 All you who wait for the LORD,
be strong and let your heart
take courage.

Psalm 32

A maskil[e] of David.

1 The one whose wrongdoing
is forgiven,
whose sin is covered over,
is truly happy!
2 The one the LORD
doesn't consider guilty—
in whose spirit there is
no dishonesty—
that one is truly happy!

3 When I kept quiet,
my bones wore out;

[b] LXX, Syr; MT *my sin* [c] Heb *Sheol* [d] Correction; see Ps 61:5; MT *in the hiding place of your face* [e] Perhaps *instruction*; it also appears in Pss 42, 44–45, 52–55, 74, 78, 88–89, 142; cf 47:7; the root is used in Ps 32:8.

I was groaning all day long—
every day, every night!—
4 because your hand was heavy
upon me.
My energy was sapped as if in a
summer drought. *Selah*
5 So I admitted my sin to you;
I didn't conceal my guilt.
"I'll confess my sins to the LORD,"
is what I said.
Then you removed the guilt
of my sin. *Selah*
6 That's why all the faithful should
pray to you during troubled times,[f]
so that a great flood of water
won't reach them.
7 You are my secret hideout!
You protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs
of rescue! *Selah*

8 I will instruct you and teach you
about the direction you should go.
I'll advise you and
keep my eye on you.
9 Don't be like some senseless
horse or mule,
whose movement must
be controlled
with a bit and a bridle.[g]
Don't be anything like that![h]
10 The pain of the wicked is severe,
but faithful love surrounds
the one who trusts the LORD.
11 You who are righteous,
rejoice in the LORD and be glad!
All you whose hearts are right,
sing out in joy!

Psalm 33

1 All you who are righteous,
shout joyfully to the LORD!
It's right for those who do right
to praise God.
2 Give thanks to the LORD
with the lyre!
Sing praises to him
with the ten-stringed harp!
3 Sing to him a new song!
Play your best with joyful shouts!

32:4 1Sa 5:6; Ps 22:15; Ps 38:2, Ps 39:10

32:5 Lv 26:40; Ps 38:18, Ps 51:3; Prv 28:13; 1Jn 1:9

32:6 Ps 4:3, Ps 69:1, Ps 69:13; Is 43:2, Is 55:6

32:7 Ex 15:1; Jgs 5:1; Ps 9:9, Ps 27:5, Ps 119:114

32:8 Ps 25:8, Ps 25:12, Ps 33:18

32:9 Prv 26:3; Jer 31:18; Jas 3:3

32:10 Prv 13:21, Prv 16:20; Jer 17:7; Ro 2:9

32:11 Ps 7:10, Ps 33:1, Ps 64:10, Ps 68:3, Ps 97:12

33:1 Ps 32:11, Ps 147:1

33:2 2Sa 6:5; Ps 71:22, Ps 92:3, Ps 144:9

33:3 Ps 40:3, Ps 96:1, Ps 98:1, Ps 144:9; Is 42:10

33:4 Dt 32:4; Ps 19:8

33:5 Ps 11:7, Ps 119:64

33:6 Gn 1:1, Gn 2:1; Heb 11:3

33:7 Ex 15:8; Josh 3:16; Job 38:8; Jer 5:22

33:8 Ps 96:9

33:9 Gn 1:3; Ps 148:5-6; Heb 11:3

33:10 2Sa 17:14; Job 5:12; Ps 2:1; Is 8:10, Is 19:3

33:11 Prv 19:21; Is 46:10; Heb 6:17

33:12 Ex 19:5; Dt 7:6, Dt 33:29; Ps 65:4; Ps 144:15

33:15 Jer 32:19

33:16 Ps 44:6, Ps 60:11

33:17 Ps 20:7, Ps 147:10; Prv 21:31; Is 31:1

33:18 Job 36:7; Ps 34:15, Ps 147:11; 1Pt 3:12

4 Because the LORD's word is right,
his every act is done in good faith.
5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the LORD's faithful love
fills the whole earth.
6 The skies were made
by the LORD's word,
all their starry multitude
by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathered the ocean waters
into a heap;
he put the deep seas
into storerooms.
8 All the earth honors the LORD;
all the earth's inhabitants
stand in awe of him.
9 Because when he spoke,
it happened!
When he commanded,
there it was!

10 The LORD overrules
what the nations plan;
he frustrates
what the peoples intend to do.
11 But the LORD's plan stands forever;
what he intends to do lasts
from one generation to the next.
12 The nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom God has chosen
as his possession,
is truly happy!
13 The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees every human being.
14 From his dwelling place
God observes
all who live on earth.
15 God is the one who made
all their hearts,
the one who knows
everything they do.

16 Kings aren't saved by the strength
of their armies;
warriors aren't rescued
by how much power they have.
17 A warhorse is a bad bet for victory;
it can't save despite
its great strength.
18 But look here: the LORD's eyes
watch all who honor him,

[f] Correction; MT *at a time of finding only* [g] Heb uncertain [h] Heb uncertain

all who wait for
his faithful love,
19 to deliver their lives[i]
from death
and keep them alive
during a famine.

20 We put our hope in the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
21 Our heart rejoices in God
because we trust his holy name.
22 LORD, let your faithful love
surround us,
because we wait for you.

Psalm 34[j]

Of David, when he pretended
to be crazy before Abimelech,
who banished him so that he left.

א 1 I will bless the LORD
at all times;
his praise will always be
in my mouth.
ב 2 I[k] praise the LORD—
let the suffering listen
and rejoice.
ג 3 Magnify the LORD with me!
Together let us lift
his name up high!

ד 4 I sought the LORD
and he answered me.
He delivered me from
all my fears.
ה 5 Those who look to God
will shine;
their faces are never ashamed.
ז 6 This suffering person cried out:
the LORD listened and saved him
from every trouble.
ח 7 On every side, the LORD's
messenger protects those who
honor God; and he delivers them.
ט 8 Taste and see
how good the LORD is!
The one who takes refuge in him
is truly happy!

33:19 Job 5:20; Ps 37:19; Ac 12:11

33:20 Ps 62:1, Ps 115:9, Ps 130:6; Is 8:17

34:1 1Sa 21:12-13; Eph 5:20; 1Th 5:18

34:2 Ps 44:8, Ps 119:74; Is 45:25; Jer 9:24; 1Co 1:31

34:3 Ps 35:27, Ps 69:30; Lk 1:46; Ro 15:6

34:4 Ps 77:2; Mt 7:7

34:5 Is 60:5

34:7 Gn 32:1; 2Ki 6:17; Ps 91:11; Dn 6:22; Mt 18:10

34:8 Ps 2:12; Heb 6:5; 1Pt 2:3

34:9 Ps 23:1

34:10 Ps 23:1, Ps 84:11

34:11 Ps 32:8, Ps 66:16, Ps 111:10; 2Ti 3:15

34:12 Ecc 3:13; 1Pt 3:10-11

34:13 Prv 13:3; Jas 1:26; 1Pt 2:1, 1Pt 2:22

34:14 Job 28:28; Ps 37:27; Is 1:16; Ro 14:19; Heb 12:14

34:15 Job 36:7; Ps 33:18; 1Pt 3:12

34:16 Job 18:17; Ps 109:15; Prv 10:7

34:17 Ps 34:15, Ps 145:19; Prv 15:29

34:18 Ps 51:17, Ps 145:18, Ps 147:3; Is 57:15, Is 61:1

34:19 Ps 34:4, Ps 34:17; Prv 24:16; 2Ti 3:11

34:20 Ex 12:46; Ps 34:19; Jn 19:36

34:21 Ps 94:23

ט 9 You who are the LORD's holy ones,
honor him,
because those who honor him
don't lack a thing.
כ 10 Even strong young lions
go without and get hungry,
but those who seek the LORD
lack no good thing.

ל 11 Come, children, listen to me.
Let me teach you
how to honor the LORD:
מ 12 Do you love life;
do you relish the chance
to enjoy good things?
נ 13 Then you must keep your tongue
from evil
and keep your lips
from speaking lies!
ס 14 Turn away from evil!
Do good!
Seek peace and go after it!

ע 15 The LORD's eyes
watch the righteous,
his ears listen to their cries
for help.
פ 16 But the LORD's face is set against
those who do evil,
to eliminate even the memory of
them from the earth.
צ 17 When the righteous cry out,
the LORD listens;
he delivers them
from all their troubles.
ק 18 The LORD is close
to the brokenhearted;
he saves those whose spirits
are crushed.

ר 19 The righteous have
many problems,
but the LORD delivers them
from every one.
ש 20 He protects all their bones;
not even one will be broken.
ת 21 But just one problem
will kill the wicked,

[i] Or *souls*; also in 33:20 [j] Ps 34 is an alphabetic acrostic poem; see the note at Pss 9–10 or Ps 111. [k] Or *my soul*; also in 34:22

and those who hate the righteous
will be held responsible.
22 The LORD saves
his servants' lives;
all those who take refuge
in him
won't be held responsible
for anything.

Psalm 35

Of David.

1 LORD, argue with
those who argue with me;
fight with those who fight
against me!
2 Grab a shield and armor;
stand up and help me!
3 Use your spear and ax[l]
against those who are out to get me!
Say to me:[m] "I'm your salvation!"
4 Let those who want me dead
be humiliated and put to shame.
Let those who intend to hurt me
be thoroughly frustrated
and disgraced.
5 Let them be like dust on the wind—
and let the LORD's messenger
be the one who does the blowing!
6 Let their path be dark
and slippery—
and let the LORD's messenger
be the one who does the chasing!
7 Because they hid their net for me
for no reason,
they dug a pit for me
for no reason.
8 Let disaster come to them
when they don't suspect it.
Let the net they hid
catch them instead!
Let them fall into it—
to their disaster!

9 But I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will celebrate his salvation.
10 All my bones will say,
"LORD, who could compare to you?
You rescue the weak
from those who overpower them;
you rescue the weak
and the needy from those
who plunder them."

11 Violent witnesses stand up.
They question me about things
I know nothing about.
12 They pay me back evil for good,
leaving me stricken with grief.
13 But when they were sick,
I wore clothes for grieving,
and I kept a strict fast.
When my prayer came back
unanswered,[n]
14 I would wander around
like I was grieving a friend
or a brother.
I was weighed down, sad,
like I was a mother in mourning.
15 But when I stumbled,
they celebrated and
gathered together—
they gathered together against me!
Strangers[o] I didn't know tore me
to pieces and wouldn't quit.
16 They ridiculed me over
and over again,
like godless people would do,
grinding their teeth at me.

17 How long, my Lord,
will you watch this happen?
Rescue me from their attacks;
rescue my precious life
from these predatory lions!
18 Then I will thank you
in the great assembly;
I will praise you
in a huge crowd of people.
19 Don't let those who are my enemies
without cause celebrate over me;
don't let those who hate me
for no reason
wink at my demise.
20 They don't speak the truth;
instead, they plot false accusations
against innocent people
in the land.
21 They speak out against me,

34:22 Gn 48:16; Ex 6:6, Ex 15:13; 2Sa 22:31; 1Ki 1:29
35:1 Ex 14:25; Ps 119:154; Is 49:25
35:2 Ps 3:7, Ps 44:26, Ps 91:4
35:8 Ps 7:15, Ps 141:10; Is 47:11; 1Th 5:3
35:9 Ps 9:14, Ps 13:5; Is 61:10; Lk 1:47
35:10 Ps 86:8
35:12 Ps 38:20, Ps 109:5; Prv 17:13; Jer 18:20; Jn 10:32
35:13 Job 30:25; Ps 69:10-11
35:14 Ps 38:6
35:15 Job 30:1, Job 30:8, Job 30:12, Job 31:29; Ps 7:2
35:16 Job 16:9; Ps 22:7, Ps 37:12; Lam 2:16; Ac 7:54
35:17 Ps 6:3, Ps 13:1, Ps 22:20-21; Hab 1:13
35:18 Ps 22:22, Ps 22:25
35:19 Ps 38:19, Ps 69:4; Prv 6:13, Prv 10:10; Jn 15:25
35:20 Ps 38:12; Jer 9:8

[l] Correction [m] Or *my soul;* also in 35:4, 7, 9, 12, 13, 17, 24 [n] Heb uncertain [o] Correction

saying, "Yes! Oh, yes! We've seen it
with our own eyes!"

22 But you've seen it too, LORD.
Don't keep quiet about it.
Please don't be far from me,
my Lord.
23 Wake up! Get up and do justice
for me;
argue my case, my Lord and my God!
24 Establish justice for me
according to your righteousness,
LORD, my God.
Don't let them celebrate over me.
25 Don't let them say to themselves,
Yes! Exactly what we wanted!
Don't let them say,
"We ate him up!"
26 Let all those who celebrate my
misfortune be disgraced
and put to shame!
Let those who exalt themselves
over me
be dressed up in shame
and dishonor!
27 But let those who want things
to be set right for me
shout for joy and celebrate!
Let them constantly say,
"The LORD is great—
God wants his servant
to be at peace."
28 Then my tongue will talk
all about your righteousness;
it will talk
about your praise all day long.

Psalm 36

For the music leader.
Of the LORD's servant David.

1 I know the sinful utterance
of the wicked:[p]
No fear of God
confronts their own eyes,
2 because in their own eyes
they are slick with talk
about their guilt ever being
found out and despised.[q]
3 The words of their mouths
are evil and dishonest.
They have stopped being wise
and stopped doing good.
4 They plot evil even while
resting in bed!
They commit themselves
to a path that is no good.
They don't reject what is evil.

5 But your loyal love, LORD,
extends to the skies;
your faithfulness reaches
the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is
like the strongest mountains;
your justice is like
the deepest sea.
LORD, you save both humans
and animals.
7 Your faithful love is priceless, God!
Humanity finds refuge
in the shadow of your wings.
8 They feast on the bounty
of your house;
you let them drink
from your river of pure joy.
9 Within you is the spring of life.
In your light, we see light.

10 Extend your faithful love
to those who know you;
extend your righteousness
to those whose heart is right.
11 Don't let the feet of arrogant people
walk all over me;
don't let the hands of the wicked
drive me off.
12 Look—right there is where
the evildoers have fallen,
pushed down, unable to get up!

Psalm 37[r]

Of David.

נ 1 Don't get upset over evildoers;
don't be jealous of those
who do wrong,
2 because they will fade fast,
like grass;
they will wither
like green vegetables.

35:25 Ps 35:21, Ps 56:1, Ps 124:3; Prv 1:12; Lam 2:16
35:27 Ps 40:16, Ps 70:4, Ps 149:4
35:28 Ps 51:14-15, Ps 71:15, Ps 71:24
36:1 Ps 18:1; Ro 3:18
36:2 Dt 29:19; Ps 49:18
36:3 Ps 5:9, Ps 10:7, Ps 12:2
36:4 Prv 4:16; Is 65:2; Mi 2:1; Ro 12:9
36:5 Ps 57:10, Ps 103:11, Ps 108:4
36:6 Neh 9:6; Ps 71:19; Ps 104:14, Ps 145:16; Ro 11:33
36:7 Ru 2:12; Ps 17:8, Ps 57:1, Ps 91:4, Ps 139:17
36:8 Ps 46:4, Ps 63:5, Ps 65:4; Is 25:6; Rev 22:1
36:9 Ps 27:1; Jer 2:13; Jn 4:14; 1Pt 2:9
36:10 Ps 7:10; Jer 22:16
36:12 Ps 1:5, Ps 18:38, Ps 28:3, Ps 55:23, Ps 64:7
37:1 Ps 73:3; Prv 3:31, Prv 23:17, Prv 24:1, Prv 24:19
37:2 Ps 90:6, Ps 92:7

[p] Heb uncertain [q] Heb uncertain [r] Ps 37 is an alphabetic acrostic poem; see the note at Pss 9–10 or Ps 111.

ב [3] Trust the LORD and do good;
live in the land,
and farm faithfulness.
[4] Enjoy the LORD,
and he will give
what your heart asks.
ג [5] Commit your way to the LORD!
Trust him! He will act
[6] and will make your righteousness
shine like the dawn,
your justice like high noon.
ד [7] Be still before the LORD,
and wait[s] for him.
Don't get upset when
someone gets ahead—
someone who invents
evil schemes.

ה [8] Let go of anger and
leave rage behind!
Don't get upset—it will only lead
to evil.
[9] Because evildoers
will be eliminated,
but those who hope
in the LORD—
they will possess the land.
ו [10] In just a little while
the wicked won't exist!
If you go looking around
their place,
they won't be there.
[11] But the weak will inherit the land;
they will enjoy a surplus of peace.
ז [12] The wicked plot
against the righteous,
grinding their teeth at them.
[13] But my Lord just laughs at them
because he knows
that their day is coming.
ח [14] The wicked draw their swords
and bend their bows
to bring down the weak
and the needy,
to slaughter those
whose way is right.
[15] But the sword of the wicked
will enter their own hearts!
Their bows will be broken!

37:3 Prv 3:5; Is 26:4
37:4 Job 22:26; Ps 21:2, Ps 145:19; Is 58:14; Mt 6:33
37:5 Ps 55:22; Prv 16:3; 1Pt 5:7
37:6 Job 11:17; Is 58:8, Is 58:10; Mi 7:9
37:7 Ps 27:14, Ps 37:1, Ps 40:1; Ps 62:1; Jer 12:1
37:8 Eph 4:26, Eph 4:31; Col 3:8
37:9 Ps 25:13, Ps 37:22; Prv 2:21-22; Is 57:13
37:10 Job 7:10, Job 24:24
37:11 Ps 119:165; Mt 5:5
37:12 Job 16:9; Ps 35:16
37:13 1Sa 26:10; Ps 2:4; Prv 1:26
37:14 Ps 11:2, Ps 35:10
37:15 1Sa 2:4; Ps 46:9
37:16 Prv 15:16, Prv 16:8; 1Ti 6:6
37:20 Ps 68:2, Ps 102:3
37:22 Ps 37:9
37:23 1Sa 2:9; Ps 40:2, Ps 147:11; Prv 16:9, Prv 20:24
37:24 Ps 37:17, Ps 145:14; Prv 24:16; Mi 7:8
37:25 Ps 37:28, Ps 109:10; Heb 13:5
37:26 Dt 15:8; Ps 37:21, Ps 112:5; Lk 6:35
37:27 Ps 34:14

ט [16] Better is the little
that the righteous have
than the overabundant wealth
of the wicked.[t]
[17] The arms of the wicked
will be broken,
but the LORD supports
the righteous.
י [18] The LORD is intimately
acquainted
with the lives of the blameless;
their heritage will last forever.
[19] They won't be ashamed
in troubling times,
and in a period of famine
they will eat their fill.
כ [20] But the wicked will die,
the LORD's enemies
will disappear—
disappear like the beauty
of a meadow—in smoke.
ל [21] The wicked borrow
and don't pay it back,
but the righteous are generous
and giving.
[22] Those blessed by God
will possess the land,
but those cursed by God
will be cut off.

מ [23] A person's steps are made secure
by the LORD
when they delight in his way.
[24] Though they trip up,
they won't be thrown down,
because the LORD holds
their hand.
נ [25] I was young and now I'm old,
but I have never seen
the righteous left all alone,
have never seen their children
begging for bread.
[26] They are always gracious
and generous.
Their children are a blessing.

ס [27] Turn away from evil! Do good!
Then you will live
in the land forever.

[s] Correction with LXX, Vulg [t] LXX, Vulg, Syr; MT *abundant wealth of many wicked*

28 The LORD loves justice.
He will never leave his faithful
all alone.
ע They are guarded forever,
but the children of the wicked
are eliminated.
29 The righteous will possess
the land;
they will live on it forever.

פ 30 The mouths of the righteous
recite wisdom;
their tongues discuss justice.
31 The Instruction of their God
is in their hearts;
they don't miss a step.
צ 32 The wicked, on the other hand,
target the righteous,
seeking to kill them.
33 But the LORD won't leave
the righteous
to the power of the wicked,
and won't let the righteous
be found guilty when they
are judged.

ק 34 Hope in the LORD
and keep his way!
He will lift you up
so you can possess the land.
When the wicked
are eliminated,
you will see it for yourself!
ר 35 I myself have seen
wicked powerful people,
exalting themselves
like a stately cedar.[u]
36 But when I[v] came back,
they were gone!
I looked all over for them,
but they couldn't be found!

ש 37 Observe those who have integrity
and watch those whose heart
is right
because the future belongs
to persons of peace.
38 But wrongdoers will be destroyed
all together;
the future of the wicked
will be cut short.
ת 39 The salvation of the righteous
comes from the LORD;
he is their refuge in times
of trouble.
40 The LORD will help them
and rescue them—
rescue them from the wicked—
and he will save them
because they have taken refuge
in him.

37:28 Ex 20:5; Ps 21:10, Ps 97:10; Prv 2:22; Is 14:20
37:29 Ps 37:9; Prv 2:21
37:30 Prv 10:13, Prv 10:31, Prv 15:7; Eph 4:29; Col 4:6
37:31 Dt 6:6; Ps 40:8, Ps 119:11; Is 51:7; Jer 31:33
37:34 Ps 27:14, Ps 37:9, Ps 52:5-6, Ps 91:8
37:35 Job 5:3, Job 21:7; Ps 37:36, Ps 73:3
37:36 Job 20:5; Ps 37:10, Ps 37:35
37:37 Is 57:2
37:40 1Ch 5:20; Is 31:5; Dn 3:17, Dn 6:23
38:1 Ps 6:1, Ps 70:1
38:2 Job 6:4; Ps 32:4; Lam 3:12
38:3 Job 33:19; Ps 6:2; Is 1:6
38:4 Ezr 9:6; Ps 40:12
38:5 Job 19:17; Ps 69:5
38:6 Job 30:28; Ps 35:14, Ps 42:9, Ps 43:2
38:7 Ps 38:3
38:8 Ps 22:1
38:9 Ps 6:6
38:10 Ps 6:7, Ps 31:10, Ps 88:9

Psalm 38

A psalm of David.
For the memorial offering.

1 Please, LORD, don't punish me
when you are mad;
don't discipline me
when you are furious.
2 Your arrows have pierced me;
your fist has come down hard on me.
3 There's nothing in my body
that isn't broken
because of your rage;
there's no health in my bones
because of my sin.
4 My wrongdoings are
stacked higher than my head;
they are a weight
that's way too heavy for me.
5 My wounds reek;
they are all infected
because of my stupidity.
6 I am hunched over,
completely down;
I wander around all day long, sad.
7 My insides are burning up;
there's nothing in my body
that isn't broken.
8 I'm worn out, completely crushed;
I groan because of
my miserable heart.

9 Everything I long for
is laid out before you, my Lord;
my sighs aren't hidden from you.
10 My heart pounds;
my strength abandons me.
Even the light of my eyes is gone.

[u] LXX [v] LXX, Syr, Vulg

[11] My loved ones and friends
keep their distance
from me in my sickness;
those who were near me
now stay far away.
[12] Those who want me dead lay traps;
those who want me harmed
utter threats,
muttering lies all day long.
[13] But I'm like someone who is deaf,
who can't hear;
like someone who can't speak,
whose mouth won't open.
[14] I've become like a person
who doesn't hear what is being said,
whose mouth has
no good comeback.
[15] But I wait for you, LORD!
You will answer, my Lord, my God!
[16] Because I prayed:
"Don't let them celebrate over me
or exalt themselves over me
when my foot slips,"
[17] because I'm very close to falling,
and my pain is always with me.
[18] Yes, I confess my wrongdoing;
I'm worried about my sin.
[19] But my mortal enemies are so strong;
those who hate me for no reason
seem countless.
[20] Those who give, repay good with evil;
they oppose me for pursuing good.

[21] Don't leave me all alone, LORD!
Please, my God,
don't be far from me!
[22] Come quickly and help me,
my Lord, my salvation!

Psalm 39

For the music leader. To Jeduthun.
A psalm of David.

[1] I promised I would watch my steps
so as not to sin with my tongue;
promised to keep my mouth shut
as long as the wicked were
in my presence.
[2] So I was completely quiet, silent.
I kept my peace, but it did no good.
My pain got worse.
[3] My heart got hot inside me;
while stewing over it,
the fire burned.
Then I spoke out with my tongue:
[4] "Let me know my end, LORD.
How many days do I have left?
I want to know how brief
my time is."
[5] You've made my days so short;
my lifetime is like nothing
in your eyes.
Yes, a human life
is nothing but a puff of air! *Selah*

[6] Yes, people wander around
like shadows;
yes, they hustle and bustle,
but pointlessly;
they don't even know who will
get the wealth they've amassed.
[7] So now, Lord, what should I be
waiting for?
My hope is set on you.
[8] Deliver me from all my sins;
don't make me
some foolish person's joke.
[9] I am completely silent;
I won't open my mouth
because you have acted.
[10] Get this plague of yours off me!
I'm being destroyed by the blows
from your fist.
[11] You discipline people for their sin,
punishing them;
like a moth,
you ruin what they treasure.
Yes, a human life
is just a puff of air! *Selah*

[12] Hear my prayer, LORD!
Listen closely to my cry for help!
Please don't ignore my tears!
I'm just a foreigner—
an immigrant staying with you,
just like all my ancestors were.
[13] Look away from me
so I can be happy again
before I pass away and am gone.

Psalm 40

For the music leader. Of David.
A psalm.

[1] I put all my hope in the LORD.
He leaned down to me;

38:11 Job 19:13; Ps 31:11, Ps 88:18; Lk 23:49
38:12 Ps 35:20
38:13 Ps 39:2, Ps 39:9
38:14 Job 23:4
38:17 Ps 35:15
39:1 1Ki 2:4; 1Ch 16:41; Ps 62:1, Ps 77:1, Ps 119:9
39:2 Ps 38:13
39:3 Ps 1:2, Ps 119:15; Jer 20:9; Lk 24:32
39:4 Ps 90:12
39:5 Job 14:2; Ps 39:11, Ps 62:9, Ps 89:47, Ps 90:9
39:6 Job 27:16-17; Ps 127:2; Ecc 2:26; Lk 12:20
39:7 Ps 38:15
39:9 1Sa 3:18; 2Sa 16:10; Job 1:21, Job 2:10; Ps 39:2
39:10 Job 9:34, Job 13:21
39:11 Job 13:28; Ps 39:5; Is 50:9
39:12 Gn 47:9; Lv 25:23; 1Ch 29:15; Ps 119:19; Heb 11:13
39:13 Job 7:19, Job 10:20-21, Job 14:6
40:1 Ps 27:14, Ps 37:7

he listened to my cry for help.
2 He lifted me out of the pit of death,
out of the mud and filth,
and set my feet on solid rock.
He steadied my legs.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise for our God.
Many people will learn of this
and be amazed;
they will trust the LORD.
4 Those who put their trust
in the LORD,
who pay no attention to the proud
or to those who follow lies,
are truly happy!

5 You, LORD my God!
You've done so many things—
your wonderful deeds
and your plans for us—
no one can compare with you!
If I were to proclaim
and talk about all of them,
they would be too numerous
to count!
6 You don't relish sacrifices
or offerings;
you don't require
entirely burned offerings
or compensation offerings—
but you have given me ears!
7 So I said, "Here I come!
I'm inscribed in the written scroll.
8 I want to do your will, my God.
Your Instruction is deep within me."
9 I've told the good news
of your righteousness
in the great assembly.
I didn't hold anything back—
as you well know, LORD!
10 I didn't keep your righteousness
only to myself.
I declared your faithfulness
and your salvation.
I didn't hide your loyal love
and trustworthiness
from the great assembly.

11 So now you, LORD—
don't hold back
any of your compassion from me.
Let your loyal love and faithfulness
always protect me,
12 because countless evils surround me.
My wrongdoings
have caught up with me—
I can't see a thing!
There's more of them
than hairs on my head—
my courage leaves me.
13 Favor me, LORD, and deliver me!
LORD, come quickly and help me!
14 Let those who seek my life,
who want me dead,
be disgraced and put to shame.
Let those who want to do me harm
be thoroughly frustrated
and humiliated.
15 Let those who say to me,
"Yes! Oh, yes!"[w]
be destroyed by their shame.
16 But let all who seek you
celebrate and rejoice in you.
Let those who love your salvation
always say,
"The LORD is great!"
17 But me? I'm weak and needy.
Let my Lord think of me.
You are my help and my rescuer.
My God, don't wait any longer!

40:2 Ps 27:5, Ps 37:23, Ps 69:2, Ps 69:14; Jer 38:6
40:3 Ps 33:3, Ps 52:6, Ps 64:9
40:4 Ps 2:12, Ps 34:8, Ps 84:12; Jer 17:7
40:5 Ps 71:15, Ps 92:5, Ps 139:17-18
40:6 1Sa 15:22; Ps 50:8, Ps 51:16; Is 1:11; Heb 10:5
40:7 Gn 3:15; Ps 40:8; Lk 24:44; Ac 6:4; 1Co 15:3
40:8 Ps 37:31; Jer 31:33; Jn 4:34
40:9 Josh 22:22; Ps 22:22, Ps 22:25, Ps 119:13
40:10 Ps 89:1; Ac 20:20
40:11 Ps 57:3, Ps 61:7; Prv 20:28
40:14 Ps 35:4, Ps 35:26, Ps 70:2, Ps 71:13
40:15 Ps 35:21, Ps 70:3
40:17 Ps 70:5, Ps 86:1, Ps 109:22
41:1 Prv 14:21
41:2 Ps 27:12
41:3 2Ki 1:16; Ps 50:15, Ps 73:26, Ps 138:7; Is 58:10
41:4 Ps 6:2, Ps 51:4, Ps 147:3; Hos 6:1

Psalm 41

For the music leader.
A psalm of David.

1 Those who pay close attention
to the poor are truly happy!
The LORD rescues them
during troubling times.
2 The LORD protects them
and keeps them alive;
they are widely regarded
throughout the land as
happy people.
You[x] won't hand them over to the
will of their enemies.
3 The LORD will strengthen them
when they are lying in bed, sick.
You will completely transform the
place where they lie ill.

4 But me? I said,
"LORD, have mercy on me!

[w] See Ps 35:21, 25. [x] LXX, Syr; Vulg *God won't*

Heal me because I have sinned
against you."
5 My enemies speak maliciously
about me:
"When will he die
and his name disappear?"
6 Whenever they come to visit,
they say nothing of value.
Their hearts collect evil gossip;
once they leave,
they tell it to everybody.
7 All of those who hate me talk
about me, whispering to each other,
plotting evil against me:
8 "Some horrible thing
has been poured into him;
the next time he lies down,
he won't get up."
9 Even my good friend,
the one I trusted,
who shared my food,
has kicked me with his heel—
a betrayer!
10 But you, LORD, please have mercy
on me and lift me up
so I can pay them back!
11 Then I'll know you are pleased
with me
because my enemy won't be
shouting in triumph over me.
12 You support me in my integrity;
you put me in your presence
forever.

13 Bless the LORD,
the God of Israel,
from forever to forever!
Amen and Amen!

41:5 Job 18:17; Ps 38:12, Ps 102:8
41:6 Ps 12:2; Prv 26:24
41:7 Ps 56:5; Prv 16:28; Mt 22:15; Ro 1:29; 2Co 12:20
41:8 Ps 71:11
41:9 2Sa 15:12; Job 19:19; Ps 55:12, Ps 55:20; Jn 13:18
41:10 Ps 3:3
41:11 Ps 25:2, Ps 37:23, Ps 147:11
42:1 Ps 84:1 2
42:2 Josh 3:10; Ps 63:1, Ps 84:2, Ps 143:6
42:3 Ps 42:10, Ps 79:10, Ps 102:9, Ps 115:2; Mi 7:10
42:4 1Sa 1:15; Ps 55:14, Ps 122:1; Is 30:29
42:5 Ps 42:11, Ps 43:5, Ps 71:14; Lam 3:24; Mt 26:38
42:6 Dt 3:8; 2Sa 17:22; Ps 61:2
42:7 Ps 69:1-2, Ps 88:7; Jon 2:3
42:8 Job 35:10; Ps 63:6, Ps 77:6, Ps 133:3, Ps 149:5
42:9 Ps 13:1, Ps 18:2, Ps 38:6, Ps 43:2
42:10 Ps 42:3

BOOK II
(Psalms 42–72)

Psalm 42[y]
For the music leader.
A maskil[z] of the Korahites.

1 Just like a deer that craves
streams of water,
my whole being[a] craves you, God.
2 My whole being thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When will I come
and see God's face?[b]
3 My tears have been my food
both day and night,
as people constantly
questioned me,
"Where's your God now?"

4 But I remember these things
as I expose my thoughts:
how I made my way
to the mighty one's abode,[c]
to God's own house,
with joyous shouts
and thanksgiving songs—
a huge crowd celebrating
the festival!
5 Why, I ask myself,
are you so depressed?
Why are you so upset inside?
Hope in God!
Because I will again give
him thanks,
my saving presence and
6 my God.

My whole being is depressed.
That's why I remember you
from the land of Jordan
and Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
7 Deep called to deep
at the noise of your waterfalls;
all your massive waves
surged over me.
8 By day the LORD commands
his faithful love;
by night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.

9 I will say to God, my solid rock,
"Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I have to walk around,
sad, oppressed by enemies?"
10 With my bones crushed,
my foes make fun of me,
constantly questioning me:
"Where's your God now?"

[y] Pss 42–43 form one single poem; cf the note at Pss 9–10. [z] Perhaps *instruction* [a] Or *soul*; also in 42:2, 4, 5, 6, 11; 43:5 [b] Syr, Tg; MT *and appear before God?* [c] Heb uncertain

11 Why, I ask myself,
are you so depressed?
Why are you so upset inside?
Hope in God!
Because I will again
give him thanks,
my saving presence
and my God.

Psalm 43

1 Establish justice for me, God!
Argue my case against
ungodly people!
Rescue me from the dishonest
and unjust!
2 Because you are my God,
my protective fortress!
Why have you rejected me?
Why do I have to walk around,
sad, oppressed by enemies?
3 Send your light and truth—
those will guide me!
Let them bring me
to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling place.
4 Let me come to God's altar—
let me come to God, my joy,
my delight—
then I will give you thanks
with the lyre,
God, my God!

5 Why, I ask myself,
are you so depressed?
Why are you so upset inside?
Hope in God!
Because I will again
give him thanks,
my saving presence
and my God.

Psalm 44

For the music leader.
A maskil[d] of the Korahites.

1 We have heard it, God,
with our own ears;
our ancestors told us about it:
about the deeds you did
in their days,
in days long past.
2 You, by your own hand,
removed all the nations,
but you planted our ancestors.
You crushed all the peoples,
but you set our ancestors free.
3 No, not by their own swords
did they take possession
of the land—
their own arms didn't save them—
no, it was your strong hand,
your arm,
and the light of your face
because you were pleased
with them.
4 It's you, God! You who are my king,
the one who orders salvation
for Jacob.
5 We've pushed our foes away
by your help;
we've trampled our enemies
by your name.
6 No, I won't trust in my bow;
my sword won't save me
7 because it's you who saved us
from our foes,
you who put those who hate us
to shame.
8 So we glory in God at all times
and give thanks
to your name forever. *Selah*

9 But now you've rejected
and humiliated us.
You no longer accompany
our armies.
10 You make us retreat from the enemy;
our adversaries plunder us.
11 You've handed us over
like sheep for butchering;
you've scattered us among
the nations.
12 You've sold your people for nothing,
not even bothering to set
a decent price.
13 You've made us a joke
to all our neighbors;
we're mocked and ridiculed
by everyone around us.
14 You've made us a bad joke
to the nations,

42:11 Ps 42:5, Ps 43:5

43:1 1Sa 24:15; Ps 7:8, Ps 26:1, Ps 35:1

43:3 Ps 2:6, Ps 57:3, Ps 84:1

43:4 Ps 21:6

43:5 Ps 42:5, Ps 42:11

44:1 Ex 12:26-27; Jgs 6:13; Ps 42:1, Ps 78:3

44:2 Ex 15:17; Josh 3:10; 2Sa 7:10; Ps 78:55, Ps 80:8

44:3 Dt 4:37, Dt 7:8; Josh 24:12; Ps 4:6

44:4 Ps 5:2, Ps 42:8, Ps 74:12

44:5 Dt 33:17; Ps 60:12, Ps 108:13; Dn 8:4; Zec 10:5

44:6 Ps 20:7, Ps 33:16; Hos 1:7

44:8 Ps 30:12, Ps 34:2; Jer 9:24; Ro 2:17

44:9 Ps 43:2, Ps 60:1, Ps 60:10, Ps 89:38, Ps 108:11

44:11 Lv 26:33; Dt 4:27, Dt 28:64; Ps 44:22, Ps 106:27

44:13 Ps 79:4, Ps 80:6, Ps 89:41

[d] Perhaps *instruction*

something to be laughed at
by all peoples.
15 All day long my disgrace
confronts me,
and shame covers my face
16 because of the voices of those
who make fun of me
and bad-mouth me,
because of the enemy who is out
for revenge.

17 All this has come upon us,
but we haven't forgotten you
or broken your covenant.
18 Our hearts haven't turned away,
neither have our steps
strayed from your way.
19 But you've crushed us in the place
where jackals[e] live,
covering us with deepest darkness.
20 If we had forgotten
the name of our God
or spread out our hands
to some strange deity,
21 wouldn't God have discovered it?
After all, God knows every secret
of the heart.
22 No, God, it's because of you
that we are getting killed
every day—
it's because of you that we are
considered sheep ready
for slaughter.

23 Wake up! Why are you sleeping, Lord?
Get up! Don't reject us forever!
24 Why are you hiding your face,
forgetting our suffering
and oppression?
25 Look: we're going down to the dust;
our stomachs are flat on the ground!
26 Stand up! Help us!
Save us for the sake
of your faithful love.

Psalm 45

For the music leader. According to "The Lilies." Of the Korahites. A maskil.[f] A love song.

1 A marvelous word has stirred
my heart
as I mention my works to the king.
My tongue is the pen
of a skillful scribe.

2 You are the most handsome of men;
grace has been poured out
on your lips.
No wonder God has blessed
you forever!
3 Strap on your sword, great warrior,
with your glory and grandeur.
4 Go and succeed in your grandeur!
Ride out on behalf of truth,
humility, and righteousness!
Let your strong hand perform
awesome deeds.[g]
5 Let the peoples fall beneath you.
May your sharp arrows pierce the
hearts of the king's enemies.
6 Your divine throne
is eternal and everlasting.
Your royal scepter
is a scepter of justice.
7 You love righteousness
and hate wickedness.
No wonder God, your God,
has anointed you
with the oil of joy
more than all your companions!
8 All your clothes have the pleasing
scent of myrrh, aloes,
and cinnamon.
The music of stringed instruments
coming from ivory palaces
entertains you.
9 The royal princess is standing
in your precious jewels;[h]
the queen stands at your right,
dressed in the gold of Ophir.

10 Listen, daughter; pay attention,
and listen closely!
Forget your people
and your father's house.
11 Let the king desire your beauty.
Because he is your master,
bow down to him now.
12 The city of Tyre,
the wealthiest of all,
will seek your favor with gifts,
13 with riches of every sort

44:17 Dt 6:12
44:18 Job 23:11; Ps 78:57, Ps 119:51, Ps 119:157
44:19 Job 3:5, Job 30:29; Ps 23:4, Ps 51:8
44:20 Ps 81:9
44:21 Ps 139:1; Jer 17:10
44:22 Is 53:7; Jer 12:3; Ro 8:36
44:23 Ps 7:6, Ps 35:23, Ps 74:1, Ps 77:7, Ps 78:65
44:24 Job 13:24; Ps 13:1; Lam 5:20
44:25 Ps 119:25
45:1 Jgs 5:14; Ezr 7:6; Ps 2:6, Ps 42:1, Ps 44:1
45:2 Ps 21:6; Lk 4:22; Jn 1:14
45:3 Ps 21:5; Is 9:6; Heb 4:12; Rev 1:16, Rev 19:15
45:4 Ps 21:8, Ps 65:5; Mt 11:29; 2Co 10:1; Rev 6:2
45:5 Nm 24:8; Dt 32:23; Ps 21:12, Ps 120:4
45:6 Heb 1:8-9
45:7 Ps 2:2, Ps 33:5, Ps 89:20; Is 61:1; Lk 4:18
45:8 1Ki 22:39; Song 4:14; Am 3:15; Mt 2:11; Jn 19:39
45:9 1Ki 2:19, 1Ki 9:28; Job 22:24, Job 28:16; Is 13:12
45:10 Dt 21:13; Ru 1:16
45:11 Ps 95:6; Song 4:1; Is 54:5; Lk 24:52; Eph 5:33
45:12 Ps 22:29, Ps 72:10
45:13 Ps 45:9; Is 61:10; Rev 19:7-8

[e] Or *the sea monster(s)* [f] Perhaps *instruction* [g] Heb uncertain [h] Syr; MT *royal princess is among your precious ones*

for the royal princess,
dressed in pearls,[i]
her robe embroidered with gold.
14 In robes of many colors,
she is led to the king.
Her attendants,
the young women servants
following her,
are presented to you as well.
15 As they enter the king's palace,
they are led in with celebration
and joy.

16 Your sons, great king,
will succeed your fathers;[j]
you will appoint them as princes
throughout the land.
17 I will perpetuate your name
from one generation to the next
so the peoples will praise you
forever and always.

Psalm 46

For the music leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamoth.[k] *A song.*

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a help always near
in times of great trouble.
2 That's why we won't be afraid
when the world falls apart,
when the mountains crumble into
the center of the sea,
3 when its waters roar and rage,
when the mountains shake
because of its surging waves.
Selah

4 There is a river whose streams
gladden God's city,
the holiest dwelling
of the Most High.
5 God is in that city.
It will never crumble.
God will help it
when morning dawns.
6 Nations roar; kingdoms crumble.
God utters his voice;
the earth melts.

45:14 Jgs 5:30; Song 1:4; Eze 16:18

45:15 Ps 4:7; Is 35:10, Is 51:11-12, Is 61:10

45:16 Ps 68:27, Ps 113:8; 1Pt 2:9; Rev 1:6, Rev 5:10

45:17 Ps 138:4; Mal 1:11

46:1 Ps 9:9

46:4 Ps 36:8, Ps 48:1, Ps 87:3; Rev 22:1

46:5 Dt 23:14; Ps 125:1; Is 12:6; Jl 2:27; Zec 2:5

46:7 Nm 14:9; 2Ch 13:12; Ps 9:9, Ps 46:11; Is 8:10

46:8 Ps 66:5

46:9 1Sa 2:4; Ps 76:3; Is 2:4; Eze 39:9; Mi 4:3

46:10 Is 2:11, Is 2:17

46:11 Ps 46:7

47:1 2Ki 11:12

47:3 Ps 18:47

47:4 Am 6:8, Am 8:7; Na 2:2; 1Pt 1:4

47:5 2Sa 6:15; Ps 68:18, Ps 98:6; Eph 4:8

47:6 Ps 68:4, Ps 96:1, Ps 117:1, Ps 145:1, Ps 149:1

7 The LORD of heavenly forces
is with us!
The God of Jacob is our place
of safety. *Selah*

8 Come, see the LORD's deeds,
what devastation he has imposed
on the earth—
9 bringing wars to an end
in every corner of the world,
breaking the bow
and shattering the spear,
burning chariots with fire.

10 "That's enough!
Now know that I am God!
I am exalted among all nations;
I am exalted throughout
the world!"

11 The LORD of heavenly forces
is with us!
The God of Jacob is our place
of safety. *Selah*

Psalm 47

For the music leader.
A psalm of the Korahites.

1 Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout joyfully to God
with a joyous shout!
2 Because the LORD Most High
is awesome,
he is the great king
of the whole world.
3 He subdues the nations under us,
subdues all people
beneath our feet.
4 He chooses our inheritance for us:
the heights of Jacob,
which he loves. *Selah*

5 God has gone up
with a joyous shout—
the LORD with the blast
of the ram's horn.
6 Sing praises to God! Sing praises!
Sing praises to our king!
Sing praises

[i] Correction; Heb lacks *for*; Heb uncertain in 45:12-13 [j] Heb lacks *great king*. [k] Heb uncertain; see note at Pss 9–10 or Ps 111.

[7]because God is king
of the whole world!
Sing praises with a song
of instruction![l]

[8]God is king over the nations.
God sits on his holy throne.
[9]The leaders of all people
are gathered
with the people of Abraham's God
because the earth's guardians
belong to God;
God is exalted beyond all.

Psalm 48

A song. A psalm of the Korahites.

[1]In the city belonging to our God,
the LORD is great
and so worthy of praise!
His holy mountain
[2]is a beautiful summit,
the joy of the whole world.
Mount Zion, in the far north,
is the city of the great king.
[3]God is in its fortifications,
revealing himself as a place
of safety.

[4]Look: the kings assembled
themselves,
advancing all together—
[5]when they saw it,
they were stunned;
they panicked
and ran away frightened.
[6]Trembling took hold
of them right there—
like a woman giving birth,
[7]or like the east wind
when it smashes
the ships of Tarshish.
[8]Just like we had heard,
now we've seen it for ourselves
in the city of
the LORD of heavenly forces,
in the city of our God.
May God make it secure forever!
Selah

[9]We dwell on your faithful love, God,
in your temple.
[10]Your praise, God,
just like your reputation,
extends to the far corners
of the earth.
Your strong hand is filled
with righteousness.
[11]Let Mount Zion be glad;
let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your acts of justice!

[12]Walk around Zion;
go all the way around it;
count its towers.
[13]Examine its defenses closely;
tour its fortifications
so that you may tell
future generations:
[14]"This is God,
our God, forever and always!
He is the one who will lead us
even to the very end."[m]

Psalm 49

For the music leader.
A psalm of the Korahites.

[1]Listen to this, all you people!
Listen closely,
all you citizens of the world—
[2]people of every kind,
rich and poor alike!
[3]My mouth speaks wisdom;
my heart's meditation
is full of insight.
[4]I will pay close attention
to a proverb;
I will explain my riddle on the lyre.

[5]Why should I be afraid
in times of trouble,
when the wrongdoing of my
bullies engulfs me—
[6]those people who trust
in their fortunes
and boast of their
fantastic wealth?
[7]Wealth? It can't save a single person!

47:7 Zec 14:9; 1Co 14:15
47:8 1Ch 16:31
47:9 Ps 89:18
48:1 Ps 2:6, Ps 46:4, Ps 87:1; Is 2:3; Zec 8:3
48:2 Ps 50:2; Lam 2:15; Mt 5:35
48:3 Zec 2:5
48:7 1Ki 10:22, 1Ki 22:48; Jer 18:17; Eze 27:25
48:8 Ps 48:1, Ps 87:5
48:9 Ps 26:3, Ps 40:10
48:10 Mal 1:11
48:11 Ps 97:8
48:12 Neh 3:1
48:13 Ps 71:18
48:14 Ps 23:3; Is 58:11
49:1 Ps 78:1; Is 1:2
49:3 Ps 19:14, Ps 37:30, Ps 104:34, Ps 119:130
49:4 Nm 12:8; Ps 78:2; Prv 1:6
49:6 Ps 10:3, Ps 52:7; Prv 11:28; Jer 48:7; Mk 10:24
49:7 Mt 16:26

[l]Or *Sing praises with understanding* or *wisely* (cf LXX, Vulg); Heb *maskil*; see the note at Ps 32. [m]LXX; Heb uncertain; Heb *al muth* (*unto death* or *against death*), but see the notes at Pss 9–10, 46—the words might belong in the heading of Ps 49.

It can't pay a life's ransom-price
to God.
8 The price to save someone's life
is too high—
wealth will never be enough—
9 no one can live forever
without experiencing the pit.

10 Everyone knows that the wise
die too,
just like foolish
and stupid people do,
all of them leaving their fortunes
to others.
11 Their graves[n] are their
eternal homes,
the place they live
for all generations,
even if they had counties
named after them!
12 People won't live any longer
because of wealth;
they're just like the animals
that pass away.

13 That's how it goes
for those who are foolish,
as well as for those who follow
their lead, pleased with their talk.
Selah
14 Like sheep, they're headed
straight for the grave.[o]
Death will be their shepherd—
but those who do right
in their hearts will rule over
them come morning!—
their forms wasting away
in the grave
rather than having
some dignified residence.[p]
15 But God will save my life
from the power of the grave,
because he will take me. *Selah*

16 Don't be overly impressed
when someone becomes rich,
their house swelling
to fantastic proportions,
17 because when they die,
they won't take any of it
with them.

49:8 Job 36:18; Mt 16:26

49:9 Ps 16:10, Ps 89:48

49:10 Ps 92:6, Ps 94:8; Ecc 2:16, Ecc 2:18; Lk 12:20

49:11 Gn 4:17; Ps 64:6

49:12 Ps 49:20; Ecc 3:19; 2Pt 2:12

49:13 Lk 12:20

49:14 Job 24:19; Ps 39:11; 1Co 6:2

49:15 Gn 5:24; Ps 16:10, Ps 73:24; Hos 13:14

49:16 Ps 37:7

49:17 Job 27:19; Lk 12:20; 1Ti 6:7

49:18 Dt 29:19; Lk 12:19

49:20 Ps 49:12

50:1 Josh 22:22; 1Ch 15:17; 2Ch 29:30; Ps 113:3

50:2 Dt 33:2; Ps 48:2, Ps 80:1, Ps 94:1; Lam 2:15

50:3 Lv 10:2; Nm 16:35; Ps 97:3; Dn 7:10

50:4 Dt 4:26, Dt 31:28, Dt 32:1; Is 1:2; Mi 6:2

50:5 Ex 24:7

50:6 Ps 19:1, Ps 75:7, Ps 97:6

50:7 Ex 20:2; Ps 48:14, Ps 81:8

50:8 Ps 40:6, Ps 51:16; Is 1:11; Hos 6:6

50:9 Is 1:11

50:10 Ps 104:24

Their fantastic things won't
accompany them down under.
18 Though they consider themselves
blessed during their lives,
and even thank you
when you deal well with them,[q]
19 they too will join the ancestors
who've gone ahead;
they too will never see
the light again.
20 Wealthy people?
They just don't understand;
they're just like the animals
that pass away.

Psalm 50

A psalm of Asaph.

1 From the rising of the sun
to where it sets,
God, the LORD God, speaks,
calling out to the earth.
2 From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines brightly.
3 Our God is coming;
he won't keep quiet.
A devouring fire is before him;
a storm rages all around him.
4 God calls out to the skies above
and to the earth
in order to judge his people:
5 "Bring my faithful to me,
those who made a covenant with
me by sacrifice."
6 The skies proclaim his righteousness
because God himself is the judge.
Selah

7 "Listen, my people, I will now speak;
Israel, I will now testify against you.
I am God—your God!
8 I'm not punishing you
for your sacrifices
or for your entirely
burned offerings,
which are always before me.
9 I won't accept bulls from your house
or goats from your corrals
10 because every forest animal
already belongs to me,
as do the cattle on a thousand hills.

[n] Correction with LXX [o] Heb *Sheol;* also again in 49:7, 15 [p] Heb uncertain in 49:13-14 [q] LXX, Syr

11 I know every mountain bird;
even the insects in the fields
are mine.
12 Even if I were hungry,
I wouldn't tell you
because the whole world
and everything in it
already belong to me.
13 Do I eat bulls' meat?
Do I drink goats' blood?
14 Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving!
Fulfill the promises
you made to the Most High!
15 Cry out to me
whenever you are in trouble;
I will deliver you,
then you will honor me."

16 But to the wicked God says,
"Why do you talk about my laws?
Why do you even mention
my covenant?
17 You hate discipline, and
you toss my words behind
your back.
18 You make friends with thieves
whenever you see one;
you spend your time
with adulterers.
19 You set your mouth free to do evil,
then harness your tongue
to tell lies.
20 You sit around,
talking about your own siblings;
you find fault with the children
of your very own mother.
21 You've done these things
and I've kept quiet.
You thought I was just like you!
But now I'm punishing you;
I'm laying it all out,
right in front of your face.
22 So consider this carefully,
all you who forget God,
or I'll rip you to pieces
with no one to deliver you:
23 The one who offers
a sacrifice of thanksgiving
is the one who honors me.
And it is to the one who charts
the correct path that I will show
divine salvation."

[r] Heb uncertain

50:11 Mt 6:26

50:12 Ex 19:5; Dt 10:14; Ps 24:1; 1Co 10:26

50:14 Nm 30:2; Dt 23:21; Ps 22:25, Ps 76:11, Ps 107:22

50:15 Ps 22:23, Ps 81:7, Ps 91:15, Ps 107:6; Zec 13:9

50:16 Is 29:13

50:17 1Ki 14:9; Neh 9:26; Prv 5:12

50:18 Ro 1:32; 1Ti 5:22

50:19 Ps 10:7, Ps 36:3, Ps 52:2

50:20 Jer 9:4; Mt 10:21

50:21 Ecc 8:11; Is 57:11

50:22 Job 8:13; Ps 7:2, Ps 9:17; Is 17:10; Mi 5:8

50:23 Ps 50:14, Ps 91:16

51:1 2Sa 12:1, 2Sa 24:10; Ac 3:19

51:2 Ps 51:7; Ac 22:16; Heb 9:14; 1Jn 1:7, 1Jn 1:9

51:3 Ps 32:5; Prv 28:13; Is 59:12

51:4 Gn 20:6, Gn 39:9; 2Sa 12:13; Lk 15:21; Ro 3:4

51:5 Job 14:4, Job 15:14; Ps 58:3; Eph 2:3

51:6 Job 38:36; Prv 2:6; Ecc 2:26

51:7 Ex 12:22; Nm 19:18; Ps 51:2; Is 1:18; Heb 9:19

51:8 Is 35:10

51:9 Ps 51:1; Jer 16:17

51:10 Eze 11:19, Eze 18:31, Eze 36:26; Mt 5:8; Ac 15:9

51:11 2Ki 13:23; Is 63:10; Eph 4:30

51:12 Ps 85:6

Psalm 51

For the music leader.
A psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him just after he had been with Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy on me, God,
according to your faithful love!
Wipe away my wrongdoings
according to your great
compassion!
2 Wash me completely clean
of my guilt;
purify me from my sin!
3 Because I know my wrongdoings,
my sin is always right
in front of me.
4 I've sinned against you—you alone.
I've committed evil in your sight.
That's why you are justified
when you render your verdict,
completely correct
when you issue your judgment.
5 Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin,
from the moment my mother
conceived me.
6 And yes, you want truth
in the most hidden places;
you teach me wisdom
in the most secret space.[r]

7 Purify me with hyssop
and I will be clean;
wash me and I will be whiter
than snow.
8 Let me hear joy
and celebration again;
let the bones you crushed
rejoice once more.
9 Hide your face from my sins;
wipe away all my guilty deeds!
10 Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit
deep inside me!
11 Please don't throw me
out of your presence;
please don't take your holy spirit
away from me.
12 Return the joy of your salvation
to me
and sustain me
with a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach wrongdoers
your ways,
and sinners will come back to you.

14 Deliver me from violence, God,
God of my salvation,
so that my tongue can sing
of your righteousness.
15 Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth
will proclaim your praise.
16 You don't want sacrifices.
If I gave an entirely
burned offering,
you wouldn't be pleased.
17 A broken spirit is my sacrifice, God.[s]
You won't despise a heart, God,
that is broken and crushed.

18 Do good things for Zion
by your favor.
Rebuild Jerusalem's walls.
19 Then you will again want
sacrifices of righteousness—
entirely burned offerings
and complete offerings.
Then bulls will again be sacrificed
on your altar.

Psalm 52

For the music leader. A maskil[t] of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, "David has gone to Ahimelech's house."

1 Hey, powerful person!
Why do you brag about evil?
God's faithful love lasts all day long.
2 Your tongue devises destruction:
it's like a sharpened razor,
causing deception.
3 You love evil more than good;
you love lying more than
speaking what is right. *Selah*
4 You love all destructive words;
you love the deceiving tongue.

5 But God will take you down
permanently;
he will snatch you up,
tear you out of your tent,
and uproot you from the land
of the living! *Selah*
6 The righteous will see and be in awe;
they will laugh at those people:
7 "Look at them! They didn't make
God their refuge.
Instead, they trusted in
their own great wealth.
They sought refuge in it—
to their own destruction!"

8 But I am like a green olive tree
in God's house;
I trust in God's faithful love
forever and always.
9 I will give thanks to you,
God, forever,
because you have acted.
In the presence of your
faithful people,
I will hope in your name
because it's so good.

Psalm 53

For the music leader, according to the mahalath. A maskil[u] of David.

1 Fools say in their hearts,
There's no God.
They are corrupt and
do horrible deeds;
not one of them
does anything good.

2 God looks down from heaven
on humans
to see if anyone is wise,
to see if anyone seeks God.
3 But all have turned away.
Everyone is corrupt.
No one does good—
not even one person!

4 Are they dumb—these evildoers—
devouring my people
like they are eating bread
but never calling on God?

5 There, where there was nothing
to fear,

51:13 Ps 37:38; Is 2:3; Lk 22:32; Ac 9:21
51:14 2Sa 12:9; Ps 35:28, Ps 71:15
51:15 Ex 4:15; Ps 35:28, Ps 63:3, Ps 119:164, Ps 119:175
51:16 1Sa 15:22; Ps 40:6
51:17 Ps 34:18
51:18 Ps 69:35, Ps 102:16, Ps 122:6, Ps 147:2
51:19 Dt 33:19; Ps 4:5, Ps 66:13, Ps 66:15; Mal 3:3
52:1 1Sa 21:7, 1Sa 22:9; Ps 10:3, Ps 94:4
52:2 Ps 5:9, Ps 50:19, Ps 57:4, Ps 101:7
52:3 Jer 9:5; Mi 3:2
52:4 Ps 120:3
52:6 Job 22:19; Ps 40:3
52:8 Ps 1:3, Ps 13:5, Ps 92:12; Jer 11:16; Hos 14:6
53:1 Ps 10:4, Ps 14:1
53:2 2Ch 15:2; Ps 33:13
53:3 Ps 14:3; Ecc 7:20; Is 53:6, Is 64:6; Ro 3:12
53:4 Hos 7:7
53:5 Lv 26:17; Ps 141:7; Prv 28:1; Jer 8:1; Eze 6:5

[s] Correction [t] Perhaps *instruction*; it also appears in Pss 42, 44–45, 52–55, 74, 78, 88–89, 142; cf 47:7; the root is used in Ps 32:8. [u] Perhaps *instruction*

they will be in utter panic
because God will scatter the bones
of those who attacked you.
You will put them to shame
because God has rejected them.

6 Let Israel's salvation
come out of Zion!
When God changes
his people's circumstances
for the better,
Jacob will rejoice;
Israel will celebrate!

Psalm 54

For the music leader. With stringed instruments. A maskil[v] of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Isn't David hiding among us?"

1 God! Save me by your name;
defend me by your might!
2 God! Hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth!

3 The proud have come up against me;
violent people want me dead.
They pay no attention to God.
Selah

4 But look here: God is my helper;
my Lord sustains my life.
5 He will bring disaster
on my opponents.
By your faithfulness, God,
destroy them!

6 I will sacrifice to you freely;
I will give thanks to your name,
LORD,
because it's so good,
7 and because God has delivered me
from every distress.
My eyes have seen
my enemies' defeat.[w]

Psalm 55

For the music leader. With stringed instruments. A maskil[x] of David.

1 God, listen to my prayer;
don't avoid my request!

53:6 Ps 14:7

54:1 1Sa 23:19, 1Sa 26:1; Ps 20:1

54:5 Ps 89:49, Ps 94:23, Ps 143:12

54:6 Ps 44:8, Ps 52:9, Ps 116:17

54:7 Ps 59:10, Ps 92:11, Ps 112:8, Ps 118:7

55:1 Ps 61:1

55:2 Ps 77:3, Ps 86:6, Ps 142:2; Is 38:14

55:4 Ps 18:4, Ps 116:3

55:5 Is 21:4; Eze 7:18

55:7 1Sa 23:14; Jer 9:2

55:8 Is 4:6, Is 25:4, Is 29:6

55:9 Gn 11:9; Ps 11:5; Jer 6:7; Hab 1:3

55:11 Ps 10:7

55:12 Ps 41:9

55:13 2Sa 15:12

55:14 Ps 42:4

55:15 Nm 16:30, Nm 16:33; Neh 4:5; Ps 9:17, Ps 10:15

2 Pay attention! Answer me!
I can't sit still while complaining.
I'm beside myself
3 over the enemy's noise,
at the wicked person's racket,
because they bring disaster on me
and harass me furiously.

4 My heart pounds in my chest
because death's terrors
have reached me.
5 Fear and trembling
have come upon me;
I'm shaking all over.
6 I say to myself,
I wish I had wings like a dove!
I'd fly away and rest.
7 I'd run so far away!
I'd live in the desert. *Selah*
8 I'd hurry to my hideout,
far from the rushing wind
and storm.

9 Baffle them, my Lord!
Confuse their language
because I see violence and conflict
in the city.
10 Day and night they make their
rounds on its walls,
and evil and misery live inside it.
11 Disaster lives inside it;
oppression and fraud
never leave the town square.

12 It's not an enemy
that is insulting me—
I could handle that.
It's not someone who hates me
who is exalted over me—
I could hide from them.
13 No. It's you, my equal,
my close companion,
my good friend!
14 It was so pleasant when
together we entered God's house
with the crowd.

15 Let death devastate my enemies;
let them go to the grave[y] alive
because evil lives with them—
even inside them!

[v] Perhaps *instruction*; it also appears in Pss 42, 44–45, 52–55, 74, 78, 88 -89, 142; cf 47:7; the root is used in Ps 32:8. [w] Heb lacks *defeat*. [x] Perhaps *instruction* [y] Heb *Sheol*

16 But I call out to God,
and the LORD will rescue me.
17 At evening, morning, and midday
I complain and moan
so that God will hear my voice.
18 He saves me,[z] unharmed,
from my struggle,
though there are many
who are out to get me.
19 God, who is enthroned
from ancient days,
will hear and humble them *Selah*
because they don't change
and they don't worship God.

20 My friend attacked his allies,
breaking his covenant.
21 Though his talk is smoother
than butter,
war is in his heart;
though his words are more
silky than oil,
they are really drawn swords:
22 "Cast your burden on the LORD—
he will support you!
God will never let the righteous
be shaken!"

23 But you, God, bring the wicked
down to the deepest pit.
Let bloodthirsty
and treacherous people
not live out even half their days.
But me? I trust in you!

Psalm 56

For the music leader. According to "The Silent Dove of Distant Places." A miktam[a] of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

1 God, have mercy on me
because I'm being trampled.
All day long the enemy
oppresses me.
2 My attackers trample me
all day long
because I have so many enemies.
Exalted one, 3 whenever I'm afraid,
I put my trust in you—
4 in God, whose word I praise.
I trust in God; I won't be afraid.
What can mere flesh do to me?

5 All day long they frustrate
my pursuits;
all their thoughts are evil
against me.
6 They get together
and set an ambush—
they are watching my steps,
hoping for my death.
7 Don't rescue them for any reason!
In wrath bring down
the people, God!

8 You yourself have kept track
of my misery.
Put my tears into your bottle—
aren't they on your scroll already?
9 Then my enemies will retreat
when I cry out.
I know this because God is mine.
10 God: whose word I praise.
The LORD: whose word I praise.
11 I trust in God; I won't be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?

12 I will fulfill my promises
to you, God.
I will present thanksgiving
offerings to you
13 because you have saved my life
from death,
saved my feet from stumbling
so that I can walk before God
in the light of life.

Psalm 57

For the music leader. Do not destroy. A miktam[b] of David, when he fled from Saul into the cave.

1 Have mercy on me, God;
have mercy on me
because I[c] have taken refuge in you.
I take refuge
in the shadow of your wings
until destruction passes by.
2 I call out to God Most High—
to God, who comes through for me.

55:17 Ps 5:3, Ps 88:13, Ps 92:2, Ps 141:2; Dn 6:10
55:18 Ps 56:2
55:19 Dt 33:27; Ps 36:1
55:21 Ps 5:9, Ps 12:2, Ps 28:3, Ps 57:4; Prv 5:3
55:22 Ps 15:5, Ps 37:5, Ps 37:24, Ps 112:6; 1Pt 5:7
55:23 Job 15:32; Ps 5:6, Ps 25:2; Prv 10:27; Ecc 7:17
56:1 1Sa 21:10-11; Ps 57:1
56:3 Ps 11:1, Ps 25:2, Ps 55:4, Ps 55:23
56:4 Ps 27:1, Ps 56:10-11, Ps 118:6; Heb 13:6
56:7 Ps 36:12, Ps 55:23
56:8 2Ki 20:5; Ps 39:12, Ps 139:16; Mal 3:16
56:10 Ps 56:4
56:11 Ps 56:4, Ps 118:6
56:12 Ps 50:14
57:1 1Sa 22:1, 1Sa 24:3; Ps 56:1, Ps 59:1, Ps 142:1

[z] Or *my life* or *soul* [a] Perhaps *inscription* [b] Perhaps *inscription* [c] Or *my soul*

3 He sends orders from heaven
and saves me,
rebukes the one who tramples me.
Selah
God sends his loyal love
and faithfulness.

4 My life is in the middle
of a pack of lions.
I lie down
among those who devour humans.
Their teeth are spears and arrows;
their tongues
are sharpened swords.
5 Exalt yourself, God,
higher than heaven!
Let your glory be over all the earth!
6 They laid a net for my feet
to bring me down;
they dug a pit for me,
but they fell into it instead! *Selah*

7 My heart is unwavering, God—
my heart is unwavering.
I will sing and make music.
8 Wake up, my glory!
Wake up, harp and lyre!
I will wake the dawn itself!
9 I will give thanks to you, my Lord,
among all the peoples;
I will make music to you
among the nations
10 because your faithful love
is as high as heaven;
your faithfulness reaches
the clouds.
11 Exalt yourself, God,
higher than heaven!
Let your glory be over
all the earth!

Psalm 58

For the music leader. Do not destroy.
A psalm of David, a miktam.[d]

1 Do you really speak what is right,
you gods?
Do you really judge humans fairly?
2 No: in your hearts
you plan injustice;
your hands do violence
on the earth.
3 The wicked backslide
from the womb;
liars go astray from birth.
4 Their venom is like
a snake's venom—
like a deaf cobra's—
one that shuts its ears
5 so it can't hear
the snake charmer's voice
or the spells of a skillful enchanter.

6 God, break their teeth out
of their mouths!
Tear out the lions' jawbones, LORD!
7 Let them dissolve like water
flowing away.
When they bend the bow,
let their arrows be like
headless shafts.[e]
8 Like the snail that dissolves
into slime,
like a woman's stillborn child,
let them never see the sun.
9 Before your pots feel the thorns,
whether green or burned up,
God will sweep them away![f]

10 But the righteous will rejoice
when they see vengeance done,
when they wash their feet
in the blood of the wicked.
11 Then it will be said:
"Yes, there is a reward
for the righteous!
Yes, there is a God who judges
people on the earth."

Psalm 59

For the music leader. Do not destroy.
A miktam[g] *of David, when Saul sent men to watch the house in order to kill him.*

1 Oh, my God, deliver me from
my enemies;
put me out of reach from those
who rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from evildoers;
save me from the bloodthirsty.
3 Look at how they lie in ambush
for my life!

57:3 Ps 18:16, Ps 25:10, Ps 40:11, Ps 43:3, Ps 144:5
57:4 Ps 55:21, Ps 59:7, Ps 64:3; Prv 12:18, Prv 30:14
57:5 Ps 57:11, Ps 108:5, Ps 113:4
57:6 Ps 7:15, Ps 140:5; Ecc 10:8
57:7 Ps 108:1, Ps 112:7
57:8 Ps 16:9, Ps 150:3
57:9 Ps 18:49
57:10 Ps 36:5, Ps 108:4
57:11 Ps 57:5
58:1 Ps 57:1, Ps 82:2
58:3 Ps 51:5; Is 48:8; Eph 4:18
58:4 Dt 32:24, Dt 32:33; Job 20:16; Ps 140:3; Mt 23:33
58:5 Ecc 10:11; Jer 8:17
58:6 Job 4:10, Job 29:17; Ps 3:7, Ps 10:15
58:7 Josh 7:5; Ps 57:4, Ps 64:3, Ps 112:10
58:8 Job 3:16; Ecc 6:3
58:10 Dt 32:43; Job 22:19; Ps 32:11, Ps 68:23, Ps 91:8
58:11 Gn 18:25; Ps 67:4
59:1 1Sa 19:11; Ps 20:1, Ps 57:1
59:3 1Sa 24:11; Ps 7:3, Ps 56:6, Ps 69:4

[d] Perhaps *inscription* [e] Heb uncertain [f] Heb uncertain [g] Perhaps *inscription*

Powerful people are attacking me,
LORD—
but not because of any error
or sin of mine.
4 They run and take their stand—
but not because of any fault
of mine.

Get up when I cry out to you!
Look at what's happening!
5 You are the LORD God
of heavenly forces,
the God of Israel!
Wake up and punish all the nations!
Grant no mercy to any wicked
traitor! *Selah*

6 They come back every evening,
growling like dogs,
prowling around the city.
7 See what they belch out
with their mouths:
swords are between their lips!
Who can listen to them?[h]
8 But you, LORD, laugh at them.
You mock all the nations.
9 I keep looking for you, my strength,
because God is my stronghold.
10 My loving God will come to meet me.
God will allow me to look down
on my enemies.

11 Don't kill them,
or my people might forget;
instead, by your power
shake them up
and bring them down,
you who are our shield
and my Lord.
12 For the sin of their mouths,
the words that they speak,
let them be captured in their pride.
For the curses and lies they repeat,
13 finish them off in anger;
finish them off until
they are gone!
Then let it be known
to the ends of the earth
that God rules over Jacob. *Selah*

14 They come back every evening,
growling like dogs,
prowling around the city.
15 They roam about for food,
and if they don't get their fill,
they stay all night.
16 But me? I will sing of your strength!
In the morning I will shout out loud
about your faithful love
because you have been
my stronghold,
my shelter when I was distraught.
17 I will sing praises to you,
my strength,
because God is my stronghold,
my loving God.

59:6 Ps 22:16, Ps 59:14
59:7 Job 22:13; Ps 57:4; Prv 15:2
59:9 Ps 9:9
59:10 Ps 21:3, Ps 54:7, Ps 59:17
59:11 Dt 4:9; Ps 3:3, Ps 84:9, Ps 144:6
59:14 Ps 59:6
59:15 Job 15:23
59:17 Ps 59:9-10
60:1 2Sa 5:20, 2Sa 8:3, 2Sa 8:13; 1Ch 18:3; Ps 44:9
60:2 2Ch 7:14; Ps 18:7
60:3 Ps 71:20, Ps 75:8; Is 51:17, Is 51:22; Jer 25:15
60:5 Dt 33:12; Ps 17:7, Ps 108:6
60:6 Gn 12:6, Gn 33:17; Josh 13:27; Ps 89:35
60:7 Gn 49:10; Dt 33:17; Josh 13:31

Psalm 60

For the music leader. According to "Lily." A testimony. A miktam[i] of David. For instruction, when he went to war with Aram-naharaim and Aram-sobah, and when Joab returned and defeated Edom, killing twelve thousand in the Salt Valley.

1 God, you have rejected us—
shattered us.
You've been so angry.
Now restore us!
2 You've made the ground quake,
splitting it open.
Now repair its cracks
because it's shaking apart!
3 You've made your people
suffer hardship;
you've given us wine and we stagger.
4 Give a flag to those who honor you,
so they can rally around it,
safe from attack.[j] *Selah*
5 Save us by your power and answer us
so that the people you love might
be rescued.

6 God has spoken in his sanctuary:
"I will celebrate as I divide
up Shechem
and portion out
the Succoth Valley.
7 Gilead is mine;
Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is my helmet;
Judah is my scepter.

[h] Heb uncertain [i] Perhaps *inscription* [j] Or *the bow*; Heb uncertain

8 But Moab is my washbowl;
I'll throw my shoe at Edom.
I shout in triumph over Philistia![k]
9 I wish someone would bring me
to a fortified city!
I wish someone would lead me
to Edom!"

10 But you have rejected us, God,
haven't you?
God, you no longer accompany
our armies.
11 Give us help against the enemy;
human help is worthless.
12 With God we will triumph;
he's the one who will trample
our adversaries.

Psalm 61

For the music leader,
with stringed instruments. Of David.

1 God, listen to my cry;
pay attention to my prayer!
2 When my heart is weak,
I cry out to you
from the very ends of the earth.
Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I am
3 because you have been my refuge,
a tower of strength
in the face of the enemy.
4 Please let me live in your tent forever!
Please let me take refuge
in the shelter of your wings! *Selah*
5 Because you, God,
have heard my promises;
you've given me[l]
the same possession
as those who honor your name.

6 Add days to the king's life!
Let his years extend
for many generations!
7 Let him be enthroned forever
before God!
Make it so love and faithfulness
watch over him!
8 Then I will sing praises
to your name forever,
and I will do what I promised
every single day.

60:8 2Sa 8:1-2; Ps 108:9
60:10 Josh 7:12; Ps 44:9, Ps 60:1
60:11 Ps 146:3; Lam 4:17
60:12 Nm 24:18; Ps 44:5; Is 63:3
61:1 Ps 4:1, Ps 17:1, Ps 55:1-2, Ps 64:1
61:2 Ex 17:4; Ps 18:2, Ps 42:6, Ps 77:3, Ps 94:22
61:3 Ps 14:6, Ps 18:2, Ps 46:1, Ps 59:9, Prv 18:10
62:1 Ps 33:20, Ps 39:1, Ps 62:5
62:2 Ps 18:2, Ps 62:6
62:3 Is 30:13
62:4 Ps 4:2, Ps 28:3, Ps 55:21
62:5 Ps 62:1
62:6 Ps 62:2
62:8 1Sa 1:15; Ps 37:3, Ps 37:5, Ps 42:4; Is 26:4
62:10 Job 31:25; Is 61:8; Eze 22:29; Lk 12:15; 1Ti 6:17

Psalm 62

For the music leader. According to
Jeduthun. A psalm of David.

1 Only in God do I[m] find rest;
my salvation comes from him.
2 Only God is my rock
and my salvation—
my stronghold!—
I won't be shaken anymore.

3 How long will all of you attack others;
how long will you tear them down[n]
as if they were leaning walls
or broken-down fences?
4 The only desire of this people
is to bring others down low;
they delight in deception.
With their mouths they bless,
but inside they are cursing. *Selah*

5 Oh, I[o] must find rest in God only,
because my hope comes from him!
6 Only God is my rock
and my salvation—
my stronghold!—
I will not be shaken.
7 My deliverance and glory
depend on God.
God is my strong rock.
My refuge is in God.
8 All you people:
Trust in him at all times!
Pour out your hearts before him!
God is our refuge! *Selah*

9 Human beings are nothing
but a breath.
Human beings are nothing
but lies.
They don't even register on a scale;
taken all together
they are lighter than a breath!
10 Don't trust in violence;
don't set false hopes in robbery.
When wealth bears fruit,
don't set your heart on it.

[k] Syr, Ps 108:9; MT *Celebrate over me, Philistia!* [l] Heb lacks *me.* [m] Or *my soul* [n] Correction; MT *kill them*
[o] Or *my soul*

11 God has spoken one thing—
make it two things—
that I myself have heard:
that strength belongs to God,
12 and faithful love comes from you,
my Lord—
and that you will repay
everyone according to their deeds.

Psalm 63

A psalm of David,
when he was in the Judean desert.

1 God! My God! It's you—
I search for you!
My whole being[p] thirsts for you!
My body desires you
in a dry and tired land,
no water anywhere.
2 Yes, I've seen you in the sanctuary;
I've seen your power and glory.
3 My lips praise you
because your faithful love
is better than life itself!
4 So I will bless you as long as I'm alive;
I will lift up my hands in your name.

5 I'm fully satisfied—
as with a rich dinner.
My mouth speaks praise
with joy on my lips—
6 whenever I ponder you on my bed,
whenever I meditate on you
in the middle of the night—
7 because you've been a help to me
and I shout for joy in the
protection of your wings.
8 My whole being clings to you;
your strong hand upholds me.

9 But what about those people
who want to destroy me?
Let them go into the bowels
of the earth!
10 Let their blood flow by the sword!
Let them be food for wild jackals!
11 But the king should rejoice in God;
everyone who swears by God
should give praise
when the mouths of liars
are shut for good.

[p] Or *my soul;* also in 63:5, 8

62:11 Rev 19:1

62:12 Job 34:11; Ps 86:5, Ps 103:8; Mt 16:27; Ro 2:6

63:1 1Sa 23:14; Ps 42:2, Ps 84:2, Ps 143:6; Is 26:9

63:2 Ps 27:4, Ps 68:24

63:3 Ps 51:15, Ps 69:16, Ps 119:171

63:6 Ps 42:8, Ps 119:55, Ps 119:148

63:7 Ps 17:8, Ps 54:4, Ps 57:1

63:8 Ps 18:35, Ps 37:24, Ps 41:12; Is 41:10; Hos 6:3

63:10 Song 2:15; Jer 18:21; Lam 5:18; Eze 35:5

63:11 Dt 6:13; Job 5:16; Ps 21:1; Is 65:16; Ro 3:19

64:1 Ps 55:2, Ps 140:1

64:3 Ps 57:4

64:5 Job 22:13; Ps 10:11, Ps 94:7, Ps 140:5

64:6 Ps 49:11; Jer 17:9

64:7 Ps 7:12-13, Prv 29:1

64:8 Prv 12:13, Prv 18:7

64:10 Ps 32:11

65:1 Dt 23:21; Ps 2:6, Ps 21:13, Ps 50:14, Ps 56:12

Psalm 64

For the music leader.
A psalm of David.

1 Listen to me when I complain, God!
Protect my life
from the enemy's terror!
2 Hide me from the secret plots
of wicked people;
hide me from the schemes
of evildoers
3 who sharpen their tongues
like swords.
They aim their arrow—
a cruel word—
4 from their hiding places
so as to shoot an innocent person.
They shoot without warning
and without fear.
5 They encourage themselves
with evil words.
They plan on laying traps in secret.
"Who will be able to see them?"
they ask.
6 "Let someone try
to expose our crimes!
We've devised a perfect plot!
It's deep within
the human mind and heart."[q]

7 But God will shoot them
with an arrow!
Without warning,
they will be wounded!
8 The LORD will make them trip
over their own tongues;
everyone who sees them
will just shake their heads.
9 Then all people will honor God,
will announce the act of God,
will understand it was God's work.
10 Let the righteous rejoice
in the LORD;
let them take refuge in him;
let everyone whose heart is
in the right place give praise!

Psalm 65

For the music leader.
A psalm of David. A song.

1 God of Zion,
to you even silence is praise.

[q] Heb uncertain

Promises made to you are kept—
2 you listen to prayer—
and all living things come to you.
3 When wrongdoings become
too much for me,
you forgive our sins.
4 How happy is the one you choose
to bring close,
the one who lives in your
courtyards!
We are filled full
by the goodness of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 In righteousness you answer us,
by your awesome deeds,
God of our salvation—
you, who are the security
of all the far edges of the earth,
even the distant seas;
6 you establish the mountains
by your strength;
you are dressed in raw power;
7 you calm the roaring seas;
calm the roaring waves,
calm the noise of the nations.
8 Those who dwell on the far edges
stand in awe of your acts.
You make the gateways
of morning and evening sing
for joy.
9 You visit the earth
and make it abundant,
enriching it greatly
by God's stream, full of water.
You provide people with grain
because that is what you've decided.
10 Drenching the earth's furrows,
leveling its ridges,
you soften it with rain showers;
you bless its growth.
11 You crown the year
with your goodness;
your paths overflow with rich food.
12 Even the desert pastures
drip with it,
and the hills are dressed in pure joy.
13 The meadowlands are covered
with flocks,
the valleys decked out in grain—
they shout for joy;
they break out in song!

65:2 Ps 86:9; Is 66:23
65:3 Ps 79:9; Heb 9:14
65:4 Ps 23:6, Ps 27:4, Ps 33:12, Ps 36:8, Ps 84:4
65:8 Gn 8:22; Ps 2:8, Ps 104:20, Ps 126:2; Is 24:16
65:9 Lv 26:4; Ps 46:4, Ps 68:9, Ps 147:8
65:10 Dt 32:2
65:11 Job 36:28
65:13 Ps 98:8; Is 30:23, Is 44:23, Is 55:12
66:1 Ps 81:1, Ps 95:1, Ps 98:4, Ps 100:1
66:4 Ps 22:27
66:6 Ex 14:21-22; Josh 3:16
66:7 Ps 11:4
66:9 Ps 30:3, Ps 55:22, Ps 94:18, Ps 121:3
66:10 Job 23:10; Prv 17:3; Is 48:10; Zec 13:9; Mal 3:3
66:11 Lam 1:13
66:12 Is 43:2, Is 51:23; Rev 7:14
66:13 Ps 22:25, Ps 116:14; Ecc 5:4
66:14 Gn 28:20, Gn 35:3; Ps 18:6

Psalm 66

For the music leader. A song. A psalm.

1 Shout joyfully to God,
all the earth!
2 Sing praises to the glory
of God's name!
Make glorious his praise!
3 Say to God:
"How awesome are your works!
Because of your great strength,
your enemies cringe before you.
4 All the earth worships you,
sings praises to you,
sings praises to your name!" *Selah*

5 Come and see God's deeds;
his works for human beings
are awesome:
6 He turned the sea into dry land
so they could cross the river
on foot.
Right there we rejoiced in him!
7 God rules with power forever;
keeps a good eye on the nations.
So don't let the rebellious
exalt themselves. *Selah*

8 All you nations, bless our God!
Let the sound of his praise be heard!
9 God preserved us among the living;
he didn't let our feet slip a bit.

10 But you, God, have tested us—
you've refined us like silver,
11 trapped us in a net,
laid burdens on our backs,
12 let other people run
right over our heads—
we've been through fire and water.

But you brought us out
to freedom!
13 So I'll enter your house
with entirely burned offerings.
I'll keep the promises
I made to you,
14 the ones my lips uttered,
the ones my mouth spoke
when I was in deep trouble.
15 I will offer the best burned offerings
to you

along with the smoke
of sacrificed rams.
I will offer both bulls and goats.
Selah

16 Come close and listen,
all you who honor God;
I will tell you
what God has done for me:
17 My mouth cried out to him
with praise on my tongue.
18 If I had cherished evil in my heart,
my Lord would not have listened.
19 But God definitely listened.
He heard the sound of my prayer.
20 Bless God!
He didn't reject my prayer;
he didn't withhold
his faithful love from me.

Psalm 67

For the music leader,
with stringed instruments.
A psalm. A song.

1 Let God grant us grace
and bless us;
let God make his face shine on us,
Selah
2 so that your way becomes known
on earth,
so that your salvation becomes
known among all the nations.

3 Let the people thank you, God!
Let all the people thank you!
4 Let the people celebrate
and shout with joy
because you judge
the nations fairly
and guide all nations
on the earth. *Selah*
5 Let the people thank you, God!
Let all the people thank you!

6 The earth has yielded its harvest.
God blesses us—
our God blesses us!
7 Let God continue to bless us;
let the far ends of the earth
honor him.

[r] Or *skillfully*; LXX, Vulg *with strength*; Heb uncertain

66:16 Ps 22:23, Ps 34:11, Ps 71:15, Ps 71:24
66:20 Ps 22:24
67:1 Nm 6:25; Ps 4:1, Ps 4:6, Ps 31:16, Ps 119:135
67:2 Ps 98:2; Lk 2:30; Ac 18:25; Ti 2:11
67:4 Ps 9:8, Ps 96:10
67:6 Lv 26:4; Ps 85:12; Eze 34:27; Hos 2:21; Zec 8:12
68:1 Nm 10:35; Ps 89:10, Ps 92:9, Ps 132:8; Is 33:3
68:2 Ps 22:14, Ps 37:20, Ps 97:5; Mi 1:4
68:3 Ps 32:11, Ps 64:10, Ps 97:12
68:4 Ps 18:10, Ps 68:33
68:5 Dt 10:18; Ps 10:14, Ps 146:9
68:6 Ps 69:33, Ps 107:10, Ps 107:14, Ps 113:9, Ps 146:7
68:7 Ex 13:21; Jgs 5:4; Hab 3:13
68:8 Ex 19:18; Jgs 5:4; Ps 77:18
68:9 Ps 65:9; Eze 34:26
68:11 Ex 15:20
68:12 Josh 10:16; Jgs 5:19, Jgs 5:30

Psalm 68

For the music leader. Of David.
A psalm. A song.

1 Let God rise up;
let his enemies scatter;
let those who hate him
run scared before him!
2 Like smoke is driven away,
drive them away!
Like wax melting before fire,
let the wicked perish before God!
3 But let the righteous be glad
and celebrate before God.
Let them rejoice with gladness!
4 Sing to God! Sing praises
to his name!
Exalt the one who rides
the clouds!
The LORD is his name.
Celebrate before him!

5 Father of orphans
and defender of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
6 God settles the lonely in their homes;
he sets prisoners free
with happiness,[r]
but the rebellious dwell
in a parched land.

7 When you went forth
before your people, God,
when you marched
through the wasteland, *Selah*
8 the earth shook!
Yes, heaven poured down
before God, the one from Sinai—
before God, the God of Israel!
9 You showered down
abundant rain, God;
when your inheritance grew weary,
you restored it yourself,
10 and your creatures settled in it.
In your goodness, God,
you provided for the poor.

11 My Lord gives the command—
many messengers are
bringing good news:
12 "The kings of armies are on the run!
The women back home divide
the spoil.

13 Even if you lie down
among the sheepfolds,
there are wings of a dove
covered with silver;
its pinions covered
in precious gold."[s]
14 When the Almighty[t]
scattered the kings there,
snow fell on Mount Zalmon.

15 Mighty mountain, Mount Bashan;
many-peaked mountain,
Mount Bashan!
16 You many-peaked mountain:
Why do you look with envy
at the mountain
God desired for his dwelling,
the mountain
where the LORD dwells forever?

17 God's chariots are twice
ten thousand—
countless thousands!
My Lord came from Sinai[u]
into the sanctuary.
18 You ascended the heights,
leading away your captives,
receiving tribute from people,
even from those who rebel
against the LORD God's
dwelling there.
19 Bless the Lord!
The God of our salvation
supports us day after day! *Selah*
20 Our God is the God of salvation,
and escape from certain death
comes through God my LORD.

21 Yes, God will shatter
the heads of his enemies—
the very skulls of those who walk
in guilt.
22 My Lord has spoken:
"From Bashan I will bring
those people back.
I will bring them back
from the ocean's depths
23 so that you can wash your feet
in their blood,
so that your dogs' tongues
can lap up their share
of your enemies."

68:13 Gn 49:14; Jgs 5:16
68:14 Jgs 9:48
68:15 Nm 21:33; Ps 36:6, Ps 68:22
68:16 Dt 12:5; Ps 132:13-14
68:17 2Ki 6:17; Is 66:15; Dn 7:10; Hab 3:8
68:18 Jgs 5:12; Ps 47:5; Ac 1:9; Eph 4:8
68:19 Ps 65:5
68:20 Dt 32:39; Rev 1:18
68:21 Ps 110:6; Hab 3:13
68:23 1Ki 21:19; Ps 58:10
68:24 Ps 63:2
68:25 Ex 15:20; Jgs 11:34
68:26 Dt 33:28; Ps 26:12; Is 48:1
68:27 Jgs 5:18; 1Sa 9:21
68:28 Ps 29:11; Is 26:12
68:29 1Ki 10:10, 1Ki 10:25; 2Ch 32:23; Ps 72:10, Ps 76:11
68:30 Job 40:21; Ps 22:12, Ps 120:7; Eze 29:3
68:31 Is 45:14; Zep 3:10
68:32 Ps 67:4
68:33 Dt 33:26; Ps 18:10, Ps 29:3-4, Ps 46:6
68:34 Ps 29:1
68:35 Ps 29:11; Is 40:29

24 They saw your procession, God—
the procession of my God,
my king, into the sanctuary.
25 First came the singers,
then the musicians;
between them the young women
were playing hand drums:
26 "Bless God in the
great congregation;
bless the LORD from
Israel's fountain!"
27 There's Benjamin leading them,
though he's little;
then the princes of Judah,
their speaker;
then the princes of Zebulun
and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Summon your strength, God!
Show how strong you are, God,
just as you've done for us before,
29 from your temple above
Jerusalem,
where kings bring you gifts.
30 Rebuke the wild animals
of the marshland,
the herd of bulls
among the calves of the peoples.
Trample those who delight in money;
scatter the peoples
who take pleasure in battles.
31 Let ambassadors come from Egypt;
let Cush stretch out its hands
to God.

32 Sing to God, all kingdoms
of the earth!
Sing praises to my Lord. *Selah*
33 Sing to the one
who rides through heaven,
the most ancient heaven.
Look! God sends forth his voice,
his mighty voice.
34 Recognize how strong God is!
His majesty extends over Israel;
his strength is in the clouds.
35 You are awesome, God,
in your sanctuaries—
the God of Israel who gives
strength and power to his people!

Bless God!

[s]Heb uncertain [t]Heb *Shaddai* [u]Correction; MT *My Lord was among them, the one from Sinai, in holiness.*

Psalm 69

For the music leader. According to "The Lilies." Of David.

1 Save me, God,
because the waters have reached my neck!
2 I have sunk into deep mud.
My feet can't touch the bottom!
I have entered deep water;
the flood has swept me up.
3 I am tired of crying.
My throat is hoarse.
My eyes are exhausted
with waiting for my God.

4 More numerous than the hairs on my head
are those who hate me for no reason.
My treacherous enemies,
those who would destroy me, are countless.
Must I now give back what I didn't steal in the first place?
5 God, you know my foolishness;
my wrongdoings aren't hidden from you.

6 LORD God of heavenly forces!—
don't let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me.
God of Israel!—
don't let those who seek you be disgraced because of me.
7 I am insulted because of you.
Shame covers my face.
8 I have become a stranger to my own brothers,
an immigrant to my mother's children.
9 Because passion for your house has consumed me,
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me!
10 I wept while I fasted—
even for that I was insulted.
11 When I wore funeral clothes,
people made fun of me.
12 Those who sit at the city gate muttered things about me;
drunkards made up rude songs.

69:1 Ps 42:7
69:2 Ps 40:2, Ps 69:14
69:3 Dt 28:32; Ps 6:6, Ps 119:82, Ps 119:123; Is 38:14
69:4 Ps 35:19, Ps 38:19, Ps 40:12; Jn 15:25
69:5 Ps 38:5, Ps 44:21; Jer 16:17
69:6 Gn 15:2; Dt 3:24; Josh 7:8; 2Sa 23:3; 1Ki 8:25
69:9 Ps 89:50, Ps 119:139; Jn 2:17; Ro 15:3
69:10 Ps 35:13
69:11 1Ki 9:7; Ps 35:13; Jer 24:9
69:12 Gn 19:1; Job 30:9
69:15 Nm 16:33
69:16 Ps 25:16, Ps 51:1, Ps 63:3, Ps 69:13, Ps 109:21
69:17 Ps 27:9, Ps 102:2, Ps 143:7
69:19 Ps 22:6; Heb 12:2
69:20 Job 16:2; Ps 142:4; Is 63:5
69:21 Mt 27:34, Mt 27:48, Mk 15:23; Lk 23:36; Jn 19:28
69:22 Ro 11:9-10
69:23 Is 6:10, Is 29:10; Dn 5:6; Mt 13:14; Jn 12:40
69:24 Ps 78:49, Ps 79:6; Jer 10:25; Hos 5:10

13 But me? My prayer reaches you, LORD, at just the right time.
God, in your great and faithful love, answer me with your certain salvation!
14 Save me from the mud!
Don't let me drown!
Let me be saved from those who hate me and from these watery depths!
15 Don't let me be swept away by the floodwaters!
Don't let the abyss swallow me up!
Don't let the pit close its mouth over me!
16 Answer me, LORD,
for your faithful love is good!
Turn to me in your great compassion!
17 Don't hide your face from me, your servant,
because I'm in deep trouble.
Answer me quickly!
18 Come close to me!
Redeem me!
Save me because of my enemies!

19 You know full well the insults I've received;
you know my shame and my disgrace.
All my adversaries are right there in front of you.
20 Insults have broken my heart.
I'm sick about it.
I hoped for sympathy, but there wasn't any;
I hoped for comforters, but couldn't find any.
21 They gave me poison for food.
To quench my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let the table before them become a trap,
their offerings a snare.
23 Let their eyes grow too dim to see;
make their insides tremble constantly.
24 Pour out your anger on them—
let your burning fury catch them.

25 Let their camp be devastated;
let no one dwell in their tents.
26 Because they go after those
you've already struck;
they talk about the pain
of those you've already pierced.
27 Pile guilt on top of their guilt!
Don't let them come
into your righteousness!
28 Let them be wiped out
of the scroll of life!
Let them not be recorded
along with the righteous!
29 And me? I'm afflicted.
I'm full of pain.
Let your salvation
keep me safe, God!

30 I will praise God's name with song;
I will magnify him with thanks
31 because that is more pleasing to
the LORD than an ox,
more pleasing than a young bull
with full horns and hooves.
32 Let the afflicted see it and be glad!
You who seek God—
let your hearts beat strong again
33 because the LORD listens
to the needy
and doesn't despise his captives.

34 Let heaven and earth praise God,
the oceans too, and all that moves
within them!
35 God will most certainly save Zion
and will rebuild Judah's cities
so that God's servants can live
there and possess it.
36 The offspring of God's servants
will inherit Zion,
and those who love God's name
will dwell there.

Psalm 70

For the music leader. Of David.
For the memorial offering.

1 Hurry, God, to deliver me;
hurry, LORD, to help me!
2 Let those who seek my life
be ashamed and humiliated!
Let them fall back
and be disgraced—

69:25 Mt 23:38; Lk 13:35; Ac 1:20

69:26 Ps 109:16; Is 53:4; Zec 1:15

69:27 Neh 4:5

69:28 Ex 32:32-33; Lk 10:20; Phi 4:3; Rev 3:5

69:31 Ps 50:9, Ps 50:13, Ps 51:16

69:32 Ps 22:26, Ps 34:2

70:2 Ps 6:10, Ps 35:4, Ps 35:26, Ps 71:13

70:4 Ps 35:27, Ps 40:16

70:5 Ps 35:10, Ps 40:17, Ps 109:22, Ps 141:1

71:1 Ps 22:5, Ps 25:2, Ps 31:1

71:3 Ps 18:2

71:4 Ps 43:1, Ps 140:1, Ps 140:4

71:5 Ps 39:7; Jer 17:7

71:6 Ps 22:9, Ps 22:10, Ps 34:1; Is 46:3

71:7 Is 8:18; 1Co 4:9

71:8 Ps 35:28, Ps 51:15, Ps 71:15

71:10 Ps 31:13, Ps 56:6, Ps 83:3

those people who delight
in my downfall!
3 Let those who say, "Aha! Aha!"
stop because of their
shameful behavior.
4 But let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you,
and let those who love your saving
help say again and again:
"God is great!"
5 But me? I'm poor and needy.
Hurry to me, God!
You are my helper and my deliverer.
Oh, LORD, don't delay!

Psalm 71

1 I've taken refuge in you, LORD.
Don't let me ever be put to shame!
2 Deliver me and rescue me
by your righteousness!
Bend your ear toward me
and save me!
3 Be my rock of refuge
where I can always escape.
You commanded that my life
be saved
because you are my rock
and my fortress.

4 My God, rescue me
from the power of the wicked;
rescue me from the grip of the
wrongdoer and the oppressor
5 because you are my hope, Lord.
You, LORD, are the one I've trusted
since childhood.
6 I've depended on you from birth—
you cut the cord when I came
from my mother's womb.
My praise is always about you.
7 I've become an example
to many people
because you are my strong refuge.
8 My mouth is filled with your praise,
glorifying you all day long.
9 Don't cast me off in old age.
Don't abandon me when my
strength is used up!

10 Yes, my enemies have been
talking about me;
those who stalk me plot together:

11 "God has abandoned him!
Pursue him!
Grab him
because no one will deliver him!"
12 Don't be far from me, God!
My God, hurry to help me!
13 Let my accusers be put to shame,
completely finished off!
Let those who seek my downfall
be dressed in insults and disgrace!

14 But me? I will hope. Always.
I will add to all your praise.
15 My mouth will repeat
your righteous acts
and your saving deeds all day long.
I don't even know
how many of those there are!
16 I will dwell on your mighty acts,
my Lord.
LORD, I will help others remember
nothing but your righteous deeds.
17 You've taught me since my youth,
God,
and I'm still proclaiming
your wondrous deeds!
18 So, even in my old age with gray hair,
don't abandon me, God!
Not until I tell generations
about your mighty arm,
tell all who are yet to come
about your strength,
19 and about your ultimate
righteousness, God,
because you've done
awesome things!
Who can compare to you, God?
20 You, who have shown me
many troubles and calamities,
will revive me once more.[v]
From the depths of the earth,
you will raise me up one more time.
21 Please increase my honor
and comfort me all around.
22 Then I'll give you thanks
with a harp—
I will thank you for your
faithfulness, my God.
I will make music for you
with the lyre, holy one of Israel.
23 My lips will rejoice aloud
when I make music for you;

71:11 Ps 7:2; Mt 27:46
71:14 Ps 130:7
71:15 Ps 35:28, Ps 40:5, Ps 66:16, Ps 71:8, Ps 71:24
71:17 Dt 4:5, Ps 26:7, Ps 71:5
71:18 Ps 22:31, Ps 71:9, Ps 78:4; Is 46:4
71:19 Ps 35:10, Ps 36:5-6, Ps 126:2; Lk 1:49
71:22 2Ki 19:22; Ps 33:2, Ps 78:41, Ps 89:18; Is 60:9
71:23 Ps 34:22, Ps 103:4
72:1 1Ki 3:9
72:2 Is 9:7, Is 11:4, Is 32:1
72:3 Is 52:7
72:4 Is 11:4
72:5 Ps 72:17, Ps 89:36-37
72:6 Dt 32:2; 2Sa 23:4; Hos 6:3; Am 7:1
72:7 Ps 92:12; Is 2:4
72:8 Ex 23:31; 1Ki 4:21; Ps 2:8; Zec 9:10; Rev 11:15
72:9 Is 49:23; Mi 7:17
72:10 Gn 10:7; 1Ki 10:1; Ps 45:12, Ps 68:29; Is 43:3
72:11 Ps 86:9, Ps 138:4; Is 49:23

my whole being,[w] which you saved,
will do the same.
24 My tongue, also, will tell of your
righteousness all day long,
because those who seek
my downfall
have been put to shame
and disgraced.

Psalm 72

Of Solomon.

1 God, give your judgments
to the king.
Give your righteousness
to the king's son.
2 Let him judge your people
with righteousness
and your poor ones with justice.
3 Let the mountains bring peace
to the people;
let the hills bring righteousness.
4 Let the king bring justice
to people who are poor;
let him save the children
of those who are needy,
but let him crush oppressors!
5 Let the king live[x]
as long as the sun,
as long as the moon,
generation to generation.
6 Let him fall like rain
upon fresh-cut grass,
like showers that water the earth.
7 Let the righteous flourish
throughout their lives,
and let peace prosper
until the moon is no more.
8 Let the king rule from sea to sea,
from the river to the ends
of the earth.
9 Let the desert dwellers
bow low before him;
let his enemies lick the dust.
10 Let the kings of Tarshish
and the islands bring tribute;
let the kings of Sheba and Seba
present gifts.
11 Let all the kings bow down
before him;
let all the nations serve him.

[v] Qere; Kethib *who have shown us . . . will revive us* [w] Or *soul* [x] LXX; MT *May they fear you.*

12 Let it be so, because he delivers
the needy who cry out,
the poor, and those who have
no helper.
13 He has compassion on the weak
and the needy;
he saves the lives of those
who are in need.
14 He redeems their lives from
oppression and violence;
their blood is precious in his eyes.

15 Let the king live long!
Let Sheba's gold be given to him!
Let him be prayed for always!
Let him be blessed all day long!
16 Let there be abundant grain
in the land.
Let it wave on the mountaintops.
Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon.
Let it thrive like grass on the land.
17 Let the king's name last forever.
Let his name endure
as long as the sun.
Let all the nations be blessed
through him and call him happy.

18 Bless the LORD God,
the God of Israel—
the only one who does
wondrous things!
19 Bless God's glorious name forever;
let his glory fill all the earth!
Amen and Amen!

20 The prayers of David, Jesse's son,
are ended.

BOOK III
(Psalms 73–89)

Psalm 73
A psalm of Asaph.

1 Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure of heart.
2 But me? My feet had
almost stumbled;
my steps had nearly slipped
3 because I envied the arrogant;
I observed how the wicked
are well off:
4 They suffer no pain;
their bodies are fit and strong.
5 They are never in trouble;
they aren't weighed down
like other people.
6 That's why they wear arrogance
like a necklace,
why violence covers them
like clothes.
7 Their eyes bulge out
from eating so well;
their hearts overflow
with delusions.
8 They scoff and talk so cruel;
from their privileged positions
they plan oppression.
9 Their mouths dare to speak
against heaven!
Their tongues roam the earth!
10 That's why people keep going back
to them,
keep approving what they say.[y]
11 And what they say is this:
"How could God possibly know!
Does the Most High
know anything at all!"
12 Look at these wicked ones,
always relaxed,
piling up the wealth!

13 Meanwhile, I've kept my heart pure
for no good reason;
I've washed my hands
to stay innocent for nothing.
14 I'm weighed down all day long.
I'm punished every morning.
15 If I said, "I will talk about all this,"
I would have been unfaithful
to your children.
16 But when I tried to understand
these things,
it just seemed like hard work
17 until I entered God's sanctuary
and understood what would
happen to the wicked.
18 You will definitely put them
on a slippery path;
you will make them fall into ruin!
19 How quickly they are devastated,

72:12 Job 29:12
72:13 Ps 109:31
72:14 1Sa 26:21; Ps 69:18, Ps 116:15
72:15 1Ki 10:10
72:17 Gn 12:3, Gn 22:18; Ps 89:36; Lk 1:48
72:18 Ex 15:11; 1Ch 29:10; Ps 41:13, Ps 77:14, Ps 136:4
72:19 Nm 14:21; Neh 9:5; Ps 41:13
72:20 2Sa 23:1
73:1 Ps 24:4, Ps 51:10; Mt 5:8
73:2 Ps 94:18
73:3 Job 21:7; Ps 37:1, Ps 37:7; Prv 23:17; Jer 12:1
73:4 Ps 17:14
73:5 Ps 73:12
73:6 Ps 109:18; Prv 1:9
73:7 Job 15:27; Ps 17:10; Jer 5:28
73:8 Jud 1:16
73:9 Rev 13:6
73:11 Job 22:13
73:12 Ps 49:6, Ps 73:3; Jer 12:1
73:13 Job 21:15, Job 34:9; Ps 26:6; Mal 3:14
73:14 Job 33:19; Ps 73:5, Ps 94:12, Ps 118:18; Heb 12:5
73:15 Ps 14:5
73:16 Ecc 8:17
73:17 Ps 37:38, Ps 77:13
73:18 Ps 35:6

[y] Heb uncertain

utterly destroyed by terrors!
20 As quickly as a dream departs
from someone waking up, my Lord,
when you are stirred up,
you make them disappear.[z]

21 When my heart was bitter,
when I was all cut up inside,
22 I was stupid and ignorant.
I acted like nothing but an animal
toward you.
23 But I was still always with you!
You held my strong hand!
24 You have guided me
with your advice;
later you will receive me
with glory.
25 Do I have anyone else in heaven?
There's nothing on earth I desire
except you.
26 My body and my heart fail,
but God is my heart's rock
and my share forever.
27 Look! Those far from you die;
you annihilate all those
who are unfaithful to you.
28 But me? It's good for me
to be near God.
I have taken my refuge in you,
my LORD God,
so I can talk all about your works!

Psalm 74

A maskil[a] *of Asaph.*

1 God, why have you abandoned us
forever?
Why does your anger smolder
at the sheep of your own pasture?
2 Remember your congregation
that you took as your own long ago,
that you redeemed to be the tribe
of your own possession—
remember Mount Zion,
where you dwell.
3 March to the unending ruins,
to all that the enemy destroyed
in the sanctuary.

4 Your enemies roared
in your own meeting place;
they set up their own signs there!
5 It looked like axes raised
against a thicket of trees.[b]
6 And then all its carvings
they hacked down with hatchet
and pick.
7 They set fire to your sanctuary,
burned it to the ground;
they defiled the dwelling place
of your name.
8 They said in their hearts,
We'll kill all of them together!
They burned all of God's meeting
places in the land.
9 We don't see our own signs anymore.
No prophet is left.
And none of us know
how long it will last.

10 How long, God, will foes insult you?
Are enemies going to abuse
your name forever?
11 Why do you pull your hand back?
Why do you hold your strong hand
close to your chest?

12 Yet God has been my king
from ancient days—
God, who makes salvation happen
in the heart of the earth!
13 You split the sea with your power.
You shattered the heads
of the sea monsters on the water.
14 You crushed Leviathan's heads.
You gave it to the desert dwellers
for food!
15 You split open springs
and streams;
you made strong-flowing rivers
dry right up.
16 The day belongs to you!
The night too!
You established both the moon
and the sun.
17 You set all the boundaries of the
earth in place.
Summer and winter?
You made them!

18 So remember this, LORD:
how enemies have insulted you,

73:20 Job 20:8; Ps 78:65
73:21 Ac 2:37
73:22 Job 18:3; Ps 49:10, Ps 92:6; Ecc 3:18
73:23 Ps 16:8, Ps 37:24, Ps 63:8; Is 41:13
73:24 Ps 32:8, Ps 48:14, Ps 49:15
73:25 Ps 16:2, Ps 42:1; Phi 3:8
73:26 Ps 16:5, Ps 18:2, Ps 84:2; Lam 3:24
73:27 Ex 34:15; Nm 15:39; Ps 119:155
73:28 Ps 118:17; Heb 10:22; Jas 4:8
74:2 Ex 15:16; Ps 9:11; Jer 10:16, Jer 51:19
74:3 Ps 79:1
74:4 Nm 2:2; Lam 2:7
74:5 Jer 46:22
74:6 1Ki 6:18, 1Ki 6:29, 1Ki 6:32, 1Ki 6:35
74:7 2Ki 25:9; Ps 89:39; Is 64:11
74:9 1Sa 3:1; Lam 2:9; Eze 7:26; Am 8:11
74:11 Lam 2:3
74:12 Ps 44:4; Is 33:22
74:13 Ex 14:21; Is 27:1, Is 51:9, Is 51:10; Eze 29:3
74:14 Job 41:1; Ps 104:26
74:15 Ex 17:6; Nm 20:11; Josh 3:13; Ps 105:41
74:16 Gn 1:14; Ps 8:3, Ps 104:19, Ps 136:7
74:17 Gn 8:22; Dt 32:8; Ac 17:26

[z] Heb uncertain. [a] Perhaps *instruction*; the root is used in Ps 32:8. [b] Heb uncertain

how unbelieving fools
have abused your name.
19 Don't deliver the life of your dove
to wild animals!
Don't forget the lives
of your afflicted people forever!
20 Consider the covenant!
Because the land's dark places
are full of violence.
21 Don't let the oppressed live in shame.
No, let the poor and needy
praise your name!

22 God, rise up! Make your case!
Remember how unbelieving fools
insult you all day long.
23 Don't forget the voices
of your enemies,
the racket of your adversaries
that never quits.

Psalm 75

For the music leader. Do not destroy.
A psalm of Asaph. A song.

1 We give thanks to you, God.
Yes, we give thanks!
Your name is near.
Your marvelous deeds are declared.

2 God says,[c]
"When I decide the time is right,
I will establish justice just so.
3 The earth and all its inhabitants
will melt,
but I will keep its pillars steady."
Selah

4 I said to the arrogant,
"Don't be arrogant!"
To the wicked I said,
"Don't exalt your strength!
5 Don't exalt your strength so highly.
Don't speak so arrogantly
against the rock."[d]
6 Because what exalts someone
doesn't come from the east or west;
it's not from the south either.
7 Rather it is God who is the judge.
He brings this person down,
but that person he lifts up.
8 Indeed, there's a cup
in the LORD's hand
full of foaming wine,
mixed with spice.
He will pour it out,
and all of the earth's wicked people
must drink it;
they must drink every last drop!

9 But I will rejoice[e] always;
I will sing praises to Jacob's God!
10 God says:[f]
"I will demolish every bit
of the wicked's power,
but the strength of the righteous
will be lifted up."

Psalm 76

For the music leader.
With stringed instruments.
A psalm of Asaph. A song.

1 God is known in Judah;
his name is great in Israel.
2 His dwelling place became Salem;
his habitation was Zion.
3 It was there that he broke
the fiery shafts of the bow,
the shield, the sword—
even the battle itself! *Selah*

4 You are ablaze with light,
mightier than the mountains
that give food.
5 The bravehearted lie plundered.
They sank into deep lethargy.
All the strong troops
couldn't even lift their hands!
6 At your rebuke, Jacob's God,
both chariot and horse
were stopped dead-still.

7 You! You are awesome!
Who can stand before you
when you are angry?
8 You have announced judgment
from heaven.
The earth grew afraid
and fell silent

74:19 Ps 68:10; Song 2:14
74:21 Ps 9:9, Ps 10:18, Ps 35:10, Ps 86:1, Ps 103:6
74:23 Ps 65:7
75:1 Ps 57:1, Ps 145:18
75:2 Ps 102:13; Is 11:4; Ac 17:31
75:3 1Sa 2:8; Is 24:19
75:5 2Ch 30:8
75:6 Ps 3:3, Ps 75:7
75:7 1Sa 2:7; Ps 50:6, Ps 58:11, Ps 147:6; Dn 2:21
75:8 Job 21:20; Ps 11:6, Ps 60:3; Prv 23:30; Jer 25:15
75:9 Ps 40:10, Ps 76:6
75:10 Ps 89:17, Ps 92:10, Ps 101:8, Ps 112:9; Jer 48:25
76:1 1Ch 29:10; Ps 4:1, Ps 48:1, Ps 48:3, Ps 50:1
76:2 Gn 14:18; Ps 9:11, Ps 132:13
76:3 Ps 46:9; Eze 39:9
76:7 Ps 89:7; Na 1:6; Rev 6:17

[c] Heb lacks *God says.* [d] LXX *against God*; MT *speak with an arrogant neck* [e] LXX; MT *I will declare* [f] Heb lacks *God says.*

9 when God rose up
to establish justice,
when God rose up to save
all of the earth's poor. *Selah*

10 Even human rage
will turn to your praise
when you dress yourself
with whatever remains
of your wrath.[g]
11 Make promises to the LORD your
God and keep them!
Let all around him bring gifts
to the awesome one.
12 He breaks the spirit of princes.
He is terrifying to all the kings
of the earth.

Psalm 77

For the music leader. According to Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A psalm.

1 I cry out loud to God—
out loud to God so that he can
hear me!
2 During the day when I'm in trouble
I look for my Lord.
At night my hands are still
outstretched and don't grow numb;
my whole being[h] refuses
to be comforted.
3 I remember God and I moan.
I complain, and my spirit grows
tired. *Selah*

4 You've kept my eyelids from closing.
I'm so upset I can't even speak.
5 I think about days long past;
I remember years that seem an
eternity in the past.
6 I meditate with my heart at night;[i]
I complain, and my spirit
keeps searching:
7 "Will my Lord reject me forever?
Will he never be pleased again?
8 Has his faithful love
come to a complete end?
Is his promise over
for future generations?
9 Has God forgotten how to be gracious?
Has he angrily stopped up
his compassion?" *Selah*
10 It's my misfortune, I thought,
that the strong hand of the
Most High is different now.

11 But I will remember
the LORD's deeds;
yes, I will remember your wondrous
acts from times long past.
12 I will meditate on all your works;
I will ponder your deeds.
13 God, your way is holiness!
Who is as great a god as you, God?
14 You are the God who works
wonders;
you have demonstrated your
strength among all peoples.
15 With your mighty arm
you redeemed your people;
redeemed the children of
Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*

16 The waters saw you, God—
the waters saw you and reeled!
Even the deep depths shook!
17 The clouds poured water,
the skies cracked thunder;
your arrows were flying all around!
18 The crash of your thunder
was in the swirling storm;
lightning lit up the whole world;
the earth shook and quaked.
19 Your way went straight through
the sea;
your pathways went right through
the mighty waters.
But your footprints left no trace!
20 You led your people like sheep
under the care of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78

A maskil[j] of Asaph.

1 Listen, my people, to my teaching;
tilt your ears toward
the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth with a proverb.
I'll declare riddles
from days long gone—

76:9 Ps 9:7, Ps 9:8
76:10 Ex 9:16
76:11 2Ch 32:23; Ps 50:14, Ps 68:29; Ecc 5:4
77:1 1Ch 16:41; Ps 3:4, Ps 39:1, Ps 50:1, Ps 62:1
77:2 Gn 37:35; Ps 50:15
77:3 Ps 42:5, Ps 142:2
77:4 Gn 41:8
77:7 Ps 74:1, Ps 85:1, Ps 85:5
77:9 Ps 25:6, Ps 40:11; Is 49:15
77:10 Ex 15:6
77:13 Ex 15:11; Ps 63:2, Ps 73:17
77:14 Ps 72:18, Ps 106:8
77:16 Ex 14:21; Ps 114:3; Hab 3:8, Hab 3:10
77:19 Hab 3:15; Ro 11:33
77:20 Ex 13:21; Ps 78:52, Ps 80:1; Is 63:11
78:1 Ps 49:1; Is 51:4, Is 55:3
78:2 Ps 49:4; Prv 1:6; Mt 13:35

[g] Heb uncertain [h] Or *soul* [i] LXX; MT *I remember my song in the night.* [j] Perhaps *instruction*; the root is used in Ps 32:8.

3 ones that we've heard
and learned about,
ones that our ancestors told us.
4 We won't hide them
from their descendants;
we'll tell the next generation
all about the praise due the LORD
and his strength—
the wondrous works God has done.
5 He established a law for Jacob
and set up Instruction for Israel,
ordering our ancestors
to teach them to their children.
6 This is so that the next generation
and children not yet born
will know these things,
and so they can rise up
and tell their children
7 to put their hope in God—
never forgetting God's deeds,
but keeping God's
commandments—
8 and so that they won't become like
their ancestors:
a rebellious, stubborn generation,
a generation whose heart
wasn't set firm
and whose spirit
wasn't faithful to God.

9 The children of Ephraim,
armed with bows,
retreated on the day of battle.
10 They didn't keep God's covenant;
they refused to walk
in his Instruction.
11 They forgot God's deeds
as well as the wondrous works
he showed them.
12 But God performed wonders
in their ancestors' presence—
in the land of Egypt,
in the field of Zoan.
13 God split the sea and
led them through,
making the waters stand up
like a wall.
14 God led them with the
cloud by day;
by the lightning all through
the night.

15 God split rocks open
in the wilderness,
gave them plenty to drink—
as if from the deep itself!
16 God made streams flow
from the rock,
made water run like rivers.

17 But they continued to sin
against God,
rebelling against the Most High
in the desert.
18 They tested God in their hearts,
demanded food for their stomachs.
19 They spoke against God!
"Can God set a dinner table
in the wilderness?" they asked.
20 "True, God struck the rock
and water gushed
and streams flowed,
but can he give bread too?
Can he provide meat
for his people?"
21 When the LORD heard this,
he became furious.
A fire was ignited against Jacob;
wrath also burned against Israel
22 because they had no faith in God,
because they didn't trust
his saving power.
23 God gave orders to the skies above,
opened heaven's doors,
24 and rained manna on them
so they could eat.
He gave them the very grain
of heaven!
25 Each person ate the bread
of the powerful ones;[k]
God sent provisions
to satisfy them.
26 God set the east wind moving
across the skies
and drove the south wind
by his strength.
27 He rained meat on them
as if it were dust in the air;
he rained as many birds
as the sand on the seashore!
28 God brought the birds down
in the center of their camp,
all around their dwellings.

78:3 Ps 44:1
78:5 Dt 4:9, Dt 6:7; Ps 81:5, Ps 147:19
78:6 Ps 22:31, Ps 102:18
78:8 Ex 32:9; Dt 31:27; 2Ki 17:14; 2Ch 30:7; Ps 78:37
78:10 2Ki 17:15
78:12 Ex 7:1, Ex 12:1; Nm 13:22; Ps 78:43; Is 19:11
78:15 Ex 17:6; Nm 20:11; Ps 105:41, Ps 114:8; Is 48:21
78:20 Nm 20:11; Ps 78:15, Ps 78:16
78:24 Ex 16:4; Neh 9:15; Ps 105:40; Jn 6:31
78:25 Ps 103:20

[k] Or *everyone ate the bread from heaven;* Heb uncertain

29 So they ate
and were completely satisfied;
God gave them exactly
what they had craved.
30 But they didn't stop craving—
even with the food
still in their mouths!
31 So God's anger came up
against them:
he killed the most hearty of them;
he cut down Israel's youth
in their prime.
32 But in spite of all that,
they kept sinning
and had no faith
in God's wondrous works.
33 So God brought their days to an end,
like a puff of air,
and their years in total ruin.
34 But whenever God killed them,
they went after him!
They would turn
and earnestly search for God.
35 They would remember that God
was their rock,
that the Most High
was their redeemer.
36 But they were just flattering him
with lip service.
They were lying to him
with their tongues.
37 Their hearts weren't firmly set
on him;
they weren't faithful
to his covenant.
38 But God, being compassionate,
kept forgiving their sins,
kept avoiding destruction;
he took back his anger
so many times,
wouldn't stir up all his wrath!
39 God kept remembering
that they were just flesh,
just breath that passes
and doesn't come back.

40 How often they rebelled
against God in the wilderness
and distressed him in the desert!
41 Time and time again
they tested God,

78:30 Nm 11:33
78:31 Nm 11:33; Is 10:16
78:32 Nm 14:11; Ps 78:22
78:33 Nm 14:29, Nm 14:35
78:34 Nm 21:7; Ps 63:1; Is 26:16; Hos 5:15
78:35 Ex 15:13; Dt 32:4
78:36 Is 29:13, Is 57:11; Eze 33:31
78:37 Ps 78:8; Ac 8:21
78:38 Ex 34:6; Ps 85:2, Ps 106:43; Is 30:18, Is 48:9
78:39 Gn 6:3; Job 7:7; Ps 103:14; Jas 4:14
78:40 Ps 106:14; Eph 4:30
78:46 Ex 10:12, Ex 10:14; 1Ki 8:37; Ps 105:34; Jl 1:4
78:49 Ex 15:7; Nm 25:4; 2Sa 24:16; Ps 69:24; Lam 4:11
78:50 Ex 9:3
78:53 Ex 14:19, Ex 14:20, Ex 14:27, Ex 14:28; Heb 11:29
78:54 Ex 15:17; Ps 44:3
78:55 Ps 44:2, Ps 135:12

provoking the holy one of Israel.
42 They didn't remember God's power—
the day when he saved them
from the enemy;
43 how God performed his signs
in Egypt,
his marvelous works
in the field of Zoan.
44 God turned their rivers into blood;
they couldn't drink
from their own streams.
45 God sent swarms against them
to eat them up,
frogs to destroy them.
46 God handed over their crops
to caterpillars,
their land's produce to locusts.
47 God killed their vines with hail,
their sycamore trees with frost.
48 God delivered their cattle
over to disease,[1]
their herds to plagues.
49 God unleashed his burning anger
against them—
fury, indignation, distress,
a troop of evil messengers.
50 God blazed a path for his wrath.
He didn't save them from death,
but delivered their lives over
to disease.
51 God struck down
all of Egypt's oldest males;
in Ham's tents,
he struck their pride and joy.
52 God led his own people
out like sheep,
guiding them like a flock
in the wilderness.
53 God led them in safety—
they were not afraid!
But the sea engulfed their enemies!
54 God brought them
to his holy territory,
to the mountain that his own
strong hand had acquired.
55 God drove out the nations
before them
and apportioned property
for them;
he settled Israel's tribes
in their tents.

[1] Correction; MT *to hailstones*

56 But they tested and defied
the Most High God;
they didn't pay attention
to his warnings.
57 They turned away, became faithless
just like their ancestors;
they twisted away
like a defective bow.
58 They angered God
with their many shrines;
they angered him with their idols.
59 God heard and became enraged;
he rejected Israel utterly.
60 God abandoned the sanctuary
at Shiloh,
the tent where he had lived
with humans.
61 God let his power be held captive,
let his glory go to the enemy's hand.
62 God delivered his people
up to the sword;
he was enraged
at his own possession.
63 Fire devoured his young men,
and his young women
had no wedding songs.
64 God's priests were killed
by the sword,
and his widows couldn't even cry.
65 But then my Lord woke up—
as if he'd been sleeping!
Like a warrior shaking off wine,
66 God beat back his foes;
he made them
an everlasting disgrace.

67 God rejected the tent of Joseph
and didn't choose the tribe
of Ephraim.
68 Instead, he chose the tribe of Judah,
the mountain of Zion,
which he loves.
69 God built his sanctuary
like the highest heaven
and like the earth,
which he established forever.
70 And God chose David, his servant,
taking him from the sheepfolds.
71 God brought him from shepherding
nursing ewes
to shepherd his people Jacob,
to shepherd his inheritance, Israel.

78:57 Eze 20:27; Hos 7:16

78:65 Ps 44:23, Ps 73:20

78:67 Ps 78:60, Ps 80:1, Ps 81:5, Ps 105:17; Jer 7:15

78:68 2Ch 6:6; Ps 87:2, Ps 132:13

78:69 Ps 119:90; Is 48:13

78:70 1Sa 16:11, 1Sa 16:12, 1Sa 16:13; 2Sa 7:8; Ps 89:20

78:72 1Ki 9:4

79:1 2Ki 25:9; Jer 26:18; Lam 1:10; Mi 3:12

79:2 Dt 28:26; Jer 7:33, Jer 16:4, Jer 34:20

79:3 Jer 14:16, Jer 16:4

79:4 Ps 44:13, Ps 80:6; Dn 9:16

79:5 Ps 13:1, Ps 74:1, Ps 74:10, Ps 85:5, Ps 89:46

79:6 Ps 14:4, Ps 69:24; Jer 10:25; 2Th 1:8

79:8 Ps 116:6, Ps 142:6; Is 64:9

79:9 2Ch 14:11; Ps 25:11, Ps 65:3; Jer 14:7

79:10 Ps 42:3, Ps 42:10, Ps 94:1, Ps 115:2; Jl 2:17

72 David shepherded them
with a heart of integrity;
he led them with the skill
of his hands.

Psalm 79

A psalm of Asaph.

1 The nations have come
into your inheritance, God!
They've defiled your holy temple.
They've made Jerusalem
a bunch of ruins.
2 They've left your servants' bodies
as food for the birds;
they've left the flesh
of your faithful
to the wild animals of the earth.
3 They've poured out the blood
of the faithful
like water all around Jerusalem,
and there's no one left
to bury them.
4 We've become a joke
to our neighbors,
nothing but objects of ridicule
and disapproval to those
around us.

5 How long will you rage, LORD?
Forever?
How long will your anger burn
like fire?
6 Pour out your wrath on the nations
who don't know you,
on the kingdoms
that haven't called on your name.
7 They've devoured Jacob
and demolished his pasture.
8 Don't remember the iniquities
of past generations;
let your compassion hurry
to meet us
because we've been brought so low.
9 God of our salvation, help us
for the glory of your name!
Deliver us and cover our sins
for the sake of your name!
10 Why should the nations say,
"Where's their God now?"
Let vengeance for the spilled blood
of your servants

be known among the nations
before our very eyes!
11 Let the prisoners' groaning
reach you.
With your powerful arm
spare those who are destined to die.
12 Pay back our neighbors
seven times over,
right where it hurts,
for the insults
they used on you, Lord.
13 We are, after all, your people
and the sheep
of your very own pasture.
We will give you thanks forever;
we will proclaim your praises
from one generation to the next.

Psalm 80

For the music leader.
According to "Lotus Blossoms."
A testimony of Asaph. A psalm.

1 Shepherd of Israel, listen!
You, the one who leads Joseph
as if he were a sheep.
You, who are enthroned upon
the winged heavenly creatures.
Show yourself 2 before Ephraim,
Benjamin, and Manasseh!
Wake up your power!
Come to save us!
3 Restore us, God!
Make your face shine
so that we can be saved!

4 LORD God of heavenly forces,
how long will you fume
against your people's prayer?
5 You've fed them bread made of tears;
you've given them tears
to drink three times over!
6 You've put us at odds
with our neighbors;
our enemies make fun of us.
7 Restore us, God of heavenly forces!
Make your face shine
so that we can be saved!

8 You brought a vine out of Egypt.
You drove out the nations
and planted it.
9 You cleared the ground for it;
then it planted its roots deep,
filling the land.
10 The mountains were covered
by its shade;
the mighty cedars were covered
by its branches.
11 It sent its branches
all the way to the sea;
its shoots went all the way
to the Euphrates River.[m]
12 So why have you now torn down
its walls
so that all who come along
can pluck its fruit,
13 so that any boar from the forest
can tear it up,
so that the bugs can feed on it?

14 Please come back,
God of heavenly forces!
Look down from heaven and
perceive it!
Attend to this vine,
15 this root that you planted
with your strong hand,
this son whom you secured
as your very own.
16 It is burned with fire.
It is chopped down.
They die at the rebuke
coming from you.
17 Let your hand be
with the one on your right side—
with the one whom you secured
as your own—
18 then we will not turn away from you!
Revive us
so that we can call on your name.
19 Restore us,
LORD God of heavenly forces!
Make your face shine
so that we can be saved!

Psalm 81

For the music leader.
According to the Gittith. Of Asaph.

1 Rejoice out loud to God, our
strength!
Shout for joy to Jacob's God!

79:11 Ps 102:20; Mt 6:13
79:12 Gn 4:15; Lv 26:21, Lv 26:28; Is 65:6; Jer 32:18
79:13 Ps 44:8, Ps 74:1, Ps 95:7, Ps 100:3; Is 43:21
80:1 Ex 25:22; 1Sa 4:4; 2Sa 6:2; 2Ki 19:15; Ps 99:1
80:2 Nm 2:18; Ps 35:23
80:3 Nm 6:25; Ps 4:6, Ps 80:19, Ps 85:4; Lam 5:21
80:4 Ps 59:5, Ps 79:5
80:5 Ps 42:3, Ps 102:9; Is 30:20
80:7 Ps 80:3
80:8 Ps 44:2; Is 5:1, Is 5:2; Jer 2:21; Eze 17:6
80:9 Josh 24:12
80:12 Ps 89:40; Is 5:5
80:13 Jer 5:6
80:16 Ps 39:11, Ps 76:6
80:17 Ps 80:15, Ps 89:21
80:18 Ps 71:20
80:19 Ps 80:3, Ps 80:7
81:1 Ps 46:1, Ps 66:1

[m] *Or the Great River*

2 Take up a song and strike the drum!
Sweet lyre along with harp!
3 Blow the horn on the new moon,
at the full moon,
for our day of celebration!
4 Because this is the law for Israel;
this is a rule of Jacob's God.
5 He made it a decree for Joseph
when he went out
against the land of Egypt,
when I heard a language
I did not yet know:

6 "I lifted the burden off
your shoulders;
your hands are free
of the brick basket!
7 In distress you cried out,
so I rescued you.
I answered you
in the secret of thunder.
I tested you at the waters of
Meribah. *Selah*
8 Listen, my people, I'm warning you!
If only you would listen to me,
Israel.
9 There must be no foreign god
among you.
You must not bow down
to any strange deity.
10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up
from Egypt's land.
Open your mouth wide—
I will fill it up!

11 But my people wouldn't listen
to my voice.
Israel simply wasn't agreeable
toward me.
12 So I sent them off
to follow their willful hearts;
they followed their own advice.
13 How I wish my people would listen
to me!
How I wish Israel
would walk in my ways!
14 Then I would subdue their enemies
in a second;
I would turn my hand
against their foes.
15 Those who hate the LORD
would grovel before me,
and their doom would last forever!
16 But I would feed you
with the finest wheat.
I would satisfy you with honey
from the rock."

81:3 Lv 23:24; Nm 10:10
81:5 Ex 11:4; Dt 28:49; Ps 80:1, Ps 114:1; Jer 5:15
81:6 Ex 1:14, Ex 6:6; Is 9:4, Is 10:27
81:7 Ex 2:23, Ex 17:7, Ex 19:19; Nm 20:13; Ps 50:15
81:8 Ps 50:7
81:9 Ex 20:3; Dt 5:7, Dt 32:12; Ps 44:20
81:10 Ex 20:2; Ps 37:3, Ps 37:4
81:11 Ex 32:1; Dt 32:15, Dt 32:18; Ps 81:12, Ps 106:25
81:13 Dt 5:29; Is 48:18
81:14 Am 1:8
81:16 Dt 32:13, Dt 32:14; Ps 147:14
82:1 2Ch 19:6; Ps 58:11; Is 3:13
82:2 Dt 1:17; Ps 58:1; Prv 18:5
82:3 Ps 10:18; Is 1:17; Jer 22:3, Jer 22:16
82:4 Job 29:12
82:5 Ps 11:3, Ps 14:4; Prv 2:13
82:6 Ps 82:1; Jn 10:34
82:7 Job 21:32; Ps 49:12; Eze 31:14
82:8 Ps 2:8, Ps 12:5, Ps 96:13; Rev 11:15
83:1 Ps 28:1, Ps 35:22, Ps 109:1
83:3 Ps 27:5, Ps 31:20

Psalm 82

A psalm of Asaph.

1 God takes his stand
in the divine council;
he gives judgment among the gods:
2 "How long will you judge unjustly
by granting favor to the wicked?
Selah
3 Give justice to the lowly
and the orphan;
maintain the right of the poor
and the destitute!
4 Rescue the lowly and the needy.
Deliver them
from the power of the wicked!"

5 They don't know;
they don't understand;
they wander around in the dark.
All the earth's foundations shake.

6 I hereby declare, "You are gods,
children of the Most High—
all of you!
7 But you will die like mortals;
you will fall down like any prince."

8 Rise up, God! Judge the earth
because you hold all nations
in your possession!

Psalm 83

A song. A psalm of Asaph.

1 God, don't be silent!
Don't be quiet or sit still, God,
2 because—look!—
your enemies are growling;
those who hate you
are acting arrogantly.
3 They concoct crafty plans
against your own people;
they plot against the people
you favor.
4 "Come on," they say,
"let's wipe them out as a nation!

Let the name Israel
be remembered no more!"
5 They plot with
a single-minded heart;
they make a covenant against you.
6 They are the clans
of Edom and the Ishmaelites,
Moab and the Hagrites,
7 Gebal, Ammon, Amalek,
Philistia along with the citizens
of Tyre.
8 Assyria too has joined them—
they are the strong arm
for Lot's children. *Selah*

9 Do to them what you did to Midian,
to Sisera, and to Jabin
at the Kishon River.
10 They were destroyed at Endor;
they become fertilizer
for the ground.
11 Make their officials
like Oreb and Zeeb,
all their princes
like Zebah and Zalmunna—
12 those who said, "Let's take God's
pastures for ourselves."
13 My God, make them
like tumbleweeds,
like chaff blown by wind.
14 Just like a fire consumes a forest,
just like flames
set mountains ablaze,
15 pursue them with your storm,
terrify them with your hurricane.
16 Cover their faces with shame,
LORD, so that they might
seek your name.
17 Let them be shamed
and terrified forever.
Let them die in disgrace.
18 Let them know that you—
your name is the LORD!—
you alone are Most High
over all the earth.

Psalm 84

For the music leader. According to the Gittith. Of the Korahites. A psalm.

1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD of heavenly forces!
2 My very being[n] longs, even yearns,
for the LORD's courtyards.
My heart and my body
will rejoice out loud
to the living God!

3 Yes, the sparrow too
has found a home there;
the swallow has found herself
a nest
where she can lay her young
beside your altars,
LORD of heavenly forces,
my king, my God!
4 Those who live in your house
are truly happy;
they praise you constantly. *Selah*

5 Those who put their strength in you
are truly happy;
pilgrimage is in their hearts.
6 As they pass through
the Baca Valley,[o]
they make it a spring of water.
Yes, the early rain covers it
with blessings.
7 They go from strength to strength,
until they see the supreme God
in Zion.[p]
8 LORD God of heavenly forces,
hear my prayer;
listen closely, Jacob's God! *Selah*
9 Look at our shield, God;
pay close attention
to the face of your anointed one!

10 Better is a single day
in your courtyards
than a thousand days
anywhere else!
I would prefer to stand outside
the entrance of my God's house
than live comfortably
in the tents of the wicked!
11 The LORD is a sun and shield;
God is favor and glory.
The LORD gives—doesn't
withhold!—good things
to those who walk with integrity.
12 LORD of heavenly forces,
those who trust in you
are truly happy!

83:6 Gn 25:12; 1Ch 5:10; 2Ch 20:1, 2Ch 20:10; Ps 137:7
83:7 Josh 13:5; Eze 27:3; Am 1:9
83:8 Dt 2:9
83:9 Jgs 4:2, Jgs 4:7, Jgs 4:15, Jgs 5:21; Is 9:4
83:10 Josh 17:11; 1Sa 28:7; 2Ki 9:37; Jer 8:2; Zep 1:17
83:12 2Ch 20:11
83:13 Job 21:18
83:16 Ps 34:5
83:18 Ps 59:13, Ps 97:9
84:1 Ps 27:4, Ps 42:1, Ps 43:3
84:2 Ps 42:1, Ps 42:2, Ps 63:1, Ps 65:4, Ps 143:6
84:3 Ps 5:2
84:4 Ps 27:4, Ps 65:4
84:5 Ps 28:8, Ps 81:1
84:6 Jl 2:23
84:7 Dt 16:16; Job 17:9; Prv 4:18; Is 40:31; 2Co 3:18
84:8 Ps 20:1, Ps 59:5, Ps 76:6, Ps 81:1
84:9 Gn 15:1; Ps 2:2, Ps 59:11
84:10 Ps 27:4, Ps 84:2
84:11 Gn 15:1; Ps 15:2, Ps 34:9, Ps 34:10; Is 60:19
84:12 Ps 2:12, Ps 40:4; Jer 17:7

[n] Or *soul* [o] LXX; Vulg *Valley of Tears* [p] Correction; MT *the God of gods will be seen in Zion*

Psalm 85

For the music leader.
Of the Korahites. A psalm.

1 LORD, you've been kind to your land;
you've changed Jacob's
circumstances for the better.
2 You've forgiven
your people's wrongdoing;
you've covered all their sins. *Selah*
3 You've stopped being furious;
you've turned away
from your burning anger.
4 You, the God who can save us,
restore us!
Stop being angry with us!
5 Will you be mad at us forever?
Will you prolong your anger
from one generation to the next?
6 Won't you bring us back to life again
so that your people can rejoice
in you?
7 Show us your faithful love, LORD!
Give us your salvation!

8 Let me hear what
the LORD God says,
because he speaks peace to his
people and to his faithful ones.
Don't let them return
to foolish ways.
9 God's salvation is very close
to those who honor him
so that his glory can live in our land.
10 Faithful love and truth have met;
righteousness and peace
have kissed.
11 Truth springs up from the ground;
righteousness gazes
down from heaven.
12 Yes, the LORD gives what is good,
and our land yields its produce.
13 Righteousness walks before God,
making a road for his steps.

Psalm 86

A prayer of David.

1 LORD, listen closely to me
and answer me,
because I am poor and in need.
2 Guard my life because I am faithful.
Save your servant
who trusts in you—you! My God!
3 Have mercy on me, Lord,
because I cry out to you all day long.
4 Make your servant's life[q]
happy again
because, my Lord,
I offer my life to you,
5 because, my Lord,
you are good and forgiving,
full of faithful love
for all those who cry out to you.
6 Listen closely to my prayer, LORD;
pay close attention to the sound
of my requests for mercy.
7 Whenever I am in trouble,
I cry out to you,
because you will answer me.

8 My Lord! There is no one like you
among the gods!
There is nothing that can compare
to your works!
9 All the nations that you've made
will come
and bow down before you, Lord;
they will glorify your name,
10 because you are awesome
and a wonder-worker.
You are God. Just you.

11 Teach me your way, LORD,
so that I can walk in your truth.
Make my heart focused
only on honoring your name.
12 I give thanks to you, my Lord,
my God,
with all my heart,
and I will glorify your name forever,
13 because your faithful love toward
me is awesome
and because you've rescued my life
from the lowest part of hell.[r]

14 The arrogant rise up against me, God.
A gang of violent people
want me dead.
They don't give a thought for you.
15 But you, my Lord,
are a God of compassion and mercy;
you are very patient
and full of faithful love.

85:1 Ps 14:7, Ps 77:7, Ps 126:1; Jer 30:18; Eze 39:25
85:4 Ps 80:3, Ps 80:7
85:5 Ps 74:1, Ps 79:5
85:6 Ps 51:12, Ps 71:20, Ps 80:18, Ps 149:2; Hos 6:2
85:7 Ps 50:23, Ps 106:4
85:8 Ps 29:11
85:9 Is 46:13; Zec 2:5; Jn 1:14
85:10 Ps 72:3, Ps 89:14; Prv 3:3; Ro 3:26
85:11 Is 45:8
85:12 Lv 26:4; Ps 67:6, Ps 84:11; Zec 8:12; Jas 1:17
85:13 Ps 89:14; Is 58:8
86:1 Ps 31:2, Ps 40:17
86:2 Ps 4:3, Ps 16:1, Ps 25:2, Ps 31:14
86:3 Ps 4:1, Ps 57:1, Ps 88:9
86:4 Ps 25:1, Ps 143:8
86:8 Ex 15:11; Dt 3:24; Ps 89:6; Jer 10:6
86:9 Ps 22:27, Ps 66:4; Rev 15:4
86:10 Dt 6:4, Dt 32:39; Ps 72:18; Is 37:16; 1Co 8:4
86:11 Ps 25:4, Ps 25:5, Ps 25:12, Ps 26:3; Jer 32:39
86:13 Dt 32:22; Ps 16:10, Ps 30:3, Ps 56:13, Ps 57:10
86:15 Ex 34:6; Nm 14:18; Neh 9:17; Ps 86:5, Ps 111:4

[q] Or *soul;* also in 86:4*b*, 13 [r] Heb *Sheol*

16 Come back to me!
Have mercy on me!
Give your servant your strength;
save this child of your servant!
17 Show me a sign of your goodness
so that those who hate me
will see it and be put to shame—
show a sign that you, LORD,
have helped me and comforted me.

Psalm 87

A psalm of the Korahites. A song.

1 God's foundation is set
on the holy mountains.
2 The LORD loves Zion's gates
more than all
of Jacob's houses combined.
3 Glorious things are said about you,
the city of God! *Selah*
4 I count Rahab and Babel
among those who know me;
also Philistia and Tyre,
along with Cush—
each of these was born there.
5 And of Zion it is said:
"Each person was born in it,
but the one who will establish it
is the Most High."
6 The LORD makes a record
as he registers the peoples:
"Each one was born there." *Selah*
7 And while they dance, people sing:
"The source of my life
comes from you."

Psalm 88

A song. A psalm of the Korahites.
For the music leader.
According to "Mahalath Leannoth."[s]
A maskil[t] of Heman the Ezrahite.

1 LORD, God of my salvation,
by day I cry out,
even at night, before you—
2 let my prayer reach you!
Turn your ear to my outcry
3 because my whole being[u]
is filled with distress;
my life is at the very brink of hell.[v]
4 I am considered as one of those
plummeting into the pit.
I am like those who
are beyond help,
5 drifting among the dead
lying in the grave,
like dead bodies—
those you don't remember
anymore,
those who are cut off
from your power.
6 You placed me down
in the deepest pit,
in places dark and deep.
7 Your anger smothers me;
you subdue me with it,
wave after wave. *Selah*
8 You've made my friends distant.
You've made me disgusting to them.
I can't escape. I'm trapped!
9 My eyes are tired of looking at my
suffering.
I've been calling out
to you every day, LORD—
I've had my hands outstretched
to you!

10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do ghosts rise up and give you
thanks? *Selah*
11 Is your faithful love
proclaimed in the grave,
your faithfulness
in the underworld?[w]
12 Are your wonders known
in the land of darkness,
your righteousness
in the land of oblivion?

13 But I cry out to you, LORD!
My prayer meets you
first thing in the morning!
14 Why do you reject my very being,
LORD?
Why do you hide your face
from me?
15 Since I was young I've been afflicted,
I've been dying.
I've endured your terrors.
I'm lifeless.

86:16 Ps 25:16, Ps 116:16
86:17 Jgs 6:17; Ps 71:21; Is 12:1
87:1 Ps 48:1; Is 28:16
87:2 Ps 78:67, Ps 78:68
87:3 Ps 46:4; Is 60:1
87:4 Ps 45:12, Ps 68:31, Ps 89:10
87:5 Ps 48:8
87:6 Ps 69:28; Is 4:3; Eze 13:9
87:7 Ps 36:9, Ps 68:25; Is 12:3
88:1 1Ki 4:31; 1Ch 2:6; Ps 22:2, Ps 53:1; Lk 18:7
88:4 Ps 28:1, Ps 143:7
88:5 Ps 31:22; Is 53:8
88:6 Ps 69:15, Ps 143:3; Lam 3:55
88:7 Ps 32:4, Ps 42:7; Jon 2:3
88:8 Job 19:13; Ps 31:11, Ps 88:18; Jer 32:2
88:9 Job 11:13, Job 16:20; Ps 6:7, Ps 31:9, Ps 86:3
88:10 Ps 6:5, Ps 30:9
88:12 Job 10:21

[s]Heb uncertain [t]Perhaps *instruction*; the root is used in Ps 32:8. [u]Or *soul*, also in 88:14 [v]Heb *Sheol* [w]Heb *Abaddon*

16 Your fiery anger
has overwhelmed me;
your terrors have destroyed me.
17 They surround me all day long
like water;
they engulf me completely.
18 You've made my loved ones
and companions distant.
My only friend is darkness.

Psalm 89

A maskil[x] of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 I will sing of the LORD's loyal love
forever.
I will proclaim your faithfulness
with my own mouth
from one generation to the next.
2 That's why I say,
"Your[y] loyal love is rightly built—
forever!
You establish your faithfulness
in heaven."
3 You said,[z] "I made a covenant
with my chosen one;
I promised my servant David:
4 'I will establish
your offspring forever;
I will build up your throne from
one generation to the next.'"
Selah

5 Heaven thanks you
for your wondrous acts, LORD—
for your faithfulness too—
in the assembly of the holy ones.
6 Is there any in the sky
who could compare to the LORD?
Who among the gods
is equal to the LORD?
7 God is respected
in the council of the holy ones;
God is awesome and revered
more than all those around him.
8 Who is like you,
LORD God of heavenly forces?
Mighty LORD, your faithfulness
surrounds you!
9 You rule over the surging sea:
When its waves rise up,
it's you who makes them still.
10 It's you who crushed Rahab
like a dead body;
you scattered your enemies
with your strong arm.
11 Heaven is yours! The earth too!
The world and all that fills it—
you made all of it!
12 North and south—
you created them!
The mountains Tabor and Hermon
shout praises to your name.
13 You have a powerful arm;
your hand is strong;
your strong hand is raised high!
14 Your throne is built
on righteousness and justice;
loyal love and faithfulness
stand in front of you.

15 The people who know the
celebratory shout are truly happy!
They walk in the light of your
presence, LORD!
16 They rejoice in your name
all day long
and are uplifted
by your righteousness
17 because you are the splendor
of their strength.
By your favor you make us strong
18 because our shield
is the LORD's own;
our king belongs
to the holy one of Israel!

19 Once you spoke in a vision
to your faithful servants:
I placed a crown on a strong man.
I raised up someone specially
chosen from the people.
20 I discovered my servant David.
I anointed him with my holy oil.
21 My hand will sustain him—
yes, my arm will strengthen him!
22 No enemy will oppress him;
no wicked person
will make him suffer.
23 I will crush all his foes
in front of him.
I will strike down
all those who hate him.

89:1 1Ki 4:31; Ps 36:5, Ps 40:10, Ps 89:5, Ps 89:8
89:2 Ps 36:5, Ps 103:17
89:3 1Ki 8:16; Ps 89:35, Ps 132:11; Is 55:3
89:4 2Sa 7:12; Ps 89:29, Ps 89:36; Is 9:7; Lk 1:33
89:6 Ps 86:8, Ps 113:5
89:7 Ex 3:5; Lv 10:3; Ps 5:7, Ps 47:2, Ps 76:7
89:8 Ps 35:10, Ps 71:19
89:11 Gn 1:1; 1Ch 29:11; Ps 24:1
89:12 Dt 3:8; Josh 19:22; Jgs 4:6; Job 26:7; Jer 46:18
89:14 Ps 85:10, Ps 85:13, Ps 89:2, Ps 97:2
89:15 Ps 1:1, Ps 4:6, Ps 44:3
89:16 Neh 8:10; Ps 16:11, Ps 20:5, Ps 30:5, Ps 105:3
89:17 Ps 75:10, Ps 89:24, Ps 92:10, Ps 112:9, Ps 148:14
89:18 Ps 47:9, Ps 71:22
89:19 1Sa 16:1; 2Sa 8:15, 2Sa 17:10; 1Ki 11:34; Ps 89:3
89:20 1Sa 16:13; Ac 13:22
89:21 Ps 80:17, Ps 89:13
89:22 2Sa 7:10
89:23 2Sa 7:9

[x] Perhaps *instruction*; the root is used in Ps 32:8. [y] Heb lacks *Your*. [z] Heb lacks *You said*.

24 My faithfulness and my loyal love
will be with him.
He will be strengthened
by my name.
25 I will set his hand on the sea.
I will set his strong hand
on the rivers.
26 He will cry out to me:
"You are my father,
my God, the rock of my salvation."
27 Yes, I'll make him
the one born first—
I'll make him the high king
of all earth's kings.
28 I will always guard my loyal love
toward him.
My covenant with him
will last forever.
29 I will establish his dynasty
for all time.
His throne will last
as long as heaven does.
30 But if his children ever
abandon my Instruction,
stop following my rules—
31 if they treat my statutes like dirt,
stop keeping
my commandments—
32 then I will punish their sin
with a stick,
and I will punish their wrongdoing
with a severe beating.
33 But even then I won't withdraw
my loyal love from him.
I won't betray my faithfulness.
34 I won't break my covenant.
I won't renege
on what crossed my lips.
35 By my own holiness
I've sworn one thing:
I will not lie to David.
36 His dynasty will last forever.
His throne will be like the sun,
always before me.
37 It will be securely established
forever;
like the moon, a faithful witness
in the sky. *Selah*

38 But you, God, have rejected
and despised him.
You've become infuriated
with your anointed one.
39 You've canceled the covenant
with your servant.
You've thrown his crown
in the dirt.
40 You've broken through all his walls.
You've made his strongholds
a pile of ruins.
41 All those who pass by plunder him.
He's nothing but a joke
to his neighbors.
42 You lifted high his foes' strong hand.
You gave all his enemies
reason to celebrate.
43 Yes, you dulled the edge of his sword
and didn't support him in battle.
44 You've put an end to his splendor.
You've thrown his throne
to the ground.
45 You've shortened the prime
of his life.
You've wrapped him up in shame.
Selah

46 How long will it last, LORD?
Will you hide yourself forever?
How long will your wrath burn
like fire?
47 Remember how short my life is!
Have you created humans
for no good reason?
48 Who lives their life
without seeing death?
Who is ever rescued
from the grip of the grave?[a] *Selah*
49 Where now are your loving acts
from long ago, my Lord—
the same ones you promised
to David
by your own faithfulness?
50 Remember your servant's abuse,
my Lord!
Remember how I bear in my heart
all the insults of the nations,[b]
51 the ones your enemies,
LORD, use—
the ones they use to abuse
every step your anointed one takes.

52 Bless the LORD forever!
Amen and Amen!

89:24 Ps 89:1, Ps 89:17, Ps 92:10, Ps 132:17
89:25 Ps 72:8
89:26 2Sa 7:14; Heb 1:5
89:27 Ex 4:22; Nm 24:7; Col 1:18; Rev 1:5, Rev 19:16
89:28 Ps 89:34; Is 55:3; Jer 33:21
89:29 Dt 11:21; Ps 89:4, Ps 89:36; Is 9:7; Jer 33:17
89:30 2Sa 7:14; Ps 119:53
89:31 2Sa 7:14
89:32 2Sa 7:14; Job 9:34; Lam 3:1
89:33 2Sa 7:15
89:34 Nm 23:19; Jer 33:20
89:35 Ps 132:11
89:36 Ps 72:5, Ps 72:17, Ps 89:4, Ps 89:29; Lk 1:33
89:37 Job 16:19; Ps 72:5
89:38 Dt 32:19; 1Ch 28:9; Ps 44:9, Ps 89:20, Ps 89:51
89:39 Ps 74:7; Lam 2:7, Lam 5:16
89:40 Ps 80:12; Lam 2:2
89:41 Ps 44:13, Ps 79:4
89:42 Ps 13:2
89:43 Ps 44:10
89:45 Ps 44:15, Ps 102:23, Ps 109:29
89:46 Ps 13:1, Ps 79:5, Ps 80:4, Ps 90:13
89:47 Job 7:7, Job 10:9, Job 14:1; Ps 39:5
89:48 Ps 49:9, Ps 49:15
89:49 Ps 89:3
89:50 Ps 69:9, Ps 74:18, Ps 74:22
89:51 Ps 56:6, Ps 74:10, Ps 89:38
89:52 Ps 41:13, Ps 72:19, Ps 106:48

[a] Heb *Sheol* [b] Correction; MT *all of many peoples*

BOOK IV
(Psalms 90–106)

Psalm 90

A prayer of Moses, the man of God.

1 Lord, you have been our help,
generation after generation.
2 Before the mountains were born,
before you birthed the earth
and the inhabited world—
from forever in the past
to forever in the future, you are God.

3 You return people to dust,
saying, "Go back, humans,"
4 because in your perspective
a thousand years
are like yesterday past,
like a short period
during the night watch.
5 You sweep humans away like a dream,
like grass that is renewed
in the morning.
6 True, in the morning it thrives,
renewed,
but come evening it withers,
all dried up.
7 Yes, we are wasting away
because of your wrath;
we are paralyzed with fear
on account of your rage.
8 You put our sins right in front
of you,
set our hidden faults
in the light from your face.
9 Yes, all our days slip away
because of your fury;
we finish up our years
with a whimper.
10 We live at best
to be seventy years old,
maybe eighty, if we're strong.
But their duration brings
hard work and trouble
because they go by so quickly.
And then we fly off.
11 Who can comprehend
the power of your anger?
The honor that is due you
corresponds to your wrath.
12 Teach us to number our days
so we can have a wise heart.

13 Come back to us, LORD!
Please, quick!
Have some compassion
for your servants!
14 Fill us full every morning
with your faithful love
so we can rejoice and celebrate
our whole life long.
15 Make us happy for the same amount
of time that you afflicted us—
for the same number of years that
we saw only trouble.
16 Let your acts be seen
by your servants;
let your glory be seen
by their children.
17 Let the kindness
of the Lord our God be over us.
Make the work of our hands last.
Make the work of our hands last!

90:1 Dt 33:1, Dt 33:27; Ps 71:3, Ps 91:1, Ps 91:9
90:2 Job 15:7
90:3 Gn 3:19; Job 34:14, Job 34:15; Ps 104:29; Ecc 12:7
90:4 Ex 14:24; Jgs 7:19; 2Pt 3:8
90:8 Ps 19:12; Ecc 12:14; Jer 16:17; Heb 4:13
90:9 Ps 39:5, Ps 78:33
90:10 Ps 78:39
90:11 Neh 5:9; Ps 76:7
90:12 Dt 32:29; Ps 39:4
90:14 Ps 36:8, Ps 65:4, Ps 85:6, Ps 103:5, Ps 143:8
90:15 Dt 2:14; Ps 86:4, Ps 90:14; Mt 5:4
90:17 Ps 27:4; Is 26:12
91:1 Ps 27:5, Ps 31:20, Ps 32:7, Ps 121:5
91:2 Ps 18:2, Ps 91:9, Ps 142:5
91:4 Ps 17:8, Ps 35:2
91:5 Ps 27:1
91:6 2Ki 19:35
91:7 Gn 7:23; Ex 12:13; Josh 14:10
91:8 Ps 37:34, Ps 58:10; Is 3:11; Heb 2:2

Psalm 91

1 Living in the Most High's shelter,
camping in the Almighty's[c] shade,
2 I say to the LORD, "You are my
refuge, my stronghold!
You are my God—the one I trust!"

3 God will save you
from the hunter's trap
and from deadly sickness.
4 God will protect you
with his pinions;
you'll find refuge under his wings.
His faithfulness
is a protective shield.
5 Don't be afraid of terrors at night,
arrows that fly in daylight,
6 or sickness that prowls in the dark,
destruction that ravages
at noontime.
7 Even if one thousand people
fall dead next to you,
ten thousand right beside you—
it won't happen to you.
8 Just look with your eyes,
and you will see
the wicked punished.

[c] Heb *Shaddai*

9 Because you've made the LORD
my refuge,
the Most High,
your place of residence—
10 no evil will happen to you;
no disease will come close
to your tent.
11 Because he will order his messengers
to help you,
to protect you wherever you go.
12 They will carry you
with their own hands
so you don't bruise your foot
on a stone.
13 You'll march on top of lions
and vipers;
you'll trample young lions
and serpents underfoot.

14 God says,[d]
"Because you are devoted to me,
I'll rescue you.
I'll protect you
because you know my name.
15 Whenever you cry out to me,
I'll answer.
I'll be with you in troubling times.
I'll save you and glorify you.
16 I'll fill you full with old age.
I'll show you my salvation."

Psalm 92

A psalm. A song for the Sabbath day.

1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name,
Most High;
2 to proclaim your loyal love
in the morning,
your faithfulness at nighttime
3 with the ten-stringed harp,
with the melody of the lyre
4 because you've made me happy,
LORD,
by your acts.
I sing with joy
because of your handiwork.
5 How awesome are your works, LORD!
Your thoughts are so deep!
6 Ignorant people don't know—
fools don't understand this:
7 though the wicked spring up
like grass
and all evildoers seem to blossom,
they do so only to be destroyed
forever.
8 But you, LORD, are exalted forever!

9 Look at your enemies, LORD!
Look at how your enemies die,
how all evildoers
are scattered abroad!
10 But you've made me
as strong as a wild ox.
I'm soaked in precious ointment.
11 My eyes have seen
my enemies' defeat;
my ears have heard
the downfall of my evil foes.

12 The righteous will spring up
like a palm tree.
They will grow strong
like a cedar of Lebanon.
13 Those who have been replanted
in the LORD's house
will spring up
in the courtyards of our God.
14 They will bear fruit
even when old and gray;
they will remain lush and fresh
15 in order to proclaim:
"The LORD is righteous.
He's my rock.
There's nothing unrighteous
in him."

Psalm 93

1 The LORD rules!
He is robed in majesty—
the LORD is robed,
clothed with strength.
Yes, he set the world firmly in place;[e]
it won't be shaken.
2 Your throne is set firm
for a very long time.
You are eternal!

3 LORD, the floods have raised up—
the floods have raised up
their voices;
the floods raise up a roar!

91:9 Ps 71:3, Ps 90:1, Ps 91:2
91:10 Prv 12:21
91:11 Ps 34:7; Mt 4:6; Lk 4:10, Lk 4:11; Heb 1:14
91:13 Ps 58:4; Lk 10:19
91:14 Ps 9:10, Ps 59:1
91:15 1Sa 2:30; Ps 50:15; Jn 12:26
91:16 Ps 21:4, Ps 50:23; Prv 3:2
92:1 Ps 135:3, Ps 147:1
92:5 Ps 40:5, Ps 111:2, Ps 139:17; Ro 11:33; Rev 15:3
92:6 Ps 49:10, Ps 73:22, Ps 94:8
92:7 Ps 37:2
92:12 Ps 1:3, Ps 52:8, Ps 72:7; Hos 14:5, Hos 14:6
92:13 Ps 100:4, Ps 116:19, Ps 135:2; Is 60:21
92:14 Ps 1:3, Ps 71:18; Jn 15:2
92:15 Dt 32:4; Job 34:10; Ps 18:2, Ps 25:8; Ro 9:14
93:1 Ps 65:6, Ps 96:10, Ps 97:1, Ps 99:1, Ps 104:1
93:2 Ps 9:7, Ps 45:6, Ps 90:2

[d] Heb lacks *God says.* [e] LXX, Vulg; MT *the world is set firmly in place;* cf Ps 96:10

4 But mightier than the sound
of much water,
mightier than the sea's waves,
mighty on high is the LORD!
5 Your laws are so faithful.
Holiness decorates your house,
LORD, for all time.

Psalm 94

1 LORD, avenging God—
avenging God, show yourself!
2 Rise up, judge of the earth!
Pay back the arrogant
exactly what they deserve!
3 How long will the wicked—oh,
LORD!—
how long will the wicked win?
4 They spew arrogant words;
all the evildoers are bragging.
5 They crush your own people, LORD!
They abuse your very own
possession.
6 They kill widows and immigrants;
they murder orphans,
7 saying all the while,
"The LORD can't see it;
Jacob's God doesn't know
what's going on!"

8 You ignorant people better learn
quickly.
You fools—
when will you get some sense?
9 The one who made the ear,
can't he hear?
The one who formed the eye,
can't he see?
10 The one who disciplines nations,
can't he punish?
The one who teaches humans,
doesn't he know?[f]
11 The LORD does indeed
know human thoughts,
knows that they are nothing
but a puff of air.

12 The people you discipline, LORD,
are truly happy—
the ones you teach
from your Instruction—

93:5 Ps 29:2

94:1 Dt 32:35; Ps 50:2, Ps 80:1; Na 1:2; Ro 12:19

94:2 Gn 18:25; Ps 7:6, Ps 31:23, Ps 50:6

94:3 Job 20:5

94:4 Ps 31:18, Ps 52:1, Ps 75:5

94:7 Job 22:13; Ps 10:11

94:8 Ps 73:22, Ps 92:6

94:9 Ex 4:11; Prv 20:12

94:10 Job 35:11; Is 28:26

94:11 Job 11:11; 1Co 3:20

94:12 Job 5:17; Prv 3:11, Prv 3:12; 1Co 11:32; Heb 12:5

94:13 Ps 49:5, Ps 55:23

94:14 1Sa 12:22; Ps 37:28; Ro 11:2

94:15 Ps 7:10

94:16 Nm 10:35; Ps 17:13, Ps 59:2

94:17 Ps 31:17, Ps 115:17, Ps 124:1, Ps 124:2

94:18 Ps 38:16, Ps 73:2, Ps 121:3

94:19 2Co 1:4

94:20 Ps 58:2; Is 10:1; Am 6:3

94:21 Ex 23:7; Prv 17:15; Mt 27:4

94:22 Ps 18:2, Ps 59:9

95:1 Dt 32:15; Ps 66:1, Ps 81:1, Ps 89:26

95:2 Ps 100:2; Mi 6:6; Eph 5:19; Jas 5:13

95:3 Ps 47:2, Ps 96:4, Ps 97:9, Ps 135:5, Ps 145:3

95:4 Ps 135:6

13 giving them relief
from troubling times
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
14 The LORD will not reject his people;
he will not abandon
his very own possession.
15 No, but justice will once again
meet up with righteousness,
and all whose heart is right
will follow after.

16 Who will stand up for me
against the wicked?
Who will help me against
evildoers?
17 If the LORD hadn't helped me,
I[g] would live instantly
in total silence.
18 Whenever I feel my foot slipping,
your faithful love
steadies me, LORD.
19 When my anxieties multiply,
your comforting calms me down.

20 Can a wicked ruler be your ally;
one who wreaks havoc
by means of the law?
21 The wicked gang up
against the lives of the righteous.
They condemn innocent blood.
22 But the LORD is my fortress;
my God is my rock of refuge.
23 He will repay them
for their wickedness,
completely destroy them
because of their evil.
Yes, the LORD our God
will completely destroy them.

Psalm 95

1 Come, let's sing out loud to the LORD!
Let's raise a joyful shout
to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let's come before him with thanks!
Let's shout songs of joy to him!
3 The LORD is a great God,
the great king over all other gods.
4 The earth's depths are in his hands;
the mountain heights
belong to him;

[f] Correction; MT *the one who teaches humans knowledge* [g] Or *soul*; also in 94:19, 21

5 the sea, which he made, is his
along with the dry ground,
which his own hands formed.

6 Come, let's worship and bow down!
Let's kneel before the LORD,
our maker!
7 He is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
the sheep in his hands.

If only you would listen to his voice
right now!
8 "Don't harden your hearts
like you did at Meribah,
like you did when you were
at Massah,
in the wilderness,
9 when your ancestors tested me
and scrutinized me,
even though they had already seen
my acts.
10 For forty years
I despised that generation;
I said, 'These people have
twisted hearts.
They don't know my ways.'
11 So in anger I swore:
'They will never enter my place
of rest!' "

Psalm 96

1 Sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
2 Sing to the LORD! Bless his name!
Share the news of his saving work
every single day!
3 Declare God's glory
among the nations;
declare his wondrous works
among all people
4 because the LORD is great
and so worthy of praise.
He is awesome beyond all other gods
5 because all the gods of the nations
are just idols,
but it is the LORD
who created heaven!
6 Greatness and grandeur
are in front of him;
strength and beauty
are in his sanctuary.

7 Give to the LORD,
all families of the nations—
give to the LORD glory and power!
8 Give to the LORD the glory
due his name!
Bring gifts!
Enter his courtyards!
9 Bow down to the LORD
in his holy splendor!
Tremble before him, all the earth!

10 Tell the nations, "The LORD rules!
Yes, he set the world firmly in place;[h]
it won't be shaken.
He will judge all people fairly."
11 Let heaven celebrate!
Let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything
in it roar!
12 Let the countryside
and everything in it celebrate!
Then all the trees of the forest too
will shout out joyfully
13 before the LORD
because he is coming!
He is coming to establish justice
on the earth!
He will establish justice
in the world rightly.
He will establish justice
among all people fairly.

Psalm 97

1 The LORD rules!
Let the earth rejoice!
Let all the islands celebrate!
2 Clouds and thick darkness
surround God.
His throne is built
on righteousness and justice.
3 Fire proceeds before him,
burning up his enemies
on every side.
4 His lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees it and trembles!
5 The mountains melt like wax
before the LORD,
before the Lord of the whole world!

95:5 Gn 1:9, Gn 1:10
95:6 2Ch 6:13; Ps 100:3, Ps 149:2; Dn 6:10
95:7 Ps 74:1, Ps 79:13, Ps 100:3; Heb 3:7, Heb 4:7
95:8 Ex 17:7; Nm 20:13; Dt 6:16; Heb 3:8
95:9 Nm 14:22; Ps 78:18, Ps 78:56; 1Co 10:9
95:10 Heb 3:17
95:11 Nm 14:23; Dt 1:35, Dt 12:9; Heb 3:11, Heb 4:3
96:1 1Ch 16:23; Ps 33:3, Ps 98:1, Ps 149:1; Rev 5:9
96:2 Ps 71:15
96:3 1Ch 16:24; Ps 22:27; Mt 28:19; Lk 24:47; Rev 14:6
96:4 Ps 18:3, Ps 48:1, Ps 89:7, Ps 95:3, Ps 145:3
96:5 Is 42:5
96:6 Ps 104:1
96:7 Ps 22:27, Ps 29:1
96:8 Ps 72:10, Ps 100:4
96:9 Ps 29:2, Ps 33:8, Ps 99:5, Ps 114:7
96:10 Ps 9:8, Ps 67:4, Ps 93:1, Ps 97:1, Ps 98:9
96:11 Ps 69:34, Ps 97:1, Ps 98:7; Is 49:13
96:12 Ps 65:13; Is 55:12
96:13 Ps 98:9; Rev 19:11
97:1 Ps 93:1, Ps 96:10, Ps 96:11
97:2 Dt 4:11; 1Ki 8:12; Ps 18:11, Ps 89:14
97:3 Ps 18:8, Ps 21:9, Ps 50:3; Dn 7:10; Mal 4:1
97:5 Josh 3:11; Jgs 5:5; Ps 68:2; Mi 1:4; Na 1:5

[h] LXX, Vulg; MT *the world is firmly established*; cf Ps 93:1

6 Heaven has proclaimed
God's righteousness,
and all nations have seen his glory.
7 All those who worship images,
those who are proud of idols,
are put to shame.
All gods bow down to the Lord!
8 Zion has heard and celebrates,
the towns[i] of Judah rejoice,
because of your acts of justice,
LORD,
9 because you, LORD,
are the Most High
over all the earth,
because you are so superior
to all other gods.

10 Those of you who love the LORD,
hate evil!
God guards the lives
of his faithful ones,
delivering them from
the power of the wicked.
11 Light is planted like seed
for the righteous person;
joy too for those
whose heart is right.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, righteous ones!
Give thanks to his holy name!

Psalm 98

A psalm.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song
because he has done
wonderful things!
His own strong hand
and his own holy arm
have won the victory!
2 The LORD has made his salvation
widely known;
he has revealed his righteousness
in the eyes of all the nations.
3 God has remembered his loyal love
and faithfulness to the house
of Israel;
every corner of the earth has seen
our God's salvation.

4 Shout triumphantly to the LORD,
all the earth!
Be happy!
Rejoice out loud!
Sing your praises!
5 Sing your praises to the LORD
with the lyre—
with the lyre and the sound
of music.
6 With trumpets and a horn blast,
shout triumphantly
before the LORD, the king!
7 Let the sea and everything in it roar;
the world and all its inhabitants too.
8 Let all the rivers clap their hands;
let the mountains rejoice out loud
altogether 9 before the LORD
because he is coming to establish
justice on the earth!
He will establish justice
in the world rightly;
he will establish justice
among all people fairly.

Psalm 99

1 The LORD rules—
the nations shake!
He sits enthroned on the winged
heavenly creatures—
the earth quakes!
2 The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.
3 Let them thank your great
and awesome name.
He is holy!

4 Strong king[j] who loves justice,
you are the one
who established what is fair.
You worked justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
5 Magnify the LORD our God!
Bow low at his footstool!
He is holy!

6 Moses and Aaron were among
his priests,
Samuel too among those
who called on his name.
They cried out to the LORD,
and he himself answered them—
7 he spoke to them from a pillar
of cloud.

97:7 Lv 26:1; Ps 96:5; Is 42:17, Is 44:9; Heb 1:6
97:8 Ps 48:11
97:9 Ex 18:11; Ps 83:18, Ps 95:3, Ps 96:4, Ps 135:5
97:10 Ps 37:28, Ps 145:20; Prv 2:8; Am 5:15; Ro 12:9
97:11 Job 22:28; Ps 112:4; Prv 4:18
98:1 Ex 15:6; Ps 33:3, Ps 96:1; Is 52:10, Is 59:16
98:2 Is 52:10
98:3 Lk 1:54, Lk 1:72
98:6 Ps 47:7
99:1 Ex 25:22; Ps 80:1, Ps 93:1, Ps 97:1
99:2 Ps 2:6, Ps 48:1, Ps 97:9, Ps 113:4; Is 12:6
99:3 Dt 28:58; Josh 24:19; Ps 111:9; Is 6:3; Rev 15:4
99:4 Ps 98:9
99:5 Ex 15:2; Ps 99:3, Ps 118:28, Ps 132:7; Is 25:1
99:6 Ex 24:6; 1Sa 7:9, 1Sa 12:18; Jer 15:1
99:7 Ex 33:9; Nm 12:5

[i] Or *daughters* [j] Correction; MT *A king's strength*

They kept the laws and the rules
God gave to them.
8 LORD our God, you answered them.
To them you were a God
who forgives
but also the one who avenged
their wrong deeds.
9 Magnify the LORD our God!
Bow low at his holy mountain
because the LORD our God is holy!

Psalm 100

A psalm of thanks.

1 Shout triumphantly to the LORD,
all the earth!
2 Serve the LORD with celebration!
Come before him
with shouts of joy!
3 Know that the LORD is God—
he made us; we belong to him.[k]
We are his people,
the sheep of his own pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanks;
enter his courtyards with praise!
Thank him! Bless his name!
5 Because the LORD is good,
his loyal love lasts forever;
his faithfulness lasts
generation after generation.

Psalm 101

Of David. A psalm.

1 Oh, let me sing
about faithful love and justice!
I want to sing
my praises to you, LORD!
2 I want to study the way of integrity—
how long before it gets here?
I will walk with a heart of integrity
in my own house.
3 I won't set my eyes
on anything worthless.
I hate wrongdoing;
none of that will stick to me.
4 A corrupt heart will be far from me.
I won't be familiar with evil.
5 I will destroy anyone
who secretly tells lies
about a neighbor.

99:8 Nm 14:20, Nm 20:12; Jer 46:28

99:9 Is 6:3

100:1 Ps 66:1, Ps 98:4

100:3 Job 10:3, Job 10:8; Ps 74:1, Ps 95:6, Ps 95:7

100:4 Ps 66:13, Ps 96:2, Ps 96:8, Ps 116:17

101:1 Ps 71:22, Ps 89:1

101:2 Gn 17:1, Gn 18:19; Josh 24:15; 1Sa 18:14; 1Ki 9:4

101:5 Ps 15:3, Ps 18:27, Ps 50:20; Prv 21:4

101:6 Ps 119:1

101:7 Ps 52:2

101:8 Ps 75:10; Jer 21:12

102:1 Ex 2:23; Ps 142:2

102:3 Job 30:30; Ps 31:10, Ps 37:20; Lam 1:13; Jas 4:14

102:4 1Sa 1:7; Ezr 10:6; Job 33:20; Ps 37:2, Ps 90:5

102:5 Job 19:20

102:6 Lv 11:18; Job 30:29; Is 34:11; Zep 2:14

102:7 Ps 38:11, Ps 77:4

102:8 Ps 31:11; Is 65:15

102:9 Ps 42:3, Ps 80:5

I can't stomach anyone
who has proud eyes
or an arrogant heart.
6 My eyes focus on those
who are faithful in the land,
to have them close to me.
The person who walks without blame
will work for me.
7 But the person who acts deceitfully
won't stay in my house.
The person who tells lies
won't last for long before me.
8 Every morning I will destroy
all those who are wicked in the land
in order to eliminate all evildoers
from the LORD's city.

Psalm 102

A prayer of an oppressed person, when weak and pouring out grief to the LORD.

1 LORD, hear my prayer!
Let my cry reach you!
2 Don't hide your face from me
in my time of trouble!
Listen to me!
Answer me quickly as I cry out!
3 Because my days disappear
like smoke,
my bones are burned up
as if in an oven;
4 my heart is smashed
like dried-up grass.
I even forget to eat my food
5 because of my intense groans.
My bones are protruding
from my skin.
6 I'm like some wild owl—
like some screech owl
in the desert.
7 I lie awake all night.
I'm all alone like a bird on a roof.
8 All day long my enemies
make fun of me;
those who mock me
curse using my name!
9 I've been eating ashes
instead of bread.
I've been mixing tears
into my drinks

[k] Qere; Kethib *and not we ourselves*

10 because of your anger and wrath,
because you picked me up
and threw me away.
11 My days are like a shadow soon gone.
I'm dried up like dead grass.

12 But you, LORD, rule forever!
Your fame lasts
from one generation to the next!
13 You will stand up—
you'll have compassion on Zion
because it is time
to have mercy on her—
the time set for that has now come!
14 Your servants cherish Zion's stones;
they show mercy even to her dirt.
15 The nations will honor
the LORD's name;
all the earth's rulers
will honor your glory
16 because the LORD will rebuild Zion;
he will be seen there in his glory.
17 God will turn
to the prayer of the impoverished;
he won't despise their prayers.

18 Let this be written down
for the next generation
so that people not yet created
will praise the LORD:
19 The LORD looked down
from his holy summit,
surveyed the earth from heaven,
20 to hear the prisoners' groans,
to set free those condemned
to death,
21 that the LORD's name
may be declared in Zion
and his praise declared
in Jerusalem,
22 when all people
are gathered together—
all kingdoms—to serve the LORD.

23 God broke my strength in midstride,
cutting my days short.
24 I said, "My God, don't take me away
in the prime of life—
your years go on
from one generation to the next!
25 You laid the earth's foundations
long ago;
the skies are your handiwork.
26 These things will pass away,
but you will last.
All of these things will wear out
like clothing;
you change them like clothes,
and they pass on.
27 But you are the one!
Your years never end!
28 Let your servants' children live safe;
let your servants' descendants live
secure in your presence."

102:10 Ps 38:3, Ps 90:7
102:11 Job 14:2; Ps 102:4, Ps 109:23, Ps 144:4; Ecc 6:12
102:12 Ex 3:15; Ps 9:7, Ps 90:1, Ps 102:24, Ps 135:13
102:13 Ps 44:26; Is 60:10; Zec 1:12
102:14 Neh 4:2; Ps 137:5; Is 52:2; Jer 51:50
102:15 1Ki 8:43; Ps 67:7, Ps 138:4; Is 59:19, Is 60:3
102:18 Dt 31:19; Ps 22:30, Ps 22:31; Ro 15:4; 1Co 10:11
102:19 Dt 26:15; Ps 11:4, Ps 14:2, Ps 33:13
102:20 Ps 79:11, Ps 146:7
102:23 Ps 89:45
102:24 Job 36:26; Ps 90:2; Hab 1:12
102:25 Gn 1:1; Ps 8:3; Heb 1:10
102:26 Is 34:4, Is 51:6; Mt 24:35; 2Pt 3:10; Rev 20:11
102:27 Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8; Jas 1:17
102:28 Ps 69:36, Ps 112:2
103:1 Ps 103:22, Ps 104:1, Ps 104:35
103:2 Dt 6:12, Dt 8:11; Ps 106:7
103:3 Ex 15:26, Ex 34:7; Ps 130:4; 1Jn 1:9
103:4 Ps 8:5, Ps 21:3, Ps 56:13; Is 43:1
103:5 Ps 107:9; Is 40:31
103:6 Ps 146:7
103:7 Ex 33:13; Ps 147:19
103:8 Ex 34:6; Ps 86:15, Ps 145:8; Jl 2:13; Jon 4:2
103:10 Ezr 9:13
103:11 Ps 36:5, Ps 103:17; Lk 1:50

Psalm 103

Of David.

1 Let my whole being[1] bless the LORD!
Let everything inside me
bless his holy name!
2 Let my whole being bless the LORD
and never forget all his good deeds:
3 how God forgives all your sins,
heals all your sickness,
4 saves your life from the pit,
crowns you with faithful love
and compassion,
5 and satisfies you
with plenty of good things
so that your youth
is made fresh like an eagle's.

6 The LORD works righteousness;
does justice for all
who are oppressed.
7 God made his ways known to Moses;
made his deeds known
to the Israelites.
8 The LORD is compassionate
and merciful,
very patient,
and full of faithful love.
9 God won't always play the judge;
he won't be angry forever.
10 He doesn't deal with us
according to our sin
or repay us
according to our wrongdoing,
11 because as high as heaven
is above the earth,
that's how large God's faithful love
is for those who honor him.

[1] Or *soul*; also in 103:2, 22

12 As far as east is from west—
that's how far God has removed
our sin from us.
13 Like a parent feels compassion
for their children—
that's how the LORD feels
compassion for those
who honor him.
14 Because God knows how we're made,
God remembers we're just dust.

15 The days of a human life
are like grass:
they bloom like a wildflower;
16 but when the wind blows
through it, it's gone;
even the ground where it stood
doesn't remember it.
17 But the LORD's faithful love is from
forever ago to forever from now
for those who honor him.
And God's righteousness reaches
to the grandchildren
18 of those who keep his covenant
and remember to keep
his commands.
19 The LORD has established his throne
in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

20 You divine messengers,
bless the LORD!
You who are mighty in power
and keep his word,
who obey everything he says,
bless him!
21 All you heavenly forces,
bless the LORD!
All you who serve him and do his will,
bless him!
22 All God's creatures,
bless the LORD!
Everywhere, throughout his kingdom,
let my whole being
bless the LORD!

Psalm 104

1 Let my whole being[m] bless the LORD!
LORD my God,
how fantastic you are!
You are clothed in glory
and grandeur!
2 You wear light like a robe;
you open the skies like a curtain.
3 You build your lofty house
on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot,
going around on the wings
of the wind.
4 You make the winds
your messengers;
you make fire
and flame your ministers.
5 You established the earth
on its foundations
so that it will never ever fall.
6 You covered it with the watery deep
like a piece of clothing;
the waters were higher
than the mountains!
7 But at your rebuke they ran away;
they fled in fear
at the sound of your thunder.
8 They flowed over the mountains,
streaming down the valleys
to the place you established
for them.
9 You set a boundary
they cannot cross
so they'll never again
cover the earth.

10 You put gushing springs
into dry riverbeds.
They flow between the mountains,
11 providing water
for every wild animal—
the wild donkeys quench
their thirst.
12 Overhead, the birds in the sky
make their home,
chirping loudly in the trees.
13 From your lofty house,
you water the mountains.
The earth is filled full
by the fruit of what you've done.
14 You make grass grow for cattle;
you make plants
for human farming
in order to get food
from the ground,

103:12 2Sa 12:13; Is 43:25; Jer 31:34
103:13 Mal 3:17
103:14 Gn 2:7, Gn 3:19; Job 10:9; Ps 78:39; Ecc 12:7
103:15 Job 14:2; Ps 90:5; Is 40:6; Jas 1:10; 1Pt 1:24
103:16 Is 40:7
103:18 Ex 19:5; Dt 7:9; Ps 25:10
103:20 Ps 78:25, Ps 148:2; Mt 6:10; Lk 2:13; Heb 1:14
103:21 1Ki 22:19; Neh 9:6; Ps 104:4; Lk 2:13
103:22 Ps 103:1, Ps 104:1, Ps 145:10
104:1 Ps 93:1, Ps 103:1, Ps 103:22
104:2 Job 9:8; Is 40:22; Is 44:24; 1Ti 6:16
104:3 Ps 18:10, Ps 104:13; Is 19:1; Am 9:6; Na 1:3
104:4 2Ki 2:11, 2Ki 6:17; Ps 148:8; Heb 1:7, Heb 1:14
104:5 Job 26:7, Job 38:4; Ps 24:2
104:6 Gn 1:2, Gn 7:19
104:9 Job 26:10, Job 38:10, Job 38:11; Ps 33:7; Jer 5:22
104:14 Gn 1:29, Gn 1:30, Gn 9:3; Ps 136:25, Ps 147:8

[m] Or *soul*; also in 104:35

15 and wine,
which cheers people's hearts,
along with oil,
which makes the face shine,
and bread,
which sustains the human heart.
16 The LORD's trees are well watered—
the cedars of Lebanon,
which God planted,
17 where the birds make their nests,
where the stork has a home
in the cypresses.
18 The high mountains
belong to the mountain goats;
the ridges are the refuge of badgers.
19 God made the moon for the seasons,
and the sun too,
which knows when to set.
20 You bring on the darkness
and it is night,
when every forest animal prowls.
21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
22 When the sun rises,
they gather together
and lie down in their dens.
23 Then people go off to their work,
to do their work until evening.

24 LORD, you have done so many things!
You made them all so wisely!
The earth is full of your creations!
25 And then there's the sea,
wide and deep,
with its countless creatures—
living things both small and large.
26 There go the ships on it,
and Leviathan, which you made,
plays in it!
27 All your creations wait for you
to give them their food on time.
28 When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are filled completely full!
29 But when you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to dust.
30 When you let loose your breath,
they are created,
and you make the surface of the
ground brand-new again.

104:15 Gn 18:5; Jgs 9:13; Ps 23:5, Ps 92:10; Prv 31:6

104:16 Ps 29:5

104:18 Lv 11:5; 1Sa 24:2; Job 39:1; Prv 30:26

104:19 Gn 1:14

104:20 Ps 50:10, Ps 74:16; Is 45:7, Is 56:9

104:21 Job 38:39; Ps 147:9; Jl 1:20

104:23 Gn 3:19

104:24 Gn 1:31; Ps 40:5, Ps 136:5; Prv 3:19; Jer 10:12

104:25 Ps 69:34

104:26 Job 3:8, Job 41:1; Ps 74:14, Ps 107:23; Is 27:1

104:27 Job 36:31; Ps 136:25, Ps 145:15, Ps 145:16, Ps 147:9

104:29 Gn 3:19; Job 34:14; Ps 30:7, Ps 90:3, Ps 146:4

104:30 Gn 1:2, Gn 2:7; Job 26:13, Job 33:4; Eze 37:9

104:31 Gn 1:31; Ro 11:36

104:32 Ex 19:18; Ps 144:5

104:34 Ps 9:2

104:35 Ps 104:1

105:1 1Ch 16:8, 1Ch 16:34; Is 12:4

105:3 Ps 33:21

105:4 Ps 24:6, Ps 27:8; Am 5:4; Zep 2:3

105:8 Dt 7:9; Ps 105:42, Ps 106:45, Ps 111:5; Lk 1:72

31 Let the LORD's glory last forever!
Let the LORD rejoice
in all he has made!
32 He has only to look at the earth,
and it shakes.
God just touches the mountains,
and they erupt in smoke.

33 I will sing to the LORD
as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God
while I'm still alive.
34 Let my praise be pleasing to him;
I'm rejoicing in the LORD!
35 Let sinners be wiped clean
from the earth;
let the wicked be no more.
But let my whole being
bless the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 105

1 Give thanks to the LORD;
call upon his name;
make his deeds known
to all people!
2 Sing to God;
sing praises to the Lord;
dwell on all his wondrous works!
3 Give praise to God's holy name!
Let the hearts rejoice of all those
seeking the LORD!
4 Pursue the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always!
5 Remember the wondrous works
he has done,
all his marvelous works,
and the justice he declared—
6 you who are the offspring of
Abraham, his servant,
and the children of Jacob,
his chosen ones.

7 The LORD—he is our God.
His justice is everywhere
throughout the whole world.
8 God remembers his covenant forever,
the word he commanded
to a thousand generations,
9 which he made with Abraham,
the solemn pledge
he swore to Isaac.

10 God set it up as binding law
for Jacob,
as an eternal covenant for Israel,
11 promising, "I hereby give you
the land of Canaan
as your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number—
insignificant, just immigrants—
13 wandering from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to the next,
14 God didn't let anyone oppress them.
God punished kings for their sake:
15 "Don't touch my anointed ones;
don't harm my prophets!"

16 When God called for a famine
in the land,
destroying every source of food,
17 he sent a man ahead of them,
who was sold as a slave:
it was Joseph.
18 Joseph's feet hurt in his shackles;
his neck was in an iron collar,
19 until what he predicted
actually happened,
until what the LORD had said
proved him true.[n]
20 The king sent for Joseph
and set him free;
the ruler of many people
released him.
21 The king made Joseph master
of his house and ruler
over everything he owned,
22 to make sure his princes acted
according to his will,
and to teach wisdom to his advisors.
23 That's how Israel came to Egypt,
how Jacob became an immigrant
in the land of Ham.

24 God made his people very fruitful,
more powerful than their enemies,
25 whose hearts God changed
so they hated his people
and dealt shrewdly
with his servants.
26 God sent Moses his servant
and the one he chose, Aaron.

105:11 Gn 13:15, Gn 15:18; Ps 78:55

105:15 Gn 20:7, Gn 26:11

105:16 Gn 41:54; Lv 26:26; 2Ki 8:1; Is 3:1; Eze 4:16

105:18 Gn 39:20, Gn 40:15

105:25 Ex 1:8, Ex 1:10, Ex 4:21; Ac 7:19

105:32 Ex 9:18, Ex 9:23; Ps 78:47

105:34 Ex 10:12; 1Ki 8:37; Ps 78:46; Jl 1:4, Jl 2:25

105:37 Ex 12:35, Ex 12:36

105:40 Ex 16:13; Nm 11:31; Ps 78:18, Ps 78:24; Jn 6:31

27 They put God's signs on Egypt,[o]
his marvelous works
on the land of Ham.
28 God sent darkness,
and it became dark,
but the Egyptians rejected
his word.
29 God turned their waters into blood
and killed their fish.
30 God made their land
swarm with frogs[p]—
even in the bedrooms of their king!
31 God spoke, and the insects came—
gnats throughout
their whole country!
32 God turned their rain into hail
along with lightning flashes
throughout their land.
33 God destroyed their vines
and their fig trees;
shattered the trees
of their countryside.
34 God spoke, and the locusts came—
countless grasshoppers came!
35 They devoured all the plants
in their land;
they devoured the fruit
of their soil.
36 God struck down all the oldest sons
throughout their land;
struck down their very pride
and joy.
37 Then God brought Israel out,
filled with silver and gold;
not one of its tribes stumbled.
38 Egypt celebrated when they left,
because the dread of Israel
had come upon them.

39 God spread out clouds as a covering;
gave lightning to provide light
at night.
40 The people asked,
and God brought quail;
God filled them full
with food from heaven.
41 God opened the rock
and out gushed water—
flowing like a river
through the desert!

[n] Heb uncertain [o] Correction; MT *they put on them the words of God's signs* [p] Correction; DSS (11QPs[a]) *their land swarmed with frogs*

42 Because God remembered
his holy promise
to Abraham his servant,
43 God brought his people
out with rejoicing,
his chosen ones with songs of joy.
44 God gave them the lands
of other nations;
they inherited the wealth
of many peoples—
45 all so that they would keep his laws
and observe his instructions.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 106

1 Praise the LORD!
Give thanks to the LORD
because he is good,
because his faithful love
endures forever.
2 Who could possibly repeat
all of the LORD's mighty acts
or publicly recount all his praise?

3 The people who uphold justice,
who always do what is right,
are truly happy!
4 Remember me, LORD, with the favor
you show your people.
Visit me with your saving help
5 so I can experience the good things
your chosen ones experience,
so I can rejoice
in the joy of your nation,
so I can praise along
with your possession.

6 We have sinned—
right along with our ancestors.
We've done what is wrong.
We've acted wickedly.
7 Our ancestors in Egypt didn't
understand your wondrous works.
They didn't remember how much
faithful love you have.
So they rebelled by the sea—
at the Reed Sea.[q]
8 But God saved them
for the sake of his good name,

105:44 Dt 6:10; Ps 78:55

106:1 1Ch 16:34; Ps 100:5, Ps 107:1, Ps 118:1, Ps 136:1

106:2 Ps 71:16, Ps 145:4, Ps 145:12, Ps 150:2

106:3 Ps 15:2; Is 56:1

106:9 Ex 14:21; Ps 18:15, Ps 78:13; Is 50:2; Na 1:4

106:12 Ex 14:31, Ex 15:1

106:19 Ex 32:4; Dt 9:8; Ac 7:41

106:20 Jer 2:11; Ro 1:23

106:21 Dt 10:21, Dt 32:18; Ps 78:11, Ps 106:7, Ps 106:13

106:22 Ps 78:51, Ps 105:23, Ps 105:27

106:23 Ex 32:10, Ex 32:11; Dt 9:14, Dt 9:25

to make known his mighty power.
9 God scolded the Reed Sea,
and it dried right up;
he led them through the deeps
like they were a dry desert.
10 God saved them from hostile powers;
he redeemed them
from the power of the enemy.
11 But the waters covered over
their foes—
not one of them survived!
12 So our ancestors trusted God's words;
they sang God's praise.

13 But how quickly they forgot
what he had done!
They wouldn't wait for his advice.
14 They were overcome with craving
in the desert;
they tested God in the wastelands.
15 God gave them what they asked for;
he sent food[r] to satisfy
their appetites.

16 But then they were jealous of Moses
in the camp,
jealous too of Aaron,
the LORD's holy one.
17 So the earth opened up,
swallowing Dathan,
and covering over Abiram's crowd.
18 Fire blazed throughout
that whole group;
flames burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf at Horeb,
bowing down to a metal idol.
20 They traded their glorious God[s]
for an image of a bull
that eats grass.
21 They forgot the God
who saved them—
the one who had done
great things in Egypt,
22 wondrous works in the land
of Ham,
awesome deeds at the Reed Sea.
23 So God determined that he would
destroy them—
except for the fact that Moses,
his chosen one,

[q] Or *Red Sea*; also in 106:9, 22 [r] LXX [s] Or *their Glory*

stood in the way,
right in front of him,
and turned God's destructive
anger away.

24 But then they rejected the land
that was so desirable.
They didn't trust God's promise.
25 They muttered in their tents
and wouldn't listen
to the LORD's voice.
26 So God raised his hand against them,
making them fall in the desert,
27 scattering their offspring
among the nations,
casting them across many lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-peor
and ate sacrifices
offered to the dead.
29 They made God angry
by what they did,
so a plague broke out against them.
30 Then Phinehas stood up and prayed,
and the plague was contained.
31 That's why Phinehas
is considered righteous,
generation after generation, forever.

32 But they angered God
at Meribah's waters,
and things went badly
for Moses because of them,
33 because they made him bitter
so that he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They didn't destroy the nations
as the LORD had ordered them
to do.
35 Instead, they got mixed up
with the nations,
learning what they did
36 and serving those false gods,
which became a trap for them.
37 They sacrificed their own
sons and daughters to demons!
38 They shed innocent blood,
the blood of their own
sons and daughters—
the ones they sacrificed
to Canaan's false gods—
so the land was defiled
by the bloodshed.

106:24 Dt 8:7; Jer 3:19

106:30 Nm 25:7, Nm 25:8, Nm 25:11

106:31 Gn 15:6; Nm 25:11

106:32 Nm 20:2, Nm 20:12; Ps 81:7

106:33 Nm 20:10; Ps 107:11

106:37 Lv 17:7; Dt 32:17; 2Ki 16:3; Eze 16:20; 1Co 10:20

106:39 Nm 15:39; Jgs 2:17; Eze 20:18, Eze 20:30, Eze 20:31

106:40 Dt 9:29, Dt 32:19; Jgs 2:14; Ps 78:59

106:47 1Ch 16:35, 1Ch 16:36; Ps 107:3

107:1 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13, 2Ch 7:3; Ps 106:1, Ps 136:1

39 They made themselves unclean
by what they did;
they prostituted themselves
by their actions.

40 So the LORD's anger burned
against his people;
he despised his own possession.
41 God handed them over
to the nations;
people who hated them
ruled over them.
42 Their enemies oppressed them,
and they were humbled
under their power.
43 God delivered them numerous times,
but they were determined to rebel,
and so they were brought down
by their own sin.
44 But God saw their distress
when he heard their loud cries.
45 God remembered his covenant
for their sake,
and because of how much
faithful love he has,
God changed his mind.
46 God allowed them
to receive compassion
from all their captors.

47 LORD our God, save us!
Gather us back together
from among all the nations
so we can give thanks
to your holy name
and rejoice in your praise!

48 Bless the LORD, the God of Israel,
from forever ago
to forever from now!
And let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the LORD!

BOOK V
(Psalms 107–150)

Psalm 107

1 "Give thanks to the LORD
because he is good,

because his faithful love
lasts forever!"
2 That's what those who are redeemed
by the LORD say,
the ones God redeemed
from the power of their enemies,
3 the ones God gathered
from various countries,
from east and west,
north and south.

4 Some of the redeemed had
wandered into the desert,
into the wasteland.
They couldn't find their way
to a city or town.
5 They were hungry and thirsty;
their lives were slipping away.
6 So they cried out to the LORD
in their distress,
and God delivered them
from their desperate
circumstances.
7 God led them straight
to human habitation.
8 Let them thank the LORD
for his faithful love
and his wondrous works
for all people,
9 because God satisfied the one
who was parched with thirst,
and he filled up the hungry
with good things!

10 Some of the redeemed had been
sitting in darkness and deep gloom;
they were prisoners suffering
in chains
11 because they had disobeyed
God's instructions
and rejected the Most High's plans.
12 So God humbled them
with hard work.
They stumbled, and there was
no one to help them.
13 So they cried out to the LORD
in their distress,
and God saved them
from their desperate
circumstances.
14 God brought them out
from the darkness and deep gloom;
he shattered their chains.

107:7 Ezr 8:21; Ps 107:4, Ps 107:36; Jer 31:9

107:8 Ps 107:15, Ps 107:21, Ps 107:31

107:9 Ps 34:10, Ps 63:5, Ps 146:7; Lk 1:53

107:13 Ps 107:6, Ps 107:19

107:14 Ps 107:10

107:15 Ps 107:8, Ps 107:21, Ps 107:31

107:16 Is 45:2

107:17 Lv 26:16; Job 15:20; Prv 1:7; Jer 30:14, Jer 30:15

107:20 Ps 30:2, Ps 30:3, Ps 147:15, Ps 147:18; Mt 8:8

107:25 Ps 93:3, Ps 105:31, Ps 148:8; Jon 1:4

107:26 Ps 22:14, Ps 119:28

107:27 Job 12:25; Is 24:20

15 Let them thank the LORD
for his faithful love
and his wondrous works
for all people,
16 because God has shattered
bronze doors
and split iron bars in two!

17 Some of the redeemed were fools
because of their sinful ways.
They suffered because of
their wickedness.
18 They had absolutely no appetite
for food;
they had arrived at death's gates.
19 So they cried out to the LORD
in their distress,
and God saved them
from their desperate
circumstances.
20 God gave the order and healed them;
he rescued them from their pit.
21 Let them thank the LORD
for his faithful love
and his wondrous works
for all people.
22 Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and declare what God has done
in songs of joy!

23 Some of the redeemed had gone out
on the ocean in ships,
making their living on the high seas.
24 They saw what the LORD had made;
they saw his wondrous works
in the depths of the sea.
25 God spoke and stirred up a storm
that brought the waves up high.
26 The waves went as high as the sky;
they crashed down to the depths.
The sailors' courage melted
at this terrible situation.
27 They staggered and stumbled
around like they were drunk.
None of their skill was of any help.
28 So they cried out to the LORD
in their distress,
and God brought them out safe
from their desperate
circumstances.
29 God quieted the storm to a whisper;
the sea's waves were hushed.

30 So they rejoiced because the waves
had calmed down;
then God led them to the harbor
they were hoping for.
31 Let them thank the LORD
for his faithful love
and his wondrous works
for all people.
32 Let them exalt God
in the congregation of the people
and praise God
in the assembly of the elders.

33 God turns rivers into desert,
watery springs into thirsty ground,
34 fruitful land into
unproductive dirt,
when its inhabitants are wicked.
35 But God can also turn the desert
into watery pools,
thirsty ground into
watery springs,
36 where he settles the hungry.
They even build a city
and live there!
37 They plant fields and vineyards
and obtain a fruitful harvest.
38 God blesses them,
and they become many.
God won't even let
their cattle diminish.
39 But when they do diminish—
when they're brought down
by oppression, trouble, and grief—
40 God pours contempt
on their leaders,
making them wander aimlessly
in the wastelands.
41 But God raises the needy
from their suffering;
he makes their families
as numerous as sheep!

42 Those who do right
see it and celebrate,
but every wicked person
shuts their mouth.
43 Whoever is wise will pay attention
to these things,
carefully considering
the LORD's faithful love.

107:32 Ps 22:22, Ps 22:25, Ps 99:5; Is 25:1
107:40 Dt 32:10; Job 12:21, Job 12:24
107:42 Job 5:16, Job 22:19; Ps 63:11; Ro 3:19
108:1 Ps 57:7
108:4 Nm 14:18; Ps 36:5; Mi 7:18
108:5 Ps 57:5
108:6 Ps 60:5
108:7 Ps 89:35
108:8 Gn 49:10
108:9 Ps 60:8
108:10 Ps 60:9
108:13 Ps 44:5; Is 63:3
109:1 Dt 10:21; Ps 28:1, Ps 35:22, Ps 83:1; Jer 17:14
109:2 Ps 52:4

Psalm 108[t]

A song. A psalm of David.

1 My heart is unwavering, God.
I will sing and make music—
yes, with my whole being!
2 Wake up, harp and lyre!
I will wake the dawn itself!
3 I will give thanks to you, LORD,
among all the peoples;
I will make music to you
among the nations,
4 because your faithful love
is higher than heaven;
your faithfulness reaches the clouds.
5 Exalt yourself, God,
higher than heaven!
Let your glory be over all the earth!
6 Save me by your power
and answer me
so that the people you love
might be rescued.

7 God has spoken in his sanctuary:
"I will celebrate
as I divide up Shechem
and portion out the Succoth Valley.
8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is my helmet,
Judah is my scepter.
9 But Moab is my washbowl;
I'll throw my shoe at Edom.
I shout in triumph over Philistia!
10 I wish someone would bring me
to a fortified city!
I wish someone would
lead me to Edom!"

11 But you have rejected us, God,
haven't you?
You, God, no longer accompany
our armies.
12 Give us help against the enemy—
human help is worthless.
13 With God we will triumph:
God is the one who will trample
our adversaries.

Psalm 109

To the leader. Of David. A psalm.

1 God of my praise, don't keep quiet,
2 because the mouths of wicked liars

[t] Ps 108:1-5 parallels Ps 57:7-11; Ps 108:6-13 parallels Ps 60:5-12.

have opened up against me,
talking about me with lying tongues.
3 Hateful words surround me;
they attack me for no reason.
4 Instead of returning my love,
they accuse me—
but I am at prayer.
5 They repay me evil for good,
hatred in return for my love.

6 "Appoint a wicked person to be
against this person," they say,
"an accuser to stand right
next to him.
7 When the sentence is passed,
let him be found guilty—
let his prayer be found sinful!
8 Let his days be few;
let someone else
assume his position.
9 Let his children become orphans;
let his wife turn into a widow.
10 Let his children wander aimlessly,
begging,
driven out of their ruined homes.
11 Let a creditor
seize everything he owns;
let strangers plunder his wealth.
12 Let no one extend faithful love
to him;
let no one have mercy
on his orphans.
13 Let his descendants be eliminated;
let their names be wiped out
in just one generation!
14 Let his father's wrongdoing
be remembered before the LORD;
let his mother's sin
never be wiped out.
15 Let them be before the LORD always,
and let God eliminate the very
memory of them from the land.
16 All because this person
didn't remember to demonstrate
faithful love,
but chased after the poor
and needy—
even the brokenhearted—
with deadly intent!
17 Since he loved to curse,
let it come back on him!
Since he didn't care much for blessing,
let it be far away from him!
18 Since he wore curses like a coat,
let them seep inside him like water,
seep into his bones like oil!
19 Let them be like the clothes he wears,
like a belt that is always around him."

20 But let all that be the reward my
accusers get from the LORD,
the reward for those
who speak evil against me!
21 But you, LORD, my Lord!—
act on my behalf
for the sake of your name;
deliver me
because your faithful love
is so good;
22 because I am poor and needy,
and my heart is broken.
23 Like a lengthening shadow,
I'm passing away;
I'm shaken off, like some locust.
24 My legs are weak from fasting;
my body is skin and bones.
25 I've become a joke to my accusers;
when they see me,
they just shake their heads.

26 Help me, LORD my God!
Save me according
to your faithful love!
27 And let them know
that this is by your hand—
that you have done it, LORD!
28 Let them curse—but you, bless me!
If they rise up,
let them be disgraced,
but let your servant celebrate!
29 Let my accusers be dressed in shame;
let them wear their disgrace
like a coat.
30 But I will give great thanks to the
LORD with my mouth;
among a great crowd
I will praise God!
31 Because God stands
right next to the needy,
to save them from any
who would condemn them.

109:3 Ps 35:7, Ps 69:4; Jn 15:25
109:4 Ps 38:20, Ps 69:13
109:5 Ps 35:12, Ps 38:20; Prv 17:13
109:6 1Ch 21:1; Zec 3:1
109:7 Prv 28:9
109:8 Ps 55:23; Ac 1:16, Ac 1:20
109:9 Ex 22:24; Jer 18:21
109:18 Nm 5:22; Ps 73:6
109:19 Ps 109:29
109:21 Ps 23:3, Ps 69:16
109:22 Ps 40:17, Ps 86:1
109:24 Ps 35:13; Heb 12:12
109:25 Ps 22:6, Ps 22:7; Mt 27:39
110:1 Mt 22:44; Mk 12:36; Ac 2:34; 1Co 15:25; Heb 1:13

Psalm 110

Of David. A psalm.

1 What the LORD says to my master:
"Sit right beside me

until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet!"

2 May the LORD make
your mighty scepter
reach far from Zion!
Rule over your enemies!
3 Your people stand ready
on your day of battle.
"In holy grandeur,
from the dawn's womb, fight![u]
Your youthful strength
is like the dew itself."
4 The LORD has sworn
a solemn pledge and
won't change his mind:
"You are a priest forever
in line with Melchizedek."[v]
5 My master,
by your strong hand,
God has crushed kings
on his day of wrath.[w]

6 God brings the nations to justice,
piling the dead bodies,
crushing heads throughout
the earth.
7 God drinks from a stream
along the way,
then holds his head up high.[x]

Psalm 111[y]

1 Praise the LORD!
א I thank the LORD
with all my heart
ב in the company of those who do
right, in the congregation.
ג 2 The works of the LORD
are magnificent;
ד they are treasured
by all who desire them.
ה 3 God's deeds are majestic
and glorious.
ו God's righteousness
stands forever.

110:2 Ps 72:8

110:3 Jgs 5:2; 1Ch 16:29; Neh 11:2

110:4 Gn 14:18; Nm 23:19; Heb 5:6, Heb 6:20, Heb 7:17

110:7 Jgs 7:5, Jgs 7:6; Ps 3:3, Ps 27:6

111:1 Ps 9:1, Ps 35:18, Ps 89:7, Ps 138:1, Ps 149:1

111:2 Ps 92:5, Ps 139:14, Ps 143:5; Rev 15:3

111:7 Ps 19:7, Ps 93:5; Rev 15:3

111:9 Ps 99:3; Lk 1:49, Lk 1:68

111:10 Job 28:28; Prv 1:7, Prv 9:10

112:1 Ps 1:1, Ps 1:2, Ps 115:13, Ps 119:16, Ps 128:1

112:2 Ps 25:13, Ps 37:26, Ps 102:28; Prv 11:21, Prv 20:7

ז 4 God is famous
for his wondrous works.
ח The LORD is
full of mercy and compassion.
ט 5 God gives food to those
who honor him.
י God remembers
his covenant forever.
כ 6 God proclaimed his powerful deeds
to his people
ל and gave them
what had belonged
to other nations.
מ 7 God's handiwork is honesty
and justice;
נ all God's rules
are trustworthy—
ס 8 they are established always
and forever:
ע they are fulfilled
with truth and right doing.
פ 9 God sent redemption
for his people;
צ God commanded
that his covenant last forever.
ק Holy and awesome
is God's name!
ר 10 Fear of the LORD
is where wisdom begins;
ש sure knowledge
is for all who keep God's laws.
ת God's praise lasts forever!

Psalm 112[z]

א 1 Praise the LORD!
Those who honor the LORD,
ב who adore God's commandments,
are truly happy!
ג 2 Their descendants will be strong
throughout the land.
ד The offspring of those who do
right will be blessed;
ה 3 wealth and riches
will be in their houses.
ו Their righteousness
stands forever.

[u] Correction; or *Go!*; MT *to you* [v] Or *a rightful king by my decree* [w] Or *My Lord (God), because of your (the king's) strong hand, has crushed* or *The LORD is above your strong hand, crushing kings* [x] Heb uncertain [y] Ps 111 is an alphabetic acrostic poem; see the note at Pss 9–10. [z] Ps 112 is an alphabetic acrostic poem; see the note at Pss 9–10.

ז 4 They shine in the dark
for others who do right.
ח They are merciful, compassionate,
and righteous.
ט 5 Those who lend generously
are good people—
י as are those who conduct
their affairs with justice.
כ 6 Yes, these sorts of people
will never be shaken;
ל the righteous
will be remembered forever!
מ 7 They won't be frightened
at bad news.
נ Their hearts are steady,
trusting in the LORD.
ס 8 Their hearts are firm;
they aren't afraid.
ע In the end, they will witness
their enemies' defeat.
פ 9 They give freely to those
in need.
צ Their righteousness
stands forever.
ק Their strength
increases gloriously.
ר 10 The wicked see all this
and fume;
ש they grind their teeth,
but disappear to nothing.
ת What the wicked
want to see happen
comes to nothing!

Psalm 113

1 Praise the LORD!
You who serve the LORD—praise!
Praise the LORD's name!
2 Let the LORD's name be blessed
from now until forever
from now!
3 From sunrise to sunset,
let the LORD's name be praised!
4 The LORD is high over
all the nations;
God's glory is higher
than the skies!

5 Who could possibly
compare to the LORD our God?
God rules from on high;
6 he has to come down
to even see heaven and earth!
7 God lifts up the poor
from the dirt
and raises up the needy
from the garbage pile
8 to seat them with leaders—
with the leaders
of his own people!
9 God nests the once barren woman
at home—
now a joyful mother
with children!

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 114

1 When Israel came out of Egypt—
when the house of Jacob came out
from a people who spoke
a different language—
2 Judah was God's sanctuary;
Israel was God's territory.

3 The sea saw it happen
and ran away;
the Jordan River retreated!
4 The mountains leaped away
like rams;
the hills leaped away like lambs!
5 Sea, why did you run away?
Jordan, why did you retreat?
6 Mountains, why did you leap away
like rams?
Hills, why did you leap away
like lambs?

7 Earth: tremble before the Lord!
Tremble before the God of Jacob,
8 the one who turned
that rock into a pool of water,
that flint stone into a spring
of water!

Psalm 115

1 Not to us, LORD, not to us—
no, but to your own name
give glory

112:4 Ps 97:11
112:5 Ps 37:21, Ps 37:26; Lk 6:35
112:6 Ps 15:5, Ps 55:22, Ps 125:1; Prv 10:7
112:7 Ps 56:4, Ps 57:7, Ps 64:10, Ps 108:1; Prv 1:33
112:8 Ps 27:1, Ps 59:10; Prv 1:33; Is 12:2; Heb 13:9
112:9 Ps 75:10, Ps 89:17, Ps 92:10; Prv 11:25; 2Co 9:9
112:10 Ps 37:12; Mt 8:12; Lk 13:28
113:1 Ps 34:22, Ps 134:1, Ps 135:1
113:2 Ps 115:18; Dn 2:20
113:3 Ps 50:1; Is 45:6; Is 59:19; Mal 1:11
113:5 Ex 15:11; Ps 35:10, Ps 89:6, Ps 103:19
113:6 Ps 11:4, Ps 138:6; Is 57:15
113:7 1Sa 2:8; Ps 107:41
113:8 Job 36:7
113:9 1Sa 2:5; Ps 68:6, Ps 127:3; Is 54:1
114:1 Ex 13:3; Ps 81:5; Is 11:16
114:2 Ex 19:6, Ex 29:45; Dt 27:9; Ps 78:68
114:3 Ex 14:21; Josh 3:13, Josh 3:16; Ps 74:15, Ps 77:16
114:4 Ex 19:18; Jgs 5:5; Ps 29:6
114:5 Hab 3:8
114:8 Ex 17:6; Nm 20:11; Dt 8:15; Ps 78:15, Ps 107:35
115:1 Is 48:11; Ro 15:9

because of your loyal love
and faithfulness!

2 Why do the nations say,
"Where's their God now?"
3 Our God is in heaven—
he can do whatever he wants!
4 Their idols are just silver and gold—
things made by human hands.
5 They have mouths,
but they can't speak.
They have eyes,
but they can't see.
6 They have ears,
but they can't hear.
They have noses,
but they can't smell.
7 They have hands,
but they can't feel.
They have feet,
but they can't walk.
They can't even make a noise
in their throats!
8 Let the people
who made these idols
and all who trust in them
become just like them!

9 But you, Israel,
trust in the LORD!
God is their help and shield.
10 Trust in the LORD,
house of Aaron!
God is their help and shield.
11 You who honor the LORD,
trust in the LORD!
God is their help and shield.
12 The LORD remembers us
and will bless us:
God will bless the house of Israel;
God will bless the house of Aaron;
13 God will bless those
who honor the LORD—
from the smallest to the greatest.

14 May the LORD add
to your numbers—
both you and your children.
15 May you be blessed by the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth!

115:2 Ps 42:3, Ps 42:10, Ps 79:10; Jl 2:17
115:3 Ps 135:6; Dn 4:35
115:4 Dt 4:28; 2Ki 19:18; Ps 135:15; Jer 10:3
115:5 Dt 4:28; Ps 115:4; Is 46:7; Jer 10:3, Jer 10:5
115:8 Ps 135:18; Is 44:9; Hab 2:18
115:9 Ps 33:20, Ps 37:3, Ps 62:8, Ps 118:2, Ps 135:19
115:11 Ps 22:23, Ps 103:11
115:12 Gn 8:1, Gn 12:2, Gn 32:28, Gn 48:21; Ex 2:25
115:13 Ps 112:1; Rev 11:18, Rev 19:5
115:14 Dt 1:11
115:16 Gn 1:28; Ps 89:11
115:17 Ps 6:5, Ps 31:17, Ps 88:10; Is 38:18
115:18 Ps 113:2; Dn 2:20
116:1 Ps 18:1, Ps 66:19
116:2 Ps 31:2
116:3 Ps 18:4, Ps 18:5
116:4 Ps 118:5
116:5 Ex 34:6; Ezr 9:15; Ps 86:15, Ps 119:137, Ps 145:17
116:6 Ps 19:7, Ps 79:8, Ps 142:6
116:7 Ps 13:5, Ps 142:7; Jer 6:16; Mt 11:29
116:8 Ps 56:13, Ps 86:13
116:9 Ps 27:13, Ps 56:13
116:10 2Co 4:13
116:11 Ps 31:22; Jer 9:5; Ro 3:4
116:12 Ps 103:2

16 The highest heaven belongs
to the LORD,
but he gave the earth to all people.
17 The dead don't praise the LORD,
nor do those
who go down to silence.
18 But us? We will bless the LORD
from now until forever from now!

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 116

1 I love the LORD because he hears
my requests for mercy.
2 I'll call out to him as long as I live,
because he listens closely to me.
3 Death's ropes bound me;
the distress of the grave[a]
found me—
I came face-to-face
with trouble and grief.
4 So I called on the LORD's name:
"LORD, please save me!"[b]

5 The LORD is merciful
and righteous;
our God is compassionate.
6 The LORD protects simple folk;
he saves me
whenever I am brought down.
7 I tell myself,
You can be at peace again,
because the LORD
has been good to you.
8 You, God, have delivered me
from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my foot from stumbling,
9 so I'll walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.
10 I have remained faithful,
even when I said,
"I am suffering so badly!"
11 even when I said, out of fear,
"Everyone is a liar!"

12 What can I give back to the LORD
for all the good things
he has done for me?

[a] Heb *Sheol* [b] Or *my soul*; also in 116:7-8

13 I'll lift up the cup of salvation.
I'll call on the LORD's name.
14 I'll keep the promises
I made to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.
15 The death of the LORD's faithful
is a costly loss in his eyes.

16 Oh yes, LORD,
I am definitely your servant!
I am your servant and the son
of your female servant—
you've freed me from my chains.
17 So I'll offer a sacrifice
of thanksgiving to you,
and I'll call on the LORD's name.
18 I'll keep the promises I made
to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
19 in the courtyards
of the LORD's house,
which is in the
center of Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations!
Worship him, all you peoples!
2 Because God's faithful love toward
us is strong,
the LORD's faithfulness
lasts forever!
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 118

1 Give thanks to the LORD
because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever.
2 Let Israel say it:
"God's faithful love lasts forever!"
3 Let the house of Aaron say it:
"God's faithful love lasts forever!"
4 Let those who honor the LORD say it:
"God's faithful love lasts forever!"

5 In tight circumstances,
I cried out to the LORD.
The LORD answered me
with wide-open spaces.
6 The LORD is for me[c]—
I won't be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?
7 The LORD is for me—as my helper.
I look in victory
on those who hate me.
8 It's far better to take refuge
in the LORD
than to trust any human.
9 It's far better to take refuge
in the LORD
than to trust any human leader.

10 All the nations surrounded me,
but I cut them down[d]
in the LORD's name.
11 Yes, they surrounded me
on every single side,
but I cut them down
in the LORD's name.
12 They surrounded me like bees,
but they were extinguished
like burning thorns.
I cut them down
in the LORD's name!
13 I was pushed so hard[e] I nearly died,
but the LORD helped me.
14 The LORD was my strength
and protection;
he was my saving help!
15 The sounds of joyful songs
and deliverance
are heard in the tents
of the righteous:
"The LORD's strong hand
is victorious!
16 The LORD's strong hand
is ready to strike!
The LORD's strong hand
is victorious!"

17 I won't die—no, I will live
and declare what the LORD
has done.
18 Yes, the LORD definitely
disciplined me,
but he didn't hand me over
to death.

116:13 Ps 16:5, Ps 105:1
116:14 Ps 22:25, Ps 50:14, Ps 66:13, Ps 116:18
116:15 Ps 72:14
116:16 Ps 86:16, Ps 119:125, Ps 143:12
116:17 Lv 7:12; Ps 50:14, Ps 107:22, Ps 116:13; Heb 13:15
117:1 Ps 67:3; Ro 15:11
117:2 Ps 100:5, Ps 103:11
118:1 1Ch 16:8, 1Ch 16:34; Ps 106:1, Ps 118:29; Jer 33:11
118:2 Ps 115:9
118:4 Ps 115:11
118:6 Ps 27:1, Ps 56:4, Ps 56:9, Ps 56:11; Heb 13:6
118:7 Ps 54:4, Ps 54:7, Ps 59:10
118:8 Ps 40:4; Jer 17:5
118:9 Ps 118:8, Ps 146:3
118:10 1Sa 17:45; Ps 3:6, Ps 88:17
118:12 Dt 1:44; Jgs 14:8; Ps 58:9; Ecc 7:6; Is 7:18
118:13 Ps 86:17
118:14 Ex 15:2; Ps 27:1; Is 12:2
118:15 Ex 15:6; Ps 89:13; Lk 1:51
118:16 Ex 15:6; Ps 89:13
118:17 Ps 6:5, Ps 73:28, Ps 107:22; Hab 1:12
118:18 2Co 6:9

[c] LXX *with me* or *mine*; also in 118:7 [d] Heb uncertain; LXX, Vulg *drove* or *warded off*; also in 118:11-12
[e] LXX, Vulg, Syr; MT *you pushed me*

19 Open the gates of righteousness
for me
so I can come in
and give thanks to the LORD!
20 This is the LORD's gate;
those who are righteous
enter through it.

21 I thank you because
you answered me,
because you were my saving help.
22 The stone rejected by the builders
is now the main foundation stone!
23 This has happened because
of the LORD;
it is astounding in our sight!
24 This is the day the LORD acted;
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

25 LORD, please save us!
LORD, please let us succeed!

26 The one who enters
in the LORD's name is blessed;
we bless all of you
from the LORD's house.
27 The LORD is God!
He has shined a light on us!
So lead the festival offering
with ropes
all the way to the horns of the altar.[f]
28 You are my God—
I will give thanks to you!
You are my God—
I will lift you up high!
29 Give thanks to the LORD
because he is good,
because his faithful love
lasts forever.

Psalm 119[g]

א ALEF

1 Those whose way is blameless—
who walk in the LORD's
Instruction—are truly happy!
2 Those who guard God's laws
are truly happy!
They seek God with all their hearts.
3 They don't even do anything wrong!
They walk in God's ways.
4 God, you have ordered
that your decrees
should be kept most carefully.
5 How I wish my ways were strong
when it comes to keeping
your statutes!
6 Then I wouldn't be ashamed
when I examine
all your commandments.
7 I will give thanks to you
with a heart that does right
as I learn your righteous rules.
8 I will keep your statutes.
Please don't leave me all alone!

ב BET

9 How can young people
keep their paths pure?
By guarding them
according to what you've said.[h]
10 I have sought you with all my heart.
Don't let me stray
from any of your
commandments!
11 I keep your word close, in my heart,
so that I won't sin against you.
12 You, LORD, are to be blessed!
Teach me your statutes.
13 I will declare out loud
all the rules you have spoken.
14 I rejoice in the content of your laws
as if I were rejoicing
over great wealth.
15 I will think about your precepts
and examine all your paths.
16 I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget what you have said.

ג GIMEL

17 Be good to your servant
so I can go on living
and keeping your word.
18 Open my eyes so I can examine
the wonders of your Instruction!
19 I'm an immigrant in the land.
Don't hide your commandments
from me!
20 I'm worn out by longing

118:19 Ps 24:7, Ps 100:4; Is 26:2
118:20 Ps 24:3, Ps 24:7; Is 35:8; Rev 22:14
118:21 Ps 116:1, Ps 118:5, Ps 118:14
118:22 Is 28:16; Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17; Ac 4:11
118:23 Mt 21:42
118:24 Is 58:13
118:25 Neh 1:11; Ps 116:4; Mt 21:9
118:26 Mt 21:9, Mt 23:39; Mk 11:9; Lk 13:35; Jn 12:13
118:27 Ex 27:2; 1Ki 18:39; Est 8:16; Ps 27:1; 1Pt 2:9
119:1 Ps 101:2, Ps 128:1; Prv 11:20
119:2 Dt 4:29; Ps 119:10, Ps 119:22
119:4 Dt 6:17; Ps 103:18, Ps 119:56; Jer 7:23; Jn 14:15
119:6 Ps 119:80
119:7 Ps 119:62
119:9 Jn 15:3
119:11 Dt 6:6; Ps 37:31, Ps 40:8; Lk 2:51
119:18 Ps 119:96; Is 29:10, Is 42:7; Mt 13:13; Ac 26:18
119:20 Ps 42:1, Ps 63:1, Ps 84:2, Ps 119:40, Ps 119:131

[f] Heb uncertain [g] Ps 119 is an alphabetic acrostic poem (cf Pss 9–10, 111) in Heb, with each line of Heb within the marked sections beginning with the same letter of the alphabet. [h] LXX

every minute for your rules!
21 You rebuke the arrogant,
accursed people
who stray from your
commandments.
22 Take all their insults and contempt
away from me
because I've kept your laws!
23 Even if rulers gather and scheme
against me,
your servant will contemplate
your statutes!
24 Yes, your laws are my joy—
they are my most trusted advisors!

ד DALET

25 My life is stuck in the dirt.
Now make me live again
according to your promise!
26 I confessed my ways
and you answered me.
Now teach me your statutes!
27 Help me understand
what your precepts are about
so I can contemplate
your wondrous works!
28 My spirit sags because of grief.
Now raise me up
according to your promise!
29 Remove all false ways from me;
show mercy to me
by means of your Instruction.
30 I've chosen the way of faithfulness;
I'm set on your rules.
31 I'm holding tight to your laws, LORD.
Please don't let me be put to shame.
32 I run the same path
as your commandments
because you give my heart insight.

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33 LORD, teach me what your statutes
are about,
and I will guard every part of them.
34 Help me understand
so I can guard your Instruction
and keep it with all my heart.
35 Lead me on the trail
of your commandments
because that is what I want.
36 Turn my heart to your laws,
not to greedy gain.

119:21 Dt 27:26; Ps 119:10
119:24 Ps 119:16
119:25 Ps 44:25, Ps 119:40, Ps 119:88, Ps 119:107, Ps 143:11
119:28 Ps 20:2, Ps 22:14
119:30 Ps 119:173
119:31 Dt 10:20; Ps 19:7, Ps 25:10, Ps 119:6, Ps 119:111
119:32 1Ki 4:29; Is 60:5; 2Co 6:11
119:36 1Ki 8:58; Eze 33:31; Lk 12:15; Heb 13:5
119:37 Ps 119:25; Is 33:15
119:42 Prv 27:11
119:43 Ps 119:49, Ps 119:74, Ps 119:81, Ps 119:114, Ps 119:147
119:44 Ps 119:33, Ps 119:55
119:46 Mt 10:18; Ac 26:1, Ac 26:2
119:49 Gn 32:9; Ps 119:43

37 Turn my eyes away from looking
at worthless things.
Make me live by your way.
38 Confirm your promise
to your servant—
the promise that is
for all those who honor you.
39 Remove the insults that I dread
because your rules are good.
40 Look how I desire your precepts!
Make me live
by your righteousness.

ו WAW

41 LORD, let your faithful love
come to me—
let your salvation come to me
according to your promise—
42 so I can have a response
for those who mock me,
because I have trusted
in your word!
43 Please don't take your true word
out of my mouth,
because I have waited for your rules.
44 I will always keep your Instruction,
always and forever!
45 I will walk around
in wide-open spaces,
because I have pursued
your precepts.
46 I will talk about your laws
before rulers with
no shame whatsoever.
47 I will rejoice in your commandments
because I love them.
48 I will lift up my hands
to your commandments
because I love them,
and I will contemplate
all your statutes.

ז ZAYIN

49 Remember your promise
to your servant,
for which you made me wait.
50 My comfort during my suffering
is this:
your word gives me new life.
51 The arrogant make fun of me
to no end,
but I haven't deviated
from your Instruction.

52 When I remember your ancient rules,
I'm comforted, LORD.
53 But I'm seized with anger
because of the wicked—
because of those who abandon
your Instruction.
54 Your statutes have been
my songs of praise
wherever I lived as an immigrant.
55 LORD, I remember your name
at nighttime,
and I keep your Instruction.
56 This has been my practice
because I guard your precepts.

ח KHET

57 The LORD is my possession.
I promise to do what you have said.
58 I've sought your favor
with all my heart;
have mercy on me
according to your word.
59 I've considered my ways and turned
my feet back to your laws.
60 I hurry to keep your
commandments—
I never put it off!
61 Though the wicked have surrounded
me with their ropes,
I haven't forgotten your Instruction.
62 I get up in the middle of the night
to give thanks to you
because of your righteous rules.
63 I'm a friend to everyone
who honors you
and to all who keep your precepts.
64 LORD, the world is full
of your faithful love!
Teach me your statutes!

ט TET

65 You have treated your servant well,
LORD, according to your promise.
66 Teach me knowledge and good
judgment
because I've put my trust
in your commandments.
67 Before I suffered,
I took the wrong way,
but now I do what you say.
68 You are good and you do good.
Teach me your statutes!

119:53 Ps 119:158

119:59 Lam 3:40; Lk 15:17

119:62 Ps 119:7, Ps 119:55; Ac 16:25

119:66 Ps 119:12; Phi 1:9

119:67 Job 5:17; Ps 119:71, Ps 119:75; Jer 31:18, Jer 31:19

119:68 Ps 25:8, Ps 86:5, Ps 106:1, Ps 119:12; Mt 19:17

119:71 Ps 119:67, Ps 119:75

119:73 Job 10:8; Ps 100:3, Ps 138:8

119:80 Ps 119:1, Ps 119:6

119:81 Ps 84:2, Ps 119:43, Ps 119:74, Ps 119:114

69 The arrogant cover me with their lies,
but I guard your precepts
with all my heart.
70 Their hearts are unfeeling,
like blubber,
but I rejoice in your Instruction.
71 My suffering was good for me,
because through it
I learned your statutes.
72 The Instruction you've given to me
is better
than thousands of pieces
of gold and silver!

י YOD

73 Your hands have made me
and set me in place.
Help me understand
so I can learn your
commandments.
74 Then those who honor you
will see me and be glad
because I have waited
for your promise.
75 LORD, I know that your rules
are right
and that you rightly made
me suffer.
76 Please let your faithful love
comfort me,
according to what you've said
to your servant.
77 Let your compassion come to me
so I can live again,
because your Instruction is my joy!
78 But let the arrogant be ashamed
because they oppressed me
with lies—
meanwhile, I will be
contemplating your precepts!
79 Let the people who honor you
come back to me;
let those who know your precepts
return to me.
80 Let my heart be blameless
in your statutes
so that I am not put to shame.

כ KAF

81 My whole being yearns
for your saving help!
I wait for your promise.

82 My eyes are worn out
looking for your word.
"When will you comfort me?" I ask,
83 because I've become like a bottle
dried up by smoke,
though I haven't forgotten
your statutes.
84 How much more time
does your servant have?
When will you bring my
oppressors to justice?
85 The arrogant have dug pits for me—
those people who act
against your Instruction.
86 All your commandments are true,
but people harass me
for no reason.
Help me!
87 They've almost wiped me
off the face of the earth!
Meanwhile, I haven't abandoned
your precepts!
88 Make me live again
according to your faithful love
so I can keep the law you've given!

ל LAMED

89 Your word, LORD,
stands firm in heaven forever!
90 Your faithfulness extends
from one generation to the next!
You set the earth firmly in place,
and it is still there.
91 Your rules endure to this day
because everything serves you.
92 If your Instruction hadn't been
my delight,
I would have died
because of my suffering.
93 I will never forget your precepts
because through them
you gave me life again.
94 I'm yours—save me
because I've pursued your precepts!
95 The wicked wait for me,
wanting to kill me,
but I'm studying your laws.
96 I've seen that everything,
no matter how perfect, has a limit,[i]
but your commandment
is boundless.

119:83 Job 30:30; Ps 119:61

119:84 Ps 39:4; Rev 6:10

119:85 Ps 7:15, Ps 35:7, Ps 57:6, Ps 119:51; Jer 18:22

119:86 Ps 7:1, Ps 35:19, Ps 109:26, Ps 119:78, Ps 119:138

119:87 Is 58:2

119:88 Ps 119:2, Ps 119:25, Ps 119:40

119:89 Ps 89:2; Is 40:8; Mt 5:18, Mt 24:35; 1Pt 1:25

119:90 Ps 36:5, Ps 148:6

119:91 Ps 104:2; Jer 31:35, Jer 33:25

119:96 Ps 19:7

119:97 Ps 1:2, Ps 119:15, Ps 119:47, Ps 119:113

119:99 Ps 119:15

119:100 Job 32:7; Ps 119:56

119:101 Prv 1:15

119:103 Ps 19:10

119:104 Ps 101:3, Ps 119:128

119:105 Ps 19:8, Ps 119:130; Prv 6:23; Jn 8:12; 2Pt 1:19

119:106 Neh 10:29; Ps 119:7

119:107 Ps 119:25

119:108 Ps 119:12; Heb 13:15

מ MEM

97 I love your Instruction!
I think about it constantly.
98 Your commandment makes me
wiser than my enemies
because it is always with me.
99 I have greater insight
than all my teachers
because I contemplate your laws.
100 I have more understanding
than the elders
because I guard your precepts.
101 I haven't set my feet on any evil path
so I can make sure
to keep your word.
102 I haven't deviated
from any of your rules
because you are the one
who has taught me.
103 Your word is so pleasing
to my taste buds—
it's sweeter than honey
in my mouth!
104 I'm studying your precepts—
that's why I hate every false path.

נ NUN

105 Your word is a lamp before my feet
and a light for my journey.
106 I have sworn, and I fully mean it:
I will keep your righteous rules.
107 I have been suffering so much—
LORD, make me live again
according to your promise.
108 Please, LORD, accept my
spontaneous gifts of praise.
Teach me your rules!
109 Though my life is constantly
in danger,
I won't forget your Instruction.
110 Though the wicked have set
a trap for me,
I won't stray from your precepts.
111 Your laws are my possession forever
because they are my heart's joy.
112 I have decided to keep your statutes
forever, every last one.

ס SAMEK

113 I hate fickle people,
but I love your Instruction.
114 You are my shelter and my shield—

[i] Heb uncertain

I wait for your promise.
115 Get away from me, you evildoers;
I want to guard
my God's commandments!
116 Sustain me according to your word
so I can live!
Don't let me be put to shame
because of hope.
117 Support me so I can be saved
and so I can focus constantly
on your statutes.
118 You discard everyone who strays
from your statutes
because they are dishonest
and false.
119 You dispose of all the wicked people
on earth like waste—
that's why I love your laws.
120 My body shudders because I fear you;
I'm in awe of your rules.

ע AYIN

121 I've done what is just and right.
Don't just hand me over
to my oppressors.
122 Guarantee good things
for your servant.
Please don't let the arrogant
oppress me.
123 My eyes are worn out
looking for your saving help—
looking for your word
that will set things right.
124 Act toward your servant
according to your faithful love.
Teach me your statutes!
125 I'm your servant!
Help me understand
so I can know your laws.
126 It is time for the LORD
to do something!
Your Instruction has been broken.
127 But I love your commandments
more than gold,
even more than pure gold.
128 That's why I walk straight by every
single one of your precepts.
That's why I hate every false path.

פ PE

129 Your laws are wonderful!
That's why I guard them.
130 Access to your words[j] gives light,
giving simple folk understanding.
131 I open my mouth up wide, panting,
because I long for your
commandments.
132 Come back to me
and have mercy on me;
that's only right
for those who love your name.
133 Keep my steps steady by your word;
don't let any sin rule me.
134 Redeem me from the people
who oppress me
so I can keep your precepts.
135 Shine your face on your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
136 Rivers of tears stream from my eyes
because your Instruction
isn't being kept.

צ TSADE

137 LORD, you are righteous,
and your rules are right.
138 The laws you commanded
are righteous,
completely trustworthy.
139 Anger consumes me
because my enemies have
forgotten what you've said.
140 Your word has been tried
and tested;
your servant loves your word!
141 I'm insignificant and unpopular,
but I don't forget your precepts.
142 Your righteousness lasts forever!
Your Instruction is true!
143 Stress and strain have caught up
with me,
but your commandments
are my joy!
144 Your laws are righteous forever.
Help me understand so I can live!

ק QOF

145 I cry out with all my heart:
"LORD, answer me
so I can guard your statutes!"
146 I cry out to you, "Save me
so I can keep your laws!"
147 I meet the predawn light
and cry for help.

119:119 Is 1:22; Eze 22:18, Eze 22:19
119:120 Job 4:14; Hab 3:16
119:122 Job 17:3; Ps 119:21
119:123 Ps 119:82
119:125 Ps 116:16, Ps 119:27
119:127 Ps 19:10, Ps 119:47, Ps 119:72
119:130 Ps 19:7, Ps 119:105; Prv 6:23; 2Pt 1:19
119:131 Job 29:23; Ps 42:1, Ps 81:10, Ps 119:20
119:132 Ps 25:16
119:133 Ps 17:5, Ps 19:13; Ro 6:12
119:136 Ps 119:158; Jer 9:1, Jer 9:18, Jer 14:17; Eze 9:4
119:137 Ezr 9:15; Neh 9:33; Ps 116:5, Ps 145:17
119:140 Ps 12:6, Ps 18:30, Ps 19:8, Ps 119:47; Prv 30:5
119:142 Ps 119:144, Ps 119:151, Ps 119:160; Jn 17:17
119:143 Ps 119:24
119:144 Ps 119:27, Ps 119:34

[j] Vulg, Sym

I wait for your promise.
148 My eyes encounter each hour
of the night
as I think about your word.
149 Listen to my voice,
according to your faithful love.
LORD, make me live again,
according to your justice.
150 The people who love to plot wicked
schemes are nearby,
but they are so far
from your Instruction!
151 But you, LORD, are nearby too,
and all your commandments
are true.
152 Long ago I learned from your laws
that you had established
them forever.

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153 Look at my suffering and deliver me
because I haven't forgotten
your Instruction.
154 Argue my case and redeem me.
Make me live again by your word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked
because they haven't pursued
your statutes.
156 You have so much compassion,
LORD—
make me live again,
according to your rules.
157 My oppressors and enemies
are many,
but I haven't turned away
from your laws.
158 I look on the faithless,
and I am disgusted
because they haven't kept your word.
159 Look at how much
I love your precepts.
Make me live again, LORD,
according to your faithful love!
160 The first thing to know about your
word is that it is true
and that all your righteous rules
last forever.

שׂ SIN AND שׁ SHIN

161 Rulers oppress me without cause,
but my heart honors
what you've said.
162 I'm overjoyed at your word,
like someone who finds
great treasure.
163 I hate, I absolutely despise,
what is false,
but I'm in love with your Instruction.
164 I praise you seven times a day
for your righteous rules.
165 The people who love your
Instruction enjoy peace—
and lots of it.
There's no stumbling for them!
166 LORD, I wait for your saving help.
I do what you've commanded.
167 I keep your laws;
I love them so much!
168 I keep your precepts and your laws
because all my ways are seen by you.

ת TAV

169 Let my cry reach you, LORD;
help me understand
according to what you've said.
170 Let my request for grace
come before you;
deliver me according
to your promise!
171 Let my lips overflow with praise
because you've taught me
your statutes.
172 Let my tongue declare your word,
because all your commandments
are righteous.
173 Let your power help me
because I have chosen
your precepts.
174 LORD, I long for your saving help!
Your Instruction is my joy!
175 Let me live again so I can praise you!
Let your rules help me!
176 I've wandered off like a sheep, lost.
Find your servant
because I haven't forgotten
your commandments!

119:148 Ps 1:2, Ps 63:6, Ps 119:15; Lam 2:19
119:155 Job 5:4
119:164 Ps 119:7, Ps 119:62, Ps 119:160
119:165 Ps 37:11; Prv 3:2; Is 32:17
119:167 Ps 119:47, Ps 119:97
119:175 Ps 51:15
119:176 Is 53:6; Jer 50:6; Hos 4:6; Lk 15:4; 1Pt 2:25
120:1 Ps 18:6, Ps 118:5; Jon 2:2

Psalm 120

A pilgrimage song.[k]

1 I cried out to the LORD
when I was in trouble
(and he answered me):

[k] Or *song of ascents* or *song of going up* (that is, to Jerusalem); cf Ps 122:4. The heading is found in every psalm from Ps 120 to Ps 134.

2 "LORD, deliver me[l] from lying lips
and a dishonest tongue!"
3 What more will be given to you,
what more will be done to you,
you dishonest tongue?
4 Just this:[m]
a warrior's sharpened arrows,
coupled with burning coals
from a wood[n] fire!

5 Oh, I'm doomed
because I have been an immigrant
in Meshech,
because I've made my home
among Kedar's tents.
6 I've lived far too long
with people who hate peace.
7 I'm for peace,
but when I speak, they are for war.

Psalm 121

A pilgrimage song.

1 I raise my eyes toward the mountains.
Where will my help come from?
2 My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
3 God won't let your foot slip.
Your protector won't fall asleep
on the job.
4 No! Israel's protector
never sleeps or rests!
5 The LORD is your protector;
the LORD is your shade
right beside you.
6 The sun won't strike you
during the day;
neither will the moon at night.
7 The LORD will protect you
from all evil;
God will protect your very life.[o]
8 The LORD will protect you
on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.

Psalm 122

A pilgrimage song. Of David.

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let's go to the LORD's house!"

120:2 Ps 31:18, Ps 109:2; Prv 12:22
120:4 Dt 32:23; Ps 45:5, Ps 57:4, Ps 140:10; Prv 25:18
120:5 Gn 25:13; Song 1:5; Is 60:7; Jer 49:28
120:6 Ps 35:20, Ps 57:4
120:7 Ps 34:14, Ps 109:4, Ps 140:2; Mt 5:9; Ro 12:18
121:1 Ps 87:1, Ps 123:1; Is 40:26; Jer 3:23
121:2 Ps 115:15, Ps 124:8, Ps 146:5, Ps 146:6
121:3 1Sa 2:9; Ps 66:9; Prv 3:23
121:4 Gn 49:24; Ex 3:9, Ex 6:5; Ps 127:1; Is 27:3
121:6 Is 49:10; Jon 4:8; Rev 7:16
121:8 Dt 28:6; Ps 113:2
122:1 Ps 42:4; Is 2:3; Mi 4:2; Zec 8:21
122:3 2Sa 5:9; Neh 4:6; Ps 48:13, Ps 147:2
122:4 Ex 23:17, Ex 34:23; Dt 16:16
122:7 Ps 48:3, Ps 48:13
123:1 Ps 2:4, Ps 25:15, Ps 121:1
123:2 Ps 25:15
123:3 Neh 4:4; Ps 4:1, Ps 119:22
123:4 Job 12:5; Is 32:9; Am 6:1
124:1 Ps 129:1

2 Now our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem!

3 Jerusalem is built like a city
joined together in unity.
4 That is where the tribes go up—
the LORD's tribes!
It is the law for Israel
to give thanks there
to the LORD's name,
5 because the thrones of justice
are there—
the thrones of the house of David!

6 Pray that Jerusalem has peace:
"Let those who love you have rest.
7 Let there be peace on your walls;
let there be rest
on your fortifications."
8 For the sake of my family and friends,
I say, "Peace be with you, Jerusalem."
9 For the sake of the
LORD our God's house
I will pray for your good.

Psalm 123

A pilgrimage song.

1 I raise my eyes to you—
you who rule heaven.
2 Just as the eyes of servants attend
to their masters' hand,
just as the eyes of a female servant
attends to her mistress' hand—
that's how our eyes
attend to the LORD our God
until he has mercy on us.

3 Have mercy on us, LORD!
Have mercy
because we've had
more than enough shame.
4 We've had more than enough
mockery from the self-confident,
more than enough shame
from the proud.

Psalm 124

A pilgrimage song. Of David.

1 If the LORD hadn't been for us—
let Israel now repeat!—

[l] Or *my soul*; also in 120:6 [m] Heb lacks *this*. [n] Or *the gorse* or *broom tree* [o] Or *your soul*

2 if the LORD hadn't been for us
when those people attacked us,
3 then they would have swallowed
us up whole
with their rage burning against us!
4 Then the waters
would have drowned us;
the torrent
would have come over our necks;[p]
5 then the raging waters
would have come over our necks!

6 Bless the LORD
because he didn't hand us over
like food for our enemies' teeth!
7 We escaped like a bird
from the hunters' trap;
the trap was broken so we escaped!

8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 125

A pilgrimage song.

1 The people who trust in the LORD
are like Mount Zion:
never shaken, lasting forever.
2 Mountains surround Jerusalem.
That's how the LORD
surrounds his people
from now until forever from now!
3 The wicked rod won't remain
in the land given to the righteous
so that they don't use their hands
to do anything wrong.[q]
4 LORD, do good to people
who are good,
to people whose hearts are right.
5 But as for those people
who turn to their own
twisted ways—
may the LORD march them off
with other evildoers!

Peace be on Israel!

Psalm 126

A pilgrimage song.

1 When the LORD changed Zion's
circumstances for the better,

[p] Or *soul*; also in 124:5, 7 [q] Heb uncertain

124:2 Nm 16:2; Ps 3:1
124:3 Nm 16:30; Ps 35:25, Ps 56:1; Prv 1:12
124:4 Ps 42:7
124:5 Job 38:11
124:6 Ex 15:9
124:7 Ps 91:3; Prv 6:5
124:8 Gn 1:1; Ps 115:15, Ps 121:2, Ps 134:3, Ps 146:5
125:1 Ps 46:5; Prv 10:30
125:2 Ps 34:7; Zec 2:5
125:3 Prv 22:8; Is 14:5
125:4 Ps 7:10, Ps 36:10, Ps 51:18, Ps 119:68
125:5 Ps 128:6; Prv 2:15; Is 59:8; Ga 6:16
126:1 Ps 14:7, Ps 85:1; Hos 6:11; Ac 12:9
126:2 1Sa 12:24; Job 8:21; Ps 71:19; Lk 1:49
126:3 Ps 9:2; Is 25:9; Lk 1:49
126:5 Ps 30:5; Is 35:10, Is 51:11; Jer 31:9; Mt 5:4
126:6 Ps 30:5
127:1 Ps 33:16, Ps 121:3, Ps 121:4; Prv 21:31; Song 5:7
127:2 Gn 3:17
127:3 Gn 33:5; Josh 24:3; Ps 113:9
127:4 Prv 17:6
127:5 Job 5:4

it was like we had been dreaming.
2 Our mouths were suddenly filled
with laughter;
our tongues were filled
with joyful shouts.
It was even said, at that time,
among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things
for them!"
3 Yes, the LORD has done great things
for us,
and we are overjoyed.

4 LORD, change our circumstances
for the better,
like dry streams in the desert waste!
5 Let those who plant with tears
reap the harvest with joyful shouts.
6 Let those who go out,
crying and carrying their seed,
come home with joyful shouts,
carrying bales of grain!

Psalm 127

A pilgrimage song. Of Solomon.

1 Unless it is the LORD
who builds the house,
the builders' work is pointless.
Unless it is the LORD
who protects the city,
the guard on duty is pointless.
2 It is pointless that you get up early
and stay up late,
eating the bread of hard labor
because God gives sleep
to those he loves.

3 No doubt about it:
children are a gift from the LORD;
the fruit of the womb
is a divine reward.
4 The children born
when one is young
are like arrows in the hand
of a warrior.
5 The person who fills a quiver
full with them is truly happy!
They won't be ashamed
when arguing with their enemies
in the gate.

Psalm 128

A pilgrimage song.

1 Everyone who honors the LORD,
who walks in God's ways,
is truly happy!

2 You will definitely enjoy
what you've worked hard for—
you'll be happy;
and things will go well for you.
3 In your house, your wife will be
like a vine full of fruit.
All around your table,
your children will be like
olive trees, freshly planted.
4 That's how it goes for anyone
who honors the LORD:
they will be blessed!

5 May the LORD bless you from Zion.
May you experience Jerusalem's
goodness your whole life long.
6 And may you see your grandchildren.

Peace be on Israel!

Psalm 129

A pilgrimage song.

1 From youth, people have constantly
attacked me—
let Israel now repeat!—
2 from youth people have constantly
attacked me—
but they haven't beaten me!
3 They plowed my back like farmers;
they made their furrows deep.
4 But the LORD is righteous—
God cut me free
from the ropes of the wicked!

5 Let everyone who hates Zion be
ashamed, thoroughly frustrated.
6 Let them be like grass on a roof
that dies before it can be pulled up,
7 which won't fill the reaper's hand
or fill the harvester's arms.
8 Let no one who passes by say
to them:
"May the LORD's blessing be on you!
We bless you in the LORD's name!"

128:1 Ps 112:1, Ps 119:1
128:2 Is 3:10
128:3 Gn 49:22; Ps 52:8, Ps 144:12; Eze 19:10
128:4 Ps 112:1
128:6 Gn 48:11, Gn 50:23; Job 42:16; Ps 125:5; Prv 17:6
129:1 Ps 124:1; Jer 2:2; Hos 2:15
129:3 Is 51:23
129:6 2Ki 19:26; Ps 37:2; Is 37:27
129:7 Am 7:1
130:1 Ps 42:7, Ps 69:2; Lam 3:55
130:2 2Ch 6:40; Neh 1:6; Ps 28:2, Ps 86:6, Ps 140:6
130:3 Job 9:2; Ps 143:2; Na 1:6; Mal 3:2; Rev 6:17
130:4 1Ki 8:40; Ps 86:5, Ps 103:3; Jer 33:8; Dn 9:9
130:7 Ps 111:9, Ps 131:3; Eph 1:7
130:8 Mt 1:21; Lk 1:68; Ti 2:14
131:1 Job 42:3; Ps 101:5, Ps 139:6; Jer 45:5; Ro 12:16
131:2 Ps 62:1; Mt 18:3; 1Co 14:20
132:1 1Sa 18:1, 1Sa 18:11, 1Sa 19:1, 1Sa 20:1, 1Sa 21:1
132:2 Gn 49:24; Ps 132:5; Is 49:26, Is 60:16

Psalm 130

A pilgrimage song.

1 I cry out to you from the depths,
LORD—
2 my Lord, listen to my voice!
Let your ears pay close attention
to my request for mercy!
3 If you kept track of sins, LORD—
my Lord, who would stand a chance?
4 But forgiveness is with you—
that's why you are honored.

5 I hope, LORD.
My whole being[r] hopes,
and I wait for God's promise.
6 My whole being waits for my Lord—
more than the night watch
waits for morning;
yes, more than the night watch
waits for morning!

7 Israel, wait for the LORD!
Because faithful love
is with the LORD;
because great redemption
is with our God!
8 He is the one who will redeem Israel
from all its sin.

Psalm 131

A pilgrimage song. Of David.

1 LORD, my heart isn't proud;
my eyes aren't conceited.
I don't get involved with things
too great or wonderful for me.
2 No. But I have calmed
and quieted myself[s]
like a weaned child on its mother;
I'm like the weaned child on me.

3 Israel, wait for the LORD—
from now until forever from now!

Psalm 132

A pilgrimage song.

1 LORD, remember David—
all the ways he suffered
2 and how he swore to the LORD,
how he promised
the strong one of Jacob:

[r] Or *soul*; also in 130:6 [s] Or *my soul*

3 "I won't enter my house,
won't get into my bed.
4 I won't let my eyes close,
won't let my eyelids sleep,
5 until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place
for the strong one of Jacob."

6 Yes, we heard about it in Ephrathah;
we found it[t] in the fields of Jaar.
7 Let's enter God's dwelling place;
let's worship at the place
God rests his feet!
8 Get up, LORD, go to your residence—
you and your powerful
covenant chest!
9 Let your priests be dressed
in righteousness;
let your faithful shout out with joy!
10 And for the sake
of your servant David,
do not reject your anointed one.

11 The LORD swore to David
a true promise that God
won't take back:
"I will put one of your own
children on your throne.
12 And if your children keep
my covenant
and the laws that I will teach them,
then their children too
will rule on your throne forever."
13 Because the LORD chose Zion;
he wanted it for his home.
14 "This is my residence forever.
I will live here
because I wanted it for myself.[u]
15 I will most certainly
bless its food supply;
I will fill its needy full of food!
16 I will dress its priests in salvation,
and its faithful
will shout out loud with joy!
17 It is there that I will make David's
strength thrive.[v]
I will prepare a lamp
for my anointed one there.
18 I will dress his enemies in shame,
but the crown he wears will shine."

132:3 2Sa 7:2
132:4 Prv 6:4
132:5 1Ch 22:7; Ps 132:2; Ac 7:46
132:6 Gn 35:19; Ru 4:11; 1Sa 7:1, 1Sa 17:12; Mi 5:2
132:7 Ps 5:7, Ps 99:5
132:8 Nm 10:35, Nm 10:36; 2Ch 6:41; Ps 68:1, Ps 78:61
132:9 Job 29:14; Ps 132:16, Ps 149:5; Is 61:10
132:11 2Sa 7:12; 2Ch 6:16; Ps 89:3, Ps 89:35, Ps 110:4
132:12 Lk 1:32
132:13 Ps 48:1, Ps 68:16, Ps 78:68
132:14 Ps 68:16, Ps 132:8; Is 66:1
132:15 Ps 107:9, Ps 147:14
132:16 2Ch 6:41; Ps 132:9; Is 61:10
132:17 1Ki 11:36, 1Ki 15:4; 2Ki 8:19; Eze 29:21; Lk 1:69
132:18 Job 8:22; Ps 109:29
133:1 Gn 13:8; Heb 13:1
133:2 Ex 29:7, Ex 30:25, Ex 30:30; Lv 8:12
134:1 1Ch 9:33, 1Ch 23:30; Ps 113:1, Ps 135:1, Ps 135:2
134:2 Ps 28:2, Ps 63:4, Ps 141:2; 1Ti 2:8
135:1 Ps 113:1, Ps 134:1
135:5 Ex 18:11; Ps 48:1, Ps 95:3, Ps 97:9, Ps 145:3

Psalm 133

A pilgrimage song. Of David.

1 Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families[w] live together as one!
2 It is like expensive oil
poured over the head,
running down onto the beard—
Aaron's beard!—
which extended over the collar
of his robes.
3 It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
streaming down
onto the mountains of Zion,
because it is there that the LORD
has commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.

Psalm 134

A pilgrimage song.

1 All you who serve the LORD:
bless the LORD right now!
All you who minister in the LORD's
house at night: bless God!
2 Lift up your hands to the sanctuary
and bless the LORD!
3 May the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

Psalm 135

1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD's name!
All you who serve the LORD,
praise God!
2 All you who stand
in the LORD's house—
who stand in the courtyards
of our God's temple—
3 praise the LORD,
because the LORD is good!
Sing praises to God's name
because it is beautiful!
4 Because the LORD,
chose Jacob as his own,
God chose Israel
as his treasured possession.

5 Yes, I know for certain
that the LORD is great—
I know our Lord is greater
than all other gods.

[t] *It* may refer to the covenant chest (132:8*b*). [u] Heb lacks *for myself.* [v] Or *make a horn sprout* [w] Or *brothers (and sisters)*; the term often encompasses extended family relationships.

6 The LORD can do whatever he wants
in heaven or on earth,
in the seas and in every ocean depth.
7 God forms clouds at the far corners
of the earth.
God makes lightning for the rain.
God releases the wind
from its storeroom.
8 God struck down
the Egyptians' oldest offspring—
both human and animal!
9 God sent signs and wonders
into the very center of Egypt—
against Pharaoh and all his servants.
10 God struck down many nations
and killed mighty kings:
11 Sihon the Amorite king,
Og the king of Bashan,
and all the Canaanite kings.
12 Then God handed their land
over as an inheritance—
as an inheritance to Israel,
his own people.

13 LORD, your name is forever!
LORD, your fame extends
from one generation to the next!
14 The LORD gives justice to his people
and has compassion
on those who serve him.

15 The nations' idols
are just silver and gold—
things made by human hands.
16 They have mouths,
but they can't speak.
They have eyes, but they can't see.
17 They have ears, but they can't listen.
No, there's no breath in their lungs!
18 Let the people who made these idols
and all who trust in them
become just like them!

19 House of Israel, bless the LORD!
House of Aaron, bless the LORD!
20 House of Levi, bless the LORD!
You who honor the LORD,
bless the LORD!
21 Bless the LORD from Zion—
bless the one who lives in Jerusalem!

Praise the LORD!

135:6 Ps 115:3; Dn 4:35
135:7 Job 28:26, Job 38:25; Jer 10:13, Jer 51:16; Zec 10:1
135:13 Ex 3:15; Ps 102:12
135:15 Ps 115:4
136:1 1Ch 16:34; Ps 106:1, Ps 107:1, Ps 118:1; Jer 33:11
136:2 Dt 10:17
136:4 Ps 72:18
136:5 Gn 1:1; Ps 104:24; Prv 3:19; Jer 10:12, Jer 51:15
136:6 Gn 1:9; Ps 24:2; Is 42:5, Is 44:24; Jer 10:12
136:8 Gn 1:16
136:9 Gn 1:16
136:12 Ex 6:6; Dt 4:34, Dt 5:15, Dt 9:29, Dt 11:2

Psalm 136

1 Give thanks to the LORD
because he is good.
God's faithful love lasts forever!

2 Give thanks to the God of all gods—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
3 Give thanks to the Lord of all lords—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
4 Give thanks to the only one
who makes great wonders—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
5 Give thanks to the one
who made the skies with skill—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
6 Give thanks to the one
who shaped the earth
on the water—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
7 Give thanks to the one
who made the great lights—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
8 The sun to rule the day—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
9 The moon and the stars
to rule the night—
God's faithful love lasts forever!

10 Give thanks to the one
who struck down
the Egyptians' oldest offspring—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
11 Give thanks to the one
who brought Israel out of there—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
12 With a strong hand
and outstretched arm—
God's faithful love lasts forever!

13 Give thanks to the one
who split the Reed Sea[x] in two—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
14 Give thanks to the one
who brought Israel through—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
15 And tossed Pharaoh and his army
into the Reed Sea—
God's faithful love lasts forever!

16 Give thanks to the one
who led his people
through the desert—

[x] Or *Red Sea;* also in 136:15

God's faithful love lasts forever.
17 Give thanks to the one
who struck down great kings—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
18 And killed powerful kings—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
19 Sihon, the Amorite king—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
20 Og, king of Bashan—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
21 Handing their land over
as an inheritance—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
22 As an inheritance to Israel,
his servant—
God's faithful love lasts forever!

23 God remembered us
when we were humiliated—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
24 God rescued us from our enemies—
God's faithful love lasts forever.
25 God is the one who provides
food for all living things—
God's faithful love lasts forever!

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven—
God's faithful love lasts forever!

136:23 Gn 8:1; Ps 103:14
136:24 Ps 107:2
136:25 Ps 104:14, Ps 104:27, Ps 145:15, Ps 145:16, Ps 147:9
136:26 Neh 1:4
137:1 Neh 1:4; Eze 1:1
137:2 Lv 23:40; Job 30:31; Is 24:8; Eze 26:13
137:3 Ps 79:1, Ps 80:6
137:4 Neh 12:46
137:5 Ps 102:14; Is 65:11; Jer 51:50
137:6 Ps 22:15; Eze 3:26
137:8 Is 13:1, Is 47:1; Jer 25:12, Jer 50:1, Jer 51:1
137:9 2Ki 8:12; Is 13:16; Hos 10:14, Hos 13:16; Na 3:10
138:1 Ps 9:1, Ps 86:12, Ps 95:3, Ps 111:1
138:3 Ps 118:5
138:6 Ps 113:6; Prv 3:34; Is 57:15, Is 66:2; Jas 4:6
138:7 Ps 23:4, Ps 60:5, Ps 71:20

Psalm 137

1 Alongside Babylon's streams,
there we sat down,
crying because we remembered Zion.
2 We hung our lyres up
in the trees there
3 because that's where
our captors asked us to sing;
our tormentors requested
songs of joy:
"Sing us a song about Zion!"
they said.
4 But how could we possibly sing
the LORD's song on foreign soil?

5 Jerusalem! If I forget you,
let my strong hand wither!
6 Let my tongue stick
to the roof of my mouth
if I don't remember you,
if I don't make Jerusalem
my greatest joy.

7 LORD, remember what the
Edomites did
on Jerusalem's dark day:
"Rip it down, rip it down!
All the way to its foundations!"
they yelled.
8 Daughter Babylon, you destroyer,[y]
a blessing on the one
who pays you back
the very deed you did to us!
9 A blessing on the one
who seizes your children
and smashes them against the rock!

Psalm 138

Of David.

1 I give thanks to you
with all my heart, LORD.[z]
I sing your praise
before all other gods.
2 I bow toward your holy temple
and thank your name
for your loyal love and faithfulness
because you have made
your name and word
greater than everything else.[a]
3 On the day I cried out,
you answered me.
You encouraged me
with inner strength.[b]

4 Let all the earth's rulers
give thanks to you, LORD,
when they hear what you say.
5 Let them sing about the LORD's ways
because the LORD's glory
is so great!
6 Even though the LORD is high,
he can still see the lowly,
but God keeps his distance
from the arrogant.

7 Whenever I am in deep trouble,
you make me live again;
you send your power
against my enemies' wrath;

[y] Sym, Tg, Syr; MT *the devastated* [z] LXX, Syr, Tg, DSS (11QPs[a]); MT lacks *Lord*. [a] Correction; Heb uncertain
[b] Heb uncertain

you save me with your strong hand.
[8] The LORD will do all this for my sake.

Your faithful love lasts forever, LORD!
Don't let go of what your hands
have made.

Psalm 139

For the music leader.
Of David. A song.

[1] LORD, you have examined me.
You know me.
[2] You know when I sit down
and when I stand up.
Even from far away,
you comprehend my plans.
[3] You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar
with all my ways.
[4] There isn't a word on my tongue,
LORD,
that you don't
already know completely.
[5] You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.
[6] That kind of knowledge
is too much for me;
it's so high above me
that I can't fathom it.

[7] Where could I go to get away
from your spirit?
Where could I go to escape
your presence?
[8] If I went up to heaven,
you would be there.
If I went down to the grave,[c]
you would be there too!
[9] If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
stopping to rest only
on the far side of the ocean—
[10] even there your hand
would guide me;
even there your strong hand
would hold me tight!
[11] If I said,
"The darkness will definitely
hide me;
the light will become night
around me,"
[12] even then the darkness
isn't too dark for you!
Nighttime would shine bright
as day,
because darkness is the same
as light to you!

[13] You are the one who created
my innermost parts;
you knit me together
while I was still
in my mother's womb.
[14] I give thanks to you
that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—
I know that very well.
[15] My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together
in a secret place,
when I was being woven together
in the deep parts of the earth.
[16] Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll
every day was written
that was being formed for me,[d]
before any one of them
had yet happened.[e]
[17] God, your plans are incomprehensible
to me!
Their total number is countless!
[18] If I tried to count them—
they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—
I'd still be with you.[f]

[19] If only, God, you would kill the wicked!
If only murderers
would get away from me—
[20] the people who talk about you,
but only for wicked schemes;
the people who are your enemies,
who use your name as if
it were of no significance.[g]
[21] Don't I hate everyone who hates you?
Don't I despise those
who attack you?
[22] Yes, I hate them—
through and through!
They've become my enemies too.

[23] Examine me, God! Look at my heart!
Put me to the test!
Know my anxious thoughts!

138:8 Job 10:3, Job 10:8, Job 14:15; Phi 1:6
139:1 Ps 17:3, Ps 44:21; Jer 12:3
139:2 2Ki 19:27; Ps 94:11; Mt 9:4
139:4 Heb 4:13
139:5 Job 9:33; Ps 34:7, Ps 125:2; Rev 1:17
139:6 Job 42:3; Ro 11:33
139:7 Jer 23:23, Jer 23:24; Jon 1:3
139:8 Job 26:6; Prv 15:11; Am 9:2
139:9 Ps 139:10
139:10 Ps 23:3
139:12 Job 34:22; Dn 2:22
139:13 Dt 32:6; Job 10:11; Ps 119:73; Is 44:2, Is 44:24
139:14 Ps 40:5
139:15 Ps 63:9; Ecc 11:5
139:16 Ps 56:8
139:17 Ps 40:5, Ps 92:5
139:21 2Ch 19:2; Ps 26:5, Ps 31:6, Ps 119:158
139:22 Ps 101:3, Ps 139:21
139:23 Job 31:6; Ps 26:2; Prv 17:3

[c] Heb *Sheol* [d] Correction; Heb lacks *for me.* [e] Heb uncertain [f] Correction [g] Heb lacks *your name.*

24 Look to see if there is any idolatrous
way[h] in me,
then lead me on the eternal path!

Psalm 140

For the music leader.
A psalm of David.

1 Rescue me from evil people, LORD!
Guard me from violent people
2 who plot evil things in their hearts,
who pick fights every single day!
3 They sharpen their tongues
like a snake's;
spider poison[i] is on their lips.
Selah

4 Protect me from the power
of the wicked, LORD!
Guard me from violent people
who plot to trip me up!
5 Arrogant people have laid a trap
for me with ropes.
They've spread out a net
alongside the road.
They've set snares for me. *Selah*

6 I tell the LORD, "You are my God!
Listen to my request for mercy,
LORD!"
7 My LORD God,
my strong saving help—
you've protected my head
on the day of battle.
8 LORD, don't give the wicked
what they want!
Don't allow their plans to succeed,
or they'll exalt themselves
even more![j] *Selah*

9 Let the heads of the people
surrounding me
be covered with the trouble
their own lips caused![k]
10 Let burning coals fall on them!
Let them fall into deep pits
and never get out again!
11 Let no slanderer be safe in the land.
Let calamity hunt down violent
people—and quickly![l]

139:24 Ps 5:8, Ps 143:10
140:1 Ps 71:4
140:3 Ps 58:4, Ps 64:3; Ro 3:13; Jas 3:8
140:5 Ps 31:4, Ps 35:7, Ps 57:6, Ps 141:9, Ps 142:3
140:6 Ps 16:2, Ps 28:2, Ps 31:14, Ps 142:5
140:8 Dt 32:27; Ps 10:2
140:11 Ps 34:21; Prv 17:20
141:1 Ps 5:1, Ps 22:19, Ps 40:13, Ps 70:5, Ps 143:1
141:2 Ex 29:41; Ps 28:2; 1Ti 2:8; Rev 5:8, Rev 8:3
141:3 Ps 34:13, Ps 39:1; Prv 13:3, Prv 21:23; Mi 7:5
141:4 Ps 119:36; Prv 23:1, Prv 23:6
141:5 Prv 9:8, Prv 19:25, Prv 25:12, Prv 27:6; Ecc 7:5
141:6 2Ch 25:12
141:8 Ps 11:1, Ps 25:15

12 I know that the LORD
will take up the case of the poor
and will do what is right
for the needy.
13 Yes, the righteous will give thanks
to your name,
and those who do right
will live in your presence.

Psalm 141

A psalm of David.

1 I cry out to you, LORD:
Come to me—quickly!
Listen to my voice
when I cry out to you!
2 Let my prayer stand before you
like incense;
let my uplifted hands
be like the evening offering.

3 Set a guard over my mouth, LORD;
keep close watch over the door
that is my lips.
4 Don't let my heart turn aside
to evil things
so that I don't do wicked things
with evildoers,
so I don't taste their delicacies.

5 Instead, let the righteous
discipline me;
let the faithful correct me!
Let my head never reject
that kind of fine oil,
because my prayers are always
against the deeds of the wicked.[m]
6 Their leaders will fall
from jagged cliffs,
but my words will be heard
because they are pleasing.[n]
7 Our bones[o] have been scattered
at the mouth of the grave,[p]
just like when the ground
is broken up and plowed.[q]

8 But my eyes are on you,
my LORD God.
I take refuge in you; don't let me die!

[h] Correction; cf Tg; LXX, Syr, Vulg *painful* or *wicked* or *hurtful way* [i] LXX *snake poison* [j] Heb uncertain [k] Heb uncertain [l] Heb uncertain [m] Heb uncertain [n] Heb uncertain [o] LXX manuscripts, Syr *their bones*; DSS (11QPs[a]) *my bones* [p] Heb *Sheol* [q] Heb uncertain

9 Protect me from the trap
they've set for me;
protect me from the snares
of the evildoers.
10 Let the wicked fall into
their own nets—all together!—
but let me make it through safely.

Psalm 142

A maskil[r] of David, when he was in the cave. A prayer.

1 I cry out loud for help from the LORD.
I beg out loud
for mercy from the LORD.
2 I pour out my concerns before God;
I announce my distress to him.

3 When my spirit is weak inside me,
you still know my way.
But they've hidden a trap for me
in the path I'm taking.
4 Look right beside me: See?
No one pays attention to me.
There's no escape for me.
No one cares about my life.

5 I cry to you, LORD, for help.
"You are my refuge," I say.
"You are all I have
in the land of the living."
6 Pay close attention to my shouting,
because I've been brought down
so low!
Deliver me from my oppressors
because they're stronger than me.
7 Get me out of this prison
so I can give thanks to your name.
Then the righteous
will gather all around me
because of your good deeds to me.

Psalm 143

A psalm of David.

1 Listen to my prayer, LORD!
Because of your faithfulness,
hear my requests for mercy!
Because of your righteousness,
answer me!
2 Please don't bring your servant
to judgment,
because no living thing
is righteous before you.

3 The enemy is chasing me,[s]
crushing my life in the dirt,
forcing me to live in the dark
like those who've been dead
forever.
4 My spirit is weak inside me—
inside, my mind is numb.

5 I remember the days long past;
I meditate on all your deeds;
I contemplate your handiwork.
6 I stretch out my hands to you;
my whole being is like dry dirt,
thirsting for you.[t] *Selah*

7 Answer me, LORD—and quickly!
My breath is fading.
Don't hide your face from me
or I'll be like those
going down to the pit!
8 Tell me all about your faithful love
come morning time,
because I trust you.
Show me the way I should go,
because I offer my life up to you.
9 Deliver me from my enemies, LORD!
I seek protection from you.[u]
10 Teach me to do what pleases you,
because you are my God.
Guide me by your good spirit
into good land.
11 Make me live again, LORD,
for your name's sake.
Bring me out of distress
because of your righteousness.
12 Wipe out my enemies
because of your faithful love.
Destroy everyone who attacks me,
because I am your servant.

Psalm 144

Of David.

1 Bless the LORD, my rock,
who taught my hands how to fight,
who taught my fingers
how to do battle!

141:10 Ps 7:15, Ps 35:8, Ps 57:6
142:1 1Sa 22:1, 1Sa 24:3; Ps 57:1
142:2 Ps 102:1
142:3 Ps 77:3, Ps 140:5, Ps 143:4
142:4 Ps 31:11, Ps 88:18; Jer 25:35
142:5 Ps 16:5, Ps 27:13, Ps 73:26, Ps 91:2, Ps 119:57
142:6 Ps 17:1, Ps 18:17, Ps 79:8, Ps 116:6
142:7 Ps 13:5, Ps 143:11
143:1 Ps 31:1, Ps 71:2, Ps 89:1, Ps 140:6
143:2 Job 9:2, Job 25:4; Ps 130:3; Ecc 7:20; Ro 3:20
143:4 Ps 77:3, Ps 142:3
143:5 Ps 1:2, Ps 77:5, Ps 77:10, Ps 77:12
143:6 Job 11:13; Ps 42:1, Ps 42:2, Ps 63:1
143:7 Ps 27:9, Ps 28:1, Ps 69:17, Ps 88:4, Ps 102:2
143:8 Ps 25:1, Ps 25:4, Ps 32:8, Ps 46:5, Ps 90:14
143:10 Neh 9:20; Ps 27:11, Ps 119:12
143:11 Ps 25:11, Ps 31:1, Ps 71:2, Ps 119:25, Ps 119:88
143:12 Ps 54:5, Ps 116:16
144:1 Ps 18:2, Ps 18:34

[r] Perhaps *instruction*; it also appears in Pss 42, 44–45, 52–55, 74, 78, 88–89, 142; cf 47:7; the root is used in Ps 32:8. [s] Or *my soul*; also in 143:6, 8, 11-12 [t] Heb lacks *thirsting*. [u] Heb uncertain; MT *to you I have hidden*

2 God is my loyal one, my fortress,
my place of safety, my rescuer,
my shield, in whom I take refuge,
and the one who subdues
people before me.

3 What are human beings, LORD,
that you know them at all?
What are human beings
that you even consider them?
4 Humans are like a puff of air;
their days go by like a shadow.

5 LORD, part your skies
and come down!
Touch the mountains
so they smoke!
6 Flash lightning
and scatter the enemy!
Shoot your arrows
and defeat them!
7 Stretch out your hand
from above!
Rescue me and deliver me
from deep water,
from the power of strangers,
8 whose mouths speak lies,
and whose strong hand is
a strong hand of deception!

9 I will sing a new song to you, God.
I will sing praises to you
on a ten-stringed harp,
10 to you—the one
who gives saving help to rulers,
and who rescues his servant
David from the evil sword.
11 Rescue me and deliver me
from the power of strangers,
whose mouths speak lies,
and whose strong hand
is a strong hand of deception,
12 so that[v] our sons can grow up fully,
in their youth, like plants;
so that our daughters
can be like pillars
carved to decorate a palace;
13 so that our barns can be full,
providing all kinds of food;
so that our flocks can be
in the thousands—
even tens of thousands—
in our fields;
14 so that our cattle can be loaded
with calves;
so that there won't be any breach
in the walls,
no exile,
no outcries in our streets!

15 The people who have it like this
are truly happy!
The people whose God is the LORD
are truly happy!

144:2 Ps 18:2, Ps 18:47, Ps 59:9, Ps 91:2
144:4 Job 8:9, Job 14:2; Ps 102:11, Ps 109:23
144:5 Ps 18:9, Ps 104:32; Is 63:19
144:7 Ps 18:16, Ps 18:44, Ps 69:1, Ps 69:14
144:9 Ps 33:2, Ps 33:3
144:11 Ps 12:2, Ps 144:7, Ps 144:8; Is 44:20
144:12 Ps 128:3
144:13 Prv 3:10
144:14 Prv 14:4; Is 24:11; Jer 14:2
144:15 Dt 33:29; Ps 33:12, Ps 146:5
145:1 Ps 5:2, Ps 30:1
145:3 Job 5:9, Job 11:7; Ps 48:1; Is 40:28; Ro 11:33
145:8 Ps 86:5, Ps 86:15, Ps 103:8

Psalm 145[w]

Praise. Of David.

א 1 I will lift you up high, my God,
the true king.
I will bless your name
forever and always.
ב 2 I will bless you every day.
I will praise your name
forever and always.
ג 3 The LORD is great
and so worthy of praise!
God's greatness can't be grasped.
ד 4 One generation will praise
your works to the next one,
proclaiming your mighty acts.
ה 5 They will talk all about[x]
the glorious splendor
of your majesty;
I will contemplate
your wondrous works.
ו 6 They will speak of the power
of your awesome deeds;
I will declare
your great accomplishments.
ז 7 They will rave in celebration
of your abundant goodness;
they will shout joyfully
about your righteousness:
ח 8 "The LORD is merciful
and compassionate,
very patient,
and full of faithful love.

[v] Heb uncertain [w] Ps 145 is an alphabetic acrostic poem; see the note at Pss 9–10, 111, 119. [x] LXX, Syr, DSS (11QPs[a]); MT *and words of*

ט 9 The LORD is good to everyone
and everything;
God's compassion extends
to all his handiwork!"
י 10 All that you have made
gives thanks to you, LORD;
all your faithful ones bless you!
כ 11 They speak of the glory
of your kingdom;
they talk all about your power,
ל 12 to inform all human beings
about God's power
and the majestic glory
of God's kingdom.
מ 13 Your kingdom is a kingship
that lasts forever;
your rule endures
for all generations.
נ The LORD is trustworthy
in all that he says,
faithful in all that he does.[y]
ס 14 The LORD supports all
who fall down,
straightens up all
who are bent low.
ע 15 All eyes look to you, hoping,
and you give them their food
right on time,
פ 16 opening your hand
and satisfying the desire
of every living thing.
צ 17 The LORD is righteous
in all his ways,
faithful in all his deeds.
ק 18 The LORD is close to everyone
who calls out to him,
to all who call out
to him sincerely.
ר 19 God shows favor
to those who honor him,
listening to their cries for help
and saving them.
ש 20 The LORD protects all
who love him,
but he destroys
every wicked person.
ת 21 My mouth will proclaim
the LORD's praise,
and every living thing
will bless God's holy name
forever and always.

145:9 Na 1:7
145:13 Ps 10:16; 1Ti 1:17
145:14 Ps 37:17, Ps 37:24, Ps 146:8
145:15 Ps 104:27, Ps 136:25, Ps 147:9; Mt 6:26
145:16 Ps 104:28
145:17 Dt 32:4; Ezr 9:15; Ps 116:5
145:18 Dt 4:7; Ps 34:18, Ps 119:151; Jn 4:24
145:19 Ps 10:17, Ps 15:4, Ps 20:4, Ps 31:22, Ps 37:4
145:21 Ps 65:2, Ps 71:8, Ps 145:1, Ps 150:6
146:1 Ps 103:1, Ps 104:1
146:3 Ps 60:11, Ps 118:8, Ps 118:9; Is 2:22; Jer 17:5
146:4 Gn 3:19; Ps 104:29; Ecc 12:7
146:6 Ps 115:15, Ps 117:2
146:7 Ps 68:6, Ps 103:6, Ps 107:9, Ps 145:15; Is 61:1
146:8 Ps 11:7, Ps 145:14; Mt 9:30; Jn 9:7, Jn 16:27
146:9 Dt 10:18; Ps 10:14, Ps 68:5, Ps 147:6

Psalm 146

1 Praise the LORD!

Let my whole being[z]
praise the LORD!
2 I will praise the LORD
with all my life;
I will sing praises to my God
as long as I live.

3 Don't trust leaders;
don't trust any human beings—
there's no saving help with them!
4 Their breath leaves them,
then they go back to the ground.
On that very same day,
their plans die too.

5 The person whose help
is the God of Jacob—
the person whose hope
rests on the LORD their God—
is truly happy!
6 God: the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them.
God: who is faithful forever,
7 who gives justice to people
who are oppressed,
who gives bread to people
who are starving!
The LORD: who frees prisoners.
8 The LORD: who makes the blind see.
The LORD: who straightens up
those who are bent low.
The LORD: who loves the righteous.
9 The LORD: who protects immigrants,
who helps orphans and widows,
but who makes the way of the
wicked twist and turn!

10 The LORD will rule forever!
Zion, your God will rule
from one generation to the next!

Praise the LORD!

[y] LXX, DSS (11QPs[a]), Syr; MT lacks these lines, but they correspond to the *nun* line in the alphabetic acrostic poem. [z] Or *soul*

Psalm 147

[1] Praise the LORD!
Because it is good to sing praise
to our God!
Because it is a pleasure
to make beautiful praise!

[2] The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
gathering up Israel's exiles.
[3] God heals the brokenhearted
and bandages their wounds.
[4] God counts the stars by number,
giving each one a name.
[5] Our Lord is great and so strong!
God's knowledge can't be grasped!
[6] The LORD helps the poor,
but throws the wicked down
on the dirt!

[7] Sing to the LORD with thanks;
sing praises to our God with a lyre!
[8] God covers the skies with clouds;
God makes rain for the earth;
God makes the mountains
sprout green grass.
[9] God gives food to the animals—
even to the baby ravens
when they cry out.
[10] God doesn't prize the strength
of a horse;
God doesn't treasure
the legs of a runner.
[11] No. The LORD treasures the people
who honor him,
the people who wait
for his faithful love.

[12] Worship the LORD, Jerusalem!
Praise your God, Zion!
[13] Because God secures the bars
on your gates,
God blesses the children
you have there.
[14] God establishes
your borders peacefully.
God fills you full
with the very best wheat.

[15] God issues his command
to the earth—
God's word speeds off fast!
[16] God spreads snow like it was wool;
God scatters frost like it was ashes;
[17] God throws his hail down
like crumbs—
who can endure God's freezing cold?
[18] Then God issues his word
and melts it all away!
God makes his winds blow;
the water flows again.

[19] God proclaims his word to Jacob;
his statutes and rules to Israel.
[20] God hasn't done that
with any other nation;
those nations have no knowledge
of God's rules.[a]

Praise the LORD!

147:1 Ps 33:1, Ps 92:1, Ps 135:3
147:2 Ps 51:18; Is 11:12, Is 56:8
147:4 Gn 15:5; Is 40:26
147:5 Ps 48:1, Ps 145:3; Is 40:28; Na 1:3
147:6 Ps 146:8, Ps 146:9
147:7 Ps 33:2, Ps 95:1, Ps 95:2, Ps 98:5
147:8 Job 5:10, Job 26:8; Ps 104:13, Ps 104:14
147:9 Job 38:41; Ps 104:27, Ps 145:15; Mt 6:26; Lk 12:24
147:11 Ps 33:18, Ps 149:4
147:13 Neh 3:3, Neh 7:3; Ps 107:16, Ps 115:14, Ps 128:3
147:14 Lv 26:6; Dt 32:14; 1Ch 22:9; Ps 81:16; Is 60:17
147:15 2Sa 22:31; Job 37:12; Ps 12:6, Ps 33:9, Ps 107:20
147:16 Job 37:6, Job 38:29; Ps 148:8
147:20 Dt 4:7, Dt 4:8, Dt 4:32; Ro 3:1, Ro 3:2
148:1 Ps 69:34; Rev 19:1
148:2 Ps 103:20, Ps 103:21
148:3 Ps 19:1; Jer 33:20
148:4 Gn 1:7; Dt 10:14; 1Ki 8:27; Neh 9:6
148:5 Gn 1:1; Ps 33:6, Ps 33:9; Rev 4:11
148:6 Ps 119:90, Ps 119:91; Jer 31:35, Jer 31:36, Jer 33:25
148:7 Gn 1:21; Ps 74:13
148:8 Ps 107:25, Ps 147:15, Ps 147:16
148:9 Is 44:23, Is 49:13, Is 55:12

Psalm 148

[1] Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from heaven!
Praise God on the heights!
[2] Praise God, all of you
who are his messengers!
Praise God, all of you
who comprise his heavenly forces!
[3] Sun and moon, praise God!
All of you bright stars, praise God!
[4] You highest heaven, praise God!
Do the same, you waters
that are above the sky!
[5] Let all of these praise
the LORD's name
because God gave the command
and they were created!
[6] God set them in place
always and forever.
God made a law
that will not be broken.

[7] Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters
and all you ocean depths!
[8] Do the same, fire and hail,
snow and smoke,
stormy wind that does
what God says!
[9] Do the same, you mountains,
every single hill,
fruit trees, and every single cedar!

[a] LXX, Tg, DSS (11QPs[a]) *God hasn't let those nations know his rules.*

10 Do the same, you animals—
wild or tame—
you creatures that creep along
and you birds that fly!
11 Do the same, you kings of the earth
and every single person,
you princes and every single ruler
on earth!
12 Do the same, you young men—
young women too!—
you who are old together
with you who are young!

13 Let all of these praise
the LORD's name
because only God's name
is high over all.
Only God's majesty
is over earth and heaven.
14 God raised the strength[b]
of his people,
the praise of all his faithful ones—
that's the Israelites,
the people who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 149

1 Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing God's praise
in the assembly of the faithful!
2 Let Israel celebrate its maker;
let Zion's children rejoice
in their king!
3 Let them praise God's name
with dance;
let them sing God's praise
with the drum and lyre!
4 Because the LORD is pleased
with his people,
God will beautify the poor
with saving help.

5 Let the faithful celebrate with glory;
let them shout for joy
on their beds.[c]
6 Let the high praises of God
be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword
in their hands,
7 to get revenge against the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
8 binding their rulers in chains
and their officials
in iron shackles,
9 achieving the justice
written against them.
That will be an honor
for all God's faithful people.

Praise the LORD!

148:10 Is 43:20

148:11 Ps 102:15

148:12 Ps 8:2, Ps 148:13; Prv 10:1, Prv 23:22; Ecc 12:1

148:13 Ps 8:1, Ps 113:4; Is 12:4

149:1 Ps 33:3, Ps 89:5, Ps 96:1

149:2 Ps 95:6; Jl 2:23; Zec 9:9

149:3 Ex 15:20; 2Sa 6:14; Ps 81:2, Ps 150:3, Ps 150:4

149:5 Job 35:10; Ps 42:8, Ps 132:16

149:6 Ps 66:17; Heb 4:12; Rev 1:16

150:1 Ps 73:17, Ps 134:2

150:3 Ps 33:2, Ps 98:6

150:4 Gn 4:21; Ex 15:20; Job 21:12; Ps 45:8, Ps 149:3

150:5 2Sa 6:5; 1Ch 15:16, 1Ch 16:5, 1Ch 25:1, 1Ch 25:6

150:6 Ps 103:22

Psalm 150

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary!
Praise God in his fortress, the sky!
2 Praise God in his mighty acts!
Praise God as suits
his incredible greatness!
3 Praise God with the blast
of the ram's horn!
Praise God with lute and lyre!
4 Praise God with drum and dance!
Praise God with strings and pipe!
5 Praise God with loud cymbals!
Praise God with clashing cymbals!
6 Let every living thing
praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

[b] Or *horn* [c] Heb uncertain

PROVERBS

Purpose of Proverbs

1 The proverbs of Solomon,
King David's son, from Israel:
2 Their purpose is to teach wisdom
and discipline,
to help one understand wise sayings.
3 They provide insightful instruction,
which is righteous, just,
and full of integrity.
4 They make the naive mature,
the young knowledgeable
and discreet.
5 The wise hear them
and grow in wisdom;
those with understanding
gain guidance.
6 They help one understand
proverbs and difficult sayings,
the words of the wise,
and their puzzles.
7 Wisdom begins with the fear
of the LORD,
but fools despise wisdom
and instruction.

Avoid evil associations

8 Listen, my son,
to your father's instruction;
don't neglect
your mother's teaching;
9 for they are a graceful wreath
on your head,
and beads for your neck.
10 My son, don't let sinners entice you.
Don't go 11 when they say:
"Come with us.
Let's set up a deadly ambush.
Let's secretly wait for the
innocent just for fun.
12 Let's swallow up the living
like the grave[a]—
whole, like those who go down
into the pit.
13 We'll find all sorts
of precious wealth;
we'll fill our houses with plunder.
14 Throw in your lot with us;
we'll share our money."

1:1 1Ki 4:32; Prv 10:1, Prv 25:1; Ecc 1:1, Ecc 12:9

1:3 Prv 2:9

1:4 Prv 8:5

1:5 Prv 9:9

1:6 Ps 49:4, Ps 78:2; Prv 22:17

1:7 Job 28:28; Ps 111:10; Prv 9:10, Prv 15:33

1:8 Prv 4:1, Prv 6:20

1:9 Gn 41:42; Prv 3:22, Prv 4:9; Dn 5:29

1:10 Prv 16:29; Eph 5:11

1:11 Ps 10:8; Prv 1:18, Prv 12:6; Jer 5:26

1:12 Ps 28:1, Ps 124:3

1:13 Prv 1:19; 1Ti 6:10

1:15 Ps 1:1, Ps 119:101; Prv 4:14

1:16 Prv 6:18; Is 59:7; Ro 3:15

1:17 Is 1:3

1:18 Prv 1:11

1:19 Prv 15:27

1:20 Prv 8:1, Prv 9:3; Jn 7:37

1:21 Prv 8:3

1:22 Ps 1:1; Prv 1:29, Prv 3:34, Prv 5:12, Prv 7:7

1:23 Is 55:7; Eze 33:11; Jl 2:28; Ac 3:19, Ac 26:20

1:24 Is 65:12, Is 66:4; Jer 7:13; Ro 10:21

1:25 2Ch 36:16; Ps 107:11; Lk 7:30

1:26 Ps 2:4, Ps 37:13, Ps 59:8

1:27 Prv 10:25; Is 17:13

1:28 Job 27:9

15 My son, don't go on the path
with them;
keep your feet from their way,
16 because their feet run to evil;
they hurry to spill blood.
17 It's useless to cast a net
in the sight of a bird.
18 But these sinners set up
a deadly ambush;
they lie in wait for their own lives.
19 These are the ways of all
who seek unjust gain;
it costs them their lives.

Listen to "Woman Wisdom"

20 Wisdom shouts in the street;
in the public square
she raises her voice.
21 Above the noisy crowd, she calls out.
At the entrances of the city gates,
she has her say:
22 "How long will you clueless people
love your naïveté,
mockers hold their mocking dear,
and fools hate knowledge?
23 You should respond
when I correct you.
Look, I'll pour out my spirit on you.
I'll reveal my words to you.
24 I invited you, but you rejected me;
I stretched out my hand to you,
but you paid no attention.
25 You ignored all my advice,
and you didn't want me
to correct you.
26 So I'll laugh at your disaster;
I'll make fun of you
when dread comes over you,
27 when terror hits you
like a hurricane,
and your disaster comes in
like a tornado,
when distress and oppression
overcome you.
28 Then they will call me,
but I won't answer;
they will seek me, but won't find me

[a] Heb *Sheol*

29 because they hated knowledge
and didn't choose
the fear of the LORD.
30 They didn't want my advice;
they rejected all my corrections.
31 They will eat from the fruit
of their way,
and they'll be full
of their own schemes.
32 The immature will die
because they turn away;
smugness will destroy fools.
33 Those who obey me
will dwell securely,
untroubled by the dread of harm."

Benefits of wisdom

2 My son, accept my words
and store up my commands.
2 Turn your ear toward wisdom,
and stretch your mind
toward understanding.
3 Call out for insight,
and cry aloud for understanding.
4 Seek it like silver;
search for it like hidden treasure.
5 Then you will understand
the fear of the LORD,
and discover the knowledge of God.
6 The LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge
and understanding.
7 He reserves ability for those
with integrity.
He is a shield for those
who live a blameless life.
8 He protects the paths of justice
and guards the way of those
who are loyal to him.
9 Then you will understand
righteousness and justice,
as well as integrity,
every good course.
10 Wisdom will enter your mind,
and knowledge will fill you
with delight.
11 Discretion will guard you;
understanding will protect you.
12 Wisdom will rescue you
from the evil path,
from people who twist their words.
13 They forsake the way of integrity
and go on obscure paths.
14 They enjoy doing evil,
rejoicing in their twisted evil.
15 Their paths are confused;
they get lost on their way.
16 Wisdom will rescue you
from the mysterious woman,
from the foreign woman
with her slick words.
17 She leaves behind the partner
of her youth;
she even forgets her covenant
with God.
18 Her house sinks down to death,
and her paths go down
to the shadowy dead.
19 All those who go to her
will never return;
they will never again
reach the ways of the living.
20 So you should stay on the path
of good people,
guarding the road of the righteous.
21 Those who have integrity
will dwell in the land;
the innocent will remain in it.
22 But the wicked will be cut off
from the land,
and the treacherous
will be ripped up.

1:29 Job 21:14; Prv 1:7, Prv 1:22
1:30 Prv 1:25
1:31 Job 4:8; Prv 14:14; Is 3:11; Jer 6:19
1:32 Jer 2:19
1:33 Ps 25:12, Ps 25:13, Ps 81:13, Ps 112:7, Ps 112:8
2:1 Prv 3:1, Prv 4:1, Prv 7:1
2:2 Ps 90:12, Ps 119:112; Prv 22:17
2:3 Jas 1:5
2:4 Job 3:21; Prv 3:14; Mt 13:44
2:5 Prv 1:7
2:6 Job 32:8; Jas 1:5
2:13 Ps 82:5; Prv 4:19; Jn 3:19, Jn 3:20
2:14 Prv 10:23; Jer 11:15; Ro 1:32
2:19 Ecc 7:26
2:20 Ps 119:63; Prv 13:20; Heb 6:12
2:21 Ps 37:9, Ps 37:29, Ps 37:37; Prv 28:10
2:22 Ps 52:5
3:1 Dt 30:16; Prv 1:8
3:3 Prv 6:21, Prv 7:3, Prv 20:28; Jer 17:1; 2Co 3:3
3:4 1Sa 2:26; Ps 111:10; Prv 8:35; Lk 2:52
3:5 Ps 37:3, Ps 37:5; Jer 9:23
3:6 1Ch 28:9; Prv 16:3
3:7 Job 1:1, Job 28:28; Prv 26:12; Is 5:21; Ro 12:16

Trust in the LORD

3 My son, don't forget my instruction.
Let your heart guard my commands,
2 because they will help you live
a long time
and provide you with well-being.
3 Don't let loyalty and faithfulness
leave you.
Bind them on your neck;
write them on the tablet
of your heart.
4 Then you will find favor
and approval
in the eyes of God and humanity.
5 Trust in the LORD
with all your heart;
don't rely on your own intelligence.
6 Know him in all your paths,
and he will keep your ways straight.
7 Don't consider yourself wise.
Fear the LORD
and turn away from evil.

8 Then your body[b] will be healthy
and your bones strengthened.
9 Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the first of all your crops.
10 Then your barns will be filled
with plenty,
and your vats will burst with wine.
11 Don't reject the instruction
of the LORD, my son;
don't despise his correction.
12 The LORD loves those he corrects,
just like a father who treats his son
with favor.

Value of wisdom

13 Happy are those who find wisdom
and those who gain understanding.
14 Her profit is better than silver,
and her gain better than gold.
15 Her value exceeds pearls;
all you desire can't compare with her.
16 In her right hand is a long life;
in her left are wealth and honor.
17 Her ways are pleasant;
all her paths are peaceful.
18 She is a tree of life
to those who embrace her;
those who hold her tight are happy.
19 The LORD laid the foundations
of the earth with wisdom,
establishing the heavens
with understanding.
20 With his knowledge,
the watery depths burst open,
and the skies drop dew.

Integrity of wisdom

21 My son, don't let them slip
from your eyes;
hold on to sound judgment
and discretion.
22 They will be life for your whole being,
and an ornament for your neck.
23 Then you will walk safely
on your path,
and your foot won't stumble.
24 If you lie down,
you won't be terrified.
When you lie down,
your sleep will be pleasant.
25 Don't fear sudden terror
or the ruin that comes
to the wicked.
26 The LORD will be your confidence;
he will guard your feet
from being snared.
27 Don't withhold good
from someone who deserves it,
when it is in your power to do so.
28 Don't say to your neighbor,
"Go and come back;
I'll give it to you tomorrow,"
when you have it.
29 Don't plan to harm your neighbor
who trusts and lives near you.
30 Don't accuse anyone without reason,
when they haven't harmed you.
31 Don't envy violent people
or choose any of their ways.
32 Devious people are detestable
to the LORD,
but the virtuous
are his close friends.
33 The LORD's curse is on
the house of the wicked,
but he blesses the home
of the righteous.
34 He mocks mockers,
but he shows favor to the humble.
35 The wise gain respect,
but fools receive shame.

Love wisdom

4 Hear, children, fatherly instruction;
pay attention to gain understanding.
2 I'll teach you well.
Don't abandon my instruction.
3 When I was a son to my father,
tender and my mother's favorite,
4 he taught me and said to me:
"Let your heart hold on to my words:
Keep my commands and live.
5 Get wisdom; get understanding.
Don't forget and don't turn away
from my words.
6 Don't abandon her,
and she will guard you.
Love her, and she will protect you.
7 The beginning of wisdom:
Get wisdom!
Get understanding
before anything else.

3:8 Job 21:24; Prv 4:22
3:9 Ex 22:29; Dt 26:2
3:10 Dt 28:8
3:11 Job 5:17; Heb 12:5, Heb 12:6
3:12 Dt 8:5; 1Co 11:32; Heb 12:5; Rev 3:19
3:13 Prv 8:32, Prv 8:34
3:14 Job 28:15; Ps 19:10; Prv 8:10, Prv 8:19, Prv 16:16
3:15 Job 28:18; Prv 8:11
3:16 1Ki 3:13; Prv 3:2, Prv 8:18, Prv 22:4
3:18 Gn 2:9, Gn 3:22; Prv 11:30, Prv 13:12; Rev 2:7
3:19 Ps 104:24, Ps 136:5; Prv 8:27; Jer 10:12
3:20 Gn 7:11; Dt 33:28; Job 36:27, Job 36:28
3:21 Prv 4:21
3:23 Ps 37:24, Ps 91:12, Ps 121:3; Prv 4:12, Prv 10:9
3:24 Ps 3:5, Ps 4:8; Prv 6:22; Jer 31:26
3:27 Ga 6:10
3:28 Lv 19:13; Dt 24:15
3:29 Prv 6:14
3:30 Prv 25:8; Ro 12:18
3:32 Job 29:4; Ps 25:14; Prv 11:20
3:34 Jas 4:6; 1Pt 5:5
3:35 Ps 73:24; Dn 12:3
4:1 Ps 34:11; Prv 1:8
4:2 Dt 32:2
4:5 Prv 3:13, Prv 23:23
4:6 Prv 2:11; 2Th 2:10
4:7 Prv 1:7, Prv 4:1, Prv 23:23; Mt 13:44

[b] Heb *navel*

8 Highly esteem her,
and she will exalt you.
She will honor you
if you embrace her.
9 She will place a graceful wreath
on your head;
she will give you a glorious crown."

Stay on the path of wisdom

10 Listen, my son,
and take in my speech,
then the years of your life
will be many.
11 I teach you the path of wisdom.
I lead you in straight courses.
12 When you walk,
you won't be hindered;
when you run, you won't stumble.
13 Hold on to instruction;
don't slack off;
protect it, for it is your life.
14 Don't go on the way of the wicked;
don't walk on the path
of evil people.
15 Avoid it! Don't turn onto it;
stay off of it and keep going!
16 They don't sleep unless they do evil;
they are robbed of sleep unless
they make someone stumble.
17 They eat the bread of evil,
and they drink the wine
of violence.
18 The way of the righteous
is like morning light
that gets brighter and
brighter till it is full day.
19 The path of the wicked
is like deep darkness;
they don't know where
they will stumble.

Be careful about what you say

20 My son, pay attention to my words.
Bend your ear to my speech.
21 Don't let them slip from your sight.
Guard them in your mind.
22 They are life to those who find them,
and healing for their entire body.
23 More than anything you guard,
protect your mind,
for life flows from it.
24 Have nothing to do
with a corrupt mouth;
keep devious lips far from you.
25 Focus your eyes straight ahead;
keep your gaze on what
is in front of you.
26 Watch your feet on the way,
and all your paths will be secure.
27 Don't deviate a bit to the right
or the left;
turn your feet away from evil.

Avoid the mysterious woman

5 My son, pay attention to my
wisdom.
Bend your ear to what I know,
2 so you might remain discreet,
and your lips might guard
knowledge.
3 The lips of a mysterious woman drip
honey,
and her tongue is smoother
than oil,
4 but in the end she is bitter as gall,
sharp as a double-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death;
her steps lead to the grave.[c]
6 She doesn't stay on the way of life.
Her paths wander,
but she doesn't know it.

7 Now children, listen to me,
and don't deviate
from the words of my mouth.
8 Stay on a path that is far from her;
don't approach the entrance
to her house.
9 Otherwise, you will give
your strength to others,
your years to a cruel person.
10 Otherwise, strangers
will sap your strength,
and your hard work will end up
in a foreigner's house.
11 You will groan at the end
when your body and flesh
are exhausted,
12 and you say,
"How I hated instruction!
How my heart despised correction!
13 I didn't listen to the voice
of my instructor.

4:8 1Sa 2:30
4:9 Prv 1:9
4:10 Prv 3:2
4:11 1Sa 12:23
4:14 Ps 1:1; Prv 1:10, Prv 1:15
4:18 2Sa 23:4; Ps 84:7; Dn 12:3; Phi 2:15
4:21 Prv 3:21
4:23 Dt 4:9; Prv 3:21, Prv 28:26; Mk 7:21; Lk 6:45
4:25 Job 31:1
4:26 Heb 12:13
4:27 Dt 5:32, Dt 28:14; Josh 1:7
5:1 Prv 2:1, Prv 4:1, Prv 4:20, Prv 22:17
5:2 Mal 2:7
5:3 Ps 55:21; Prv 2:16, Prv 6:24, Prv 7:5
5:4 Dt 29:18; Ecc 7:26; Jer 9:15
5:5 Prv 7:27
5:6 Prv 4:26
5:8 Prv 1:15, Prv 2:16, Prv 4:15
5:12 Prv 1:7, Prv 1:22, Prv 1:25, Prv 1:29, Prv 12:1

[c] Heb *Sheol*

I didn't obey my teacher.
14 I'm on the brink of utter ruin
in the assembled community."

15 Drink water from your own cistern,
gushing water from your own well.
16 Should your fountains flood outside,
streams of water
in the public squares?
17 They are yours alone,
not for you as well as strangers.
18 May your spring be blessed.
Rejoice in the wife of your youth.
19 She is a lovely deer, a graceful doe.
Let her breasts intoxicate you
all the time;
always be drunk on her love.

20 Why, my son, should you lose your
senses with a mysterious woman
and embrace the breasts
of a foreign female?

21 The LORD's eyes watch
over every person's path,
observing all their ways.
22 The wicked will be caught
by their own evil acts,
grabbed by the ropes
of their own sin.
23 Those without instruction will die,
misled by their own stupidity.

Wise advice

6 My son, if you guarantee a loan
for your neighbor
or shake hands in agreement
with a stranger,
2 you will be trapped by your words;
you will be caught by your words.
3 Do this, my son, to get out of it,
for you have come under the
control of your neighbor.
So go, humble yourself,[d]
and pester your neighbor.
4 Don't give sleep to your eyes
or slumber to your eyelids.
5 Get yourself free like a gazelle
from a hunter,
like a bird from the hand
of a fowler.

5:15 Prv 5:18; 1Co 7:2
5:16 Ps 68:26
5:18 Ecc 9:9; Mal 2:14
5:19 Song 2:9, Song 4:5
5:20 Prv 2:16
5:22 Ps 7:15; Prv 1:31
6:1 Job 17:3; Prv 11:15, Prv 17:18, Prv 20:16, Prv 22:26
6:2 Prv 6:1, Prv 17:18, Prv 20:16, Prv 22:26
6:5 2Sa 2:18; Ps 91:3, Ps 124:7
6:6 Prv 6:9, Prv 10:26, Prv 13:4, Prv 20:4, Prv 30:25
6:7 Prv 30:27
6:8 Prv 10:5, Prv 30:25
6:9 Prv 6:6, Prv 6:10, Prv 24:33, Prv 24:34
6:11 Prv 20:13, Prv 24:34
6:12 Prv 2:12, Prv 4:24, Prv 16:27
6:13 Ps 35:19; Prv 10:10
6:14 Prv 16:28; Mi 2:1
6:20 Prv 1:8, Prv 7:1, Prv 23:22; Eph 6:1
6:22 Prv 3:23, Prv 3:24

6 Go to the ant, you lazy person;
observe its ways and grow wise.
7 The ant has no commander, officer,
or ruler.
8 Even so, it gets its food in summer;
gathers its provisions at harvest.
9 How long, lazy person,
will you lie down?
When will you rise
from your sleep?
10 A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the arms
to lie down—
11 and poverty will come on you
like a prowler,
destitution like a warrior.
12 Worthless people and guilty people
go around with crooked talk.
13 They wink their eyes,
gesture with their feet,
and point with their fingers.
14 Their hearts are corrupt
and determined to do evil;
they create controversies
all the time.
15 Therefore, sudden disaster
will come upon them;
they will be quickly broken
beyond healing.
16 There are six things
that the LORD hates,
seven things detestable to him:
17 snobbish eyes,
a lying tongue,
hands that spill innocent blood,
18 a heart set on wicked plans,
feet that run quickly to evil,
19 a false witness who breathes lies,
and one who causes conflicts
among relatives.

Danger of adultery

20 My son, keep your father's command;
don't abandon
your mother's instruction.
21 Bind them on your heart for all time;
fasten them around your neck.
22 When you walk around,
they will lead you;
when you lie down,
they will protect you;

[d] Heb uncertain

when you awake,
they will occupy your attention.
23 The commandment is a lamp
and instruction a light;
corrective teaching
is the path of life.
24 They guard you from the evil woman,
from the flattering tongue
of the foreign woman.
25 Don't desire her beauty in secret;
don't let her take you in
with her eyelashes,
26 for a prostitute costs
a loaf of bread,[e]
but a married woman
hunts for a man's very life.
27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap
and his clothes not get burned?
28 If a man walks on hot coals,
don't his feet get burned?
29 So is the man who approaches
his neighbor's wife;
anyone who touches her
will be punished.
30 People don't despise a thief
if he steals
to fill his starving stomach.
31 But if he is caught,
he must pay sevenfold;
he must give all the riches
of his house.
32 He who commits adultery
is senseless.
Doing so, he destroys himself.
33 He is wounded and disgraced.
His shame will never be wiped away.
34 Jealousy makes a man rage;
he'll show no mercy
on his day of revenge.
35 He won't accept compensation;
he'll refuse even a large bribe.

Avoid loose women

7 My son, keep my words;
store up my commands within you.
2 Keep my commands and live,
and my instruction
like the pupil of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers;
write them on the tablet
of your heart.
4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister";
call understanding "friend,"
5 so she might guard you
against the mysterious woman,
from the foreign woman
who flatters you.

6 When from the window of my house,
from behind the screen,
I gazed down,
7 I looked among the naive young men
and noticed among the youth,
one who had no sense.
8 He was crossing the street
at her corner
and walked down the path
to her house
9 in the early evening,
at the onset of night and darkness.
10 All of a sudden
a woman approaches him,
dressed like a prostitute
and with a cunning mind.
11 She is noisy and defiant;
her feet don't stay long
in her own house.
12 She has one foot in the street,
one foot in the public square.
She lies in wait at every corner.
13 She grabs him and kisses him.
Her face is brazen
as she speaks to him:
14 "I've made a sacrifice of well-being;
today I fulfilled
my solemn promises.
15 So I've come out to meet you,
seeking you, and I have found you.
16 I've spread my bed
with luxurious covers,
with colored linens from Egypt.
17 I've sprinkled my bed with myrrh,
aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let's drink deep of love
until morning;
let's savor our lovemaking.
19 For my husband isn't home;
he's gone far away.
20 He took a pouch of money with him;
he won't come home till full moon."
21 She seduces him with all her talk.
She entices him with her flattery.

6:23 Ps 19:8, Ps 119:105; 2Pt 1:19
6:25 2Ki 9:30; Mt 5:28; Jas 1:15
6:26 Prv 29:3
6:27 Job 31:9, Job 31:12; Prv 6:28
6:28 Prv 6:27
6:29 Prv 16:5
6:30 Job 38:39
6:32 Prv 7:7, Prv 9:16; Hos 4:11
6:33 Prv 5:9
6:34 Prv 27:4; Song 8:6
7:1 Prv 1:8, Prv 2:1, Prv 6:20
7:2 Dt 32:10; Ps 17:8; Prv 4:4
7:3 Dt 6:8; Prv 3:3

[e] Heb uncertain

22 He goes headlong after her,
like an ox to the slaughter,
like a deer leaping into a trap,[f]
23 until an arrow pierces his liver,
like a bird hurrying to the snare,
not aware that it will cost him
his life.

24 Now children, listen to me,
and pay attention to my speech.
25 Don't turn your heart to her ways;
don't wander down her paths.
26 She has caused many corpses to fall;
she has killed many people.
27 Her house is a path to the grave,[g]
going down to the chambers
of death.

Wisdom's autobiography

8 Doesn't Wisdom cry out
and Understanding shout?
2 Atop the heights along the path,
at the crossroads
she takes her stand.
3 By the gate before the city,
at the entrances she shouts:

4 I cry out to you, people;
my voice goes out
to all of humanity.
5 Understand skill, you who are naive.
Take this to heart, you fools.
6 Listen, for I speak things
that are correct;
from my lips comes what is right.
7 My mouth utters the truth;
my lips despise wickedness.
8 All the words of my mouth
are righteous;
nothing in them is twisted
or crooked.
9 All of them are straightforward
to those who understand,
and upright for the knowledgeable.
10 Take my instruction
rather than silver,
knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 Wisdom is better than pearls;
nothing is more delightful than she.

12 I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence;
I have found knowledge
and discretion.

7:22 Job 13:27; Ac 16:24
7:23 Ecc 9:12
7:25 Prv 4:15, Prv 5:8
7:26 Neh 13:26
7:27 Prv 2:18, Prv 5:5, Prv 9:18
8:1 Job 28:12; Prv 1:20, Prv 1:21
8:2 Prv 9:3
8:3 Prv 1:21
8:4 Ps 49:1
8:5 Prv 1:4, Prv 1:22
8:6 Prv 22:20
8:8 Dt 32:5
8:9 Prv 14:6
8:10 Prv 3:14, Prv 8:19, Prv 16:16
8:11 Prv 3:15
8:12 Prv 1:4
8:13 1Sa 2:3; Ps 97:10; Prv 4:24, Prv 16:6
8:14 Prv 2:7; Ecc 7:19
8:15 Dn 2:21; Ro 13:1
8:17 Dt 4:29; 1Sa 2:30; Prv 1:28; Jer 29:13; Jn 14:21
8:19 Job 28:15; Prv 3:14, Prv 8:10, Prv 10:20
8:20 Ps 5:8, Ps 23:3, Ps 25:5, Ps 32:8; Is 55:4
8:21 Prv 24:4
8:22 Ps 104:24, Prv 3:19; Jn 1:1
8:23 Ps 2:6; Mi 5:2; Jn 17:5
8:24 Gn 1:2; Prv 3:20
8:25 Job 15:7; Ps 90:2
8:26 Gn 1:1; Ps 90:2; Jer 10:12, Jer 51:15
8:27 Job 26:10
8:29 Gn 1:9, Gn 1:10; Job 26:10, Job 38:8; Ps 104:9

13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil.
I hate pride and arrogance,
the path of evil and corrupt speech.
14 I have advice and ability,
as well as understanding
and strength.
15 By me kings rule,
and princes issue righteous decrees.
16 By me rulers govern,
and officials judge righteously.[h]
17 I love those who love me;
those who seek me will find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me,
as well as enduring wealth
and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold,
even fine gold;
my crops are better
than choice silver.
20 I walk on the way of righteousness,
on the paths of justice,
21 to provide for those who love me
and to fill up their treasuries.

22 The LORD created me
at the beginning of his way,
before his deeds long in the past.
23 I was formed in ancient times,
at the beginning,
before the earth was.
24 When there were no watery depths,
I was brought forth,
when there were no springs
flowing with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills,
I was brought forth;
26 before God[i] made the earth
and the fields
or the first of the dry land.
27 I was there when he established
the heavens,
when he marked out the horizon
on the deep sea,
28 when he thickened
the clouds above,
when he secured the fountains
of the deep,
29 when he set a limit for the sea,
so the water couldn't go beyond
his command,

[f] Heb uncertain [g] Heb *Sheol* [h] Heb uncertain [i] Heb lacks *God*.

when he marked out
the earth's foundations.
30 I was beside him
as a master of crafts.[j]
I was having fun,
smiling before him all the time,
31 frolicking with his inhabited earth
and delighting in the human race.

32 Now children, listen to me:
Happy are those
who keep to my ways!
33 Listen to instruction, and be wise;
don't avoid it.
34 Happy are those who listen to me,
watching daily at my doors,
waiting at my doorposts.
35 Those who find me find life;
they gain favor from the LORD.
36 Those who offend me
injure themselves;
all those who hate me love death.

"Woman Wisdom's" invitation

9 Wisdom built her house;
she has carved out her seven pillars.
2 She slaughtered her animals,
mixed her wine,
and set her table.
3 She sends out her female servants;
she issues an invitation
from the top of the city heights:
4 "Whoever is naive turn aside here,"
she says to those who lack sense.
5 "Come, eat my food,
and drink the wine I have mixed.
6 Abandon your simplistic ways
and live;
walk in the way of understanding."

Wise advice

7 Whoever instructs the cynic
gets insulted;
whoever corrects the wicked
gets hurt.
8 Don't correct the impudent,
or they will hate you;
correct the wise,
and they will love you.
9 Teach the wise,
and they will become wiser;
inform the righteous,
and their learning will increase.
10 The beginning of wisdom
is the fear of the LORD;
the knowledge of the holy one
is understanding.
11 Through me your days will be many;
years will be added to your life.
12 If you are wise, it is to your benefit;
if you are cynical,
you will bear it all alone.

"Woman Folly's" invitation

13 Woman Folly is noisy;
she's stupid
and doesn't even know it.
14 She sits at the doorway
of her house,
on a seat at the city heights.
15 She invites those who pass by
on the path,
those going straight on their way.
16 "Whoever is naive, come in here,"
she says to those who lack sense.
17 "Stolen water is sweet;
food eaten in secret is pleasant."
18 But they don't know that the dead
are there;
her guests are in the depths
of the grave.[k]

Proverbs of Solomon

10 The proverbs of Solomon:
A wise child makes a father glad,
but a foolish child
brings sorrow to his mother.
2 The treasure of the wicked
won't profit them,
but righteousness rescues people
from death.
3 The LORD doesn't let
the righteous starve,
but he rejects the desires
of the wicked.
4 Laziness brings poverty;
hard work makes one rich.
5 A wise son harvests in the summer;
a disgraceful son
sleeps right through the harvest.
6 Blessings cover the head
of the righteous,

8:30 Mt 3:17; Jn 1:1, Jn 1:2
8:31 Jn 13:1
8:32 Ps 119:1, Ps 119:2, Ps 128:1; Prv 7:24; Lk 11:28
8:34 Prv 3:13
8:35 Prv 12:2
8:36 Prv 1:31, Prv 12:1, Prv 15:32; Is 3:9
9:1 Eph 2:20; 1Pt 2:5
9:2 Prv 9:5, Prv 23:30; Song 8:2; Mt 22:4; Lk 14:17
9:3 Prv 1:20, Prv 8:1, Prv 8:2, Prv 9:14; Mt 22:3
9:4 Prv 6:32, Prv 9:16
9:5 Prv 9:2; Song 5:1; Is 55:1; Jn 6:27
9:6 Prv 4:14; 2Co 6:17
9:8 Ps 141:5; Prv 15:12; Mt 7:6
9:9 Prv 1:5
9:10 Job 28:28; Ps 111:10; Prv 1:7, Prv 30:3
9:11 Prv 3:2, Prv 3:16, Prv 10:27
9:12 Job 22:2
9:13 Prv 5:6, Prv 7:11
9:14 Prv 9:3
9:15 Prv 9:6
9:16 Prv 9:4
9:17 Prv 20:17
9:18 Prv 5:5, Prv 7:27
10:1 Prv 1:1, Prv 15:20, Prv 17:21, Prv 17:25, Prv 19:13
10:2 Prv 11:4, Prv 11:6, Prv 12:28, Prv 21:6
10:3 Ps 34:9, Ps 34:10
10:4 Prv 12:24, Prv 13:4, Prv 21:5
10:5 Gn 2:15; Prv 6:6, Prv 6:8, Prv 12:11, Prv 19:26
10:6 Prv 10:11

[j] Heb uncertain [k] Heb *Sheol*

but the mouth of the wicked
conceals violence.
7 The memory of the righteous
is a blessing,
but the name of the wicked rots.
8 The skilled mind accepts commands,
but a foolish talker is ruined.
9 Those who walk in innocence
walk with confidence,
but those on crooked paths
will be found out.
10 Those who wink an eye bring trouble;
those who speak foolishly
are ruined.
11 The mouth of the righteous
is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked
conceals violence.
12 Hate stirs up conflict,
but love covers all offenses.
13 Wisdom is found on the lips
of those who have understanding,
but there is a rod for the back
of those with no sense.
14 The wise store up knowledge,
but the mouth of a fool
brings on ruin.
15 The riches of the wealthy
are their strong city;
the ruin of the poor is their poverty.
16 The wages of the righteous
lead to life;
the earnings of the wicked lead
to sin.
17 Those who heed instruction
are on the way to life,
but those who ignore correction
lose their way.
18 Lying lips conceal hate,
and those who spread slander
are fools.
19 With lots of words
comes wrongdoing,
but the wise restrain their lips.
20 The tongue of the righteous
is choice silver,
but the heart of the wicked
lacks value.
21 The lips of the righteous
nourish many people,
but fools who lack sense will die.
22 The LORD's blessing
makes a person rich,
and no trouble is added to it.
23 Fools enjoy vile deeds,
but those with understanding
take pleasure in wisdom.
24 What the wicked dread
will come on them,
but what the righteous desire
will be given to them.
25 After a whirlwind passes by,
the wicked are no more,
but the righteous stand firm
forever.
26 Like vinegar to the teeth
and smoke to the eyes,
so are lazy people
to those who authorize them.
27 The fear of the LORD
increases one's life,
but the years of the wicked
will be cut short.
28 The expectations of the righteous
result in joy,
but the hopes of the wicked
will perish.
29 The path of the LORD is a refuge
for the innocent
and ruin for those who do evil.
30 The righteous will never be shaken,
but the wicked won't dwell
in the land.
31 The mouth of the righteous
flows with wisdom,
but the twisted tongue
will be cut off.
32 The lips of the wise
know what is acceptable,
but the mouth of the wicked
knows only what is perverse.

11 The LORD detests dishonest scales,
but delights in an accurate weight.
2 When pride comes, so does shame,
but wisdom brings humility.
3 Integrity guides the virtuous,
but dishonesty ruins
the treacherous.
4 Riches don't help in the day of wrath,
but righteousness rescues
from death.
5 The righteousness of the innocent
makes their path straight,
but the wicked fall
in their wickedness.

10:7 Job 18:17; Ps 9:5, Ps 9:6, Ps 109:13, Ps 112:6

10:8 Mt 7:24

10:9 Prv 28:18; Is 33:15, Is 33:16

10:10 Ps 35:19; Prv 6:13, Prv 10:8

10:12 Prv 17:9; 1Pt 4:8

10:14 Prv 10:8, Prv 13:3, Prv 18:7

10:15 Ps 52:7; Prv 18:11, Prv 19:7

10:17 Prv 6:23, Prv 12:1, Prv 15:10

10:18 Ps 101:5; Prv 26:24

10:19 Prv 17:27, Prv 17:28; Jas 1:19, Jas 3:2

10:20 Prv 8:19

10:21 Hos 4:6

10:24 Ps 37:4, Ps 145:19; Is 66:4; 1Jn 5:14, 1Jn 5:15

10:25 Ps 58:9; Prv 1:27, Prv 12:3, Prv 12:7; Mt 7:24

10:26 Is 65:5

10:27 Job 15:32; Ps 55:23; Prv 3:2, Prv 9:11

10:31 Ps 37:30; Prv 10:13

11:1 Lv 19:35, Lv 19:36; Prv 16:11, Prv 20:10, Prv 20:23

11:3 Prv 11:5, Prv 13:6

11:4 Gn 7:1; Prv 10:2; Eze 7:19; Zep 1:18

11:5 Prv 13:6

6 Those who do right
are saved by their righteousness,
but the untrustworthy
are caught by their own desires.
7 When the wicked die,
their hope perishes.
Yes, any hope based on money
perishes.
8 The righteous are saved
from distress,
and the wicked take their place.
9 The godless destroy their neighbors
by their words,
but the righteous are saved
by their knowledge.
10 When the righteous succeed,
a city rejoices;
when the wicked perish,
there are shouts of joy.
11 A city is honored
by the blessing of the virtuous;
it is destroyed
by the words of the wicked.
12 Whoever despises their neighbor
lacks sense;
a sensible person keeps quiet.
13 A slanderer walks around
revealing secrets,
but a trustworthy person
keeps a confidence.
14 Without guidance, a people will fall,
but there is victory
with many counselors.
15 Guaranteeing the debt of a stranger
brings big trouble,
but the one who refuses to shake
hands will be secure.
16 A gracious woman gains honor;
violent men gain only wealth.
17 Kind persons benefit themselves,
but cruel people harm themselves.
18 The wicked earn false wages,
but those who sow righteousness
receive a true reward.
19 The righteous are headed
toward life,
but those who pursue evil,
toward death.
20 The LORD detests a crooked heart,
but he favors those
whose path is innocent.
21 The evil person will surely not
go unpunished,
but the children of the righteous
will escape.
22 Like a gold ring in a pig's nose
is a beautiful woman
who lacks discretion.
23 The desires of the righteous
end up well,
but the expectations of the wicked
bring wrath.
24 Those who give generously
receive more,
but those who are stingy with
what is appropriate
will grow needy.
25 Generous persons will prosper;
those who refresh others
will themselves be refreshed.
26 People curse those who hoard grain,
but they bless those[l] who sell it.
27 Those who look for good find favor,
but those who seek evil—
it will come to them.
28 Those who trust in their wealth
will wither,
but the righteous will thrive
like leafy trees.
29 Those who trouble their family
will inherit the wind.
The fool will be servant
to the wise.
30 The fruit of the righteous
is a tree of life,
and the wise gather lives.[m]
31 If the righteous receive their due
on earth,
how much more the wicked
and sinners?

12 Those who love discipline
love knowledge,
and those who hate correction
are stupid.
2 The LORD favors good people,
but he condemns schemers.
3 No one is established
by wicked acts,
but the roots of the righteous
can't be disturbed.
4 A strong woman is a crown
to her husband,

11:13 Lv 19:16; Prv 20:19, Prv 25:9, Prv 26:20

11:14 Prv 15:22, Prv 20:18, Prv 24:6

11:15 Prv 6:1, Prv 17:18, Prv 22:26, Prv 22:27

11:17 Mt 5:7, Mt 25:34; Jas 2:13

11:18 Ps 126:5; Hos 10:12; Ga 6:8, Ga 6:9; Jas 3:18

11:20 1Ch 29:17; Prv 6:16, Prv 12:22

11:21 Ps 112:2; Prv 16:5

11:22 Prv 31:30; Is 3:21

11:23 Prv 10:28, Prv 11:7, Prv 12:5; Ro 2:8, Ro 2:9

11:24 Ps 112:9; Prv 19:17; Lk 6:38

11:25 Prv 28:27; Is 32:8, Is 58:10; 2Co 9:6

11:26 Job 29:13

11:30 Prv 3:18; Dn 12:3; 1Co 9:19; Jas 5:20

11:31 2Sa 22:25; Prv 13:21; Jer 25:29; 1Pt 4:18

12:2 Prv 8:35

12:4 Prv 14:30, Prv 18:22, Prv 19:14, Prv 31:10

[l] *Or the heads of those* [m] Or LXX, Syr *violence takes lives away*

but a disgraceful woman
is like rot in his bones.
5 The plans of the righteous are just,
but the guidance of the wicked
is deceptive.
6 The words of the wicked
are a deathtrap,
but the speech of those
who do right rescues them.
7 The wicked are destroyed
and are no more,
but the family of the righteous
will endure.
8 A person is praised for his insight,
but a warped mind
leads to contempt.
9 Better to be held in low regard
and have a servant
than to be conceited and lack food.
10 The righteous care about
their livestock's needs,
but even the compassion
of the wicked is cruel.
11 Those who work their land
will have plenty to eat,
but those who engage
in empty pursuits have no sense.
12 Desiring evil is a trap for the wicked,
but the root of the righteous
endures.[n]
13 The wicked are trapped
by the transgressions of their lips,
but the righteous escape
from distress.
14 From the fruit of their speech,
people are well satisfied;
their work results in reward.
15 Fools see their own way as right,
but the wise listen to advice.
16 Fools reveal their anger right away,
but the shrewd hide their contempt.
17 Those who state the truth
speak justly,
but a false witness deceives.
18 Some chatter on like
a stabbing sword,
but a wise tongue heals.
19 Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue
lasts only for a moment.
20 Deceit is in the heart
of those who plan evil,
but there is joy
for those who advise peace.
21 No harm happens to the righteous,
but the wicked receive
their fill of trouble.
22 The LORD detests false lips;
he favors those who do what is true.
23 The shrewd conceal their knowledge,
but the heart of fools
proclaims their stupidity.
24 A hard worker is in charge,
while a lazy one will be sentenced
to hard labor.
25 Anxiety leads to depression,
but a good word encourages.
26 The righteous offer guidance
to their neighbors,[o]
but the path of the wicked
makes them wander.
27 The lazy don't roast[p] their prey,
but hard workers receive
precious riches.
28 The way of the righteous
leads to life,
but the detestable[q] path
leads to death.

13 A wise son listens to[r]
the discipline of his father,
but a mocker doesn't listen
to correction.
2 People eat well from the fruit
of their words,
but the treacherous have an
appetite only for violence.
3 People who watch their mouths
guard their lives,
but those who open their lips
are ruined.
4 The lazy have strong desires
but receive nothing;
the appetite of the diligent
is satisfied.
5 The righteous hate false words,
but the wicked create disgust
and scorn.
6 Righteousness guards the innocent
on the path,
but wickedness misleads sinners.
7 Some pretend to be rich
but have nothing,
while others pretend to be poor,
but have great riches.

12:5 Prv 11:23
12:6 Prv 1:11, Prv 14:3
12:7 Prv 10:25
12:10 Dt 25:4
12:11 Prv 20:13, Prv 28:19
12:15 Prv 3:7, Prv 14:12, Prv 16:2, Prv 21:2
12:16 Prv 27:3, Prv 29:11
12:20 Prv 26:24; Mt 5:9; Ro 14:19
12:22 Prv 6:17, Prv 11:1, Prv 11:20; Rev 22:15
12:23 Prv 10:14, Prv 10:19, Prv 11:13, Prv 13:16, Prv 15:2
12:28 Prv 10:2, Prv 11:19
13:1 Prv 1:22
13:3 Prv 18:7, Prv 18:21, Prv 21:23; Jas 3:2
13:4 Prv 10:4, Prv 21:25
13:5 Ps 119:163; Prv 3:35; Col 3:9
13:6 Prv 11:3, Prv 11:5, Prv 11:6
13:7 Prv 11:24; Lk 12:33; 2Co 6:10; Rev 3:17

[n] Or *gives* [o] Heb uncertain [p] Heb uncertain [q] LXX; MT *the path of the trail* [r] Heb lacks *listens to.*

8 Wealth can ransom a person's life,
but the poor don't even
receive threats.
9 The light of the righteous rejoices,
but the lamp of the wicked goes out.
10 The empty-headed cause conflict
out of pride;
those who take advice are wise.
11 Riches gotten quickly[s] will dwindle,
but those who acquire them
gradually become wealthy.
12 Hope delayed makes the heart sick;
longing fulfilled is a tree of life.
13 Trouble will come on those
who despise a word,
but those who respect the
commandment will be rewarded.
14 The teaching of the wise
is a fountain of life,
turning a person away
from deathtraps.
15 Good insight brings favor,
but the way of the faithless
is their ruin.[t]
16 The prudent all act intelligently,
but fools display their stupidity.
17 Wicked messengers fall into trouble,
but a reliable one brings healing.
18 Poverty and shame come to those
who don't care about instruction;
honor belongs to those
who heed correction.
19 A desire fulfilled is pleasant,
but fools find deviating
from evil disgusting.
20 Walk with wise people
and become wise;
befriend fools and get in trouble.
21 Trouble pursues sinners,
but good things reward
the righteous.
22 Good people leave their
grandchildren an inheritance,
but the wealth of sinners
is stored up for the righteous.
23 A poor person's land
might produce much food,
but it is unjustly swept away.
24 Those who withhold the rod
hate their children,
but the one who loves them
applies discipline.
25 The righteous eat their fill,
but the wicked have empty
stomachs.

14 A wise woman builds her house,
while a foolish woman tears hers
down with her own hands.
2 Those who walk with integrity
fear the LORD,
but those who take a crooked path
despise him.
3 Pride sprouts in the mouth of a fool,[u]
but the lips of the wise protect them.
4 When there are no oxen,
the stall is clean,
but when there is a strong bull,
there is abundant produce.
5 A truthful witness doesn't lie,
but a false witness spews lies.
6 A mocker searches for wisdom
and gets none,
but knowledge comes quickly
to the intelligent.
7 Stay away from fools,
for you won't learn
wise speech there.
8 By their wisdom the prudent
understand their way,
but the stupidity of fools
deceives them.
9 Fools mock a compensation offering,
but favor is with those
who do right.
10 The heart knows its own distress;
another person can't share its joy.
11 The house of the wicked is destroyed,
but the tent flourishes
for those who do right.
12 There is a path that may seem
straight to someone,
but in the end it is a path to death.
13 The heart feels pain even in laughter,
and in the end, joy turns to sorrow.
14 Rebellious hearts receive
satisfaction from their ways;
the good receive the due reward
for their deeds.
15 The naive believe anything,
but the prudent give thought
to their steps.
16 The wise are careful and avoid evil,
but fools become excited
and overconfident.

13:8 Ex 21:30; Prv 6:35, Prv 15:16
13:9 Job 18:5; Prv 4:18, Prv 20:20, Prv 24:20
13:11 Gn 2:15; Prv 10:2, Prv 10:5, Prv 21:6, Prv 28:20
13:12 Prv 3:18, Prv 13:19
13:13 Nm 15:31; 2Ch 36:16; Prv 13:21, Prv 16:20
13:17 Prv 25:13
13:20 2Ch 19:2; Ezr 9:14; Ps 119:63; Prv 2:20; 1Co 15:33
13:22 Job 27:16, Job 27:17; Ps 112:2; Prv 28:8; Ecc 2:26
13:24 Prv 19:18, Prv 22:15, Prv 23:13, Prv 29:15, Prv 29:17
13:25 Ps 34:10; Prv 10:3
14:1 Ru 4:11; Prv 24:3, Prv 31:10
14:3 Prv 12:6, Prv 18:7
14:4 Ps 144:14; Prv 13:23
14:5 Ex 23:1; Prv 6:19, Prv 12:17, Prv 14:25, Prv 19:5
14:6 Prv 1:22, Prv 3:34, Prv 8:9, Prv 9:9, Prv 17:24
14:7 Prv 9:6
14:8 Prv 14:15; Ecc 10:1; 2Ti 3:13
14:9 Prv 10:23
14:12 Prv 12:15, Prv 16:25; Mt 7:13; Ro 6:21
14:15 Prv 14:8, Prv 22:3
14:16 Job 28:28; Prv 3:7, Prv 22:3

[s] LXX; MT *from meaninglessness* [t] LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *endures* [u] Heb uncertain

17 Short-tempered people
make stupid mistakes,
and schemers are hated.
18 Stupidity is the lot of the naive,
but the prudent are crowned
with knowledge.
19 Evil people will bow down
before the good;
wicked people are at the gates
of the righteous.
20 Even their neighbors hate the poor,
but many love the wealthy.
21 Those who despise their neighbors
are sinners,
but happy are those
who are kind to the needy.
22 Don't those who plan evil go astray?
Those who plan good
receive loyalty and faithfulness.
23 There is profit in hard work,
but mere talk leads to poverty.
24 Wealth is the crown of the wise,
and the folly of fools is folly.
25 A truthful witness saves lives,
but a deceiver proclaims lies.
26 In the fear of the LORD
is strong confidence
and refuge for one's children.
27 The fear of the LORD
is a fountain of life,
turning people away
from deathtraps.
28 A king's glory is a large population,
but a dwindling people
is a ruler's ruin.
29 Patience leads
to abundant understanding,
but impatience leads
to stupid mistakes.
30 A peaceful mind gives life
to the body,
but jealousy rots the bones.
31 Those who exploit the powerless
anger their maker,
while those who are kind to the
poor honor God.
32 The wicked are thrown down
by their own evil,
but the righteous find refuge
even in death.
33 Wisdom resides
in an understanding heart,
but it's not[v] known in fools.
34 Righteousness dignifies a nation,
but sin disgraces a people.
35 The king favors an insightful servant,
but is furious at a shameful one.

15 A sensitive answer turns
back wrath,
but an offensive word
stirs up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise
enhances knowledge,
but the mouth of a fool
gushes with stupidity.
3 The LORD's eyes are everywhere,
keeping watch on evil
and good people.
4 Wholesome speech is a tree of life,
but dishonest talk breaks
the spirit.
5 A fool doesn't like
a father's instruction,
but those who heed correction
are mature.
6 Great treasure is in the house
of the righteous,
but the gain of the wicked
brings trouble.
7 The lips of the wise
spread knowledge,
but the hearts of fools have none.
8 The LORD detests the sacrifices
of the wicked,
but favors the prayers
of those who do right.
9 The LORD detests the path
of the wicked,
but loves those
who pursue righteousness.
10 Discipline is severe for those
who abandon the way;
those who hate correction will die.
11 The grave[w] and the underworld[x]
lie open before the LORD;
how much more the hearts
of human beings!
12 Mockers don't like those
who correct them.
They won't go to the wise.
13 A joyful heart brightens one's face,
but a troubled heart
breaks the spirit.

14:17 Prv 14:29

14:23 Gn 2:15; Prv 12:24, Prv 13:11, Prv 21:5, Prv 28:19

14:25 Prv 12:17, Prv 14:5

14:26 Prv 18:10

14:27 Prv 10:11, Prv 13:14

14:28 1Ki 4:20

14:29 Prv 14:17, Prv 16:32, Prv 19:11; Ecc 7:9; Jas 1:19

14:30 Prv 12:4

14:31 Prv 17:5, Prv 22:2; Mt 25:40

14:32 2Co 1:9, 2Co 5:8

14:33 Prv 10:8, Prv 12:16, Prv 15:2, Prv 23:15, Prv 29:11

14:34 Prv 11:11

15:1 Jgs 8:1; 1Sa 25:10; Prv 15:18, Prv 25:15

15:3 2Ch 16:9; Job 31:4, Job 34:21; Prv 5:21; Heb 4:13

15:7 Ps 37:30, Ps 119:13; Prv 10:13, Prv 10:21; Eph 4:29

15:8 Prv 15:29, Prv 21:27, Prv 28:9; Is 1:11; Jer 6:20

15:10 Prv 10:17, Prv 12:1, Prv 29:1; Jn 7:7

15:12 Prv 9:8, Prv 15:10; Am 5:10

15:13 Prv 12:25, Prv 15:15, Prv 17:22, Prv 18:14

[v] LXX; MT lacks *not*. [w] Heb *Sheol* [x] Heb *Abaddon*

14 An understanding heart
seeks knowledge;
but fools feed on folly.
15 All the days of the needy are hard,
but a happy heart
has a continual feast.
16 Better a little with fear of the LORD
than a great treasure with turmoil.
17 Better a meal of greens with love
than a plump calf with hate.
18 Hotheads stir up conflict,
but patient people calm down strife.
19 The path of the lazy
is like a hedge of thorns,
but the way of those who do right
is a clear road.
20 A wise child brings joy to a father,
but fools despise their mothers.
21 Folly is joy to those who lack sense,
but those with understanding
walk straight ahead.
22 Plans fail with no counsel,
but with many counselors
they succeed.
23 To give an appropriate answer
is a joy;
how good is a word
at the right time!
24 For those with insight,
life is an upward path,
avoiding the grave[y] below.
25 The LORD snatches away
the arrogant one's house,
but he preserves
the widow's boundaries.
26 The LORD detests evil plans,
but gracious words are pure.
27 Those who acquire things unjustly
gain trouble for their house,
but those who hate bribes will live.
28 The righteous heart reflects
before answering,
but the wicked mouth
blurts out evil.
29 The LORD is far from the wicked,
but he listens to the prayers
of the righteous.
30 Bright eyes give joy to the heart;
good news strengthens the bones.
31 The ear that listens
to life-giving correction
dwells among the wise.
32 Those who refuse discipline
despise themselves,
but those who listen to correction
gain understanding.
33 The fear of the LORD
is wise instruction,
and humility comes before respect.

16 To people belong the plans
of the heart,
but the answer of the tongue
comes from the LORD.
2 All the ways of people
are pure in their eyes,
but the LORD tests the motives.
3 Commit your work to the LORD,
and your plans will succeed.
4 The LORD made everything
for a purpose,
even the wicked for an evil day.
5 The LORD detests
all who are arrogant;
they surely won't go unpunished.
6 Love and faithfulness reconcile guilt;
the fear of the LORD
turns away evil.
7 When a person's path draws favor
from the LORD,
even their enemies are at peace
with them.
8 Better a little with righteousness
than great profits without justice.
9 People plan their path,
but the LORD secures their steps.
10 A king's speech is like an oracle;
in a judgment,
one can't go against his words.
11 Honest balances and scales
are the LORD's;
all the weights in the bag
are his doing.
12 Kings detest wicked deeds,
for their thrones are founded
on righteousness.
13 Kings favor those with righteous lips;
they love words of integrity.
14 The king's anger
is a messenger of death;
the wise will calm him.
15 There's life in the light
of the king's face.

15:14 Prv 18:15
15:17 Prv 17:1
15:18 Gn 13:8; Prv 14:29, Prv 26:21, Prv 28:25, Prv 29:22
15:19 Prv 19:24, Prv 22:5
15:27 Ex 23:8; 1Sa 8:3; Prv 1:19; Is 33:15
15:28 Prv 15:2; 1Pt 3:15
15:33 Prv 1:7, Prv 18:12, Prv 29:23
16:1 Prv 16:9, Prv 19:21
16:3 Ps 37:5, Ps 55:22; 1Pt 5:7
16:4 Gn 1:31; Ex 9:16; Ro 9:22, Ro 11:36; Rev 4:11
16:5 Prv 6:16, Prv 6:17, Prv 11:21
16:6 Prv 14:16
16:9 Ps 37:23; Prv 16:1, Prv 19:21, Prv 20:24; Jer 10:23
16:13 Prv 14:35, Prv 22:11

[y] Heb *Sheol*

His favor is like a cloud
that brings spring rain.
16 Acquiring wisdom
is much better than gold,
and acquiring understanding
is better than silver.
17 The road of those who do right
turns away from evil;
those who protect their path
guard their lives.
18 Pride comes before disaster,
and arrogance before a fall.
19 Better to be humble with the needy
than to divide plunder
with the proud.
20 Those with insight find prosperity;
those who trust the LORD
are blessed.
21 The skilled mind is called discerning,
and pleasant speech
enhances teaching.
22 One who has insight
is a fountain of life,
but the instruction of the foolish
is folly.
23 The mind of the wise
makes their speech insightful
and enhances the teaching
of their lips.
24 Pleasant words are flowing honey,
sweet to the taste
and healing to the bones.
25 There is a path that may seem
straight to someone,
but in the end it is the path
of death.
26 The appetite of workers
labors for them,
for their hunger presses them on.
27 Worthless people dig up trouble;
their lips are like a scorching fire.
28 Destructive people produce conflict;
gossips alienate close friends.
29 Violent people entice
their neighbors
and walk them down a path
that isn't good.
30 Those who wink their eye
plot destruction;
those who purse their lips
plan evil.
31 Gray hair is a crown of glory;
it is found on the path
of righteousness.
32 Better to be patient than a warrior,
and better to have self-control
than to capture a city.
33 The dice are cast into the lap;
all decisions are from the LORD.

17 Better a dry crust with quiet
than a house full of feasting
with quarrels.
2 An insightful servant rules
over a disgraceful son
and will divide an inheritance
with the brothers.
3 A crucible is for silver
and a furnace for gold,
but the LORD tests the heart.
4 An evildoer pays attention
to guilty lips;
a liar listens
to a destructive tongue.
5 Those who mock the poor
insult their maker;
those who rejoice in disaster
won't go unpunished.
6 Grandchildren are the crown
of the elderly,
and the glory of children
is their parents.
7 Too much talking isn't right
for a fool;
even less so false speech
for an honorable person.
8 A bribe seems magical in the eyes
of those who give it,
granting success to all who use it.
9 One who seeks love
conceals an offense,
but one who repeats it
divides friends.
10 A rebuke goes deeper
to an understanding person
than a hundred lashes to a fool.
11 Evil people seek only rebellion;
a cruel messenger
will be sent against them.
12 Safer to meet a bear robbed
of her cubs
than fools in their folly.
13 Evil will never depart
from the house
of those who return evil for good.

16:18 Prv 11:2, Prv 18:12
16:21 Prv 16:23
16:22 Prv 10:11
16:23 Ps 37:30; Mt 12:34
16:25 Prv 14:12
16:26 Ecc 6:7
16:27 Prv 6:12, Prv 6:14; Jas 3:6
16:31 Prv 17:6, Prv 20:29
16:32 Prv 14:29, Prv 15:18, Prv 19:11, Prv 25:28; Jas 1:19
17:1 Prv 15:17; Ecc 4:6
17:3 1Ch 29:17; Ps 26:2, Ps 66:10; Prv 27:21; Jer 17:10
17:6 Ps 127:3; Prv 16:31

14 The start of a quarrel is like
letting out water,
so drop the dispute
before it breaks out.
15 Judging the righteous wicked
and the wicked righteous—
the LORD detests both of these.
16 Why should a fool have money
to pay for wisdom?
He has no mind.
17 Friends love all the time,
and kinsfolk are born
for times of trouble.
18 One with no sense shakes hands
on a deal,
securing a loan for a friend.
19 Those who love an offense
love a quarrel;
those who build a high doorway
invite a collapse.
20 Those with crooked hearts
won't prosper,
and those with twisted tongues
will fall into trouble.
21 Having a fool for a son brings grief;
there's no joy
for a scoundrel's father.
22 A joyful heart helps healing,
but a broken spirit dries up
the bones.
23 The wicked take secret bribes
to twist the way of justice.
24 Wisdom is right in front of those
with understanding,
but the eyes of fools
are off to the edges of the earth.
25 A foolish son is irritating
to his father
and bitter to her
who gave birth to him.
26 It isn't good to punish the righteous,
to strike the honorable
for their integrity.
27 Wise are those who restrain
their talking;
people with understanding
are coolheaded.
28 Fools who keep quiet
are deemed wise;
those who shut their lips are smart.

18 Unfriendly people look out
for themselves;

17:14 Prv 20:3, Prv 25:8

17:15 Ex 23:7; Prv 18:5, Prv 24:24; Is 5:23

17:16 Prv 23:23

17:27 Prv 10:19, Prv 14:29; Jas 1:19, Jas 3:2

17:28 Job 13:5; Prv 10:19

18:1 Jud 1:19

18:2 Prv 12:23; Ecc 10:3

18:3 Prv 11:2, Prv 13:5, Prv 22:10, Prv 29:16; Is 5:24

18:4 Prv 20:5

18:6 Prv 10:14, Prv 13:10, Prv 14:3, Prv 15:18, Prv 16:28

18:9 Prv 10:4, Prv 28:24

18:10 2Sa 22:3; Ps 18:2, Ps 61:3, Ps 91:2, Ps 144:2

18:12 Prv 11:2, Prv 15:33, Prv 16:18, Prv 29:23

18:18 Prv 16:33

18:19 Gn 27:41; Prv 17:14, Prv 19:13, Prv 21:9, Prv 21:19

they bicker with sensible people.
2 Fools find no pleasure
in understanding,
but only in expressing
their opinion.
3 When the wicked arrive,
so does contempt;
with shame comes insult.
4 The words of a person's mouth
are deep waters,
a bubbling stream,
a fountain of wisdom.
5 Favoring the wicked isn't good;
it denies justice to the righteous.
6 The lips of fools make accusations;
their mouths elicit beatings.
7 The mouth of fools is their ruin;
their lips are a trap for their lives.
8 The words of gossips
are like choice snacks;
they go down to the inmost parts.
9 Those who are lazy in their work
are brothers to thugs.
10 The LORD's name is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it
and find refuge.
11 The riches of the wealthy
are a strong city
and like a high wall
in their imagination.
12 Pride comes before a disaster,
but humility comes before respect.
13 Those who answer before they listen
are foolish and disgraceful.
14 The human spirit sustains
a sick person,
but who can bear a broken spirit?
15 An understanding mind
gains knowledge;
the ear of the wise
seeks knowledge.
16 A gift opens the way
for access to important people.
17 The first person to testify
seems innocent,
until the other comes
and cross-examines him.
18 The dice settle conflicts
and keep strong opponents apart.
19 An offended ally
is more formidable than a city;
such quarreling
is like the bars of a castle.

20 The stomach is satisfied
by the fruit of the mouth;
one's lips can earn
a satisfying income.
21 Death and life
are in the power of the tongue;
those who love it will eat its fruit.
22 He who finds a wife
finds what is good,
gaining favor from the LORD.
23 The poor plead for help,
but the wealthy answer harshly.
24 There are persons for companionship,
but then there are friends
who are more loyal than family.

19 Better to be poor
and walk in innocence
than to have dishonest lips
and be a fool.
2 Ignorant desire isn't good;
rushing feet make mistakes.
3 People's own folly
corrupts their way,
but their hearts rage
against the LORD.
4 Riches increase one's friends,
but the poor lose their friends.
5 A false witness won't go unpunished,
and a liar won't escape.
6 Many seek favor from rulers;
everyone befriends a gift giver.
7 All the relatives of the poor
hate them;
even more, their friends
stay far from them.
When they pursue them with
words, they aren't there.
8 Those who acquire good sense
love themselves;
those who keep understanding
find success.
9 False witnesses won't
go unpunished,
and liars will perish.
10 Luxury isn't fitting for a fool;
even less so for a servant
to rule over princes.
11 Insightful people restrain
their anger;
their glory is to ignore an offense.
12 A raging king roars like a lion;
his favor is like the dew on the grass.

18:21 Prv 12:13, Prv 13:3; Mt 12:37

18:22 Gn 2:18; Prv 8:35, Prv 12:4, Prv 19:14, Prv 31:10

19:3 Is 8:21

19:5 Ex 23:1; Prv 6:19, Prv 19:9, Prv 21:28

19:7 Ps 38:11; Prv 14:20, Prv 18:23, Prv 19:4; Ecc 9:16

19:9 Prv 19:5

19:10 Prv 17:7, Prv 26:1, Prv 30:21, Prv 30:22; Ecc 10:7

19:11 Prv 14:29, Prv 15:18, Prv 16:32; Jas 1:19

19:12 Ps 133:3; Prv 16:14, Prv 16:15, Prv 20:2; Hos 14:5

19:13 Prv 10:1, Prv 17:21, Prv 17:25, Prv 21:9, Prv 27:15

19:14 Prv 12:4, Prv 18:22; 2Co 12:14

19:15 Prv 6:9, Prv 10:4, Prv 20:13, Prv 23:21

19:17 Dt 15:7; Prv 14:21, Prv 22:9, Prv 28:27; Mt 10:42

19:18 Prv 13:24, Prv 22:15, Prv 23:13, Prv 29:15, Prv 29:17

19:21 Ps 33:10, Ps 33:11; Prv 16:9; Is 14:27, Is 46:10

19:23 Prv 10:27, Prv 14:27

19:24 Prv 6:6, Prv 15:19, Prv 20:4, Prv 26:15

19:25 Prv 9:8, Prv 17:10, Prv 21:11

19:27 Dt 13:1; Prv 2:10; Mt 7:15; Jn 10:5; Eph 4:14

13 A foolish son is a disaster
to his father;
a contentious wife
is like constant dripping.
14 House and riches are an inheritance
from one's ancestors,
but an insightful wife
is from the LORD.
15 Laziness brings on deep sleep;
a slacker goes hungry.
16 Those who keep the commandment
preserve their lives;
those who disregard their ways
will die.
17 Those who are gracious to the poor
lend to the LORD,
and the Lord will fully repay them.
18 Discipline your children while there
is hope,
but don't plan to kill them.
19 Angry people must pay the penalty;
if you rescue them,
then you will have to do it again.
20 Listen to advice
and accept instruction,
so you might grow wise
in the future.
21 Many plans are in a person's mind,
but the LORD's purpose will succeed.
22 People long for trustworthiness;
it is better to be poor than a liar.
23 The fear of the LORD leads to life;
then one rests content,
untouched by harm.
24 Lazy people bury their hand
in the bowl;
they won't even put
it to their mouth.
25 Strike someone who scoffs,
and a naive person
will become clever;
correct someone with
understanding, and they will
gain knowledge.
26 Those who assault their father
and drive out their mother
are disgraceful children,
worthy of reproach.
27 If, my child, you stop listening
to discipline,
you will wander away from words
of knowledge.

28 A worthless witness mocks justice;
the wicked mouth gulps
down trouble.
29 Punishments were made
for mockers,
and blows for the backs of fools.

20 Wine is a mocker;
beer a carouser.
Those it leads astray
won't become wise.
2 A king is as terrifying
as a lion's growl.
Those who anger him
may lose their life.
3 It is honorable to back off
from a fight,
but fools jump right in.
4 The lazy don't plow during winter;
at harvest they look
but find nothing.
5 Advice comes from the deep waters
of the heart;
those with understanding
can draw it out.
6 Many people will say
that they are loyal,
but who can find a reliable person?
7 The righteous live with integrity;
happy are their children
who come after them.
8 A king who sits
on his judgment throne
sifts out all evil with his eyes.
9 Who can say,
"I'm innocent to the core;
I'm cleansed from my sin"?
10 False weights and measures—
the LORD detests them both.
11 Even young people are known
by their actions,
whether their conduct is pure
and upright.
12 Ears to hear and eyes to see—
the LORD made them both.
13 Don't love sleep or you will be poor;
stay alert and you will have
plenty to eat.
14 The buyer says, "Bad, bad,"
but then goes away and brags.
15 Much gold and many pearls exist,
but wise speech
is the most precious jewel.

19:28 Job 15:16, Job 34:7; Prv 15:28

19:29 Prv 10:13

20:1 Prv 23:29, Prv 31:4; Is 28:7; Hos 4:11

20:4 Prv 13:4, Prv 19:15, Prv 19:24, Prv 21:25

20:5 Prv 18:4

20:6 Ps 12:1; Prv 25:14

20:7 Ps 26:1, Ps 37:26, Ps 112:2; Prv 19:1

20:8 Prv 20:26, Prv 25:5

20:9 1Ki 8:46; Job 14:4; Ecc 7:20; 1Jn 1:8

20:10 Prv 11:1, Prv 20:23

20:11 Mt 7:16

20:13 Prv 6:11, Prv 12:11, Prv 19:15; Ro 12:11

20:14 Hos 12:7

20:17 Prv 9:17; Lam 3:16

20:21 Prv 28:22; Lk 15:12

20:22 Ps 27:14; Prv 24:29; Ro 12:17; 1Th 5:15; 1Pt 3:9

20:23 Prv 11:1, Prv 20:10

20:24 Prv 16:9; Jer 10:23

20:26 Prv 20:8; Is 28:27

20:27 1Co 2:11

20:28 Prv 3:3, Prv 16:12, Prv 29:14; Is 16:5

20:30 Prv 20:27, Prv 22:15; Is 53:5

21:1 Ezr 6:22, Ezr 7:27

21:2 Prv 16:2, Prv 24:12; Lk 16:15

21:3 1Sa 15:22; Prv 15:8; Is 1:11; Hos 6:6; Mi 6:6

16 Take the garment of the person
who secures a loan for a stranger;
take his pledge for a foreigner.
17 Stolen bread is sweet,
but afterward the mouth
is full of gravel.
18 Plans are firmed up by advice;
wage wars with good guidance.
19 Gossips reveal secrets;
don't associate with those
who talk too much.
20 Those who curse
their father or mother—
their lamp will be snuffed out
when it becomes dark.
21 Inheritance gained quickly at first
won't bless later on.
22 Don't say, "I'll repay the evildoer!"
Wait for the LORD,
and he will save you.
23 The LORD detests false weights;
deceptive scales aren't right.
24 A person's steps are from the LORD;
how then can people understand
their path?
25 It is a snare to say rashly, "It is holy,"
and only reflect after making
the promise.
26 A wise king sifts out the wicked,
and runs them over with a wheel.
27 The breath of a person
is the lamp of the LORD,
searching all the inmost parts.
28 Kindness and faithfulness
protect the king;
he supports his throne by kindness.
29 Strength is the glory of young men;
gray hair is the splendor of old age.
30 Blows and bruises remove evil;
beatings cleanse the inner parts.

21 The king's heart is like channels
of water in the hand of the LORD;
he directs it wherever he wants.
2 Everyone's path is straight
in their own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the heart.
3 Acting with righteousness and justice
is more valued by the LORD
than sacrifice.
4 Prideful eyes, an arrogant heart, and
the lamp of the wicked
are all sinful.

5 The plans of the diligent
end up in profit,
but those who hurry
end up with loss.
6 Those who gain treasure with lies
are like a drifting fog,
leading to death.
7 The violence of the wicked
will sweep them away,
for they refuse to act with justice.
8 The ways of some people
are twisted and strange,
but the behavior of those
who do right is pure.
9 Better to live on the edge of a roof
than with a contentious woman
in a large house.
10 Wicked people desire evil;
their neighbors receive
no mercy from them.
11 When a mocker is punished,
the naive person gains wisdom;
when insight comes to the wise,
knowledge increases.
12 The righteous one observes
the house of the wicked,
turning the wicked toward trouble.
13 Those who close their ears
to the cries of the poor
will themselves call out
but receive no answer.
14 A secret gift calms anger,
and a hidden bribe
removes[z] furious wrath.
15 Acting justly is a joy to the righteous,
but dreaded by those who do evil.
16 People who wander
from the path of insight
will rest in the company of the dead.
17 Those who love pleasure end up poor;
lovers of wine and oil won't get rich.
18 The wicked are a ransom
for the righteous;
the treacherous will be punished[a]
in the place of the virtuous.
19 Better to live in a wilderness
than in a house with a contentious
and angry woman.
20 Precious treasure and oil
stay in the home of the wise,
but fools swallow them up.

21:8 Prv 2:15
21:9 Prv 19:13, Prv 21:19, Prv 25:24, Prv 27:15
21:10 Ps 52:3; Prv 12:12; Is 32:6; 1Co 10:6; Jas 2:13
21:11 Prv 1:5, Prv 19:25
21:13 Jas 2:13
21:15 Prv 10:29
21:16 Ps 49:14
21:17 Prv 23:21
21:18 Prv 11:8; Is 43:3
21:19 Prv 21:9
21:20 Ps 112:3
21:23 Prv 10:19, Prv 12:13, Prv 13:3; Jas 1:26; Jas 3:2
21:25 Prv 6:6, Prv 13:4, Prv 15:19, Prv 19:24, Prv 20:4
21:26 Ps 37:26, Ps 112:9
21:27 Prv 15:8, Prv 28:9; Is 66:3
21:28 Prv 19:5, Prv 19:9
21:30 Prv 19:21; Is 8:10; Jer 9:23
21:31 Ps 20:7, Ps 33:17; Is 31:1
22:1 Ecc 7:1
22:2 Job 31:15, Job 34:19; Prv 14:31, Prv 29:13
22:3 Prv 14:16, Prv 27:12
22:4 Prv 15:33
22:5 Prv 15:19

21 Those who pursue righteousness
and kindness
will find life, righteousness,
and honor.
22 A wise person fought a city
of warriors
and brought down the stronghold
in which they felt safe.
23 Those who guard their mouths
and their tongues
guard themselves from trouble.
24 Incredibly proud—
mockers are their name!
Their conduct involves
excessive pride.
25 The desires of the lazy will kill them,
because their hands refuse
to do anything.
26 The lazy desire things constantly,
but the righteous give
without holding back.
27 The LORD detests
the sacrifices of the wicked,
especially when brought
with devious motives.
28 A lying witness will perish,
but one who listens
will testify successfully.
29 The wicked person appears brash,
but the virtuous
think about the path ahead.
30 No wisdom, understanding,
or advice
can stand up against the LORD.
31 A horse is made ready
for the day of battle,
but victory belongs to the LORD.

22 A good reputation
is better than much wealth;
high esteem
is better than silver and gold.
2 The rich and the poor
have this in common:
the LORD made them both.
3 Prudent people see trouble and hide,
while the simpleminded
go right to it and get punished.
4 The reward of humility
and the fear of the LORD
is wealth, honor, and life.
5 Thorns and nets are in the path
of the crooked;

[z] Heb lacks *removes*. [a] Heb lacks *will be punished*.

those who guard their lives
keep their distance.
6 Train children in the way
they should go;
when they grow old,
they won't depart from it.
7 The wealthy rule over the poor;
a borrower is a slave to a lender.
8 Those who sow injustice
will harvest evil;
the rod of their fury
will come to an end.
9 Happy are generous people,
because they give some
of their food to the poor.
10 Remove the mocker
and conflict disappears;
judgment and shame also stop.
11 Those who love a pure heart—
their speech is gracious,
and the king is their friend.
12 The LORD's eyes protect knowledge,
but he frustrates the words
of the treacherous.
13 A lazy person says,
"There's a lion in the street!
I'll be killed in the town square!"
14 The mouth of a mysterious woman
is a deep pit;
those under the LORD's wrath
will fall in it.
15 Folly is bound up in a child's heart;
the rod of discipline removes it.
16 Oppressing the poor to get rich
and giving to the wealthy
lead only to poverty.

Thirty sayings of the wise

17 Turn your ear
and hear the words of the wise;
focus your mind on my knowledge.
18 It will be pleasant
if you keep the words in you,
if you have them ready on your lips.
19 So that your trust
will be in the LORD,
I'm teaching you today—yes, you.
20 Haven't I written for you
thirty[b] sayings
full of advice and knowledge?
21 Their purpose is to teach you true,
reliable words,
so you can report back reliably
to those who sent you.

22 Don't steal from the poor,
because they are poor.
Don't oppress the needy in the gate.
23 The LORD will take up their case
and press the life out of those
who oppress them.[c]

24 Don't befriend people
controlled by anger;
don't associate with
hot-tempered people;
25 otherwise, you will learn their ways
and become trapped.

26 Don't shake hands
to guarantee a loan.
27 If you can't repay,
why should they be able
to take your bed from you?

28 Don't remove
an ancient boundary marker
that your ancestors established.

29 Do you see people
who work skillfully?
They will work for kings
but not work for lowly people.

23 When you sit down
to dine with a ruler,
carefully consider what
is in front of you.
2 Place a knife at your throat
to control your appetite.
3 Don't long for the ruler's delicacies;
the food misleads.

4 Don't wear yourself out
trying to get rich;
be smart enough to stop.
5 When your eyes fly to wealth
it is gone; it grows wings
like an eagle and flies heavenward.

6 Don't eat food with stingy people;
don't long for their delicacies,
7 because they are like a hair
in the throat.[d]

22:10 Gn 21:9, Gn 21:10; Prv 1:22, Prv 26:20
22:15 Prv 13:24, Prv 19:18, Prv 23:13, Prv 23:14, Prv 29:15
22:17 Prv 5:1, Prv 23:12
22:20 Prv 8:6
22:21 Lk 1:3, Lk 1:4
22:23 1Sa 25:39; Ps 12:5, Ps 35:10, Ps 140:12; Prv 23:11
22:28 Dt 19:14, Dt 27:17; Job 24:2; Prv 23:10; Hos 5:10
22:29 Gn 41:46; Prv 12:24
23:1 Prv 23:2, Prv 25:16; 1Co 9:25, 1Co 9:27, 1Co 10:25
23:2 Prv 23:1, Prv 23:3, Prv 23:20; Lk 21:34; Ro 13:14
23:3 Ps 141:4; Prv 23:6
23:4 Prv 3:5, Prv 28:20
23:5 Prv 27:24; Mt 6:19; 1Ti 6:17

[b] Heb uncertain [c] Heb uncertain [d] LXX; Heb uncertain

They say to you, "Eat and drink!"
but they don't mean it.
8 You will eat scraps
and vomit them out.
You will waste your pleasant words.
9 Don't speak in the ears of fools,
for they will scorn
your insightful words.

10 Don't remove an ancient
boundary marker;
don't invade the fields of orphans,
11 for their redeemer is strong.
He will bring charges against you.

12 Bring your mind to instruction,
your ear to knowledgeable sayings.

13 Don't withhold instruction
from children;
if you strike them with a rod,
they won't die.
14 Strike them with a rod,
and you will save their lives
from the grave.[e]

15 My child, if your heart is wise,
then my heart too will be happy.
16 My inner being will rejoice
when your lips speak with integrity.

17 Don't let your heart envy sinners,
but fear the LORD constantly;
18 then you will have a future,
and your hope won't be cut off.

19 Listen, my child, and be wise!
Keep your mind straight
on the path.
20 Don't hang out with those
who get drunk on wine
or those who eat too much meat,
21 because drunks and gluttons
will be impoverished;
their stupor will clothe them
in rags.

22 Listen to your father,
who gave you life;
don't despise your elderly mother.
23 Buy truth and don't sell it;
buy wisdom, instruction,
and understanding.

23:9 Prv 9:7, Prv 26:4; Mt 7:6
23:11 Job 19:25; Prv 22:23; Jer 50:34
23:13 Prv 13:24, Prv 19:18, Prv 22:15, Prv 29:17
23:14 2Sa 22:6; Job 11:8; Prv 13:24, Prv 22:15; 1Co 5:5
23:20 Prv 20:1, Prv 23:29, Prv 28:7; Is 5:11, Is 5:22
23:21 Prv 21:17
23:24 Prv 10:1, Prv 15:20, Prv 23:15, Prv 29:3
23:27 Prv 22:14
23:29 Is 5:11
23:30 Ps 75:8, Prv 9:2, Prv 20:1, Prv 23:29; Is 5:11
23:31 Prv 20:1, Prv 21:17, Prv 23:20, Prv 23:29, Prv 23:32
23:32 Ps 91:13
23:33 Prv 2:12
23:35 Is 56:12; Jer 5:3
24:3 Prv 14:1

24 The father of the righteous
will be very happy;
the one who gives life to the wise
will rejoice.
25 Your father and your mother
will rejoice;
she who gave you birth
will be happy.

26 My child, give your mind to me
and let your eyes keep to my path.
27 A prostitute is a deep pit,
and a foreign woman
is a narrow well.
28 Indeed, she ambushes like a robber
and increases the number
of the faithless.

29 Who is suffering?
Who is uneasy?
Who has arguments?
Who has complaints?
Who has unnecessary wounds?
Who has glazed eyes?—
30 those who linger over wine;
those who go looking
for mixed wine.
31 Don't look at wine when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup,
going down smoothly.
32 In the end, it bites like a snake
and poisons like a viper.
33 Your eyes will see strange things,
and your heart will speak
distorted words.
34 You will be like one who lies down
while out on the sea[f]
or one who lies on top of a mast.
35 "Though hit, I feel no pain;
though beaten up,
I don't know anything about it.
When I wake up,
I'll look for wine again!"

24 Don't envy evil people,
and don't long to be with them.
2 Their hearts are focused on violence,
and their lips speak of trouble.

3 By wisdom a house is built;
by understanding it is established.

[e] Heb *Sheol* [f] Or *in the heart of the sea*

4 By knowledge rooms are filled
with all precious
and pleasant wealth.

5 A wise person is mightier
than a strong one;[g]
a knowledgeable person
than a powerful one.
6 You should make war with guidance;
victory comes
with many counselors.

7 Wisdom is beyond foolish people.
They don't open their mouths
in the gate.
8 Those who plot evil
will be called master schemers.
9 The scheming of fools is sin;
people detest mockers.

10 If you show yourself weak
on a day of distress,
your strength is too small.
11 Rescue those being taken off
to death;
and from those staggering
to the slaughter, don't hold back.
12 If you say,
"Look, we didn't know about it,"
the one who weighs hearts—
doesn't he understand?
The one who protects your life—
he knows.
He makes people pay
for their actions.

13 My child, eat honey, for it is good.
The honeycomb is sweet
in your mouth.
14 Know that wisdom is like that
for your whole being.
If you find it, there is a future.
Your hope won't be cut off.

15 Wicked one, don't wait secretly
at the home of the righteous.
Don't destroy their dwelling.
16 The righteous may fall seven times
but still get up,
but the wicked will stumble
into trouble.

24:4 Prv 8:21
24:7 Prv 14:6
24:9 Ps 1:1; Prv 1:22, Prv 11:20, Prv 15:26; Mt 15:19
24:11 Ps 82:4; Is 58:6, Is 58:7
24:12 1Sa 16:7; Job 34:11; Ps 62:12; Prv 21:2; Jer 17:10
24:15 Ps 10:9, Ps 10:10; Prv 1:11
24:16 Job 5:19; Ps 37:24
24:17 Job 31:29; Ps 35:15, Ps 35:19; Prv 17:5; Obad 1:12
24:18 Job 31:29
24:21 Ecc 8:2; Ro 13:1; 1Pt 2:17
24:22 Lv 26:16; Prv 6:15, Prv 29:1
24:27 Lk 14:28
24:28 Ex 20:16; Prv 25:18
24:30 Prv 6:6, Prv 22:13, Prv 24:31, Prv 26:13; Ecc 10:18

17 When your enemies fall,
don't rejoice.
When they stumble,
don't let your heart be glad,
18 or the LORD will see it
and be displeased,
and he will turn his anger
from them.

19 Don't get fighting mad at evil people;
don't be envious of the wicked.
20 Indeed, there is no future for the evil;
the lamp of the wicked
will be put out.

21 Fear the LORD, my child,
as well as the king.
Don't associate with those
who are rebellious.
22 Disaster comes suddenly from them.
Who can know the ruin
that both can bring?

More sayings of the wise

23 These are also the sayings of the wise:

Partiality in judgment isn't good.

24 Those who say to the guilty,
"You are innocent"—
the people will curse them.
Nations will condemn them.
25 But it will go well for those
who rebuke them.
A rich blessing will come to them.
26 Those who speak honestly
are like those who kiss on the lips.

27 Get your outside work done;
make preparations in the field;
then you can build your house.

28 Don't be a witness against your
neighbor without reason;
don't deceive with your lips.
29 Don't say, "I'll do to them
what they did to me.
I'll pay them back for their actions."

30 I happened upon the field
of a lazy person,

[g] LXX; MT *A wise man is strong.*

by the vineyard of one
with no sense.
31 Thorns grew all over it;
weeds covered the ground,
and the stone wall was falling down.
32 I observed this and took it to heart;
I saw it and learned a lesson.
33 "A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little lying down
with folded arms"—
34 and poverty will come on you
like a prowler,
deprivation like a man
with a shield.

More proverbs of Solomon

25 These are also proverbs of Solomon, copied by the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah:

2 It is the glory of God
to hide something
and the glory of kings
to discover something.
3 Like the high heavens
and the depths of the earth,
so the mind of a king
is unsearchable.

4 Remove the dross from the silver,
and a vessel will come out
for the refiner.
5 Remove the wicked
from the king's presence,
and his throne will be established
in righteousness.

6 Don't exalt yourself
in the presence of the king,
or stand in the place
of important people,
7 because it is better
that he say to you,
"Come up here,"
than to be demoted before a ruler.

What your eyes see,
8 don't be quick to quarrel over;
what will you do in the future
when your neighbor shames you?
9 Argue it out with your neighbor,
and don't give away
someone's secret.
10 Otherwise, the one who hears it
will vilify you;
the slander against you
will never stop.

11 Words spoken at the right time
are like gold apples
in a silver setting.
12 Wise correction to an ear that listens
is like a gold earring
or jewelry of fine gold.

13 Like the coolness of snow
on a harvest day
are reliable messengers to those
who send them;
they restore the life of their master.
14 People who brag about a gift
never given
are like clouds and wind
that produce no rain.
15 A commander can be persuaded
with patience,
and a tender tongue
can break a bone.
16 If you find honey,
eat just the right amount;
otherwise, you'll get full
and vomit it up.
17 Don't spend too much time
in your neighbor's house.
Otherwise, they'll get fed up
with you and hate you.
18 People who testify falsely
against their neighbors
are like a club, sword,
and sharpened arrow.
19 Trusting a treacherous person
at a difficult time
is like having a bad tooth
or a wobbly foot.
20 Singing a song to a troubled heart
is like taking off a garment
on a cold day
or putting vinegar on a wound.[h]
21 If your enemies are starving,
feed them some bread;
if they are thirsty,
give them water to drink.

25:1 2Ki 18:1; Prv 1:1, Prv 10:1
25:2 Dt 29:29; Ro 11:33
25:7 Lk 14:7; Lk 14:8
25:8 Prv 17:14; Mt 5:25
25:11 Prv 15:23
25:12 Ps 141:5; Prv 15:31
25:14 Prv 20:6; Jud 1:12
25:16 Jgs 14:8; 1Sa 14:25; Prv 24:13, Prv 25:27
25:18 Ps 57:4; Prv 12:18, Prv 24:28
25:20 Ps 69:21, Ps 137:3; Prv 10:26; Ro 12:15
25:21 Ex 23:4, Ex 23:5; Prv 24:17, Prv 25:22; Ro 12:20

[h] LXX; MT *vinegar on natron* (a detergent)

22 By doing this, you will heap
burning coals on their heads,
and the LORD will reward you.
23 The north wind stirs up rain,
and a person who plots quietly
provokes angry faces.
24 Better to live on the edge of a roof
than to share a house
with a contentious woman.
25 Good news from a distant land
is like cold water for a weary person.
26 A righteous person giving in
to the wicked
is like a contaminated spring
or a polluted fountain.
27 Eating too much honey isn't good,
nor is it appropriate to seek honor.
28 A person without self-control
is like a breached city,
one with no walls.

26 Like snow in the summer
or rain at harvest,
so honor isn't appropriate
for a fool.
2 Like a darting sparrow,
like a flying swallow,
so an undeserved curse
never arrives.
3 A whip for a horse,
a bridle for a donkey,
and a rod for the back of fools.
4 Don't answer fools
according to their folly,
or you will become
like them yourself.
5 Answer fools according to their folly,
or they will deem themselves wise.
6 Sending messages with a fool
is like cutting off one's feet
or drinking down violence.
7 As legs dangle
from a disabled person,
so does a proverb
in the mouth of fools.
8 Like tying a stone in a sling,
so is giving respect to a fool.
9 Like a thorny bush
in the hand of a drunk,
so is a proverb
in the mouth of fools.
10 Like an archer who wounds
someone randomly,
so is one who hires a fool
or a passerby.
11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit,
so a fool repeats foolish mistakes.
12 Do you see people
who consider themselves wise?
There is more hope for a fool
than for them.
13 A lazy person says,
"There's a lion in the path!
A lion in the plazas!"
14 As a door turns on its hinge,
so do lazy people in their beds.
15 Lazy people bury their hand
into the bowl,
too tired to return it to their mouth.
16 Lazy people think they are wiser
than seven people
who answer sensibly.

17 Like yanking the ears of a dog,
so is one who passes by and gets
involved in another person's fight.
18 Like a crazy person
shooting deadly flaming arrows
19 are those who deceive
their neighbor and say,
"Hey, I was only joking!"
20 Without wood a fire goes out;
without gossips,
conflict calms down.
21 Like adding charcoal to embers
or wood to fire,
quarrelsome people kindle strife.
22 The words of gossips
are like choice snacks;
they go down to the inmost parts.
23 Smooth[i] lips and an evil heart
are like silver coating on clay.
24 Hateful people mislead
with their lips,
keeping their deception within.
25 Though they speak graciously,
don't believe them,
for seven horrible things
are in their heart.
26 They may cover their hatred
with trickery,
but their evil will be revealed
in public.

25:22 Prv 25:21; Mt 5:44; Ro 12:20
25:23 Ps 101:5; Ro 1:30; 2Co 12:20
25:24 Prv 19:13, Prv 21:9, Prv 27:15
25:25 Prv 15:30
25:28 Prv 16:32
26:2 Nm 23:8; Dt 23:5; 2Sa 16:12
26:4 Prv 23:9; Mt 7:6
26:5 Prv 3:7, Prv 26:12, Prv 28:11; Is 5:21; Ro 12:16
26:9 Prv 23:35, Prv 26:7
26:10 Gn 1:1; Ps 107:17; Prv 11:31
26:11 Ex 8:15; 2Pt 2:22
26:12 Prv 3:7, Prv 26:5, Prv 28:11, Prv 29:20; Ro 12:16
26:17 Prv 20:3
26:22 Prv 18:8
26:25 Ps 28:3

[i] LXX; Heb uncertain

27 Those who dig a pit will fall in it;
those who roll a stone
will have it turn back on them.
28 A lying tongue hates those it crushes;
a flattering mouth causes
destruction.

27 Don't brag about tomorrow,
for you don't know
what a day will bring.
2 Let another person praise you,
and not your own mouth;
a stranger, and not your own lips.
3 A stone is heavy
and sand weighs much,
but the nuisance of fools
is heavier than both.
4 Wrath is cruel and anger is a flood,
but who can withstand jealousy?
5 A public correction
is better than hidden love.
6 Trustworthy are the bruises
of a friend;
excessive are the kisses
of an enemy.
7 Someone who is full refuses honey,
but anything bitter
tastes sweet to a hungry person.
8 Like a bird wandering from its nest,
so is one who wanders from home.
9 Oil and incense make the heart glad,
and the sweetness of friends
comes from their advice.[j]
10 Don't desert your friend
or a friend of your family;
don't go to your relative's house
when disaster strikes.
Better a neighbor nearby
than a relative far away.
11 Be wise, my child,
and make my heart glad,
so I can answer those
who insult me.
12 Prudent people see evil and hide;
the simpleminded go right to it
and get punished.
13 Take the garment of the person
who secures a loan for a stranger;
take his pledge for a foreigner.
14 Greeting a neighbor with a loud voice
early in the morning
will be viewed as a curse.
15 The constant dripping on a rainy day
and a contentious woman are alike;
16 anyone who can control her
can control the wind
or pick up oil in his hand.
17 As iron sharpens iron,
so friends sharpen
each other's faces.
18 Those who tend a fig tree
will eat its fruit,
and those who look after their
master will be honored.
19 As water reflects the face,
so the heart reflects
one person to another.
20 The grave[k] and the underworld[l]
are never satisfied;
and people's eyes
are never satisfied.
21 A crucible is for silver
and a furnace for gold,
so are people in the presence
of someone who praises them.
22 Even if you grind fools in a mortar,
even grinding them
along with the grain,
their folly won't be driven
from them.
23 Know your flock well;
pay attention to your herds,
24 for no treasure lasts forever,
nor a crown
generation after generation.
25 When the grass goes away,
new growth appears,
and the plants of the hills
are gathered,
26 then the lambs will provide
your clothes,
and the goats
will be the price of your fields.
27 There will be enough goat's milk
for your food,
for the food of your house,
and to nourish your young women.

28 The wicked run away even
though no one pursues them,
but the righteous
are as confident as a lion.

26:27 Ps 7:15; Prv 28:10; Ecc 10:8
27:1 Lk 12:19; Jas 4:13, Jas 4:14
27:2 Prv 25:27; 2Co 10:12, 2Co 10:18, 2Co 12:11
27:4 Prv 6:34
27:6 2Sa 20:9; Ps 141:5; Mt 26:49
27:7 Prv 24:13; Lk 15:16
27:8 Is 16:2
27:10 1Ki 12:6; Prv 17:17, Prv 18:24
27:12 Prv 22:3
27:14 Ps 12:2
27:15 Prv 19:13, Prv 21:9, Prv 21:19, Prv 25:24
27:20 Job 26:6; Prv 15:11, Prv 30:16; Ecc 1:8; Hab 2:5
27:21 Prv 17:3
27:22 Jer 5:3
27:23 Prv 12:10, Prv 27:27; Ecc 9:10, Ecc 11:6; Jn 10:3
27:25 Song 2:11
28:1 Lv 26:17; Ps 53:5

[j] Heb uncertain [k] Heb *Sheol* [l] Heb *Abaddon*

2 When a land rebels,
there are many leaders;
but a person with understanding
brings order.
3 Poor people who oppress the needy
are rain that washes away food.
4 Those who abandon Instruction
praise the wicked,
but those who follow Instruction
battle them.
5 Evil people don't understand justice,
but those who seek the LORD
understand everything.
6 Better to be poor
and walk in innocence
than to be on crooked paths
and wealthy.
7 Intelligent children follow Instruction,
but those who befriend gluttons
shame their parents.
8 Those who become rich
through high interest rates
gather money for those
who are generous to the poor.
9 Those who turn their ears
from hearing Instruction—
even their prayers will be detested.
10 Whoever misleads those
who do right onto an evil path
will fall into their own pit,
but the blameless
will inherit good things.
11 Rich people think they are wise,
but an insightful poor person
sees through them.
12 When the righteous rejoice,
there is great respect,
but people hide
when the wicked prosper.
13 Those who hide their sins
won't succeed,
but those who confess and
give them up will receive mercy.
14 Happy are those
who are continually fearful,
but those whose hearts are hard
fall into trouble.
15 A wicked ruler over the poor
is like a growling lion
or a prowling bear.
16 A prince without understanding
is a cruel oppressor,
but one who hates unjust gain
will live long.
17 If someone feels guilty about murder,
don't hold them back
from fleeing to the pit.
18 Those who walk in innocence
will be saved,
but those who go on twisted paths
will fall into the grave.
19 Those who work the land
will have plenty to eat,
but those with worthless pursuits
will have plenty of poverty.
20 Reliable people
will have abundant blessings,
but those with get-rich-quick
schemes won't go unpunished.
21 Those who show favoritism
aren't good;
people do wrong
for a crust of bread.
22 The stingy try to get rich fast,
unaware that loss
will come to them.
23 Those who correct someone will,
in the end, find more favor
than those with flattering tongues.
24 Those who steal from their father
and mother,
and say, "It's not a crime,"
are friends of vandals.
25 Greedy people stir up conflict,
but those who trust the LORD
become prosperous.
26 Those who trust
in their own reasoning are fools,
but those who walk in wisdom
will be kept safe.
27 Those who give to the poor
will lack nothing,
but those who turn a blind eye
will be greatly cursed.
28 When the wicked rise up,
people hide,
but when they are destroyed,
the righteous multiply.

29 One who stays stubborn
after many corrections
will be suddenly broken,
beyond healing.
2 When the righteous become
numerous, the people rejoice,

28:4 Ro 1:32; Eph 5:11
28:5 Ps 92:6; Jn 7:17; 1Co 2:15
28:6 Prv 19:1
28:13 Lv 26:40; Job 31:33; Ps 32:3, Ps 32:5; 1Jn 1:9
28:14 Ps 95:8; Prv 23:17, Prv 29:1
28:19 Prv 12:11
28:20 Prv 28:22
28:27 Prv 11:24, Prv 19:17, Prv 22:9
28:28 Prv 28:12

but when the wicked dominate,
the people moan.
3 A man who loves wisdom
makes his father rejoice,
but one who spends time
with prostitutes destroys riches.
4 A king gives stability
to the land by justice,
but one who imposes heavy taxes
tears it down.
5 People who flatter their friends
spread out a net for their feet.
6 The wicked are snared
by their own sin;[m]
the righteous sing and rejoice.
7 The righteous know the rights
of the poor,
but the wicked don't understand.
8 Mockers set a city on fire,
but the wise turn back anger.
9 When the wise make a legal charge
against the foolish,
the fools shout, they laugh—
there is no calm.
10 Murderous people hate the innocent,
and they seek the lives
of the virtuous.
11 Fools show all their anger,
but the wise hold it back.
12 If a ruler listens to lies,
those who serve him will be wicked.
13 The poor and their oppressors
have a common bond—
the LORD gives light to the eyes
of both.
14 If a king judges the poor honestly,
his throne will
be established forever.
15 The rod and correction
lead to wisdom,
but children out of control
shame their mothers.
16 When the wicked become numerous,
so do crimes;
the righteous will see their downfall.
17 Instruct your children;
they will give you peace of mind
and bring delight into your life.
18 When there's no vision,
the people get out of control,
but whoever obeys instruction
is happy.
19 Servants aren't disciplined by words;
they might understand,
but they don't respond.
20 Do you see people
who are quick to speak?
There is more hope for fools
than for them.
21 Pamper servants from a young age,
and later on there will be trouble.
22 Angry people stir up conflict;
hotheads cause much offense.
23 Pride lays people low,
but those of humble spirit
gain honor.
24 Those who share plunder
with thieves hate themselves;
even under oath, they don't testify.
25 People are trapped
by their fear of others;
those who trust the LORD
are secure.
26 Many seek access to the ruler,
but justice comes from the LORD.
27 The unjust person is disgusting
to the righteous;
the straight path is disgusting
to the wicked.

Words of Agur

30 The words of Agur, Jakeh's son, from Massa.
The man declares: I'm tired, God;
I'm tired, God, and I'm exhausted.
2 Actually, I'm too stupid to be human,
a man without understanding.
3 I haven't learned wisdom,
nor do I have knowledge
of the holy one.

4 Who has gone up to heaven
and come down?
Who has gathered the wind
by the handful?
Who has bound up the waters
in a garment?
Who has established all the ends
of the earth?
What is this person's name
and the name
of this person's child—
if you know it?

29:3 Prv 6:26, Prv 10:1, Prv 15:20, Prv 27:11, Prv 28:7
29:5 Ps 5:9; Prv 26:28, Prv 28:23
29:7 Job 29:16; Ps 41:1
29:11 Prv 12:16
29:12 2Ki 21:9
29:13 Ps 13:3; Prv 22:2
29:16 Ps 37:34, Ps 37:36, Ps 58:10, Ps 91:8, Ps 92:11
29:17 Prv 10:1, Prv 13:24, Prv 19:18, Prv 22:15, Prv 29:15
29:19 Job 19:16
29:20 Prv 19:2, Prv 21:5, Prv 26:12; Ecc 5:2
29:22 Prv 15:18, Prv 26:21, Prv 30:33
29:27 Dt 16:19, Dt 24:17; Ps 82:2; Prv 29:10; 1Jn 3:13
30:1 Prv 31:1
30:2 Ps 73:22
30:3 Prv 9:10
30:4 Job 26:8; Is 40:12; Jn 3:13

[m] Tg, Syr; MT *In the sin of an evil man is a snare*

5 All God's words are tried and true;
a shield for those
who take refuge in him.
6 Don't add to his words,
or he will correct you
and show you to be a liar.

7 Two things I ask of you;
don't keep them from me
before I die:
8 Fraud and lies—
keep far from me!
Don't give me either poverty
or wealth;
give me just the food I need.
9 Or I'll be full and deny you,
and say, "Who is the LORD?"
Or I'll be poor and steal,
and dishonor my God's name.

More sayings of the wise

10 Don't slander a servant
to his master;
otherwise, the servant will curse you,
and you will be guilty.

11 There are those who curse their father
and don't bless their mother.
12 There are those who think
they are clean,
but haven't washed off
their own excrement.
13 There are those—
how arrogant are their eyes;
how their eyebrows are raised!
14 There are those
whose teeth are swords;
their jaw is a butcher's knife,
ready to devour the needy
from the earth,
and the poor from humanity.

15 The leech has two daughters:
"Give, give!"
There are three things
that are never satisfied,
four that never say, "Enough!":
16 the grave[n] and a barren womb,
a land never filled with water,
and fire that doesn't say,
"Enough!"

30:5 Gn 15:1; Ps 12:6, Ps 18:30, Ps 84:11, Ps 119:140
30:6 Dt 4:2, Dt 12:32; Rev 22:18, Rev 22:19
30:8 Gn 28:20; Mt 6:11
30:9 Ex 20:7; Dt 31:20; Hos 13:6
30:11 Ex 21:17; Prv 20:20, Prv 30:17
30:12 Prv 16:2; Jer 2:35
30:15 Prv 6:16, Prv 30:18, Prv 30:21, Prv 30:29
30:16 Gn 30:1; Prv 27:20
30:18 Ps 139:6; Prv 30:15
30:19 Dt 28:49; Jer 49:22
30:21 Prv 30:22
30:22 Prv 19:10; Ecc 10:7
30:24 Job 12:7
30:25 Prv 6:6
30:26 Lv 11:5; Ps 104:18
30:27 Ex 10:4; Jl 1:4, Jl 2:7
30:28 Job 8:14

17 An eye that mocks a father
and rejects obedience to a mother,
may the ravens of the river valley
peck it out,
and the eagle's young eat it.

18 Three things are too wonderful
for me,
four that I can't figure out:
19 the way of an eagle in the sky,
the way of a snake on the rock,
the way of a ship
out on the open sea,
and the way of a man
with a young woman.

20 This is the way
of an adulterous woman:
she eats and wipes her mouth,
and she says,
"I've done nothing wrong!"

21 At three things the earth trembles,
at four it can't bear up:
22 at a servant when he becomes king
and fools when they are full
of food;
23 at a detested woman
when she gets married
and a female servant
when she replaces her mistress.

24 Four things are among
the smallest on earth,
but they are extremely wise:
25 Ants as creatures aren't strong,
but they store away their food
in the summer.
26 Badgers as creatures
aren't powerful,
but they make their homes
in the rocks.
27 Locusts don't have a king,
but they march together
in ranks.
28 You can catch lizards in your hand,
but they are in kings' palaces.

29 There are three things
that are excellent in their stride,
four that are excellent as they walk:

[n] Heb *Sheol*

30 a lion, a warrior among beasts,
which doesn't back down
at anything;
31 the strut of a rooster or a male goat;
and a king with his army.

32 If you've been foolish and arrogant,
if you've been scheming,
put your hand to your mouth,
33 because churning milk
makes curds,
squeezing the nose brings blood,
and stirring up anger
produces strife.

Words of King Lemuel

31 The words of King Lemuel
of Massa, which his mother
taught him:
2 No, my son!
No, son of my womb!
No, son of my solemn promises!
3 Don't give your strength to women,
your ways to those
who wipe out kings.
4 It isn't for kings, Lemuel,
it isn't for kings to drink wine,
for rulers to crave[o] strong drink.
5 Otherwise, they will drink
and forget the law,
and violate the rights of the needy.
6 Give strong drink
to those who are perishing
and wine to those
whose hearts are bitter.
7 Let them drink
and forget their poverty
and no longer remember their toil.
8 Speak out on behalf of the voiceless,
and for the rights of all
who are vulnerable.[p]
9 Speak out in order to judge
with righteousness
and to defend the needy
and the poor.

The competent wife

10 A competent wife,
how does one find her?
Her value is far above pearls.
11 Her husband entrusts his heart to her,
and with her
he will have all he needs.
12 She brings him good and not trouble
all the days of her life.
13 She seeks out wool and flax;
she works joyfully with her hands.
14 She is like a fleet of merchant ships,
bringing food from a distance.
15 She gets up while it is still night,
providing food for her household,
even some for her female servants.
16 She surveys a field and acquires it;
from her own resources,
she plants a vineyard.
17 She works energetically;
her arms are powerful.
18 She realizes that her trading
is successful;
she doesn't put out her lamp
at night.
19 She puts her hands to the spindle;
her palms grasp the whorl.
20 She reaches out to the needy;
she stretches out her hands
to the poor.
21 She doesn't fear for her household
when it snows,
because they are all dressed
in warm[q] clothes.
22 She makes bedspreads for herself;
fine linen and
purple are her clothing.
23 Her husband is known
in the city gates
when he sits with the elders
of the land.
24 She makes garments and sells them;
she supplies sashes to traders.
25 Strength and honor
are her clothing;
she is confident about the future.
26 Her mouth is full of wisdom;
kindly teaching is on her tongue.
27 She is vigilant over the activities
of her household;
she doesn't eat the food
of laziness.
28 Her children bless her;
her husband praises her:
29 "Many women act competently,
but you surpass them all!"

30:30 Jgs 14:18
30:33 Prv 15:18, Prv 26:21, Prv 29:22
31:1 Prv 1:8, Prv 30:1, Prv 31:4
31:3 Dt 17:17; Neh 13:26; Prv 5:9
31:4 Prv 20:1; Ecc 10:17; Is 28:7; Hos 4:11
31:6 Ps 104:15; 1Ti 5:23
31:7 Ps 104:15
31:10 Ru 3:11; Job 28:18; Prv 12:4, Prv 18:22, Prv 19:14
31:11 Gn 2:18; Prv 12:4
31:19 Ex 35:25, Ex 35:26
31:20 Eph 4:28
31:21 2Sa 1:24
31:22 Gn 41:42; Prv 7:16
31:25 1Ti 2:10
31:26 Ps 37:30; Prv 10:11, Prv 10:31, Prv 15:1, Prv 25:15
31:27 1Ti 3:4, 1Ti 3:5, 1Ti 3:12; Ti 2:4

[o] Or *where* or *or* [p] Or *all children who are passing away* [q] LXX; MT *red*

30 Charm is deceptive
and beauty fleeting,
but a woman who fears the LORD
is to be praised.

31:30 Ps 39:11, Ps 112:1; Prv 6:25, Prv 11:16, Prv 11:22

31 Let her share in the results
of her work;
let her deeds praise her
in the city gates.

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Opening motto

1 The words of the Teacher of the Assembly,[a] David's son, king in Jerusalem:

2 Perfectly pointless,[b] says the
Teacher, perfectly pointless.
Everything is pointless.

Some things are inevitable

3 What do people gain
from all the hard work
that they work so hard
at under the sun?

4 A generation goes,
and a generation comes,
but the earth remains
as it always has.

5 The sun rises, the sun sets;
it returns panting to the place
where it dawns.

6 The wind blows to the south,
goes around to the north;
around and around blows the wind;
the wind returns
to its rounds again.

7 All streams flow to the sea,
but the sea is never full;
to the place where the rivers flow,
there they continue to flow.

8 All words[c] are tiring;
no one is able to speak.
The eye isn't satisfied with seeing,
neither is the ear filled up
by hearing.

9 Whatever has happened—
that's what will happen again;
whatever has occurred—
that's what will occur again.
There's nothing new under the sun. 10 People may say about something: "Look at this! It's new!" But it was already around for ages before us. 11 There's no remembrance of things in the past, nor of things to come in the future. Neither will there be any remembrance among those who come along in the future.

1:1 Prv 1:1; Ecc 1:12, Ecc 7:27, Ecc 12:8

1:2 Ps 39:5, Ps 62:9, Ps 144:4; Ecc 12:8; Ro 8:20

1:3 Ecc 2:11, Ecc 2:22, Ecc 3:9, Ecc 5:16

1:4 Ps 104:5, Ps 119:90

1:6 Ecc 11:5; Jn 3:8

1:7 Ps 104:8

1:8 Prv 27:20; Ecc 4:8

1:9 Ecc 2:12, Ecc 3:15, Ecc 6:10

1:13 Gn 3:19; Ecc 1:17, Ecc 3:10, Ecc 7:25

1:14 Ecc 2:11, Ecc 2:17, Ecc 4:4, Ecc 6:9

1:15 Ecc 7:13

1:16 1Ki 3:12, 1Ki 4:30, 1Ki 10:7, 1Ki 10:23; Ecc 2:9

1:17 Ecc 1:13, Ecc 2:3, Ecc 2:12, Ecc 7:23, Ecc 7:25

1:18 Ecc 2:23, Ecc 12:12

2:1 Ecc 8:15

The Teacher's quest

12 I am the Teacher. I was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 I applied my mind to investigate and to explore by wisdom all that happens under heaven. It's an unhappy obsession that God has given to human beings.

14 When I observed all that happens under the sun, I realized that everything is pointless, a chasing after wind.

15 What's crooked can't be straightened;
what isn't there can't be counted.

16 I said to myself, Look here, I have grown much wiser than any who ruled over Jerusalem before me. My mind has absorbed great wisdom and knowledge. 17 But when I set my mind to understand wisdom, and also to understand madness and folly, I realized that this too was just wind chasing.

18 Remember:
In much wisdom
is much aggravation;
the more knowledge,
the more pain.

2 I said to myself,[d] Come, I will make you[e] experience pleasure; enjoy what is good! But this too was pointless! 2 Merriment, I thought, is mad-

[a] Or *Gatherer* or *Convener* or *Assembler* (Heb *Qoheleth);* see also 1:2, 12; 7:27; 12:8, 9, 10. [b] Or *meaningless* or *vapor* or *puff of air* (Heb *hebel,* which often occurs in the book) [c] Or *things* [d] Or *in my heart; mind* [e] Or *the self* (or *heart; mind*)

ness; pleasure, of no use at all. 3I tried cheering myself with wine and by embracing folly—with wisdom still guiding me—until I might see what is really worth doing in the few days that human beings have under heaven.

4I took on great projects: I built houses for myself, planted vineyards for myself. 5I made gardens and parks for myself, planting every kind of fruit tree in them. 6I made reservoirs for myself to water my lush groves. 7I acquired male servants and female servants; I even had slaves born in my house. I also had great herds of cattle and sheep, more than any who preceded me in Jerusalem. 8I amassed silver and gold for myself, the treasures of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers for myself, along with every human luxury, treasure chests galore![f] 9So I became far greater than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. Moreover, my wisdom stood by me. 10I refrained from nothing that my eyes desired. I refused my heart no pleasure. Indeed, my heart found pleasure from the results of my hard work; that was the reward from all my hard work. 11But when I surveyed all that my hands had done, and what I had worked so hard to achieve, I realized that it was pointless—a chasing after wind. Nothing is to be gained under the sun.

12My reflections then turned to wisdom, madness, and folly. What can the king's heir do but what has already been done? 13I saw that wisdom is more beneficial than folly, as light is more beneficial than darkness.

14The wise have eyes in their head,
but fools walk around in darkness.

But I also realized that the same fate happens to both of them. 15So I thought to myself, What happens to the fool will also happen to me. So why have I been so very wise? I said to myself, This too is pointless. 16There is no eternal memory of the wise any more than the foolish,[g] because everyone is forgotten before long. How can the wise die just like the fool? 17So I hated life, because the things that happen under the sun were troublesome to me. Definitely, everything is pointless—just wind chasing.

18I hated the things I worked so hard for here under the sun, because I will have to leave them to someone who comes after me. 19And who knows whether that one will be wise or foolish? Either way, that person will have control over the results of all my hard work and wisdom here under the sun. That too is pointless. 20I then gave myself up to despair, as I thought about all my laborious hard work under the sun, 21because sometimes those who have worked hard with wisdom, knowledge, and skill must leave the results of their hard work as a possession to those who haven't worked hard for it. This too is pointless—it's a terrible wrong. 22I mean, What do people get for all their hard work and struggles under the sun? 23All their days are pain, and their work is aggravation; even at night, their hearts don't find rest. This too is pointless.

24There's nothing better for human beings than to eat, drink, and experience pleasure in their hard work. I also saw that this is from God's hand—25Who can eat and find enjoyment otherwise?—26because God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy to those who please God. But to those who are offensive,[h] God gives the task of hoarding and accumulating, but only so as to give it all to those who do please God. This too is pointless and a chasing after wind.

A season for everything

3 There's a season for everything
and a time for every matter
under the heavens:
2a time for giving birth
and a time for dying,
a time for planting and a time for
uprooting what was planted,
3a time for killing
and a time for healing,

2:4 1Ki 7:1; 2Ch 8:1; Song 8:11
2:5 Gn 2:8; Song 5:1
2:6 Neh 2:14, Neh 3:15; Ecc 2:5
2:7 Gn 14:14; 1Ki 4:23
2:8 2Sa 19:35; 1Ki 9:28, 1Ki 10:10
2:13 Ecc 7:11, Ecc 7:12, Ecc 7:19
2:14 Ps 49:10; Ecc 3:19, Ecc 6:6, Ecc 9:2, Ecc 9:3
2:16 Ecc 1:11
2:24 Ecc 3:12, Ecc 3:13, Ecc 3:22, Ecc 8:15, Ecc 9:7
3:1 Ecc 3:17, Ecc 8:6
3:2 Job 14:5; Heb 9:27
3:3 Hos 6:1

[f] Or *many secondary wives* [g] Or *The wise and the foolish alike are never remembered.* [h] Or *to those who sin*

a time for tearing down
and a time for building up,
4 a time for crying
and a time for laughing,
a time for mourning
and a time for dancing,
5 a time for throwing stones
and a time for gathering stones,
a time for embracing
and a time for avoiding embraces,
6 a time for searching
and a time for losing,
a time for keeping
and a time for throwing away,
7 a time for tearing
and a time for repairing,
a time for keeping silent
and a time for speaking,
8 a time for loving
and a time for hating,
a time for war
and a time for peace.

Hard work

9 What do workers gain from all
their hard work? 10 I have observed the
task that God has given human beings.
11 God has made everything fitting in
its time, but has also placed eternity in
their hearts, without enabling them to
discover what God has done from be-
ginning to end.

12 I know that there's nothing bet-
ter for them but to enjoy themselves
and do what's good while they live.
13 Moreover, this is the gift of God:
that all people should eat, drink, and
enjoy the results of their hard work.
14 I know that whatever God does will
last forever; it's impossible to add to
it or take away from it. God has done
this so that people are reverent before
him.[i] 15 Whatever happens has already
happened, and whatever will happen
has already happened before. And God
looks after what is driven away.[j]

Enjoy what you do now

16 I saw something else under the
sun: in the place of justice, there was
wickedness; and in the place of what
was right, there was wickedness again!
17 I thought to myself, God will judge
both righteous and wicked people,
because there's a time for every mat-
ter and every deed. 18 I also thought,
Where human beings are concerned,
God tests them to show them that
they are but animals 19 because human
beings and animals share the same
fate. One dies just like the other—both
have the same life-breath. Humans are
no better off than animals because ev-
erything is pointless.
20 All go to the same place:
all are from the dust;
all return to the dust.
21 Who knows if a human being's life-
breath rises upward while an animal's
life-breath descends into the earth? 22 So
I perceived that there was nothing bet-
ter for human beings but to enjoy what
they do because that's what they're al-
lotted in life. Who, really, is able to see
what will happen in the future?

Death is better than oppression

4 When I next observed all the op-
pressions that take place under the
sun, I saw the tears of the oppressed—
and they have no one to comfort them.
Their oppressors wield power—but
they have no one to comfort them.
2 So I declare that the dead, who have
already died, are more fortunate than
the living, who are still alive. 3 But
happier than both are those who have
never existed, who haven't witnessed
the terrible things that happen under
the sun.

Envy and loneliness

4 I also observed that people work
hard and become good at what they
do only out of mutual envy. This too is
pointless, just wind chasing.
5 Fools fold their hands
and eat their own flesh.
6 But better is resting
with one handful

3:4 Ex 15:20; Ro 12:15
3:5 2Ki 3:25; 1Co 7:5
3:6 2Ki 7:15; Is 2:20; Jon 1:5; Mt 19:29; Phi 3:7
3:7 Gn 37:29; Est 4:14; Prv 15:23; Am 5:13
3:8 Lk 14:26
3:9 Ecc 1:3
3:10 Ecc 1:13
3:11 Gn 1:31; Job 5:9, Job 11:7; Ecc 8:17; Ro 11:33
3:13 Ecc 2:24, Ecc 5:18, Ecc 5:19, Ecc 9:7
3:14 Ps 33:11; Ecc 5:7, Ecc 7:18, Ecc 8:12, Ecc 12:13
3:16 Ps 82:2; Ecc 4:1, Ecc 5:8
3:17 Gn 18:25; Ecc 3:1, Ecc 11:9, Ecc 12:14; Mt 16:27
3:18 Ps 49:12, Ps 49:20, Ps 73:22; 2Pt 2:12
3:19 2Sa 14:14; Ps 49:12, Ps 49:20, Ps 89:48; Ecc 2:14
3:20 Gn 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 104:29; Ecc 12:7
3:21 Ecc 12:7
3:22 Ecc 2:10, Ecc 2:24, Ecc 6:12, Ecc 8:7, Ecc 10:14
4:2 Job 3:17; Ecc 2:17
4:4 Ecc 1:14
4:5 Prv 6:10, Prv 24:33; Is 9:20
4:6 Prv 15:16, Prv 15:17, Prv 16:8, Prv 17:1; Ecc 6:5

[i] Or *to inspire awe before the divine* [j] Or *God seeks out what is pursued,* or *God seeks what has gone by,* or *God seeks the pursued;* Heb uncertain

than working hard for two fistfuls
and chasing after wind.

7 Next, I saw under the sun some-
thing else that was pointless: 8 There are
people who are utterly alone, with no
companions, not even a child or a sib-
ling. Yet they work hard without end,
never satisfied with their wealth. So for
whom am I working so hard and depriv-
ing myself of enjoyment? This too is
pointless and a terrible obsession.

9 Two are better than one because
they have a good return for their hard
work. 10 If either should fall, one can
pick up the other. But how miserable
are those who fall and don't have a
companion to help them up! 11 Also, if
two lie down together, they can stay
warm. But how can anyone stay warm
alone? 12 Also, one can be overpowered,
but two together can put up resistance.
A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap.

13 A poor but wise youth is better
than an old and foolish king, who no
longer listens to advice. 14 He emerged
from prison to become king, even
though during his rule a poor child[k]
is born. 15 I saw all who live and walk
under the sun following the next
youth who would rise to take his place.
16 There was no counting the number of
people he ruled, but those who came
later aren't happy with him. This too is
pointless and a chasing after wind.

Listen and speak carefully

5 Watch[l] your steps when you go to
God's house. It's more acceptable to
listen than to offer the fools' sacrifice—
they have no idea that they're acting
wrongly. 2 Don't[m] be quick with your
mouth or say anything hastily before
God, because God is in heaven, but you
are on earth. Therefore, let your words
be few.

3 Remember:
Dreams come with many cares,
and the voice of fools
with many words.

4 When you make a promise to God,
fulfill it without delay because God has
no pleasure in fools. Fulfill what you
promise. 5 Better not to make a promise
than to make a promise without fulfill-
ing it. 6 Don't let your mouth make a
sinner of you, and don't say to the mes-
senger: "It was a mistake!" Otherwise,
God may become angry at such talk and
destroy what you have accomplished.

7 Remember:
When dreams multiply,
so do pointless thoughts
and excessive speech.
Therefore, fear God.

Hoarding wealth

8 If you witness the poor being op-
pressed or the violation of what is just
and right in some territory, don't be sur-
prised because a high official watches
over another, and yet others stand over
them. 9 But the land's yield should be
for everyone if the field is cultivated.[n]
10 The money lover isn't satisfied with
money; neither is the lover of wealth
satisfied with income. This too is point-
less. 11 When good things flow, so do
those who consume them. But what do
owners benefit from such goods, except
to feast their eyes on them? 12 Sweet is
the worker's sleep, whether there's a
lot or little to eat; but the excess of the
wealthy won't let them sleep.

13 I have seen a sickening tragedy
under the sun: people hoard their
wealth to their own detriment. 14 Then
that wealth is lost in a bad business
venture so that when they have chil-
dren, they are left with nothing. 15 Just
as they came from their mother's
womb naked, naked they'll return,
ending up just like they started. All
their hard work produces nothing—
nothing they can take with them.
16 This too is a sickening tragedy: they
must pass on just as they arrived.
What then do they gain from working
so hard for wind? 17 What's more, they
constantly eat in darkness, with much
aggravation, grief, and anger.

4:8 Ps 39:6; Prv 27:20; Ecc 1:8, Ecc 1:13, Ecc 5:10
4:9 Gn 2:18
4:10 1Sa 23:16; Ga 6:1
4:11 1Ki 1:1, 1Ki 1:2
5:2 Prv 20:25; Mt 6:7
5:3 Job 11:2; Prv 10:19, Prv 15:2; Ecc 10:14
5:4 Nm 30:2; Dt 23:21; Ps 50:14, Ps 66:13, Ps 76:11
5:5 Prv 20:25; Ac 5:4
5:6 Nm 15:25; Mal 2:7; 1Co 11:10; Heb 1:14
5:7 Ecc 3:14, Ecc 7:18, Ecc 8:12, Ecc 12:13
5:8 Ps 12:5; Ecc 3:16, Ecc 4:1
5:9 Prv 27:23
5:10 Ecc 4:8; Hab 2:5
5:12 Prv 3:24

[k] Possibly the youth of 4:13; or *He emerged from prison to become king, even though he was born poor in the kingdom.* [l] 4:17 in Heb [m] 5:1 in Heb [n] Correction; Heb uncertain; or *The land's advantage in everything is this: a king for a plowed field.*

18 This is the one good thing I've
seen: it's appropriate for people to
eat, drink, and find enjoyment in all
their hard work under the sun during
the brief lifetime that God gives them
because that's their lot in life. 19 Also,
whenever God gives people wealth and
riches and enables them to enjoy it, to
accept their place in the world[o] and to
find pleasure in their hard work—all
this is God's gift. 20 Indeed, people
shouldn't brood too much over the
days of their lives because God gives
an answer in their hearts' joy.

Controlled appetite

6 I saw a tragedy under the sun, and
it weighs heavily upon humanity.
2 God may give some people plenty of
wealth, riches, and glory so that they
lack nothing they desire. But God
doesn't enable them to enjoy it; in-
stead, a stranger enjoys it. This is point-
less and a sickening tragedy. 3 Some
people may have one hundred children
and live a long life. But no matter how
long they live, if they aren't content
with life's good things, I say that even
a stillborn child with no grave is better
off than they are.[p] 4 Because that child
arrives pointlessly, then passes away in
darkness. Darkness covers its name.
5 It hasn't seen the sun or experienced
anything. But it has more peace than
those 6 who live a thousand years twice
over but don't enjoy life's good things.
Isn't everyone heading to the same
destination? 7 All the hard work of
humans is for the mouth, but the ap-
petite is never full. 8 What advantage
do the wise have over the foolish? Or
what do the poor gain by knowing how
to conduct themselves before the liv-
ing? 9 It's better to enjoy what's at hand
than to have an insatiable appetite.
This too is pointless, just wind chasing.

10 Whatever happens has already
been designated, and human beings
are fully known. They can't contend
with the one who is stronger than they
are. 11 Because the more words increase,
the more everything is pointless. What
do people gain by it? 12 Because who
knows what's good for human beings
during life, during their brief point-
less life, which will pass away like a
shadow? Who can say what the future
holds for people under the sun?

5:18 Ecc 2:10, Ecc 2:24, Ecc 3:13, Ecc 3:22, Ecc 9:7
6:7 Prv 16:26
7:1 Prv 22:1; Ecc 4:2; Song 1:3
7:2 Job 5:17, Job 23:10; Ps 90:12; Ecc 2:14; Zec 13:9
7:3 Prv 14:13; Ecc 2:2; 2Co 7:10
7:4 1Ki 20:16; Mt 8:14; Mk 5:38
7:7 Ex 23:8; Dt 16:19; Prv 17:8, Prv 17:23; Ecc 4:1
7:8 Prv 14:29, Prv 16:32
7:9 Prv 14:17, Prv 16:32; Mt 5:22; Jas 1:19
7:11 Ecc 11:7

Wisdom is better than wealth

7 A good name is better than fine oil,
and the day of death
better than the birthday.
2 It is better to go to a house
in mourning
than to a house party,
because that is everyone's destiny;
and the living
should take it to heart.
3 Aggravation is better
than merriment
because a sad face may lead
to a glad heart.
4 The wise heart
is in the house that mourns,
but the foolish heart
is in the house that rejoices.
5 It is better to obey the reprimand
of the wise
than to listen to the song of fools,
6 because the fool's merriment
is like nettles crackling
under a kettle.
That too is pointless.
7 Oppression turns the wise
into fools;
a bribe corrupts the heart.
8 The end of something
is better than its beginning.
Patience is better than arrogance.
9 Don't be too quick to get angry
because anger lives
in the fool's heart.
10 Don't ask, "How is it that the former
days were better than these?"
because it isn't wise to ask this.
11 Wisdom is as good
as[q] an inheritance—
an advantage for those
who see the sun.

[o] Or *portion in life*, as in 5:18 [p] Correction; Heb puts the lack of burial site with those who do not enjoy life's good things. [q] Or *Wisdom is good with*

12 Wisdom's protection is
like the protection of money;
the advantage of knowledge is that
wisdom preserves the lives
of its possessors.

Good times and bad

13 Consider God's work! Who can
straighten what God has made crooked?
14 When times are good, enjoy the good;
when times are bad, consider: God has
made the former as well as the latter so
that people can't discover anything that
will come to be after them.

15 I have seen everything in my pointless lifetime: the righteous person may die in spite of their righteousness; then again, the wicked may live long in spite of their wickedness. 16 Don't be too righteous or too wise, or you may be dumbfounded.[r] 17 Don't be too wicked and don't be a fool, or you may die before your time. 18 It's good that you take hold of one of these without letting go of the other because the one who fears God will go forth with both.

19 Wisdom makes a wise person stronger than ten rulers who are in a city.
20 Remember: there's no one on earth so righteous as to do good only and never make a mistake.[s] 21 Don't worry about all the things people say, so you don't hear your servant cursing you. 22 After all, you know that you've often cursed others yourself!

Life is complicated

23 I tested all of this by wisdom. I thought, I will be wise, but it eluded me.
24 All that happens is elusive and utterly unfathomable. Who can grasp it? 25 I turned my mind to know, to investigate, and to seek wisdom, along with an account of things, to know that wickedness is foolishness and folly is madness.

26 I found one woman more bitter than death: she who is a trap, her heart a snare, her hands shackles. Anyone who pleases God escapes her, but a sinner is trapped by her. 27 See, this is what I found, says the Teacher, examining one matter after another to account for things. 28 But there's something that I constantly searched for but couldn't find: I found one man among a thousand, but I couldn't find a woman among any of these.[t]

29 See, this alone I found: God made human beings straightforward, but they search for many complications.

8 Who is wise? And who knows
the meaning of anything?
A person's wisdom
brightens the expression;
it changes the hardness
of someone's face.

Watch out for power

2 Keep[u] the king's command
as you would keep a solemn pledge.
3 Don't be dismayed;
leave his presence.
Don't linger in a harmful situation
because he can do
whatever he wants!
4 Because the king's word
has authority,
no one can say to him,
"What are you doing?"
5 Whoever keeps a command will meet no harm, and the wise heart knows the right time and the right way
6 because there's a right time and right way for every matter. But human misfortunes are overwhelming 7 because no one knows what will happen, and no one can say when something might happen. 8 No one has control over the life-breath,[v] to retain it, and there's no control over the day of death. There's no release from war, and wickedness won't deliver those who practice it.

9 I observed all of this as I paid attention to all that happens under the sun. Sometimes people exercise power over each other to their detriment. 10 Then I saw the wicked brought to their graves, with people processing from a holy place,[w] while those who had lived honestly were neglected in the city. This too is pointless.

7:12 Prv 3:18, Prv 8:35; Ecc 10:19
7:13 Job 12:14; Ecc 1:15; Is 14:27
7:16 Ro 12:3; 1Co 3:18
7:17 Job 22:16; Ps 55:23; Prv 10:27
7:20 1Ki 8:46; 2Ch 6:36; Ps 14:3; Prv 20:9; Ro 3:23
7:21 Prv 30:10
7:23 Ecc 3:11, Ecc 8:17; Ro 1:22
7:24 Job 11:7, Job 11:8, Job 28:12; Ps 139:6; Ro 11:33
7:25 Ecc 1:17, Ecc 2:12
7:26 Prv 2:16, Prv 5:3, Prv 22:14
7:28 1Ki 11:3; Job 33:23
7:29 Gn 1:27
8:1 Ex 34:30; Dt 28:50; Ac 6:15
8:5 Prv 17:24; Ecc 12:13

[r] Or *destroyed* [s] Or *and never sin* [t] Heb uncertain [u] Correction; Heb *I (say?) keep* [v] Or *wind* [w] Or *temple*

11 The condemnation for wicked acts
isn't carried out quickly; that's why
people dare to do evil. 12 Wrongdoers
may commit a hundred crimes but still
live long lives. But I also know that it
will go well for those who fear God, for
those who are reverent before God.
13 But it will not go well for the wicked;
they won't live long at all because they
aren't reverent before God. 14 Here's an-
other thing that happens on earth that
is pointless: the righteous get what the
wicked deserve, and the wicked get
what the righteous deserve. I say that
this too is pointless.

Enjoy life

15 So I commend enjoyment because
there's nothing better for people to do
under the sun but to eat, drink, and be
glad. This is what will accompany them
in their hard work, during the lifetime
that God gives under the sun.

16 Then I set my mind to know wis-
dom and to observe the business that
happens on earth, even going without
sleep day and night. 17 I observed all the
work of God—that no one can grasp
what happens under the sun. Those
who strive to know can't grasp it. Even
the wise who are set on knowing are
unable to grasp it.

Everyone faces the same fate

9 So I considered all of this carefully,
examining all of it: The righteous
and the wise and their deeds are in
God's hand, along with both love and
hate. People don't know anything that's
ahead of them. 2 Everything is the same
for everyone. The same fate awaits the
righteous and the wicked, the good
and the bad,[x] the pure and the impure,
those who sacrifice and those who don't
sacrifice. The good person is like the
wrongdoer; the same holds for those
who make solemn pledges and those
who are afraid to swear. 3 This is the
sad thing about all that happens under
the sun: the same fate awaits everyone.

8:11 Ps 50:21; Ecc 9:3; Is 26:10; Ro 2:4, Ro 2:5

8:14 Job 21:7; Ecc 7:15; Jer 12:1

8:15 Ecc 2:1, Ecc 2:24, Ecc 3:12, Ecc 5:18, Ecc 9:7

9:2 Job 21:7; Ecc 2:14

9:3 Ecc 8:11

9:4 Is 38:18

9:7 Ecc 2:24, Ecc 3:13, Ecc 5:18, Ecc 8:15

9:8 Ru 3:3; Rev 3:4

9:10 Ps 6:5; Ecc 9:5; Is 38:18; Jn 9:4; Ro 12:11

9:11 Ecc 2:14; Jer 9:23; Am 2:14

9:12 Prv 7:23, Prv 29:6; Ecc 8:7; Lk 21:34; 1Th 5:3

Moreover, the human heart is full of
evil; people's minds are full of madness
while they are alive, and afterward they
die. 4 Whoever is among the living can
be certain about this. A living dog is
definitely better off than a dead lion,
5 because the living know that they will
die. But the dead know nothing at all.
There is no more reward for them; even
the memory of them is lost. 6 Their love
and their hate, as well as their zeal, are
already long gone. They will never again
have a stake in all that happens under
the sun.

7 Go, eat your food joyfully and drink
your wine happily because God has al-
ready accepted what you do. 8 Let your
garments always be white; don't run
short of oil for your head. 9 Enjoy life
with your dearly loved spouse all the
days of your pointless life that God[y]
gives you under the sun—all the days
of your pointless life![z]—because that's
your part to play[a] in this life and in your
hard work under the sun. 10 Whatever
you are capable of doing, do with all your
might because there's no work, thought,
knowledge, or wisdom in the grave,[b]
which is where you are headed.

Listen to common wisdom, not fools

11 I also observed under the sun that
the race doesn't always go to the swift,
nor the battle to the mighty, nor food to
the wise, nor wealth to the intelligent,
nor favor to the knowledgeable, be-
cause accidents can happen to anyone.
12 People most definitely don't know
when their time will come. Like fish
tragically caught in a net or like birds
trapped in a snare, so are human beings
caught in a time of tragedy that sud-
denly falls to them.

13 I also observed the following ex-
ample of wisdom under the sun—it
impressed me greatly: 14 There was a
small town with only a few residents. A
mighty king came against it, surrounded
it, and waged a terrible war against it.

[x] LXX [y] Or *he* or *that are given you* [z] This phrase is missing in some LXX sources, Syr, and Tg. [a] Or *portion*
[b] Or *underworld;* Heb *Sheol*

15 Now there lived in that town a poor
but wise man who saved everyone by
his wisdom. But no one remembered
that poor man. 16 So I thought, Wisdom
is better than might, but the wisdom of
commoners is despised and their words
aren't heeded.

17 The calm words of the wise are bet-
ter heeded than the racket caused by a
ruler among fools.

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of
war, but one incompetent person de-
stroys much good.

10 As dead flies spoil the
perfumer's oil,
so a little folly outweighs
wisdom and honor.
2 The mind of the wise
tends toward the right,
but the mind of the fool
toward the left.
3 Fools lack all sense
even when they walk down
the street;
they show everyone
that they are fools.
4 If a ruler's temper rises against you,
don't leave your post, because
calmness alleviates great offenses.

5 There's an evil that I have seen
under the sun: the kind of mistake that
comes from people in power. 6 Fools
are appointed to high posts, while the
rich sit in lowly positions. 7 I have seen
slaves on horseback, while princes
walk on foot like slaves.

8 Whoever digs a pit may fall into it,
and whoever breaks through a wall
may be bitten by a snake.
9 Whoever quarries stones
may be injured by them;
whoever splits logs
may be endangered by them.
10 If an ax is dull
and one doesn't sharpen it first,
then one must exert more force.
It's profitable to be skillful and wise.
11 If a snake bites before it's charmed,
then there's no profit
for the snake charmer.

12 Words from a wise person's mouth
are beneficial, but fools are devoured
by their own lips.

13 Fools start out talking foolishness
and end up speaking awful nonsense.

14 Fools talk too much! No one
knows what will happen; no one can
say what will happen in the future.

15 The hard work of fools tires them
out because they don't even know the
way to town!

16 Too bad for you, land,
whose king is a boy
and whose princes feast
in the morning.
17 Happy is the land
whose king is dignified
and whose princes feast
at the right time for energy,
not for drunkenness.
18 Through laziness, the roof sags;
through idle hands,
the house leaks.
19 Feasts are made for laughter,
wine cheers the living,
and money answers everything.[c]

20 Don't curse a king even in private;
don't curse the rich in your bedroom,
because a bird could carry your voice;
some winged creature could report
what you said!

Take risks; life is short

11 Send your bread out on the water
because, in the course of time, you
may find it again. 2 Give a portion to
seven people, even to eight: you don't
know what disaster may come upon
the land. 3 If clouds fill up, they will
empty out rain on the earth. If a tree
falls, whether to the south or to the
north, wherever it falls, there it will
lie. 4 Those who watch the wind blow
will never sow, and those who observe
the clouds will never reap. 5 Just as you
don't understand what the life-breath
does in the fetus[d] inside a pregnant
woman's womb, so you can't under-
stand the work of God, who makes
everything happen. 6 Scatter your seed
in the morning, and in the evening
don't be idle because you don't know

9:16 Prv 21:22; Ecc 7:19
9:17 Ecc 10:12
10:1 Ex 30:25; Prv 13:16, Prv 14:8
10:2 Ecc 2:14, Ecc 10:10
10:4 1Sa 25:24; Prv 15:1, Prv 16:14, Prv 25:15; Ecc 8:3
10:5 Ecc 3:16, Ecc 4:1, Ecc 5:6
10:8 Ps 7:15; Prv 26:27; Am 5:19
10:11 Ps 58:4, Ps 58:5; Jer 8:17
10:13 Prv 29:11; Ecc 5:3
10:15 Is 35:8
10:16 Is 3:4, Is 3:12, Is 5:11
10:17 Prv 31:4; Is 5:11
10:18 Prv 24:30
10:20 Ex 22:28; Lk 12:3; Ac 23:5
11:1 Prv 11:25, Prv 19:17; Is 32:20; Heb 6:10
11:2 Ps 112:9; Lk 6:30; 1Ti 6:18
11:3 Job 26:8, Job 36:27; Ps 77:17; Is 55:10; 2Pt 2:17
11:4 Ecc 11:6; Is 32:20; Mt 13:3
11:5 Ecc 8:17; Jn 3:8

[c] Or *money is everyone's answer.* [d] Correction with Tg; MT *like the bones*

which will succeed, this one or that, or whether both will be equally good.

7 Sweet is the light, and it's pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. 8 Even those who live many years should take pleasure in them all. But they should be mindful that there will also be many dark days. Everything that happens is pointless.

9 Rejoice, young person, while you are young! Your heart should make you happy in your prime. Follow your heart's inclinations and whatever your eyes see, but know this: God will call you to account for all of these things. 10 Remove anxiety from your heart, banish pain from your body, because youth and the dawn of life are pointless too.

Troubling days to come

12 Remember your creator
in your prime,
before the days of trouble arrive,
and those years,
about which you'll say,
"I take no pleasure in these"—
2 before the sun and the light grow
dark, the moon and the stars too,
before the clouds return
after the rain;
3 on the day when
the housekeepers tremble and
the strong men stoop;
when the women who grind
stop working because they're so few,
and those who look
through the windows grow dim;
4 when the doors to the street
are shut,
when the sound of the mill fades,
the sound of the bird rises,
and all the singers come down low;
5 when people are afraid
of things above
and of terrors along the way;
when the almond tree blanches,
the locust droops,
and the caper-berry comes
to nothing;[e]
when the human goes
to the eternal abode,
with mourners all around
in the street;
6 before the silver cord snaps
and the gold bowl shatters;
the jar is broken at the spring
and the wheel is crushed
at the pit;
7 before dust returns to the earth
as it was before
and the life-breath returns to
God who gave it.

11:7 Ecc 7:11

11:9 Job 31:7; Ecc 2:10, Ecc 3:17, Ecc 12:14; Ro 14:10

11:10 2Co 7:1; 2Ti 2:22

12:1 Ecc 11:8

12:4 2Sa 19:35; Ps 104:12; Song 2:12; Jer 25:10

12:5 Job 17:13, Job 30:23; Jer 9:17

12:7 Gn 2:7, Gn 3:19; Job 34:15; Ecc 3:20, Ecc 3:21

12:8 Ecc 1:2

12:10 Prv 22:20, Prv 22:21; Ecc 1:1; Col 1:5

12:11 Ezr 9:8; Prv 1:6, Prv 22:17; Ecc 10:12; Is 22:23

12:12 Ecc 1:18

12:13 Dt 6:2, Dt 10:12; Ecc 5:7, Ecc 8:12

12:14 Ecc 3:17, Ecc 11:9; Ro 2:16; 1Co 4:5; 2Co 5:10

Motto and conclusion

8 Perfectly pointless, says the Teacher, everything is pointless.

9 Additionally: Because the Teacher was wise, he constantly taught the people knowledge. He listened and investigated. He composed many proverbs. 10 The Teacher searched for pleasing words, and he wrote truthful words honestly.

11 The words of the wise
are like iron-tipped prods;
the collected sayings
of the masters
are like nails fixed firmly
by a shepherd.[f]
12 Be careful, my child,
of anything beyond them!

There's no end to the excessive production of scrolls. Studying too much wearies the body. 13 So this is the end of the matter; all has been heard. Worship God and keep God's commandments because this is what everyone must do. 14 God will definitely bring every deed to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or bad.

[e] Heb uncertain [f] Or *fixed by one shepherd*

SONG OF SONGS

The Song of Songs, which is for Solomon.

Mutual admiration

[Woman][a]

[2] If only he would give me
some of his kisses . . .

Oh, your loving is sweeter than wine!
[3] Your fragrance is sweet;
your very name is perfume.
That's why the young women
love you.
[4] Take me along with you; let's run!

My king has brought me
into his chambers, saying,
"Let's exult and rejoice in you.
Let's savor your loving
more than wine.
No wonder they all love you!"

[5] Dark am I, and lovely,
daughters of Jerusalem—
like the black tents
of the Kedar nomads,
like the curtains
of Solomon's palace.
[6] Don't stare at me
because I'm darkened
by the sun's gaze.
My own brothers were angry
with me.
They made me a caretaker
of the vineyards—
but I couldn't care
for my own vineyard.

[7] Tell me, you whom I love
with all my heart—
where do you pasture your flock,
where do you rest them at noon?—
so I don't wander about among
the flocks of your companions.

[Man]

[8] If you don't know your way,
most beautiful of women,
then follow the tracks of the herds
and graze your little goats
by the tents of the shepherds.

[9] I picture you, my dearest,
as a mare among
Pharaoh's chariots!
[10] Lovely are your cheeks,
adorned with ear hoops;
your neck, with beads.
[11] Let's make hoops of gold
beaded with silver for you!

[Woman]

[12] With my king close by
my perfume filled the air.
[13] A sachet of myrrh is my love to me,
lying all night between my breasts.
[14] A cluster of henna flowers
is my love to me
in the desert gardens of En-gedi.

[Man]

[15] Look at you—so beautiful,
my dearest!
Look at you—so beautiful!
Your eyes are doves!

[Woman]

[16] Look at you—so beautiful, my love!
Yes, delightful!
Yes, our bed is lush and green!
[17] The ceilings of our chambers
are cedars;
our rafters, cypresses.

Love in bloom

[Woman]

2 I'm a rose of the Sharon plain,
a lily of the valleys.

[Man]

[2] Like a lily among thornbushes,
so is my dearest
among the young women.

[Woman]

[3] Like an apple tree
among the wild trees,

1:1 1Ki 4:32
1:2 Song 1:4, Song 4:10
1:3 Ps 45:14; Ecc 7:1; Song 4:10; Jn 12:3
1:4 Ps 45:14, Ps 45:15; Song 1:2
1:5 Ps 120:5; Is 60:7
1:6 Ps 69:8; Song 8:11, Song 8:12
1:7 Ps 23:2; Song 3:1; Is 13:20; Jer 33:12
1:8 Song 5:9, Song 6:1
1:9 2Ch 1:17
1:10 Song 5:13; Is 61:10; Eze 16:11
1:12 Jn 12:3
1:13 Ps 45:8; Jn 19:39
1:15 Song 4:1, Song 4:7, Song 5:12, Song 6:4
1:16 Song 2:3
2:1 Song 5:13; Is 33:9, Is 35:1, Is 35:2; Hos 14:5
2:2 Song 1:9; Hos 14:5
2:3 Song 8:5

[a] Identification of speakers here and throughout the Song is hypothetical and in several cases uncertain.

so is my lover
among the young men.
In his shade I take pleasure
in sitting,
and his fruit is sweet to my taste.
4 He has brought me
to the house of wine;
his banner raised over me is love.

5 Sustain me with raisin cakes,
strengthen me with apples,
for I'm weak with love!

6 His left arm is beneath my head,
his right embraces me.

7 Make a solemn pledge,
daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild deer:
Don't rouse, don't arouse love
until it desires.

8 Listen! It's my lover:
here he comes now,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
9 My lover is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Here he stands now,
outside our wall,
peering through the windows,
peeking through the lattices.

10 My lover spoke and said to me,
"Rise up, my dearest,
my fairest, and go.
11 Here, the winter is past;
the rains have come and gone.
12 Blossoms have appeared in the land;
the season of singing[b]
has arrived,
and the sound of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
13 The green fruit is on the fig tree,
and the grapevines in bloom
are fragrant.
Rise up,[c] my dearest,
my fairest, and go.
14 My dove—in the rock crevices,
hidden in the cliff face—
let me catch sight of you;
let me hear your voice!
The sound of your voice is sweet,
and the sight of you is lovely."

15 Catch foxes for us—
those little foxes
that spoil vineyards,
now that our vineyards
are in bloom!

16 I belong to my lover
and he belongs to me—
the one grazing among the lilies.
17 Before the day breeze blows
and the shadows flee,
turn about, my love;
be like a gazelle
or a young stag
upon the jagged mountains.[d]

The search

[Woman]

3 Upon my bed, night after night,
I looked for the one whom I love
with all my heart.
I looked for him
but couldn't find him.[e]
2 "I will rise now
and go all around the city,
through the streets
and the squares.
I will look for the one whom I love
with all my heart."
I looked for him
but couldn't find him.
3 The guards found me,
those who make their rounds
in the city.
"The one whom I love
with all my heart—
have you seen him?"
4 No sooner did I depart from them
than I found the one whom I love
with all my heart.
I held on to him
and now I won't let him go,
until I've brought him
to my mother's house,
to the chamber of the one
who conceived me.

2:4 Ps 20:5; Song 1:4
2:5 2Sa 6:19; Song 5:8, Song 7:8; Hos 3:1
2:6 Song 8:3
2:8 Song 2:17; Is 52:7
2:9 Song 2:17, Song 8:14
2:10 Song 2:13
2:11 Prv 27:25
2:12 Ps 104:12; Ecc 12:4
2:13 Song 2:10, Song 7:12
2:14 Song 1:5, Song 5:2, Song 6:9, Song 8:13; Jer 48:28
2:15 Ps 63:10; Song 2:13; Eze 13:4
2:16 Song 4:5, Song 6:3, Song 7:10
2:17 Song 2:9, Song 4:6
3:1 Song 1:7, Song 5:6; Is 26:9
3:2 Jer 5:1
3:3 Song 5:7
3:4 Song 8:2

[b] Or *pruning* [c] LXX and Kethib add *go*; but Qere, DSS, Vulg, Syr, and Tg lack the verb; cf 2:10. [d] Or *upon the mountains of Bether*; cf 8:14 *mountains of spice* [e] LXX adds *I called him, but he didn't answer me*; cf 5:6.

[5] I place you under oath,
daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild deer:
don't rouse, don't arouse love
until it desires.

Visions of grandeur

[6] Who is this,
coming up from the wilderness,
like pillars of smoke?
She is perfumed
with myrrh and frankincense,
selected from all
the spice merchant's powders.

[7] Picture Solomon's bed—
sixty heroic men round about it,
all from the heroes of Israel,
[8] all of them skilled with the sword,
expert in warfare,
each with his sword ready
at his thigh
against terrors that come by night.
[9] King Solomon made
a canopied couch for himself
from the trees of Lebanon.
[10] Its pillars he made of silver,
its covering, cloth of gold,
its cushions, royal purple;
its interior inlaid with love.
Daughters of Jerusalem, [11] go forth!
Look, daughters of Zion—
on King Solomon
wearing the crown
with which his mother
crowned him
on the day of his wedding,
on the day of his heart's joy.

In praise of her

[Man]

4 Look at you—so beautiful,
my dearest!
Look at you—so beautiful!
Your eyes are doves
behind the veil of your hair!
Your hair is like a flock of goats
as they stream down Mount Gilead.
[2] Your teeth are like newly shorn ewes
as they come up
from the washing pool—
all of them perfectly matched,
not one of them lacks its twin.
[3] Like a crimson ribbon are your lips;
when you smile, it is lovely.
Like a slice of pomegranate
is the curve of your face
behind the veil of your hair.
[4] Like David's tower is your neck,
splendidly built!
A thousand shields
are hung upon it—
all the weapons of the warriors.
[5] Your two breasts are like two fawns,
twins of a gazelle doe,
that graze among the lilies.
[6] Before the day breeze blows
and the shadows flee,
I will be off to the mountain
of myrrh,
to the hill of frankincense.
[7] You are utterly beautiful,
my dearest;
there's not a single flaw in you.

Garden of delight

[Man]

[8] Come down with me from Lebanon,
my bride—
if only you would come down
with me from Lebanon.
Descend from the peak of Amana,
from the peaks
of Senir and Hermon,
from the lions' dens,
from the mountain lairs
of leopards.
[9] You have captured my heart,
my sister,[f] my bride!
You have captured my heart
with one glance from your eyes,
with one strand of your necklace.
[10] How beautiful is your loving,
my sister, my bride!
Your loving is so much better
than wine,
and your fragrance better
than any perfume!
[11] Sweetness drops from your lips,
my bride;
honey and milk are
under your tongue,

3:6 Ex 13:21, Ex 30:34; Song 4:6, Song 4:14, Song 8:5

3:7 1Ki 9:22; 1Ch 11:10; Song 3:9

3:8 Ps 45:3, Ps 91:5

3:11 Is 3:16, Is 4:4, Is 62:5

4:1 Nm 32:1; Song 1:15, Song 6:5, Song 6:7; Mi 7:14

4:2 Song 6:6

4:3 Josh 2:18; Song 5:16, Song 6:7

4:6 Song 2:17, Song 4:14

4:7 Song 1:15; Eph 5:27

4:8 Dt 3:9; 1Ch 5:23; Song 5:1

4:9 Song 5:1, Song 5:2

4:10 Song 1:2, Song 1:3, Song 1:4; Jn 12:3

4:11 Gn 27:27; Prv 24:13; Hos 14:6

[f] *Sister* here and below is a common term in ancient love poetry; it doesn't imply blood relation.

and the fragrance of your garments
is like the fragrance of Lebanon.
12 An enclosed garden is
my sister, my bride;
an enclosed pool, a sealed spring.
13 Your limbs are
an orchard of pomegranates
with all kinds of luscious fruit,
henna, and spices:
14 nard and saffron,
sweet cane and cinnamon,
with all scented woods,
myrrh, and aloes,
with the very choicest perfumes!
15 You are a garden spring,
a well of fresh water,
streams from Lebanon.
16 Stir, north wind, and come,
south wind!
Blow upon my garden;
let its perfumes flow!

[Woman]

Let my love come to his garden;
let him eat its luscious fruit!

[Man]

5 I have come to my garden,
my sister, my bride!
I have gathered my myrrh
and my spices.
I have eaten my honeycomb
with my honey;
I have drunk my wine and my milk.

Eat, dear friends!
Drink and get drunk on love!

A missed encounter

[Woman]

2 I was sleeping,
but my heart was awake.
A sound! My love is knocking:

[Man]

"Open for me, my sister,
my dearest,
my dove, my perfect one!
My head is soaked with dew,
my hair, with the night mists."

[Woman]

3 "I have taken off my tunic—
why should I put it on again?
I have bathed my feet—
why should I get them dirty?"

4:12 Prv 5:15; Song 5:1

4:13 Ecc 2:5; Song 1:14, Song 7:12

4:14 Ex 30:23; Ps 45:8; Prv 7:17; Song 3:6, Song 4:6

4:15 Jn 4:10

4:16 Song 4:13, Song 5:1, Song 6:2

5:1 Song 4:9, Song 4:11, Song 4:12, Song 4:14, Song 6:2

5:2 Song 2:14, Song 4:9, Song 6:9

5:3 Lk 11:7

5:4 Gn 43:30; 1Ki 3:26; Jer 31:20; 1Jn 3:17

5:6 Song 3:1, Song 5:2

5:7 Song 3:3

5:8 Song 2:5, Song 2:7

5:10 1Sa 16:12; Ps 45:2

5:11 Song 5:2

5:12 Song 1:15, Song 4:1

4 My love put his hand in
through the latch hole,
and my body ached for him.
5 I rose; I went to open for my love,
and my hands dripped myrrh,
my fingers, liquid myrrh,
over the handles of the lock.
6 I went and opened for my love,
but my love had turned,
gone away.
I nearly died when he turned away.
I looked for him
but couldn't find him.
I called out to him,
but he didn't answer me.
7 They found me—the guards
who make their rounds
in the city.
They struck me, bruised me.
They took my shawl away from me,
those guards of the city walls!
8 I place you under oath,
daughters of Jerusalem:
If you find my love,
what should you tell him?
That I'm weak with love!

[Daughters of Jerusalem]

9 How is your lover different
from any other lover,
you who are the most beautiful
of women?
How is your lover different
from any other lover,
that you make us swear
a solemn pledge?

In praise of him

[Woman]

10 My lover is radiant and ruddy;
he stands out
among ten thousand!
11 His head is finest gold;
his wavy hair, black as a raven.
12 His eyes are like doves
by channels of water.
They are bathing in milk,
sitting by brimming pools.
13 His cheeks are like fragrant plantings,
towers of spices.
His lips are lilies
dripping liquid myrrh.
14 His arms are gold cylinders
studded with jewels.

His belly is smooth ivory
encrusted with sapphires.
15 His thighs are pillars
of whitest stone
set on pedestals of gold.
His appearance—like Lebanon,
stately, like the cedars.
16 His mouth is everything sweet,
every bit of him desirable.

This is my love, this my dearest,
daughters of Jerusalem!

[Daughters of Jerusalem]

6 Which way did your lover go,
you who are the most beautiful
of women?
Which way did your lover turn,
that we may look for him
along with you?

[Woman]

2 My lover has gone down
to his garden,
to the fragrant plantings,
to graze in the gardens,
to gather the lilies.
3 I belong to my lover
and my lover belongs to me—
the one grazing among the lilies.

An overwhelming sight

[Man]

4 You are as beautiful, my dearest,
as Tirzah,
as lovely as Jerusalem,
formidable as those lofty sights.
5 Turn your eyes away from me,
for they overwhelm me!

Your hair is like a flock of goats
as they stream down from Gilead.
6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes
as they come up
from the washing pool—
all of them perfectly matched,
not one of them lacks its twin.
7 Like a slice of pomegranate
is the curve of your face
behind the veil of your hair.
8 There may be sixty queens
and eighty secondary wives,
young women beyond counting,
9 but my dove, my perfect one,
is one of a kind.
To her mother she's the only one,
radiant to the one who bore her.
Young women see her
and declare her fortunate;
queens and secondary wives
praise her.

10 Who is this, gazing down
like the morning star,
beautiful as the full moon,
radiant as the sun,
formidable as those lofty sights?

Transported

[Man]

11 To the nut grove I went down
to look upon the fresh growth
in the valley,
to see whether the vine
was in flower,
whether the pomegranates
had bloomed.
12 I hardly knew myself;
she had set me
in an official's chariot![g]

Graceful dancer

[Man]

13 [h] Come back, come back,
Shulammite![i]
Come back, come back,
so we may admire you.
How you all admire the Shulammite
as she whirls between
two circles of dancers!

7 How graceful are your sandaled feet,
willing woman!
The smooth curves of your thighs—
like fine jewelry,
the work of an artist's hands!
2 Your navel,
cupped like the full moon—
may it never lack spiced wine!
Your belly is a mound
of winnowed wheat
edged with lilies.

5:15 1Ki 4:33
5:16 Song 7:9
6:1 Song 1:8, Song 5:9
6:3 Song 2:16, Song 7:10
6:4 1Ki 14:17, 1Ki 15:33; Ps 48:2, Ps 50:2; Song 6:10
6:5 Song 4:1
6:6 Song 4:2
6:8 1Ki 11:3
6:9 Song 2:14, Song 5:2
6:10 Song 6:4
7:1 Ps 45:13

[g] Or *I hardly knew what happened; my passion set me in an official's chariot!* LXX, Vulg *Aminadab's chariots*; Heb uncertain [h] 7:1 in Heb [i] A name or title for the woman

3 Your two breasts are like two fawns,
twins of a gazelle doe;
4 your neck, like a tower of ivory;
your eyes, pools in Heshbon,
by the gate of that lordly city.[j]
Your profile is like
the tower of Lebanon,
looking out toward Damascus.
5 Your head crowns you
like Mount Carmel,
and your hair,
braided in royal purple—
a king is bound by the tresses!
6 You are so beautiful, so lovely—
my love, delightful one![k]
7 Your stately form resembles
a date palm,
and your breasts
are like clustered fruit.
8 I say, "I will climb the palm tree;
I will hold its fruit!"
May your breasts be now
like grape clusters,
and the scent of your breath
like apples!
9 Your palate is like excellent wine . . .

[Woman]

. . . flowing smoothly for my love,
gliding through the lips
and teeth.[l]
10 I belong to my lover,
and his longing is only for me.

The ripeness of love

[Woman]

11 Come, my love:
Let's go out to the field
and rest all night
among the flowering henna.
12 Let's set out early for the vineyards.
We will see if the vines have budded
and the blossoms opened,
see if the pomegranates
have bloomed.
There I'll give my loving to you.

13 The mandrakes give off their scent,
and at our doorways
is every delicacy—
fresh or ripened—
my love, I have kept them
hidden for you.

Wishing

[Woman]

8 If only you were as my brother—
the one who nursed
at my mother's breast.
I would find you in the street
and kiss you,
and no one would shame me for it.
2 I would lead you, I would bring you
to my mother's house;
she would teach me what to do.[m]
I would give you spiced wine
to drink,
some of my fresh
pomegranate juice.

3 His left arm is beneath my head,
and his right embraces me!

4 Make a solemn pledge,
daughters of Jerusalem,
never to rouse,
never to arouse love
until it desires.

Love, strong and invaluable

[Daughters of Jerusalem]

5 Who is this coming up
from the wilderness
leaning against her lover?

[Woman]

Under the apple tree I aroused you—
there, where your mother
labored with you,
there where, laboring,
she bore you.
6 Set me as a seal over your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is as strong as death,
passionate love unrelenting
as the grave.[n]
Its darts are darts of fire—
divine flame!
7 Rushing waters can't quench love;
rivers can't wash it away.
If someone gave
all his estate in exchange for love,

7:4 Nm 21:26; Song 4:4
7:6 Song 1:15, Song 1:16, Song 4:10
7:7 Song 4:5
7:8 Song 2:5
7:9 Song 5:16
7:11 Song 2:10, Song 4:8
8:2 Prv 9:2; Song 3:4
8:4 Song 2:7, Song 3:5
8:5 Song 2:3, Song 3:6
8:6 Prv 6:34; Is 49:16; Jer 22:24; Hg 2:23
8:7 Prv 6:35

[j] Or *by the gate of Bath-rabbim* [k] With Syr and Aquila *daughter of delights;* MT *love in delights* or *love with every charm* [l] LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *through the lips of those who sleep;* Heb uncertain [m] Or *you would teach me;* LXX, Syr *to my mother's house, and to the chamber of the one who conceived me* (cf 3:4) [n] Heb *Sheol*

he would be laughed
to utter shame.
[The Woman's Brothers]
8 Our sister is small;
she has no breasts.
What will we do for our sister
on the day that she is spoken for?
9 If she is a city wall,
then we will build a turret of silver
on her.[o]
And if she is a door,
then we will barricade her[p]
with a panel of cedar.
[Woman]
10 I'm a city wall,
and my breasts are the towers.
So now I'm in his eyes
as one who brings peace.
[Man]
11 Solomon had a vineyard
in Baal-hamon.

8:9 1Ki 6:15

8:10 Song 4:5, Song 7:3, Song 7:4, Song 8:9; Eze 16:7

8:12 Song 1:6

8:13 Song 1:7, Song 2:14

He gave charge of the vineyard
to keepers;
one would bring in exchange
for its fruit
a thousand pieces of silver.
12 My vineyard, my very own,
is before me.
You can have the thousand,
Solomon[q]—
with two hundred for those
who tend the fruit!

13 You who sit in the gardens,
my companions are listening
for your voice.
Let me hear it!
[Woman]
14 "Take flight, my love,
and be like a gazelle
or a young stag
on the mountains of spice!"

ISAIAH

1 The vision about Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw in the days of Judah's kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

Rebels condemned
2 Hear you heavens, and listen earth,
for the LORD has spoken:
I reared children; I raised them,
and they turned against me!
3 An ox knows its owner,
and a donkey its master's
feeding trough.
But Israel doesn't know;
my people
don't behave intelligently.

4 Doom! Sinful nation,
people weighed down with crimes,
evildoing offspring,
corrupt children!
They have abandoned the LORD,
despised the holy one of Israel;
they turned their backs on God.

1:1 2Ch 26:22, 2Ch 27:1, Is 2:1; Hos 1:1; Mi 1:1

1:2 Dt 4:26; Mi 1:2

1:3 Dt 32:28; Jer 4:22, Jer 8:7, Jer 9:3

1:4 Is 5:24, Is 14:20

1:5 Is 9:13, Is 31:6; Jer 2:30, Jer 5:3

1:6 Ps 38:3; Jer 8:22; Lk 10:34

1:7 Lv 26:34; Dt 28:33, Dt 28:51; Is 5:5, Is 6:11

1:8 Nm 11:5; Job 27:18; Ps 9:14; Is 10:32, Is 24:20

1:9 Gn 19:24; Is 37:4; Ro 9:29

5 Why do you invite further beatings?
Why continue to rebel?
Everyone's head throbs,
and everyone's heart fails.
6 From head to toe, none are well—
only bruises, cuts,
and raw wounds,
not treated, not bandaged,
not soothed with oil.

7 Your country is deserted,
your cities burned with fire;
your land—strangers are
devouring it in plain sight.
It's a wasteland,
as when foreigners raid.
8 Daughter Zion is left
like a small shelter in a vineyard,
like a hut in a cucumber field,
like a city besieged.[a]
9 If the LORD of heavenly forces
had not spared a few of us,
we would be like Sodom;
we would resemble Gomorrah.

[o] Or *on it (the city wall)* [p] Or *it (the door)* [q] Cf 1 Kgs 11:3 [a] LXX, Vulg; MT *spared*

Hands filled with bloodshed

10 Hear the LORD's word,
you leaders of Sodom.
Listen to our God's teaching,
people of Gomorrah!
11 What should I think
about all your sacrifices?
says the LORD.
I'm fed up with
entirely burned offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts.
I don't want the blood of bulls,
lambs, and goats.
12 When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from you,
this trampling
of my temple's courts?
13 Stop bringing worthless offerings.
Your incense repulses me.
New moon, sabbath,
and the calling of an assembly—
I can't stand wickedness
with celebration!
14 I hate your new moons
and your festivals.
They've become a burden
that I'm tired of bearing.
15 When you extend your hands,
I'll hide my eyes from you.
Even when you pray for a long time,
I won't listen.
Your hands are stained with blood.
16 Wash! Be clean!
Remove your ugly deeds
from my sight.
Put an end to such evil;
17 learn to do good.
Seek justice:
help the oppressed;[b]
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let's settle this,
says the LORD.
Though your sins are like scarlet,
they will be white as snow.
If they are red as crimson,
they will become like wool.
19 If you agree and obey,
you will eat the best food
of the land.
20 But if you refuse and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.
The LORD has said this.

Zion will be redeemed

21 This faithful town
has become a prostitute!
She was full of justice;
righteousness lived in her—
but now murderers.
22 Your silver has become impure;
your beer is diluted with water.
23 Your princes are rebels,
companions of thieves.
Everyone loves a bribe
and pursues gifts.
They don't defend the orphan,
and the widow's cause
never reaches them.
24 Therefore, says the
LORD God of heavenly forces,
the mighty one of Israel:
Doom! I will vent my anger
against my foes;
I will take it out on my enemies,
25 and I will turn my hand
against you.
I will refine your impurities
as with lye,
and remove all your cinders.
26 Then I will restore your judges
as in earlier times,
and your counselors
as at the beginning.
After this you will be called
Righteous City, Faithful Town.

27 Zion will be redeemed by justice,
and those who change their lives
by righteousness.
28 But God will shatter
rebels and sinners alike;
those who abandon the LORD
will be finished.

29 You will be ashamed
of the oaks you once desired,
and embarrassed
by the gardens you once chose.
30 You will be like an oak
with withering leaves,
like a garden without water.

1:10 Dt 32:32; Jer 23:14; Eze 16:46, Eze 16:49; Rev 11:8

1:11 1Sa 15:22; Ps 40:6; Is 66:3; Jer 6:20; Am 5:22

1:12 Ex 23:17

1:13 Is 66:3

1:14 Is 29:1, Is 43:24; Am 5:21

1:15 Is 59:2, Is 59:3; Jer 14:12; Mi 3:4

1:16 Is 55:7; Jas 4:8

1:17 Ps 82:3; Is 1:23, Is 10:2; Jer 22:3; Jas 1:27

1:18 Ps 51:7; Is 43:26; Mi 6:2; Rev 7:14

1:19 Dt 30:15

1:20 Nm 23:19; 1Sa 12:15; Is 40:5, Is 58:14; Mi 4:4

1:21 Is 5:7; Jer 2:20

1:22 Jer 6:30; Eze 22:18

1:23 Ex 23:8; Prv 17:23; Is 1:17; Jer 5:28; Mi 7:3

1:25 Is 4:4, Is 48:10; Jer 9:7; Zec 13:9; Mal 3:3

1:26 Is 62:1; Jer 33:7; Zec 8:3

1:27 Is 62:12

1:28 2Th 1:8

1:29 Is 57:5, Is 65:3, Is 66:17; Eze 6:13; Hos 4:13

1:30 Ps 1:3; Is 64:6; Jer 17:6, Jer 17:8

[b] LXX, Vulg; MT *lead the oppressor*

31 The strong will be like dry twigs,
their deeds like sparks;
the two will burn together,
with no one to extinguish them.

The LORD's mountain

2 This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 In the days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
will be the highest
of the mountains.
It will be lifted above the hills;
peoples will stream to it.
3 Many nations will go and say,
"Come, let's go up
to the LORD's mountain,
to the house of Jacob's God
so that he may teach us his ways
and we may walk in God's paths."
Instruction will come from Zion;
the LORD's word from Jerusalem.
4 God will judge between the nations,
and settle disputes
of mighty nations.
Then they will beat
their swords into iron plows
and their spears into pruning tools.
Nation will not take up sword
against nation;
they will no longer learn
how to make war.

5 Come, house of Jacob,
let's walk by the LORD's light.

Everyone is brought low

6 You have abandoned your people,
house of Jacob.
They are full of sorcerers
from the east and fortune-tellers
like the Philistines;
they hold hands
with foreigners' children.[c]
7 Their land is full of silver and gold;
they have countless treasures.
Their land is filled with horses;
they have countless chariots.
8 Their land is filled with idols;
they worship their handiwork,
what their own fingers have made.

2:1 Is 1:1, Is 13:1

2:2 Dn 2:45; Mi 4:1

2:3 Is 51:4; Jer 31:6; Lk 24:47

2:4 Is 9:7; Hos 2:18; Jl 3:10; Mi 4:3; Zec 9:10

2:5 Is 2:3, Is 58:1, Is 60:1, Is 60:2, Is 60:19

2:6 Dt 31:17; Mi 5:12

2:7 Dt 17:16, Dt 17:17; Is 30:16, Is 31:1; Mi 5:10

2:8 Jer 2:28

2:9 Is 5:15

2:10 Job 37:22; Is 2:19; Rev 6:15, Rev 6:16

2:11 Ps 18:27; Is 2:17, Is 5:15

2:12 Is 13:6; Mal 4:1

2:13 Jgs 9:15; Ps 29:5; Is 10:33, Is 10:34; Zec 11:2

2:14 Is 30:25, Is 40:4

2:15 Is 25:12, Is 30:25

2:16 1Ki 10:22; Is 23:1, Is 60:9

2:17 Is 2:11

2:18 Is 21:9

2:19 Is 2:10, Is 2:21; Lk 23:30; Rev 6:15

2:20 Lv 11:19; Is 30:22, Is 31:7

2:21 Is 2:10, Is 2:19

9 Humanity will be brought down;
each person laid low—
don't lift them up![d]
10 Go into the rocks,
and hide yourself in the dust
from the terror of the LORD,
from the splendor of God's majesty!
11 People's proud gazing will be stopped
and humanity's arrogance
brought down;
the LORD alone will be exalted
on that day.

12 The LORD of heavenly forces
has planned a day:
against all that is prideful
and haughty;
against all that is lofty,
and it will be laid low;[e]
13 against all the cedars of Lebanon,
high and lofty;
against all the oaks of Bashan;
14 against all the high mountains;
against all the lofty hills;
15 against every tall tower;
against every fortified wall;
16 against all the ships of Tarshish;
against all the wonderful boats.[f]
17 People's pride will be brought down
and human arrogance humiliated.
The LORD alone will be exalted
on that day;
18 the idols will completely pass away.

19 Go into caves in the rocks
and holes in the dust
before the terror of the LORD
and the splendor of God's majesty,
when he arises
to terrify the earth.
20 On that day, people will toss
to the rodents[g] and to the bats
their idols of silver
and idols of gold,
which they made for themselves
to worship.
21 They will hide in fissures of rocks
and in crevices of cliffs
before the terror of the LORD
and the splendor of God's majesty
when he arises to terrify the earth.

[c] Heb uncertain [d] Or *don't forgive them* [e] LXX *and high* [f] Heb uncertain [g] Heb uncertain

22 Quit admiring the human race,
who breathe through their nostrils.
Why should they be admired?

Your leaders mislead you

3 Now the LORD God of heavenly
forces is removing from Jerusalem
and from Judah every form of support:
all rations of food and water;
2 soldier and warrior;
judge and prophet;
fortune-teller and elder;
3 commander and celebrity;
counselor, clever craftsman,
and cunning charmer.
4 I will make youths their commanders;
mischief makers will rule
over them.
5 The people will oppress each other,
each one against the other,
neighbor against neighbor.
The young will bully the old,
the rogue, and the respectable.

6 Someone will seize a family member,
saying, "You have clothing!
You be our leader!
This mess will be your responsibility!"
7 Someone else will cry out on that day,
"I'm no healer!
I have neither food nor clothing
in my house!
Don't make me the leader
of the people!"

8 Yes, Jerusalem has stumbled
and Judah has fallen,
because the way they talk and act
in word and deed
insults the LORD,
defying his brilliant glory.
9 Their bias in judgment
gives them away;
like Sodom,
they display their sins in public.
Doom to them,
for they have done themselves in!
10 Tell the righteous
how blessed they are;
they will eat the fruit of their labors.
11 Doom to the wicked; they are evil.
What they have done
will be done to them.
12 As for my people—
oppressors strip them
and swindlers[h] rule them.
My people—your leaders mislead
you and confuse your paths.

13 The LORD arises to accuse;
he stands to judge the peoples.
14 The LORD will enter into judgment
with the elders and princes
of his people:
You yourselves have devoured
the vineyard;
the goods stolen from the poor
are in your houses.
15 How dare you crush my people
and grind the faces of the poor?
says the LORD God
of heavenly forces.

16 The LORD says:
Because Zion's daughters
applaud themselves,
walking with their chins in the air,
flirting with their eyes,
tiptoeing as they walk,
feet jingling—
17 the Lord will shave the heads
of Zion's daughters,
and will expose their scalps.
18 On that day, the LORD will remove:
the splendid ankle chains;
headbands and moon-shaped
pendants;
19 the earrings, bracelets, and veils;
20 the hats, bangles, and sashes;
the amulets and charms;
21 the signet rings and nose rings;
22 the robes and capes;
the shawls and handbags;
23 the mirrors and linen garments;
the turbans and the veils.
24 Instead of perfume
there will be a disgusting odor;
instead of a sash, a rope;
instead of styled hair, shaved heads;
instead of expensive clothes,
rags as mourning clothes;
instead of beauty, shame.[i]

2:22 Ps 144:3, Ps 144:4, Ps 146:3; Jer 17:5; Jas 4:14
3:1 Lv 26:26; Eze 4:16
3:2 2Ki 24:14; Eze 17:13
3:3 2Ki 1:9
3:4 Ecc 10:16
3:7 Hos 5:13
3:9 Gn 13:13, Gn 18:20; Prv 8:36; Hos 13:9; Ro 6:23
3:10 Dt 28:1; Ps 128:2; Ecc 8:12
3:11 Dt 28:15
3:12 Is 3:4, Is 9:16, Is 28:14; Mi 3:5
3:13 Hos 4:1; Mi 6:2
3:14 Job 22:4; Ps 143:2; Is 5:7, Is 10:1; Mi 3:1
3:15 Job 24:4; Ps 10:2, Ps 94:5; Prv 17:5; Am 2:6
3:16 Is 3:18, Is 24:4, Is 32:9; Zep 3:11
3:17 Dt 28:27; Is 47:3
3:18 Jgs 8:21, Jgs 8:26; Is 3:16
3:19 Gn 24:30; Nm 31:50; Eze 16:11
3:20 Ex 39:28; Eze 24:17
3:21 Gn 24:47; Eze 16:12
3:23 Eze 16:10
3:24 Is 15:2, Is 22:12; Lam 2:10; Eze 27:31; Am 8:10

[h] LXX; MT *women* [i] DSS (1QIsa[a]); MT lacks *shame.*

25 Your men will fall by the sword,
your warriors in battle!
26 Her gates will lament and mourn;
desolate, she will sit on the ground.

4 Seven women will grab one man on
that day, saying, "We will eat our
own bread and wear our own clothes—
only let us take your name; take away
our disgrace."

Zion's glorious future

2 On that day, the LORD's branch
will become beautiful and glorious.
The earth's fruit will be the pride and
splendor of Israel's survivors. 3 Who-
ever remains in Zion and is left in Jeru-
salem will be called holy, everyone who
is on the list of those living in Jerusa-
lem. 4 When the Lord washes the filth
from Zion's daughters, and cleanses
Jerusalem's bloodguilt from within it
by means of a wind of judgment and a
searing wind, 5 then the LORD will cre-
ate over the whole site of Mount Zion
and over its assembly a cloud by day
and smoke and the light of a blazing
fire by night. Over all the glory there
will be a canopy, 6 which will be a booth
by day for shade from the heat and a
hiding place and shelter from a stormy
downpour.

Song of the vineyard

5 Let me sing for my loved one
a love song for his vineyard.
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
2 He dug it,
cleared away its stones,
planted it with excellent vines,
built a tower inside it,
and dug out a wine vat in it.
He expected it to grow
good grapes—
but it grew rotten grapes.
3 So now, you who live in Jerusalem,
you people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:
4 What more was there to do
for my vineyard
that I haven't done for it?
When I expected it
to grow good grapes,
why did it grow rotten grapes?
5 Now let me tell you
what I'm doing to my vineyard.
I'm removing its hedge,
so it will be destroyed.
I'm breaking down its walls,
so it will be trampled.
6 I'll turn it into a ruin;
it won't be pruned or hoed,
and thorns and thistles
will grow up.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.
7 The vineyard of
the LORD of heavenly forces
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the plantings
in which God delighted.
God expected justice,
but there was bloodshed;
righteousness,
but there was a cry of distress!

Sayings of doom

8 Doom to those who acquire
house after house,
who annex field to field
until there is no more space left
and only you live alone in the land.
9 I heard the LORD of heavenly forces
say this:[j]
Many houses will become total ruins,
large, fine houses,
with no one living in them.
10 Ten acres of vineyard
will produce just one bath,[k]
and a homer of seed
will produce only an ephah.

11 Doom to those who wake up
early in the morning
to run after beer,
to those who stay up late,
lit up by wine.
12 They party with lyre and harp,
tambourine, flute, and wine;

4:1 Gn 30:23; Is 13:12
4:3 Is 52:1; Lk 10:20
4:4 Is 28:6; Mal 3:2; Mt 3:11
4:6 Ps 27:5; Is 25:4, Is 32:2; Eze 11:16
5:1 Ps 80:8; Is 27:2; Mt 21:33; Mk 12:1; Lk 20:9
5:2 Jer 2:21; Mt 21:19, Mt 21:33; Mk 11:13; Lk 13:6
5:3 Mt 21:40
5:4 Mi 6:3; Mt 23:37
5:5 Ps 80:12
5:6 Is 7:23
5:7 Ps 80:8; Is 3:14
5:8 Jer 22:13; Mi 2:2; Hab 2:9
5:9 Is 6:11; Mt 23:38
5:10 Eze 45:11; Hg 1:6
5:11 Prv 23:29; Ecc 10:17; Is 5:22, Is 28:1, Is 28:7
5:12 Job 21:12; Ps 28:5; Is 24:8; Am 6:4, Am 6:5

[j] Heb lacks *say this*. [k] One bath is approximately twenty quarts, the same as an ephah; one homer contains ten ephahs (or baths) of grain.

but they ignore the LORD's work;
they can't see what God is doing.

13 Therefore, my people go into exile
since they didn't understand—
their officials are dying of hunger;
so many of them
are dried up with thirst.
14 Therefore, the grave[l]
opens wide its jaws,
opens its mouth beyond all bounds,
and the splendid multitudes
will go down,
with all their uproar and cheering.
15 Humanity will be humiliated;
each person laid low,
the eyes of the exalted laid low.
16 But the LORD of heavenly forces
will be exalted in justice,
and the holy God will show himself
holy in righteousness.
17 Lambs will graze as if in their pasture;
young goats[m] will feed
among the ruins of the rich.[n]

18 Doom to those who drag guilt
along with cords of fraud,
and haul sin as if with cart ropes,
19 who say, "God should hurry
and work faster so we can see;
let the plan of Israel's holy one come
quickly, so we can understand it."

20 Doom to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who present darkness as light
and light as darkness,
who make bitterness sweet
and sweetness bitter.

21 Doom to those
who consider themselves wise,
who think of themselves as clever.

22 Doom to the wine-swigging warriors,
mighty at mixing drinks,
23 who spare the guilty for bribes,
and rob the innocent of their rights.
24 Therefore, as a tongue of fire
devours stubble,
and as hay shrivels in a flame,
so their roots will rot,
and their blossoms turn to dust,
for they have rejected the teaching
of the LORD of heavenly forces,
and have despised the word
of Israel's holy one.

5:14 Prv 27:20; Hab 2:5
5:18 Job 15:16, Job 20:12; Ps 10:11, Ps 14:1, Ps 53:1
5:19 Jer 17:15; Eze 12:22; 2Pt 3:4
5:20 Prv 17:15; Mt 6:23; Lk 11:35
5:21 Prv 3:7, Prv 26:12; Ro 12:16; 1Co 3:18
5:22 Prv 23:20; Is 5:11, Is 28:1, Is 28:7, Is 56:12
5:23 Ex 23:8; Prv 17:15; Is 1:23, Is 10:2
5:24 Job 18:16; Is 1:4, Is 30:9, Is 30:12; Jl 2:5
5:25 2Ki 22:13; Is 9:12, Is 9:17, Is 9:21, Is 10:4
5:26 Dt 28:49; Is 7:18, Is 11:12, Is 18:3; Zec 10:8
5:27 Job 12:18; Jl 2:7, Jl 2:8
6:1 1Ki 22:19; 2Ki 15:7; 2Ch 26:23; Is 1:1; Jn 12:41
6:2 Is 6:6; Eze 1:11; Rev 4:8

God's powerful hand

25 This is why the LORD's anger
burned against the people:
he extended his hand
to strike them,
the mountains trembled,
and their corpses lay in the middle
of the streets like dung.
Even then God's anger
didn't turn away;
God's hand was still extended.

26 God will raise a signal
to a nation from far away
and whistle to them
from the end of the earth—
now look—
hurrying, swiftly they come!
27 Not one is tired; not one stumbles;
they don't rest or sleep;
no belt is loose; no sandal broken;
28 their arrows are sharp;
all their bows drawn;
their horses' hooves are like flint;
their wheels like the whirlwind.
29 Their roaring is like the lion;
they roar like young lions;
they growl, seize their prey,
and carry it off,
with no one to rescue.
30 On that day, they will roar over it
like the roaring of the sea.
And if one looks toward the land,
there's darkness.
Tyre and the Nile
will be darkened by the clouds.[o]

The divine throne room

6 In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. 2 Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their

[l] Heb *Sheol* [m] Or *strangers* [n] Or *Calves and young goats will feed on the ruins*; Heb uncertain [o] Heb uncertain

faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. 3They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the LORD of heavenly forces!
All the earth
is filled with God's glory!"

4The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

5I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!"

6Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

8Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

9God said, "Go and say to this people:
Listen intently, but don't understand;
look carefully,
but don't comprehend.
10Make the minds of this people dull.
Make their ears deaf
and their eyes blind,
so they can't see with their eyes
or hear with their ears,
or understand with their minds,
and turn, and be healed."

11I said, "How long, Lord?"

And God said, "Until cities lie ruined with no one living in them, until there are houses without people and the land is left devastated." 12The LORD will send the people far away, and the land will be completely abandoned. 13Even if one-tenth remain there, they will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, which when it is cut down leaves a stump. Its stump is a holy seed.

Reassurance to King Ahaz

7 In the days of Ahaz (Jotham's son and grandson of Judah's King Uzziah), Aram's King Rezin and Israel's King Pekah (Remaliah's son) came up to attack Jerusalem, but they couldn't overpower it.

2When the house of David was told that Aram had become allies with Ephraim, their hearts and the hearts of their people shook as the trees of a forest shake when there is a wind. 3But the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub,[p] at the end of the channel of the Upper Pool, by the road to the field where laundry is washed, 4and say to him, 'Be careful and stay calm. Don't fear, and don't lose heart over these two pieces of smoking torches, over the burning anger of Rezin and Aram, Remaliah's son. 5Aram has planned evil against you with Ephraim and Remaliah's son, saying, 6"Let's march up against Judah, tear it apart, capture it for ourselves, and install Tabeel's son as its king." 7But the LORD God says: It won't happen; it won't take place. 8The chief of Aram is Damascus; the chief of Damascus is Rezin (in sixty-five more years Ephraim will be shattered as a nation); 9the chief of Ephraim is Samaria; and the chief of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you don't believe this, you can't be trusted.'"

The sign of Immanuel

10Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: 11"Ask a sign from the LORD your God. Make it as deep as the grave[q] or as high as heaven."

12But Ahaz said, "I won't ask; I won't test the LORD."

13Then Isaiah said, "Listen, house of David! Isn't it enough for you to be tiresome for people that you are also tiresome before my God? 14Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is pregnant and is about to give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel.[r] 15He will eat butter and honey, and learn to reject evil and choose good. 16Before the boy learns to reject evil and choose good, the land of

6:3 Ex 15:11; Nm 14:21; Ps 72:19; Rev 4:8
6:4 1Ki 8:10; Am 9:1; Rev 15:8
6:5 Ex 6:12; Job 42:5; Is 33:17; Lk 5:8
6:6 Is 6:2
6:7 Jer 1:9; Dn 10:16; 1Jn 1:7
6:8 Gn 1:26
6:9 Mt 13:14, Mt 13:15; Mk 4:12; Lk 8:10; Ro 11:8
6:10 Is 29:10; Jer 5:21; Mt 13:15; Jn 12:40; Ac 28:26
6:11 Ps 79:5; Is 1:7, Is 3:26
6:12 Jer 4:29
7:1 2Ki 15:25, 2Ki 15:37, 2Ki 16:1, 2Ki 16:5; 2Ch 28:6
7:2 Is 7:13, Is 9:9; Jer 21:12
7:4 Dt 20:3; Is 7:1; Am 4:11
7:7 Is 8:10; Ac 4:25
7:9 2Ch 20:20
7:11 2Ki 19:29
7:12 2Ki 15:38, 2Ki 16:2, 2Ki 16:5, 2Ki 16:8, 2Ki 16:15
7:13 Is 7:2, Is 43:24
7:14 Gn 3:15; Is 8:8, Is 9:6; Mt 1:23; Lk 1:31
7:15 Gn 18:8; Is 7:22
7:16 Is 8:4

[p] Or *the remaining few will return* [q] Heb *Sheol* [r] Or *God is with us*

the two kings you dread will be abandoned. 17The LORD will bring upon you, upon your people, and upon your families days unlike any that have come since the day Ephraim broke away from Judah—the king of Assyria."

The devastated land

18On that day, the LORD will whistle for the flies from the remotest streams of Egypt and for the bees that are in the land of Assyria. 19They will come and settle in the steep ravines, in the cracks of the cliffs, in all the thornbushes, and in all the watering holes.

20On that day, the Lord will shave with a razor hired from beyond the Euphrates—with the king of Assyria—the head and the pubic hair, and will cut off the beard as well.

21On that day, one will raise a young cow and two sheep 22and will eat butter because of the abundance of milk, for all who remain in the land will eat butter and honey.

23On that day, there will be thorns and thistles in every place where a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels once grew. 24Only those with bows and arrows will go there, because the entire land will become thorns and thistles. 25As for the hills that were once farmed with hoes, you won't go there for fear of the thorns and thistles. They will become places where cattle are turned loose and sheep wander.

Isaiah's testimonies

8 The LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet, and write on it in ordinary letters,[s] For Maher-shalal-hash-baz.[t] 2Summon trusted people, Uriah the priest and Zechariah, Jeberechiah's son, to witness it."

3I then had sex with the prophetess, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz. 4Before the boy knows how to say 'my father' and 'my mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria."

5The LORD spoke again to me: 6Since this people has rejected the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and instead rejoices over[u] Rezin, Remaliah's son—
7therefore, look, the Lord is raising up against them the powerful floodwaters of the Euphrates, the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will rise up over all its channels, overflowing all its banks,
8and sweep into Judah, flooding, overflowing, and reaching up to the neck.
But God is with us;[v] the span of his wings will cover the width of the land.

9 Unite[w] yourselves, peoples,
and be shattered!
Listen, all distant places
of the earth!
Prepare to be shattered!
Prepare to be shattered!
10 Create a plan, but be frustrated!
Speak a word, but it won't stand,
for God is with us.[x]

11The LORD spoke to me, taking hold of me and warning me not to walk in the way of this people: 12Don't call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy. Don't fear what they fear, and don't be terrified. 13It is the LORD of heavenly forces whom you should hold sacred, whom you should fear, and whom you should hold in awe.

14 God will become a sanctuary—
but he will be a stone to trip over
and a rock to stumble on
for the two houses of Israel;
a trap and a snare
for those living in Jerusalem.
15 Many of them will stumble and fall,
and be broken, snared,
and captured.

16Bind up the testimony; seal up the teaching among my disciples. 17I will wait for the LORD, who has hidden his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in God. 18Look! I and the children the LORD gave me are signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of heavenly forces, who lives on Mount Zion.

7:17 1Ki 12:16; 2Ch 28:20; Is 8:7, Is 8:8, Is 10:5
7:20 Is 10:5; Eze 5:1
7:23 Song 8:11; Is 5:6, Is 5:10
8:1 Is 30:8; Jer 36:2; Hab 2:2
8:3 Hos 1:4
8:4 Is 7:8, Is 7:16, Is 9:11
8:6 Neh 3:15; Is 5:24, Is 7:1, Is 7:4; Jn 9:7
8:7 Is 17:12, Is 17:13
8:8 Is 7:14, Is 30:28
8:9 Jer 46:3
8:10 Job 5:12; Is 7:7; Ro 8:31
8:14 Is 28:16; Lk 2:34; Ro 9:32, Ro 9:33; 1Pt 2:8
8:16 Is 29:11; Dn 12:4
8:17 Dt 31:17; Ps 27:14; Is 54:8; Hab 2:3
8:18 Lk 2:34; Heb 2:13

[s]Heb uncertain [t]Or *spoil hastens, plunder hurries* [u]Or *melts before* [v]Heb *Immanuel* [w]Heb uncertain [x]Heb *Immanuel*

19 If they say to you: "Consult the
ghosts and the spirits that chirp and
mutter. (Shouldn't a people consult its
gods?) Consult the dead on behalf of
the living 20 for instruction and for testi-
mony"—they will surely say such things,
but they will never see the dawn.[y]
21 They will pass through the land,[z]
dejected and hungry, and when they
are hungry, they will be enraged and
will curse their king and God. They will
turn toward heaven 22 and look to the
earth, but they will see only distress
and darkness, random movement, and
the anguish and doom of banishment.[a]

A great light

9 [b]Nonetheless, those who were in
distress won't be exhausted. At an
earlier time, God cursed the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but
later he glorified the way of the sea, the
far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee
of the nations.[c]
2 [d]The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light.
On those living in a pitch-dark land,
light has dawned.
3 You have made the nation great;
you have increased its joy.
They rejoiced before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as those who divide plunder rejoice.
4 As on the day of Midian,
you've shattered the yoke
that burdened them,
the staff on their shoulders,
and the rod of their oppressor.
5 Because every boot
of the thundering warriors,
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned, fuel for the fire.
6 A child is born to us,
a son is given to us,
and authority will be
on his shoulders.
He will be named
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

8:19 Lv 19:31; 1Sa 28:8; Is 19:3, Is 29:4

8:20 Mi 3:6; Lk 16:29

8:21 Rev 16:11

9:1 2Ki 15:29; 2Ch 16:4; Is 8:22; Mt 4:15, Mt 4:16

9:2 Mt 4:16; Lk 1:79; Eph 5:8

9:5 Ps 46:9; Is 13:16, Is 19:2; Jer 47:3

9:6 Is 7:14, Is 22:22, Is 28:29; Mt 28:18; Lk 2:11

9:7 Is 16:5; Jer 23:5; Dn 2:44; Lk 1:32, Lk 1:33

9:9 Is 7:9, Is 46:12

9:13 Jer 5:3; Hos 7:10

9:15 Is 3:2, Is 3:3; Mt 24:24

9:16 Is 3:12; Mt 15:14, Mt 23:16

7 There will be vast authority
and endless peace
for David's throne
and for his kingdom,
establishing and sustaining it
with justice and righteousness
now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of heavenly
forces will do this.

God's hand still stretched out

8 The Lord sent a word against Jacob;
it fell upon Israel;
9 the people all knew it—
Ephraim and the one
who rules in Samaria.
But with a proud and arrogant heart
they said,
10 "Bricks have fallen,
but let's rebuild with stones.
Sycamores were cut down,
but let's replace them with cedars."
11 So the LORD raised up their foes
against them,[e]
and stirred up their enemies—
12 Aram from the east and
the Philistines from the west—
and they devoured Israel
with an open mouth.
Even then God's anger
didn't turn away;
God's hand was still extended.

13 But the people didn't turn
to the one who struck them.
They didn't seek
the LORD of heavenly forces.
14 So the LORD cut off head and tail,
palm branch and reed
from Israel in one day.
15 (Elders and celebrities are the head;
prophets who teach lies are the tail.)
16 But this people's leaders
were misleading,
and those being led were confused.
17 So the Lord
showed their youth no pity,
and showed their orphans
and widows no mercy;
for everyone was godless and evil;
every mouth spoke nonsense.

[y]Heb uncertain for 8:19-20 [z]Or *it* [a]Heb uncertain for 8:21-22 [b]8:23 in Heb [c]Heb uncertain [d]9:1 in Heb
[e]Or *the enemies of Rezin*

Even then God's anger
didn't turn away;
God's hand was still extended.

18 Wickedness burned like fire,
devouring thorn and thistle.
It kindled the thickets of the forest;
they swirled in rising smoke.
19 The land was scorched by the rage of
the LORD of heavenly forces;
the people were like fuel for the fire.
Not one person pitied another:
20 they consumed on the right,
but remained hungry;
devoured on the left,
and weren't satisfied.
They devoured the flesh
of their own children.[f]
21 Manasseh devoured Ephraim
and Ephraim Manasseh;
together they turned against Judah.
Even then God's anger
didn't turn away;
God's hand was still extended.

Wicked laws

10 Doom to those
who pronounce wicked decrees,
and keep writing harmful laws
2 to deprive the needy of their rights
and to rob the poor among
my people of justice;
to make widows their loot;
to steal from orphans!
3 What will you do
on the day of punishment
when disaster comes from far away?
To whom will you flee for help;
where will you stash your wealth?
4 How will you avoid
crouching among the prisoners
and falling among the slain?
Even so, God's anger
hasn't turned away;
God's hand is still extended.

Assyria as God's punishing weapon

5 Doom to Assyria, rod of my anger,
in whose hand is the staff
of my fury!
6 Against a godless nation I send him;
against an infuriating people
I direct him to seize spoil,
to steal plunder,
and to trample them
like mud in the streets.
7 But he has other plans;
he schemes in secret;
destruction is on his mind,
extermination of nation after nation.
8 He says:
Aren't my commanders all kings?
9 Isn't Calno like Carchemish?
Isn't Hamath like Arpad?
Isn't Samaria like Damascus?
10 Just as I took control
of idolatrous kingdoms
with more images
than Jerusalem and Samaria,
11 just as I did to Samaria
and her false gods,
won't I also do this to Jerusalem
and her idols?
12 But when the Lord has finished all
this work on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, he will punish[g] the Assyrian king's
arrogant actions and the boasting of his
haughty eyes.
13 He said, "By my own strength
I have achieved it,
and by my wisdom,
since I'm so clever.
I disregarded national boundaries;
I raided their treasures;
I knocked down their rulers
like a bull.
14 My hand found the wealth
of the peoples
as if it were in a nest.
Just as one gathers abandoned eggs,
I have gathered the entire earth;
no creature fluttered a wing
or opened a mouth to chirp."

15 Will the ax glorify itself
over the one who chops with it?
Or will the saw magnify itself
over its user?
As if a rod could wave
the one who lifts it!
As if a staff could lift up
the one not made of wood!

10:1 Ps 94:20
10:2 Is 1:17, Is 1:23, Is 3:14, Is 5:23
10:3 Hos 9:7; Lk 19:44
10:8 2Ki 18:24
10:9 Gn 10:10; 2Ki 16:9, 2Ki 17:6; 2Ch 35:20; Am 6:2
10:10 2Ki 19:17, 2Ki 19:18
10:11 Is 2:8
10:12 Is 2:11
10:13 Eze 28:2; Dn 4:30
10:14 Job 31:25; Jer 49:16; Obad 1:4
10:15 Is 10:5, Is 29:16, Is 45:9; Ro 9:20, Ro 9:21

[f] Or *arm* [g] Or *I will punish*

16 Therefore,
the LORD God of heavenly forces
will make the well-fed people
waste away;
and among his officials,
a blaze will burn like scorching fire.
17 The light of Israel will become a fire,
its holy one a flame,
which will burn and devour
its thorns and thistles
in a single day.
18 Its abundant forest and farmland
will be finished completely,[h]
as when a sick person wastes away;
19 its forest's remaining trees
will be no more
than a child can count.

A few will return

20 On that day, what's left of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no longer depend on the one who beat them. Instead, they will faithfully depend on the LORD, the holy one of Israel. 21 A few will return, what's left of Jacob, to the mighty God. 22 Although your people, Israel, were like the sand of the sea, only a few survivors will return. The end is announced, overflowing with justice. 23 Yes, destruction has been announced; the LORD God of heavenly forces will carry it out against the entire land.

24 Therefore, the LORD God of heavenly forces says: My people who live in Zion, don't fear Assyria, which strikes you with the rod and raises its staff against you as Egypt did. 25 In a very short time my fury will end, and my anger at the world will be finished.[i]

26 Therefore, the LORD of heavenly
forces will crack a whip against
Assyria,
as when he struck Midian
at the rock of Oreb.
He will raise a rod over the sea,
as he did in Egypt.
27 On that day, God will remove
the burden from your shoulder
and destroy the yoke on your neck.[j]

10:16 Is 17:4

10:17 Is 9:18, Is 37:23

10:19 Is 21:17

10:21 Is 7:3, Is 9:6

10:22 Hos 1:10; Ro 9:27, Ro 9:28

10:23 Is 28:22

10:26 Ex 14:16; Jgs 7:25; Is 9:4

10:33 Am 2:9

11:1 Is 4:2, Is 11:10; Jer 23:5; Zec 3:8; Ac 13:23

11:2 Is 42:1, Is 61:1; Mt 3:16; Jn 1:32, Jn 16:13

11:3 Jn 2:25, Jn 7:24

11:4 Job 4:9; Ps 2:9, Ps 72:2; Is 29:19; 2Th 2:8

The exalted laid low

He has gone up from Samaria,
28 come against Aiath,
passed to Migron.
At Michmash
he stored his equipment.
29 They crossed at the pass:
"We'll camp at Geba!"
Ramah trembles;
Gibeah of Saul has fled.
30 Cry aloud, Daughter Gallim!
Listen, Laishah!
Answer her, Anathoth!
31 Madmenah has flown.
Gebim's inhabitants sought refuge.
32 This very day he will stand at Nob
and shake his fist[k]
at Daughter Zion's mountain,
the hill of Jerusalem!
33 Look!
The LORD God of heavenly forces
is chopping off the branches
with terrible power.
The loftiest ones
are about to be cut down
and the exalted laid low.
34 He will strike down
the forest thickets with an ax,
and mighty Lebanon will fall.

A shoot from Jesse's stump

11 A shoot will grow up
from the stump of Jesse;
a branch will sprout[l] from his roots.
2 The LORD's spirit will rest upon him,
a spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
a spirit of planning and strength,
a spirit of knowledge
and fear of the LORD.
3 He will delight in fearing the LORD.
He won't judge by appearances,
nor decide by hearsay.
4 He will judge the needy
with righteousness,
and decide with equity
for those who suffer in the land.
He will strike the violent[m]
with the rod of his mouth;
by the breath of his lips
he will kill the wicked.

[h] Syr, Vulg *body and soul* (that is, *completely*); MT *he will finish* [i] Heb uncertain [j] Or *and his yoke from your neck, and a yoke will be destroyed because of fatness* [k] Or *wave his hand* [l] LXX, Vulg; MT *bear fruit* [m] Or *land*

5 Righteousness will be
the belt around his hips,
and faithfulness
the belt around his waist.
6 The wolf will live with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down
with the young goat;
the calf and the young lion
will feed[n] together,
and a little child will lead them.
7 The cow and the bear will graze.
Their young will lie down together,
and a lion will eat straw like an ox.
8 A nursing child
will play over the snake's hole;
toddlers will reach
right over the serpent's den.
9 They won't harm or destroy
anywhere on my holy mountain.
The earth will surely be filled
with the knowledge of the LORD,
just as the water covers the sea.

A signal to the peoples

10 On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

11 On that day, the Lord will extend his hand a second time to reclaim the survivors of God's people who are left from Assyria and from Egypt, from Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the coastlands[o] of the sea.
12 God will raise a signal for the nations
and gather the outcast men of Israel.
God will collect
the dispersed women of Judah
from the four corners of the earth.
13 Ephraim's jealousy will cease,
and Judah's harassment
will be eliminated.
Ephraim won't be jealous of Judah,
and Judah won't harass Ephraim.
14 But they will swoop down
on the slopes of Philistia to the west;
together they will plunder
the people to the east.
Edom and Moab
will be under their power,
and the Ammonites
will be their subjects.

11:5 Is 25:1; Eph 6:14
11:6 Is 65:25
11:7 2Sa 17:8; Prv 17:12; Is 65:25
11:8 Is 14:29, Is 59:5; Jer 8:17
11:9 Hab 2:14
11:10 Is 11:1, Is 28:12; Lk 2:32; Jn 12:32; Ro 15:12
11:12 Is 11:10, Is 56:8
11:14 Is 25:10, Is 63:1; Dn 11:41; Jl 3:19; Am 9:12
12:1 Is 25:1
12:2 Ex 15:2; Ps 27:1, Ps 118:14; Is 45:17; Jer 3:23
12:3 Is 55:1; Jn 4:10, Jn 4:14, Jn 7:37
12:4 1Ch 16:8; Ps 105:1, Ps 145:4
12:5 Ex 15:1; Ps 98:1
12:6 Is 1:24, Is 41:14; Zep 3:14
13:1 Is 1:1, Is 14:4, Is 14:28, Is 15:1, Is 47:1
13:2 Is 5:26; Jer 50:2, Jer 51:58
13:3 Jl 3:11
13:4 Jl 3:14

15 The LORD will split the tongue of the Egyptian sea. God will wave a hand over the Euphrates with a powerful[p] wind and break it into seven streams so that it can be crossed in sandals.
16 Then there will be a highway from Assyria for the survivors of God's people who are left from Assyria, just as there was for Israel on the day they went up from the land of Egypt.

Hymn of trust

12 You will say on that day:
"I thank you, LORD.
Though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away
and you comforted me.
2 God is indeed my salvation;
I will trust and won't be afraid.
Yah, the LORD, is my strength
and my shield;
he has become my salvation."

3 You will draw water with joy
from the springs of salvation.
4 And you will say on that day:
"Thank the LORD; call on God's name;
proclaim God's deeds
among the peoples;
declare that God's name is exalted.
5 Sing to the LORD,
who has done glorious things;
proclaim this throughout
all the earth."
6 Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion,
because the holy one of Israel
is great among you.

Babylon falls

13 An oracle about Babylon, which Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw.
2 On a bare mountain raise a signal;
cry aloud to them;
wave a hand;
let them enter the officials' gates.
3 I have commanded my holy ones;
I have called my warriors,
my proud, jubilant ones,
to execute my wrath.
4 Listen![q] A roar on the mountains
like that of a great crowd.

[n]Correction; MT *and the calf* [o]Or *islands* [p]Heb uncertain [q]Heb lacks *Listen!*

Listen! An uproar of kingdoms,
of nations coming together.
The LORD of heavenly forces
is mustering an army for battle.
5 They are coming from a distant land,
from the faraway heavens,
the LORD and the instruments of
his fury, to destroy the whole land.

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near.
Like destruction from the Almighty[r]
it will come.
7 Then all hands will fall limp;
every human heart will melt,
8 and they will be terrified.
Like a woman writhing in labor,
they will be seized
by spasms and agony.
They will look at each other aghast,
their faces blazing.

9 Look, the day of the LORD is coming
with cruel rage and burning anger,
making the earth a ruin,
and wiping out its sinners.
10 Heaven's stars and constellations
won't show their light.
The sun will be dark when it rises;
the moon will no longer shine.
11 I will bring disaster
upon the world for its evil,
and bring their own sin
upon the wicked.
I will end the pride of the insolent,
and the conceit of tyrants
I will lay low.
12 I will make humans scarcer
than fine gold;
people rarer than the gold of Ophir.
13 I will rattle the heavens;
the earth will shake loose
from its place—because of the rage
of the LORD of heavenly forces
on the day his anger burns.
14 They will be like hunted gazelles,
like sheep without a shepherd;
all will turn to their own people
and flee to their own lands.
15 Whoever is found will be stabbed;
whoever is caught
will fall by the sword.

13:6 Is 2:12, Is 13:9; Eze 30:3; Jl 1:15

13:7 Josh 2:11; Is 19:1; Eze 21:7; Na 2:10

13:8 Is 21:3, Is 26:17; Jer 4:31; Jn 16:21

13:9 Is 13:6

13:10 Is 24:23; Eze 32:7; Jl 2:10; Am 8:9; Mt 24:29

13:11 Is 3:11, Is 26:21

13:12 Gn 10:29; 1Ki 9:28, 1Ki 10:11; Job 28:16; Ps 45:9

13:13 Hg 2:6

13:14 1Ki 22:17; Jer 50:16, Jer 51:9

13:21 Is 34:11, Is 34:13; Jer 50:39; Rev 18:2

13:22 Dt 32:35; Is 25:2, Is 34:14, Is 35:7; Jer 9:11

14:1 Ps 102:13; Eze 39:25; Zec 1:17; Eph 2:12

14:4 Is 13:1; Hab 2:6

16 Their infants will be crushed
before their eyes;
their houses plundered,
their women raped.

17 Look! I'm rousing the Medes
against them;
the Medes pay no mind to silver,
no desire for gold.
18 Their bows will smash youths;
they will be merciless to newborns,
pitiless to children.
19 So Babylon,
a jewel among kingdoms,
the Chaldeans' splendor and pride,
will be like Sodom and Gomorrah,
destroyed by God.
20 No one will ever resettle
or live there for generations.
No Arab will camp there;
no shepherds will rest flocks there.
21 Wildcats will rest there;
houses will be filled with owls.
Ostriches will live there,
and goat demons will dance there.
22 Hyenas will howl in its strongholds,
and jackals in its luxurious palaces.
Babylon's[s] time is coming soon;
its days won't drag on.

Compassion for Jacob

14 The LORD will have compassion on Jacob, will again choose Israel, and will give them rest in their own land. Immigrants will join them, and attach themselves to the house of Jacob. 2 The peoples will take them and will bring them to their own place. The house of Israel will possess them as male and female slaves in the LORD's land, making captives of their captors and ruling their oppressors.

Mockery of a tyrant

3 When the LORD has given you rest from pain and trouble and from the hard labor that you perform, 4 you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon:

How the oppressor[t] has ceased!
How the flood[u] has receded!

[r] Heb *Shaddai* or *Mountain One* [s] Heb *Its* [t] Heb uncertain [u] DSS (1QIsa[a]), LXX, Syr, Tg; MT *fury*

5 The LORD has broken
the staff of the wicked,
the rod of tyrants
6 that struck peoples in rage
with ceaseless blows,
that ruled nations with anger,
with relentless aggression.

7 All the earth rests quietly,
then it breaks into song.
8 Even the cypresses rejoice over you,
the cedars of Lebanon:
"Since you were laid low,
no logger comes up against us!"

9 The underworld[v] beneath becomes
restless to greet your arrival.
It awakens the ghosts,
all the leaders of earth;
it makes the kings of the nations
rise from their thrones.
10 All of them speak and say to you:
"Even you've become weak
like we are!
You are the same as us!"
11 Your majesty has been brought down
to the underworld,[w]
along with the sound of your harps.
Under you is a bed of maggots,
and worms are your blanket.

12 How you've fallen from heaven,
morning star, son of dawn!
You are cut down to earth,
helpless on your back!
13 You said to yourself,
I will climb up to heaven;
above God's stars,
I will raise my throne.
I'll sit on the mount of assembly,
on the heights of Zaphon.
14 I'll go up to the cloud tops;
I'll be like the Most High!
15 But down to the underworld[x]
you are brought,
to the depths of the pit.

16 Those who see you will stare at you;
they will examine you closely:
"Is this the man
who rattled the earth,
who shook kingdoms,
17 who made the world a wasteland
and tore down its cities,
and wouldn't let his prisoners
go home?"
18 All the kings of the nations
lie down honored,
all of them, each in his own tomb.
19 But you are cast away
from your own grave
like a rejected branch,
covered by the dead
and those pierced by the sword—
who go down to the stony pit—
like a trampled corpse.
20 You won't join them in burial,
for you destroyed your own land;
you killed your own people.
Such evil offspring
will never be mentioned again!
21 Prepare a place to slaughter his
sons for the guilt of their father. Don't
let them arise to take over the earth or
fill the world with cities.
22 I will arise against them, says the
LORD of heavenly forces. I will cut off
Babylon's renown and remnant, off-
shoot and offspring. 23 I will make it
the home of herons, a swampland. I
will sweep it away with the broom of
destruction, says the LORD of heavenly
forces.

Promise for oppressed Judah

24 The LORD of heavenly forces
has promised:
As I intended, so it will be;
and as I have planned,
so it will happen:
25 I will break Assyria in my land;
on my mountains I will trample it
and remove its yoke
from my people;[y]
his burden will be taken
from their shoulders.
26 This is the plan that has been made
for all the earth;
this is the hand
extended over all the nations.
27 The LORD of heavenly forces
has created a plan;

14:5 Is 9:4
14:6 Is 47:6
14:7 Ps 126:1
14:8 Eze 31:16
14:9 Eze 32:21
14:10 Eze 32:21
14:11 Job 24:20; Is 5:12; Eze 26:13; Am 5:23, Am 6:5
14:12 Lk 10:18; 2Pt 1:19; Rev 8:10
14:13 Is 14:14; Eze 28:2; Dn 5:23, Dn 8:10; 2Th 2:4
14:14 Is 14:13, Is 47:8; 2Th 2:4
14:15 Eze 31:16, Eze 32:23; Mt 11:23
14:16 Jer 50:23
14:17 Jl 2:3
14:19 Is 34:3; Jer 8:1, Jer 41:7
14:20 Job 18:19; Ps 21:10, Ps 37:28
14:21 Ex 20:5; Lv 26:39; Mt 23:35
14:22 1Ki 14:10; Job 18:19; Ps 109:13; Prv 10:7; Is 13:19
14:25 Is 9:4, Is 10:12, Is 10:27, Is 30:31, Is 31:8
14:27 2Ch 20:6; Is 43:13; Dn 4:35

[v] Heb *Sheol* [w] Heb *Sheol* [x] Heb *Sheol* [y] Or *them*

who can stop it?
God's hand is extended;
who will stop it?

An oracle concerning the Philistines

28 This oracle came in the year of
King Ahaz's death:
29 Don't rejoice, all you Philistines, that
the rod that struck you is broken,
because from the snake's root
a viper will grow,
and it will produce
a winged creature.
30 The oldest offspring of the poor
will graze;
their needy will lie down secure.
But he will starve your offspring
to death,
and murder all who remain.
31 Wail, gate! Cry out, city!
Melt in terror, all you Philistines!
Smoke is coming from the north;
there is no straggler in its ranks.[z]
32 What will one say
to that nation's messengers?
The LORD has founded Zion;
the oppressed among God's
people will find refuge there.

Concerning Moab

15 An oracle about Moab.
Ar was devastated in a night;
Moab is ruined!
Kir was devastated in a night;
Moab is ruined!
2 Dibon has gone up to the temple,
to the shrines to weep.[a]
Moab wails over Nebo
and over Medeba.
Every head is shaved,
every beard cut off.
3 In its streets
they wear mourning clothes;
on its rooftops and in its plazas,
everyone wails
and falls down weeping.
4 Heshbon and Elealeh cry out;
as far as Jahaz their voice is heard.
The armed men of Moab shout,
spirits trembling.
5 My heart cries out for Moab.
Its fugitives flee to Zoar,
to Eglath-shelishiyah.[b]
At the ascent of Luhith,
each will go up with weeping.
On the road to Horonaim,
they will raise a piercing cry.
6 The waters of Nimrim are used up.
Grass has withered;
vegetation is dead;
greenery is gone.
7 Therefore, they carry
what they had stored up,
all their provisions
to the Valley of the Willows.
8 An outcry sounds
within the borders of Moab,
as far as Eglaim, a cry of distress,
as far as Beer-elim, a cry of distress.
9 The waters of Dibon are full of blood.
But I will bring still more
upon Dibon:
a lion for Moab's survivors,
for the remaining few in the land.
16 Send lambs to the ruler
of the land,[c]
from Sela through the desert
to the mountain of Daughter Zion.
2 The daughters of Moab
at the fords of the Arnon
are like orphaned birds
pushed from the nest.
3 Consider carefully, act justly;
at high noon
provide your shade like night.
Hide the outcasts;
keep the fugitives hidden.
4 Let the outcasts of Moab
live among you.
Be a hiding place for them
from the destroyer.
When the oppressor is no more,
when destruction has ceased,
when the trampler has vanished
from the land,
5 a throne will be established
based on goodness,
and someone will sit faithfully on
it in David's dwelling[d]—
a judge who seeks justice
and timely righteousness.

14:28 2Ki 16:1, 2Ki 16:20; 2Ch 28:27; Is 13:1

15:1 Nm 21:28; Is 11:14, Is 13:1; Jer 48:1; Eze 25:8

15:5 Gn 13:10, Gn 19:22; Jer 4:20, Jer 48:5, Jer 48:34

16:1 2Ki 3:4, 2Ki 14:7; Is 10:32

16:2 Nm 21:13; Jgs 11:18; Prv 27:8; Jer 48:20

16:3 1Ki 18:4

[z] Heb uncertain [a] Heb uncertain [b] Heb uncertain [c] Heb uncertain [d] Or *tent*

6 We have heard of Moab's pride,
his great pride,
his outrageous pride
and arrogance,
his empty boasting.
7 Therefore, let Moab wail;
let everyone wail for Moab.
Let them moan, utterly stricken,
for the raisin cakes
of Kir-hareseth.
8 The fields of Heshbon languish.
The vines of Sibmah,
whose honored grapes
overpowered masters of nations,
had reached as far as Jazer
and strayed to the desert.
Their tendrils spread out
and crossed the sea.
9 Therefore,
I will weep with Jazer's weeping
for the vines of Sibmah.
I will drench you with my tears,
Heshbon and Elealeh.
Cheers have fallen silent
concerning your summer fruit
and your grain harvest.
10 Joy and happiness
have been harvested
from the farmland,
and in the vineyards no one sings,
no one shouts.
No treader crushes grapes
in the wine vats;
I have brought the cheers to an end.
11 Therefore, my heart plays sadly
like a harp for Moab,
my inner being for Kir-heres.
12 Even if Moab presents himself,
and Moab wears himself out
going to the shrine,
and comes to his sanctuary
to pray,
he won't prevail.
13 This is the word that the LORD had spoken concerning Moab long ago. 14 But now the LORD has said: In three years, like the years of a hired worker, the glory of Moab, with all its great multitude, will dwindle. The small remnant will be few and feeble.

16:6 Jer 48:29; Am 2:1; Obad 1:3; Zep 2:10

Concerning Damascus and Ephraim

17 An oracle about Damascus.
Look! Damascus is finished
as a city;
it will become a fallen ruin.
2 The villages of Aroer
are abandoned forever.[e]
They will be pastures for flocks,[f]
which will lie down undisturbed.
3 Ephraim's security will cease,
as will Damascus's rule.
What's left of Aram will resemble
the glory of the Israelites,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.

4 On that day,
Jacob's glory will dwindle;
his sleek body will waste away.
5 It will be as when
harvesters gather grain.
God will harvest armfuls at a time,
like one who gathers grain
in the Rephaim Valley.
6 Only remaining bits are left,
like a stripped olive tree:
two or three olives
on the highest branch;
four or five on a fruitful twig,
says the LORD God of Israel.

7 On that day, people will have regard
for their maker,
and their eyes will look
to the holy one of Israel.
8 They will have no regard for altars,
the work of their hands,
or look to what their fingers made:
sacred poles[g] and incense stands.
9 On that day, their strong cities will be like those abandoned by the Hivites and the Amorites;[h] abandoned because of the Israelites. They will be a wasteland,
10 because you forgot the God
who saves you,
and didn't remember the rock
who shelters you.
Therefore, plant your pleasant plants,
and set out exotic sprouts;

[e] Cf LXX; MT *The cities of Aroer are abandoned* [f] Or *For flocks they will be* [g] Heb *asherim*, possibly objects devoted to the goddess Asherah [h] LXX; MT *like the abandonment of the forest and the bough*

11 make them grow
the day you plant them,
and make them bloom
the morning you start them.
But the harvest will disappear on a
day of sickness and incurable pain.

12 Doom to the raging of many peoples;
like the thundering seas
they thunder.
Doom to the roar of nations,
like the roaring of mighty waters.
13 Nations roar
like the roaring of rushing waters.
But God will rebuke them,
and they will flee far away,
pursued like chaff
by wind in the mountains,
like tumbleweeds before a storm.
14 In the evening, there is terror;
but before morning it is gone.
This is the fate of those who loot us,
the destiny of those who rob us.

Concerning Cush

18 Doom to the land
of winged ships,
beyond the rivers of Cush
2 that sends messengers by sea,
reed vessels on the water.
Go, swift messengers,
to a nation tall and clean-shaven,
to a people feared near and far,
a nation barbaric and oppressive,
whose land the rivers divide.

3 All you who inhabit the world,
who live on earth,
when a signal is raised
on the mountains, you will see!
When the trumpet blasts,
you will hear!
4 The LORD said to me:
I will quietly watch
from my own place,
like the shimmering heat
of sunshine,
like a cloud's shade
in the harvest heat.
5 Before the harvest,
when the bloom is finished,
when the blossom is becoming
a ripening fruit,

17:14 2Ki 19:35; Ps 37:36

18:1 2Ki 19:9; Eze 30:4; Zep 2:12, Zep 3:10

18:2 Gn 10:8; Ex 2:3; Is 18:7

19:1 Ex 12:12; Josh 2:11; Ps 18:10; Is 13:1; Jl 3:19

God will cut the shoots
with a pruning knife,
and lop off the spreading branches.
6 They will all be left
to the mountain birds
and to the beasts of the land.
The birds will eat them in summer,
all the beasts of the land in winter.

7 At that time, gifts will be brought
to the LORD of heavenly forces
from a tall and clean-shaven people
and from a people feared
near and far,
a nation barbaric and oppressive,
whose land the rivers divide,
to the place of the name of
the LORD of heavenly forces,
to Mount Zion.

Concerning Egypt

19 An oracle about Egypt.
Look! The LORD is riding
upon a swift cloud,
and is coming to Egypt.
Egypt's idols will tremble before God;
the Egyptians' hearts will melt
within them.
2 I will stir up Egyptian
against Egyptian,
and they will fight,
one against another,
neighbor against neighbor,
city against city,
kingdom against kingdom.
3 Egypt's spirit will fail from within;
I will frustrate their plans.
They will consult
the idols and spirits
and ghosts and fortune-tellers.
4 I will hand Egypt
over to a harsh master;
a strong king will rule them, says
the LORD God of heavenly forces.

5 The waters of the sea will dry up;
the river will be parched and bare.
6 The rivers will stink;
the streams will shrink and dry;
reeds and rushes will decay.
7 Grass around the Nile,
the grass at the mouth of the Nile,
and all the sown land of the Nile

will dry up, blow away,
and be no more.
8 Those who fish will lament;
all who cast fishhooks in the Nile
will mourn,
and those who spread nets
on the water will pine away.
9 Workers with flax will be dismayed;
carders and weavers will grow pale.[i]
10 Makers of cloth will be crushed;
all who earn money
will become distressed.

11 The officials of Tanis are fools;
the wisest of Pharaoh's counselors
give stupid advice.
How can you say to Pharaoh,
"I'm a wise person,
one of the ancient kings"?
12 Where now are your wise ones?
Let them tell you,
let them inform you what
the LORD of heavenly forces
has planned concerning Egypt.
13 The officials of Tanis
have become fools;
the princes of Memphis
are deluded;
the tribal chiefs
have led Egypt astray.
14 The LORD has poured into them
a spirit of confusion.
They will make Egypt stumble
in everything it does,
just as a drunk
stumbles in his vomit.
15 Neither head nor tail,
palm branch nor reed
will be able to do anything
for Egypt.

Bless God's people

16 On that day, the Egyptians will be like women and will tremble with terror before the hand that the LORD of heavenly forces will raise against them. 17 Judah's land will become what the Egyptians dread; whenever anyone mentions it, they will be terrified because of the plans that the LORD of heavenly forces is making against them.

19:11 Nm 13:22; 1Ki 4:30; Is 19:3, Is 30:4

19:18 Is 45:23; Zep 3:9

19:19 Gn 28:18; Josh 22:10

19:20 Jgs 2:18; Ps 50:15; Is 43:3, Is 43:11, Is 45:21

19:21 Is 11:9, Is 56:7, Is 60:7; Jon 1:16; Zec 14:16

19:24 Gn 12:2

20:2 1Sa 19:24; Is 13:1; Eze 24:17; Mi 1:8; Mt 3:4

20:3 Is 8:18, Is 20:2, Is 43:3

18 On that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan and swear loyalty to the LORD of heavenly forces. One of them will be called "the city of the sun."[j]

19 On that day, there will be an altar to the LORD within the land of Egypt, and a standing stone for the LORD at its border. 20 It will be a sign and a witness to the LORD of heavenly forces in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the LORD because of oppressors, God will send them a savior and defender to rescue them. 21 The LORD will make himself known to the Egyptians; the Egyptians will know the LORD on that day. They will worship with sacrifices and offerings, making solemn promises to the LORD and fulfilling them. 22 The LORD will strike Egypt; striking and then healing. They will return to the LORD, who will hear their pleas and heal them.

23 On that day, there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will come to Egypt, and the Egyptians to Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

24 On that day, Israel will be the third along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing at the center of the world. 25 The LORD of heavenly forces will pronounce this blessing: Bless Egypt my people, and Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.

Isaiah naked and barefoot

20 In the year that Assyria's King Sargon sent his general to Ashdod, he fought against Ashdod and captured it. 2 At that time the LORD had spoken through Isaiah, Amoz's son, "Go, take off the mourning clothes from your waist, and remove the shoes from your feet." And Isaiah did this, walking naked and barefoot.

3 The LORD said, "Just as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years, as a sign and omen against Egypt and Cush, 4 so will the king of Assyria lead the captives of Egypt and

[i] DSS (1QIsa[a]) [j] DSS (1QIsa[a]), Tg, Vulg; Heb uncertain

the exiles of Cush, both young and old,
naked and barefoot, with buttocks
bared, humiliating Egypt. [5]They will be
shattered and shamed because of Cush
their hope, and because of Egypt their
glory.
[6]"On that day, those who live on
this coast will say, 'Look at those in
whom we had hoped, to whom we fled
for help and rescue from the king of
Assyria. How then will we escape?'"

Fallen, fallen is Babylon

21 An oracle about the wilderness
near the sea.
Like whirlwinds sweeping
through the arid southern plain,
it comes from the desert,
from a fearsome land.
[2]A harsh vision was proclaimed to me:
The betrayer betrays,
and the destroyer destroys.
Go up, Elam! Lay siege, Media!
Put an end to all her groaning.
[3]Therefore, I'm shaken to my core
in anguish.
Pains have seized me
like the pains of a woman in labor.
I'm too bent over to hear,
too dismayed to see.
[4]My heart pounds;
convulsions overpower me.
He has turned my evening
of pleasure into dread—
[5]setting the table,
spreading the cloth,
eating, drinking.
"Arise, captains!
Polish the shields."

[6]The Lord said this to me:
"Go, post a lookout
to report what he sees.
[7]When he sees chariots,
pairs of horsemen,
donkey riders, camel riders,
he should listen carefully,
carefully, very carefully."

[8]Then the seer[k] called out:
"Upon a watchtower, Lord,
I'm standing all day;
and upon my observation post
I'm stationed throughout the night.
[9]Here they come:
charioteers, pairs of horsemen!"
One spoke up and said,
"Fallen, fallen is Babylon,
and all the images of her gods
are shattered on the ground!"
[10]Oh, my downtrodden people,
threshed on my threshing floor,
what I heard from
the LORD of heavenly forces,
the God of Israel, I reported to you.

A mysterious dialogue

[11]An oracle about Dumah.[l]
Someone is calling to me from Seir:
"Guard, how long is the night?
Guard, how long is the night?"
[12]The guard said,
"Morning has come,
but it is still night.
If you must inquire, inquire;
come back again."

[13]An oracle about the desert.
In the woods,
in the desert where you camp,
caravans of the Dedanites
[14]meet the thirsty with water;
inhabitants of the land of Tema
greet the refugees with bread.
[15]They have fled from swords,
from the drawn sword,
from the bent bow
and from the intensity of battle.
[16]So the Lord said to me: Within a
year, according to the number of years
for which a laborer is hired, all the
glory of Kedar will end; [17]there will be
few Kedarite archers remaining. The
LORD God of Israel has spoken.

Jerusalemites rebuked

22 An oracle about the Valley of
Vision.
What is wrong with you,
that you have all gone up
to the rooftops,
[2]you who are filled with noise,
you roaring city, you party town?

21:2 Is 13:17, Is 24:16, Is 33:1
21:6 2Ki 9:17
21:9 Is 46:1; Jer 51:8, Jer 51:44; Rev 14:8, Rev 18:2
22:2 Is 32:13; Jer 14:18; Lam 4:9

[k]DSS (1QIsa[a]), Syr; MT *a lion* [l]LXX *Edom*

Your dead weren't slaughtered
by the sword;
they didn't die in battle.
3 All your leaders escaped together
but were captured
without a single bow shot.
All your escapees
were bound together,
even though they fled far away.[m]
4 Therefore, I said, "Don't look at me;
let me weep bitterly.
Don't try to comfort me
about the destruction
of my dearly loved people."
5 The LORD God of heavenly forces
has a day of tumult and trampling
and turmoil in the Valley of Vision,
a breaking down of walls,
a cry for help to the mountains.
6 Elam carried the quiver
with chariots and horsemen,
and Kir uncovered the shield.
7 Your finest valleys
were filled with chariots,
and horsemen doggedly guarded
the gate.
8 Judah's covering
has been stripped away.

On that day, you trusted the
weapons in the Forest House.
9 You observed the many broken
defenses in David's City,
and you collected
the waters of the lower pool.
10 You counted Jerusalem's houses,
and you tore down houses
to fortify the wall.
11 You made a reservoir
between the walls for the water
of the earlier pool.
But you didn't trust its maker;
you didn't consider the one
who planned it long ago.

12 The LORD God of heavenly forces
called on that day
for weeping and mourning,
and shaven heads,
and wearing of mourning clothes.
13 But instead there was
fun and frivolity,
killing of cattle
and slaughtering of sheep,
eating of meat
and drinking of wine:
"Eat and drink!
Tomorrow we will die!"
14 But the LORD of heavenly forces
has revealed in my hearing:
This iniquity won't
be forgiven you until you die, says
the LORD God of heavenly forces.

An administrator rebuked

15 The LORD God of heavenly forces
says, Go now to this official,
to Shebna, who is in charge
of the house, and say to him:
16 What do you have here—
and whom do you have here—
that you have hewed out a tomb
for yourself,
you who cuts his grave on high
and carves himself a home
in the cliff?
17 The LORD is about to hurl you down,
mighty man!

He is surely going to cover you
with darkness;
18 he will indeed unroll
your head wrapping,
rolling it like a ball
into the open country.
There you will die,
with your glorious chariots,
you disgrace to the house
of your master!
19 I will thrust you
from your monument;
you will be pulled down
from your platform.
20 On that day, I will call my servant
Eliakim, Hilkiah's son.
21 I will give him your robe
and wrap him in your sash,
and I will hand over to him
your authority.
He will be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the house of Judah.

22:4 Jer 9:1; Mi 1:8; Lk 19:41
22:12 Jl 2:17; Mi 1:16
22:13 Is 56:12; Lk 17:26; 1Co 15:32
22:14 1Sa 3:14; Is 5:9; Eze 24:13
22:16 2Ch 16:14; Mt 27:60

[m] Heb uncertain

22:22 Job 12:14; Is 9:6; Mt 16:19; Rev 3:7
23:1 Gn 10:4; 1Ki 10:22; Is 2:16, Is 23:12; Jer 47:4
23:2 Is 23:4, Is 23:12; Eze 27:8
23:4 Is 23:2; Jer 47:4; Eze 28:21
23:5 Ex 15:14; Josh 2:9
23:15 Jer 25:11, Jer 25:22, Jer 29:10
23:16 Prv 7:10
23:17 Na 3:4; Rev 17:1, Rev 17:2

22 I will place the key to David's house
on his shoulder;
what he opens no one will close,
and what he closes no one will open.
23 I will fasten him securely
like a tent peg,
and he will be a throne of honor
for his ancestors' house.
24 All the honor of his household
will hang on him, the offspring and the
offshoots, every little dish, every bowl,
every jar.
25 On that day, says the LORD of
heavenly forces, the peg that is fas-
tened securely will give way; it will be
cut down, and it will fall, and all the
load hanging on it will be lost. The
LORD has spoken.

Concerning Tyre

23 An oracle about Tyre.
Wail, ships of Tarshish,
because your port is destroyed![n]
When returning from Cyprus,
they heard about it.
2 Be still, inhabitants of the coast,
traders of Sidon,
whose messengers
crossed over the sea,[o]
3 over the mighty waters.
The grain of Shihor,
the Nile's harvest,
was her income;
she was the marketplace of nations.
4 Be ashamed, Sidon,
because the sea has spoken;
the fortress of the sea has said,
"I haven't been in labor;
I didn't give birth;
I never raised young men
or brought up young women."
5 When the Egyptians hear,
they will be in anguish
at the news about Tyre.
6 Cross over to Tarshish;
wail, inhabitants of the coast.
7 Is this your triumphant town,
whose origin is from ancient times,
whose feet carried her
to settle far away?
8 Who planned this concerning Tyre,
the one who gives crowns,
whose merchants were princes,
whose traders were the honored
of the earth?
9 The LORD of heavenly forces
planned it,
to defile the pride of all beauty,
to shame all the honored
of the earth.

10 Go through your own land,
Daughter Tarshish,
for the harbor[p] is gone.
11 God's hand is extended over the sea,
shaking nations.
The LORD gave the command
to destroy Phoenicia's fortresses,
12 saying, You will no longer celebrate,
violated virgin Daughter Sidon.
Get up and head to Cyprus;
even there you will find no rest.
13 Look at the land of the Chaldeans,
the people who are no more.
Assyria destined it for wild animals:
they raised up their siege towers,
stripped its palaces,
and made it a ruin.
14 Wail, ships of Tarshish,
for your fortress is destroyed!
15 On that day, Tyre will be forgotten
seventy years, the lifetime of one king.
At the end of seventy years, Tyre will
become like the prostitute in the song:
16 Take a harp, go around the city,
forgotten prostitute.
Play well, sing many songs,
so they'll remember you.
17 At the end of seventy years, the
LORD will visit Tyre. She will return
to her trade and will prostitute herself
with all the kingdoms on the earth.
18 Her profits and wages will be sacred
to the LORD. They won't be stored or
saved. Her profits will go to those liv-
ing before the LORD, for plentiful food
and elegant clothes.

City of chaos falls

24 Look! The LORD will devastate
the earth and destroy it,
will twist its face
and scatter its inhabitants.

[n]Heb uncertain [o]Correction; MT *one crossing over the sea filled you* [p]Heb uncertain

2 It will be the same for the people
and for the priest;
for the slave and for his master;
for the female servant
and for her mistress;
for the buyer and for the seller;
for the lender and for the borrower;
for the creditor and for the debtor.
3 The earth will be devastated,
totally devastated;
it will be destroyed,
completely destroyed
because the LORD has said
it would be so.

4 The earth dries up and wilts;
the world withers and wilts;
the heavens wither away
with the earth.
5 The earth lies polluted
under its inhabitants,
for they have disobeyed instruction,
swept aside law,
and broken the ancient covenant.
6 Therefore, a curse devours the earth;
its inhabitants suffer for their guilt.
Therefore, the earth's inhabitants
dwindle; very few are left.

7 The wine dries up;
the vine withers;
all the merry-hearted groan.
8 The joyous tambourines have ceased;
the roar of partyers has stopped;
the joyous harp has ceased.
9 No one drinks wine or sings;
beer is bitter to its drinkers.
10 The town is in chaos, broken;
every house is shut,
without entrance.
11 There is a cry for wine in the streets.
All joy has reached its dusk;
happiness is exiled from the earth.
12 Ruin remains in the city,
and the gate is battered
to wreckage.
13 It will be like this
in the central part of the land
and among the peoples,
like a smashed olive tree,
like remains
from the grape harvest.

24:2 Eze 7:12; Hos 4:9

24:16 Is 21:2, Is 33:1

24:19 Dt 11:6; Is 24:1, Is 24:20, Is 29:6; Na 1:5

24:20 Is 19:14, Is 29:9

24:21 Ps 76:12; Is 10:12, Is 13:11

24:22 Eze 38:8

25:1 Ex 15:2; Ps 118:28

14 They raise their voice;
they sing with joy;
from the west they will shout
about the LORD's majesty.
15 Therefore, in the east
honor the LORD;
in the islands of the sea,
the name of the LORD God
of Israel!
16 From the ends of the earth
we have heard songs:
"Glory to the righteous one!"
But I say, "I waste away; I waste away;
I'm doomed!
Betrayers betray;
treacherously betrayers betray."

17 Terror, trench, and trap
are upon you,
ruler of the earth!
18 Whoever flees from the sound of
terror will fall into the trench;
whoever climbs from the trench
will be caught in the trap.

Heaven's windows will open, and
the earth's foundations will quake.
19 The earth is shattering, shattering;
the earth is shaking, shaking;
the earth is teetering, tottering.
20 The earth trembles like a drunk
and shudders like a hut;
its rebellion weighs heavy upon it;
it will fall, no more to rise.
21 On that day, the LORD will punish
the forces of heaven in heaven, and the
kings of the earth on earth. 22 They will
be gathered together like prisoners in
a pit, shut into a prison, and punished
after many days. 23 The moon will be di-
minished, and the sun will fade, since
the LORD of heavenly forces will rule
on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, glo-
rious before his elders.

Rejoicing in God's salvation

25 LORD, you are my God.
I will exalt you;
I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
planned long ago, faithful and sure.
2 You have turned the city into rubble,
the fortified town into a ruin,

the fortress of foreigners
into a city no more,
never to be rebuilt.
3 Therefore, strong people
will glorify you;
the towns of tyrant nations
will fear you.
4 You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in distress,
a hiding place from the storm,
a shade from the heat.
When the breath of tyrants
is like a winter[q] storm
5 or like heat in the desert,
you subdue the roar of foreigners.
Like heat shaded by a cloud,
the tyrants' song falls silent.

6 On this mountain,
the LORD of heavenly forces
will prepare for all peoples
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavor,
of choice wines well refined.
7 He will swallow up on this mountain
the veil that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.
8 He will swallow up death[r] forever.
The LORD God will wipe tears
from every face;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from off the whole earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
9 They will say on that day,
"Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!
This is the LORD,
for whom we have waited;
let's be glad
and rejoice in his salvation!"
10 The LORD's hand will indeed rest
on this mountain.

Moab will be trampled down
as straw is trampled into manure.
11 When in it they spread out their hands
as swimmers spread out
their hands to swim,
God will lay low their pride,
even by the efforts of their hands.
12 The fortified towers of their[s] walls
will be thrown down,
will be leveled,
will be brought down to the earth,
to the dust.

Trusting in God forever

26 On that day, this song
will be sung in the land of Judah:
Ours is a strong city!
God makes salvation
its walls and ramparts.
2 Open the gates
and let a righteous nation enter,
a nation that keeps faith.
3 Those with sound thoughts
you will keep in peace,
in peace because they trust in you.
4 Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD is a rock for all ages.
5 He has thrown down
those living on high,
and he will level the lofty town,
leveling it down to the earth;
he will bring it down to dust.
6 The feet trample it,
the feet of the poor,
the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the righteous is level;
you clear a path for the righteous.
8 In the path of your justice, LORD,
we wait for you;
with all our being, we long
for your name and your acclaim.
9 At night I long for you
with my whole being;
my spirit within me watches for you.
When your judgments
are at work in the earth,
those living in the world
learn righteousness.
10 When the wicked are favored,
they don't learn righteousness;
even among those who do right
they do wrong,
and they fail to see
the LORD's majesty.
11 LORD, your hand is lifted up,
but they don't see.
Let them see and shrink back

25:3 Ps 22:23, Ps 46:10; Is 13:11; Eze 28:22; Rev 14:7
25:4 Is 4:6, Is 14:32, Is 32:2
25:6 Is 2:2, Is 55:1; Mt 8:11; Rev 19:9
25:8 Is 35:10; Hos 13:14; 1Co 15:54; Rev 7:17, Rev 21:4
25:9 Ps 9:14; Is 8:17, Is 12:2, Is 26:8
25:11 Is 5:25, Is 14:26, Is 16:14
26:1 Is 12:1, Is 60:18
26:2 Ps 118:19, Ps 118:20
26:3 2Sa 22:31; Is 9:6, Is 57:19; Jer 17:7; Phi 4:7
26:6 Is 3:15, Is 28:3; Mal 4:3
26:9 Ps 63:1; Hos 5:15; Mt 6:33
26:10 Hos 11:7
26:11 Ps 10:12; Is 5:12, Is 5:24, Is 44:18; Heb 10:27

[q] Or *wall* [r] Heb *Maveth* [s] Or *your*

because of your zeal
for your people;
your burning anger
that consumes your enemies.

12 LORD, grant us peace,
because all that we have done
has been your doing.
13 LORD our God, other masters
besides you have ruled us,
but we will profess your name alone.
14 The dead don't live;
ghosts don't rise.
Indeed, you have punished
and destroyed them,
and abolished all memory of them.
15 You've enlarged the nation, LORD.
You've enlarged the nation;
you are glorified.
You've expanded
all the land's boundaries.
16 LORD, in distress they sought you out;
they poured out prayers to you
when you disciplined them.
17 As a pregnant woman close to
childbirth is in labor pains,
crying out in her pangs,
so were we because of you, LORD.
18 We were pregnant, we writhed,
but we gave birth to wind.
We have achieved no victories
on earth;
the inhabitants of the earth
never fall.

19 Your dead will live,
their[t] corpses will rise,
and those who dwell in the dust
will shout for joy.
Your shadow is a shadow of light,
but you will bring down
the ghosts into the underworld.
20 Go, my people, enter your rooms
and shut your doors behind you.
Take cover, for in a little while
the fury will be over.
21 Look! The LORD is going out
from his place
to bring the iniquity of the ruler
of the earth down upon him.
The earth will uncover its blood
and will conceal its slain no longer.

26:12 Dt 30:6; Ps 29:11, Ps 68:28, Ps 119:165; Is 9:6
26:13 Is 2:8
26:15 Is 9:3, Is 33:17, Is 54:2
26:17 Is 13:8, Is 21:3; Jn 16:21
26:18 Ps 17:14; Is 33:11
26:19 Is 25:8; Eze 37:1; Dn 12:2; Hos 13:14
26:20 Is 10:25
26:21 Job 16:18; Is 13:11; Mi 1:3
27:1 Job 26:13; Ps 74:13, Ps 74:14; Is 51:9; Eze 29:3
27:6 Is 37:31; Hos 14:5, Hos 14:6

Scattered people return

27 On that day, the LORD will take
a great sword, harsh and mighty,
and will punish Leviathan the fleeing
serpent, Leviathan the writhing ser-
pent, and will kill the dragon that is in
the sea. 2 On that day:
Sing about a delightful vineyard!
3 I, the LORD, am its guardian.
Every moment I water it;
night and day I guard it from attack.
4 I'm not angry,
but if it yields
thorns and thistles for me,
I will march to battle against it;
I will torch it completely.
5 Or let them[u] cling to me for refuge;
let them make peace with me;
let them make peace with me.
6 In coming days,[v]
Jacob will take root;
Israel will blossom and sprout
and fill the whole world
with produce.

7 Did God strike Israel
as he struck those who struck him?
Was Israel killed
as his killers were killed?[w]
8 By frightening Jerusalem,
by sending her away,[x]
you contended with her,
expelling with a fierce blast
on the day of the east wind.
9 By this Jacob's guilt is reconciled,
and this was how his sins
were finally removed:
he made all the altar stones
like shattered chalk,
sacred poles[y] and incense altars
that couldn't stand.

10 The fortified city lies alone,
a hut forsaken,
abandoned like the desert.
Calves graze there;
they lie down there
and feed on its boughs.

[t] Or *my* [u] Or *it* [v] Or *those coming* [w] Heb uncertain [x] Heb uncertain [y] Heb *asherim*, perhaps objects devoted to the goddess Asherah

[11] When its branches are dry,
they are broken.
Women come and set fire to it.
These people have no
understanding;
therefore, their maker
won't have compassion;
the one who formed them
won't be gracious.
[12] On that day, the LORD will beat grain from the channel of the Euphrates up to the Valley of Egypt. You will be collected, Israelites, one by one.
[13] On that day, a great trumpet will be played. Those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come. They will bow to the LORD at his holy mountain in Jerusalem.

Judgment on Ephraim and Judah

28 Oh, the majestic garland of
Ephraim's drunks
and the fading flower
of its splendid beauty
on the head that flows
with perfume[z]
of those hammered with wine.
[2] Look! The Lord has someone
who is powerful and strong;
like a hailstorm,
a disastrous tempest,
like a downpour of mighty,
overflowing waters,
he can level them to the ground
with his hand.
[3] The majestic garland
of Ephraim's drunks
will be trampled underfoot.
[4] The withered flower,
which is a thing of beauty[a]
as it sits on the head
of those bloated with fat,[b]
will be like an early fig
before the summer harvest:
whoever sees it
swallows it as soon as it is in hand.
[5] On that day, the LORD of heavenly forces will be a splendid garland and a beautiful wreath for the people who survive, [6] and a spirit of justice for the one who sits in judgment, and a strength for those who repel the assault at the gate.
[7] These also stagger from wine
and stumble from beer:
priest and prophet stagger
from beer;
they are confused by wine;
they stray on account of beer;
they err when receiving visions;
they stumble
when making judgments.
[8] All the tables are covered with vomit;
filth overruns the place.

[9] To whom will God teach knowledge?
To whom will he explain
the message?
To those just weaned from milk?
To those who have hardly
outgrown the breast?
[10] It is "tsav letsav, tsav lestav;
qav leqav, qav leqav,"[c]
a little of this, a little of that.
[11] With derisive speech
and a foreign tongue,
he will speak to this people.
[12] He has said to them,
"This is the place of rest;
give rest to the weary;
this is the place of repose";
but they refused to listen.
[13] So the LORD's word will be for them:
"tsav letsav, tsav letsav;
qav leqav, qav leqav,"
a little of this, a little of that.
So that they will go
and stagger backward,
they will be broken,
snared, and captured.

The covenant with death overturned

[14] Therefore, hear the LORD's word,
you scoffers who rule this people
in Jerusalem.
[15] You said,
"We've cut a deal with death;[d]
with the underworld[e]
we made a pact.

27:11 Dt 32:28; Is 1:3
28:1 Is 5:11, Is 28:3, Is 28:7; Hos 7:5
28:2 Is 8:7, Is 30:30; Eze 13:11
28:7 Lv 10:9; Prv 31:4; Is 3:12, Is 5:22; Hos 4:11
28:9 Ps 131:2; Jer 6:10
28:10 2Ch 36:15, 2Ch 36:16; Neh 9:30; Is 28:13; Jn 21:15
28:11 Dt 28:49; Is 33:19; Jer 5:15; Eze 3:5; 1Co 14:21
28:12 Is 11:10, Is 30:15; Jer 6:16; Mt 11:28, Mt 11:29
28:13 Is 8:15; Mt 21:44
28:14 Is 28:22, Is 29:20
28:15 Is 8:8, Is 28:18

[z] DSS (1QIsa[a]) [a] Heb uncertain [b] Or *at the head of the fat valley* [c] A Hebrew version of baby talk or gibberish
[d] Heb *Maveth* [e] Heb *Sheol*

When the overflowing flood
passes through, it won't reach us;
for we have made lies
our hiding place,
and in falsehood we take shelter."
16 Therefore, the LORD God says:
Look! I'm laying in Zion a stone,
a tested stone, a valuable
cornerstone,
a sure foundation:
the one who trusts
won't tremble.

17 I will make justice
the measuring line
and righteousness the plumb line.
But hail will sweep away
the hiding place of lies,
and water will overflow the shelter.
18 Your deal with death[f]
will be dissolved,
and your pact with the grave[g]
won't stand.
The rushing flood:
when it passes through,
you will be annihilated by it.
19 Every time it passes through
it will take you,
for morning by morning
it will pass,
by day and by night.

It will be nothing but terror
to understand the message.
20 The bed is too short to stretch out,
and the shroud is too narrow
to cover oneself.

21 Just as on Mount Perazim,
the LORD will rise up;
as in the Gibeon Valley he will rage
to do his deed—
strange is his deed!—
And to work his work—
foreign is his work!
22 So now stop your scoffing,
or your chains will be tightened,
because destruction has been
ordered—I have heard it!—
by the LORD God of heavenly
forces against the whole land.

28:16 Ps 118:22; Ac 4:11; Ro 9:33; 1Co 3:11; 1Pt 2:6

28:17 2Ki 21:13

28:19 2Ki 24:2; Job 18:11; Is 50:4

28:22 Is 10:22, Is 10:23, Is 28:14

28:24 Ecc 3:2; Hos 10:11

28:25 Ex 9:32; Is 28:27; Eze 4:9; Mt 23:23

29:1 2Sa 5:9; Is 1:14

29:4 Is 2:11, Is 8:19

Plowing and threshing

23 Listen and hear my voice;
pay attention and hear my word:
24 Does the plowman plow
without stopping for planting,
opening and harrowing
their ground?
25 When he has smoothed its surface,
doesn't he scatter fennel,[h]
and sow cumin,
and plant wheat and barley
in their places,
and spelt as a border?
26 They are properly ordered;
their God directs them.[i]
27 Fennel[j] isn't threshed
with a threshing sledge,
nor is a cart wheel
rolled over cumin,
but fennel[k] is beaten with a staff,
and cumin with a rod.
28 Bread grain is crushed,
but the thresher[l]
doesn't thresh it forever.
He drives the cart wheel over it;
he spreads it out
but doesn't crush it.
29 This also comes from
the LORD of heavenly forces,
who gives wondrous counsel
and increases wisdom.

Ariel besieged but spared

29 Oh, Ariel, Ariel,
town where David encamped!
Year by year,
let the festivals come around—
2 but I will oppress Ariel.
There will be
mourning and lamentation;
she will be like an Ariel to me.
3 I will surround you like a wall,
and I will lay a siege against you
with assault towers,
and I will raise up siegeworks
against you.
4 You will be brought down;
from the ground you will speak;
from low in the dust
your speech will come.
Your voice will be
like a ghost's from the earth;

[f] Heb *Maveth* [g] Heb *Sheol* [h] Or *black cumin* [i] Or *waters them* [j] Or *black cumin* [k] Or *black cumin* [l] DSS (1QIsa[a])

from the dust
your words will whisper.
5 But your many enemies
will be like fine dust,
the terrible horde
like passing chaff.
Suddenly, in an instant,
6 the LORD of heavenly forces
will come to you
with thunder, earthquake,
and a mighty voice,
with whirlwind, tempest,
and flames of devouring fire.
7 The horde of nations
fighting against Ariel,
and all who make war on her
and her fortress and besiege her,
will be like a dream,
a vision of the night.
8 It will be like when
a hungry person dreams of eating
but wakes up
and the mouth is empty.
Or when a thirsty person
dreams of drinking
but wakes up and has a dry throat.
So will it be for all the horde
of nations
who fight against Mount Zion.

9 Be shocked and stunned;
blind yourselves; be blind!
Be drunk, but not on wine;
stagger, but not on account of beer!
10 The LORD has poured on you
a spirit of deep sleep,
and has shut your eyes,
you prophets,
and covered your heads, you seers.
11 This entire vision has become for you like the words of a sealed scroll. When they give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," that one will say, "I can't, because it's sealed." 12 And when the scroll is given to one who can't read, saying, "Read this," that one will say, "I can't read."

The wisdom of their wise

13 The Lord says:
Since these people turn toward me
with their mouths,
and honor me with lip service
while their heart is distant
from me,
and their fear of me
is just a human command
that has been memorized,
14 I will go on doing amazing things
to these people,
shocking and startling things.
The wisdom of their wise
will perish,
and the discernment of their
discerning will be hidden.
15 Doom to those who hide
their plan deep,
away from the LORD,
whose deeds are in the dark,
who say, "Who sees us?
Who knows us?"
16 You have everything backward!
Should the potter
be thought of as clay?
Should what is made say
of its maker,
"He didn't make me"?
Should what is shaped
say of the one who shaped it,
"He doesn't understand"?

17 In just a little while won't Lebanon
become farmland once again,
and the farmland
be considered a forest?
18 On that day:
The deaf will hear
the words of a scroll and,
freed from dimness and darkness,
the eyes of the blind will see.
19 The poor will again
find joy in the LORD,
and the neediest of people
will rejoice in the holy one
of Israel.
20 The tyrant will be no more,
the mocker will perish,
and all who plot evil
will be eliminated:
21 all who incriminate
others wrongly,
who entrap the judge in the gate,
and pointlessly postpone justice
for the innocent.

29:8 Is 29:7

29:9 Is 19:14, Is 51:21

29:10 Ps 69:23; Is 6:9, Is 6:10, Is 44:18; Ro 11:8

29:11 Is 8:16; Dn 12:4, Dn 12:9; Mt 13:11; Rev 5:1

29:13 Is 58:2; Jer 12:2; Eze 33:31; Mt 15:8, Mt 15:9

29:14 Is 6:9, Is 28:21; Jer 49:7; Hab 1:5; 1Co 1:19

29:15 Ps 10:11, Ps 94:7; Is 30:1, Is 47:10; Eze 8:12

29:16 Is 10:15, Is 45:9, Is 64:8; Ro 9:20, Ro 9:21

29:17 Ps 107:33; Is 32:15

29:18 Is 32:3, Is 35:5; Mt 11:5

29:21 Am 5:10, Am 5:12

22 Therefore, proclaims the LORD,
the God of[m] the house of Jacob,
who redeemed Abraham:
Jacob won't be ashamed now,
and his face won't grow pale now.
23 When he sees his children
among them,
the work of my hands,
proclaiming my name holy,
they will make holy
the holy one of Jacob,
and stand in awe of Israel's God.
24 Those who wander in spirit
will have understanding,
and those who grumble
will gain insight.

Help from Egypt is futile

30 Doom to you, rebellious
children, says the LORD,
who make a plan,
which is not mine;
who weave a plot,[n]
but not by my spirit,
piling up sin on sin;
2 setting out to go down to Egypt
without consulting me,
taking refuge in Pharaoh's refuge
and hiding in Egypt's shadow.
3 Pharaoh's refuge
will become your shame,
hiding in Egypt's shadow
your disgrace.
4 Though their officials are in Zoan,
and their messengers reach Hanes,
5 all will become shamed
because of a people
who can't assist them.
They are no help; they are no profit;
rather, shame and disgrace.

6 An oracle about the beasts in the arid southern plain.
Through a land of distress
and danger,
lioness and roaring[o] lion,
viper and flying serpent,
they will carry their wealth
on donkeys' shoulders
and their treasures
on camels' humps
to a people who won't profit,
7 for Egypt's help
is utterly worthless.
Therefore, I call her
Rahab Who Sits Still.[p]

8 Now go, write it before them
on a tablet,
inscribe it on a scroll,
so in the future
it will endure as a witness.
9 These are rebellious people,
lying children,
children unwilling
to hear the LORD's teaching,
10 who say to the seers,
"Don't foresee,"
and to the visionaries,
"Don't report truthful visions;
tell us flattering things;
envision deceptions;
11 get out of the way;
step off the path;
let's have no more
'holy one of Israel.'"

12 Therefore, the holy one of Israel says:
Because you reject this word
and trust in oppression and
cunning and rely on them,
13 your sin will be like a crack
in a high wall; it bulges,
about to fall:
suddenly, in an instant, it breaks!
14 Its breaking is like
the breaking of a storage jar
that is totally shattered.
No piece from among its fragments
will be large enough
to take fire from a hearth,
or to dip water from a cistern.

15 Therefore, the LORD God,
the holy one of Israel, says:
In return and rest you will be saved;
quietness and trust
will be your strength—
but you refused.
16 You said,
"No! We'll flee on horses"—
therefore, you will indeed flee—

29:22 Is 41:8, Is 51:2
29:24 Is 28:7, Is 32:4
30:1 Is 1:2, Is 29:15, Is 31:1
30:2 Is 31:1, Is 36:6; Eze 17:15
30:3 Is 20:5, Is 30:5, Is 36:6
30:4 Is 19:11
30:5 Is 20:5, Is 30:7, Is 31:1; Jer 2:36
30:6 Dt 8:15; 1Ki 10:2; Is 14:29
30:9 Is 30:1
30:10 Jer 11:21; Am 2:12, Am 7:13; Ro 16:18; 2Ti 4:3
30:15 Is 28:12; Hos 14:1

[m] Or *to* [n] Heb uncertain [o] Or *from them* [p] Or *Rahab the silent*

"and we'll ride off;
on swift steeds we will ride"—
therefore, your pursuers
will be swift.
17 One thousand will flee
at the threat of one,
and at the threat of five
you will flee,
until you are left like a flagstaff
on a mountaintop,
like a flag on a hill.
18 Nonetheless, the LORD is waiting
to be merciful to you,
and will rise up
to show you compassion.
The LORD is a God of justice;
happy are all who wait for him.

This is the way

19 People in Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. God will certainly be merciful to you. Hearing the sound of your outcry, God will answer you. 20 Though the Lord gives you the bread of distress and the water of oppression, your teacher will no longer hide, but you will see your teacher. 21 If you stray to the right or the left, you will hear a word that comes from behind you: "This is the way; walk in it." 22 You will defile your silver-plated idols and your gold-covered priestly vest,[q] and you will scatter them like menstrual rags. "Get out," you will say to them.

23 God will provide rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food the ground produces will be rich and abundant. On that day, your cattle will graze in large pastures. 24 The oxen and donkeys that are working the ground will eat tasty feed spread for them with shovel and fork.

25 On every lofty mountain, and on every high hill, streams will run with water on the day of the great massacre, when the towers fall. 26 The light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter—like the light of seven days—on the day that the LORD bandages the people's brokenness and heals the wounds inflicted by his blows.

Assyria punished

27 Look there!
The LORD is coming from far away;
his anger blazing,
his smoke-cloud thick.
His lips are full of fury;
his tongue is like a devouring fire.
28 His breath is like a raging river
that reaches up to the neck,
to shake the nations
with a sieve of destruction,
and to put a misleading rein
on the people's jaws.
29 There will be singing for you
as on the night
that people celebrate a festival.
The heart will be joyful as it is
when one goes with a flute
to the LORD's mountain,
to the rock of Israel.
30 The LORD will unleash
his majestic voice
and display his crushing arm
in furious anger,
with a flame of consuming fire,
in stormy rain and hail.
31 The LORD's voice will terrify Assyria;
with a rod he will smite it.
32 And every crack that is made
in the foundation wall,
which the LORD will bring down
upon him,
will be accompanied
by timbrels and lyres.
The LORD will raise his arm
and fight against Assyria in battle.
33 His place for burning[r]
was arranged long ago;
it is indeed made ready for a king.
God has made its wood pile
wide and deep,
fire and wood in abundance.
The breath of the LORD, like a
stream of brimstone, ignites it.

Doom to those going to Egypt

31 Doom to those going down
to Egypt for help!

30:17 Lv 26:8, Lv 26:36; Dt 28:25, Dt 32:30
30:18 2Pt 3:9, 2Pt 3:15
30:19 Ps 50:15; Is 58:9, Is 65:24; Mt 7:7
30:20 1Ki 22:27; Ps 69:1, Ps 74:9, Ps 127:2; Am 8:11
30:21 Is 42:16
30:23 Lv 26:4, Lv 26:5; Is 32:20
30:25 Is 2:15, Is 41:18; Jl 3:18
30:26 Is 60:19, Is 60:20; Rev 21:23
30:27 Is 10:5
30:30 Josh 10:11
30:33 2Ki 23:10

[q] Correction; Heb *ephod* [r] Heb *Topheth*

They rely on horses,
trust in chariots
because they are many,
and on riders
because they are very strong.
But they don't look
to the holy one of Israel;
they don't seek the LORD.
[2] But God also knows how
to bring disaster;
he has not taken back his words.
God will rise up
against the house of evildoers
and against the help
of those who do wrong.
[3] Egypt is human and not divine;
their horses are flesh and not spirit.
The LORD will extend his hand;
the helper will stumble,
those helped will fall,
and they will all die together.

[4] The LORD has said to me:
When the lion growls,
the young lion, over its prey,
though a band of shepherds
is summoned against it,
isn't scared off by their noise
or frightened by their roar.
So the LORD of heavenly forces
will go down
to fight on Mount Zion
and on her hill.
[5] Like birds flying aloft,
so the LORD of heavenly forces
will shield Jerusalem:
shielding and saving,
sparing and rescuing.
[6] People of Israel, return to the one whom you have deeply betrayed! [7] On that day, you will each reject the idols of silver and the idols of gold, which you have sinfully made for yourselves.

[8] Assyria will fall,
but not by a human sword—
a sword not made by humans
will devour them.
They will flee before the sword;
their young men
will become forced laborers.
[9] In horror they will flee
from their stronghold;
their officers will be terrified
at the signal,
says the LORD,
whose fire is in Zion
and whose oven is in Jerusalem.

31:6 Is 1:5, Is 30:15, Is 55:7; Jer 3:12
31:9 Dt 32:31; Is 18:3
32:1 Ps 72:1; Is 9:7; Jer 23:5; Zec 9:9
32:5 Is 5:20
32:6 Is 3:15
32:8 Ps 112:9; Prv 11:25; 2Co 9:6
32:9 Is 3:16, Is 4:1, Is 28:23, Is 47:8; Am 6:1
32:10 Is 24:7

Righteous rule

32 See here: A king rules
to promote righteousness;
rulers govern to promote justice,
[2] each like a shelter from the wind
and a refuge from a storm,
like streams of water in a wasteland,
like the shade of a massive cliff
in a worn-out land.
[3] Then the eyes of those who can see
will no longer be blind,
the ears of those who can hear
will listen,
[4] the minds of the rash
will know and comprehend,
and the tongues of those who
stammer will speak fluently
and plainly.
[5] Then a fool will no longer
be called honorable,
nor a villain considered respectable.
[6] Fools speak folly;
their minds devise wickedness,
acting irreverently,
speaking falsely of the LORD,
leaving the hungry empty,
and depriving the thirsty of drink.
[7] As for the villain,
his villainies are evil.
He plans schemes
to destroy the poor
with lying words,
even when the needy speak justly.
[8] But an honorable person
plans honorable things
and stands up for what is honorable.

Warnings to the carefree

[9] Women of leisure, stand up!
Hear my voice!
Carefree daughters,
listen to my word!
[10] In a little over a year,
the carefree will shudder,
because the grape harvest will fail;
the vintage won't arrive.

[11] Tremble, all of you who are at ease;
shudder, all of you who are secure!
Strip yourselves, bare your skin,
and tie mourning clothes
around your waist,
[12] beating your breasts
for the pleasant fields,
for the fruitful vine,
[13] for my people's soil
growing barbs and thorns,
for all the joyous houses
in the jubilant town.
[14] The palace will be deserted,
the crowded city abandoned.
Stronghold and watchtower
will become empty fields forever,
suited for the pleasure
of wild donkeys,
and a pasture for flocks—
[15] until a spirit from on high
is poured out on us,
and the desert turns into farmland,
and the farmland
is considered a forest.
[16] Then justice will reside in wild lands,
and righteousness
will abide in farmlands.
[17] The fruit of righteousness
will be peace,
and the outcome of righteousness,
calm and security forever.
[18] Then my people will live
in a peaceful dwelling,
in secure homes,
in carefree resting places.
[19] Even if the forest falls[s]
and the humbled city is laid low,
[20] those who sow beside any stream
will be happy,
sending out ox and donkey to graze.

Judgment and hope for the righteous

33 Doom to the destroyer
left undestroyed,
you traitor whom none
have betrayed:
when you have finished destroying,
you will be destroyed;
and when you have stopped
betraying, they will betray you.

32:13 Is 5:6, Is 22:2; Hos 10:8

32:17 Ps 119:165; Ro 14:17; Jas 3:18

32:20 Ecc 11:1; Is 30:23, Is 30:24

33:2 Is 25:9, Is 26:8

33:5 Ps 97:9

33:6 Ps 112:1; Prv 1:7, Prv 15:16; Is 11:9; Mt 6:33

33:10 Ps 12:5

33:11 Ps 7:14; Is 5:24, Is 26:18, Is 59:4; Jas 1:15

33:13 Ps 48:10; Is 49:1

33:14 Heb 12:29; Rev 20:10

[2] LORD, show us favor;
we hope in you.
Be our strength every morning,
our salvation in times of distress.
[3] At the noise, peoples fled;
on account of your roar,
nations scattered.
[4] They gathered spoil like insects;
they rushed upon it
like a swarm of locusts.[t]
[5] The LORD is exalted; he lives on high,
filling Zion with
justice and righteousness.
[6] He will provide security
during a lifetime:[u]
a source of salvation,
wisdom, and knowledge—
fear of the LORD
will be Zion's treasure.[v]

[7] But then those in Ariel[w]
cried out in the streets;
messengers of peace wept bitterly.
[8] The highways were deserted;
travelers left the road.
The covenant was broken;
solemn pledges[x] were rejected;
no one cared for humanity.
[9] The land mourned; it wasted away;
Lebanon was ashamed; it withered.
Sharon became like the desert,
and Bashan and Carmel
were dropping their leaves.

[10] Now I will arise, says the LORD.
Now I will exalt myself;
now I will stand tall.
[11] You conceive straw,
give birth to stubble;
your breath is a fire
that devours you.
[12] Peoples will be burned to lime,
thorns cut up and set ablaze.
[13] You who are far away,
hear what I have done;
and you who are near,
know my strength!

[14] Sinners became terrified in Zion;
trembling seized the godless:

[s] Or *it will hail when the forest falls* [t] Heb uncertain [u] Or *your times* [v] Or *his treasure* [w] Or *the valiant*; Heb uncertain
[x] Correction; or *cities*; DSS (1QIsa[a]) *witnesses*

"Who among us can live
with the devouring fire?
Who among us can live
with the everlasting blaze?"
15 The one who walks righteously
and speaks truthfully,
who rejects profit from extortion,
who waves away a bribe
instead of grabbing it,
who won't listen to bloody plots,
and who won't contemplate
doing something evil.
16 He will live on the heights;
fortresses in the cliffs
will be his refuge.
His food will be provided,
his water guaranteed.
17 When you gaze upon a king
in his glamour
and look at the surrounding land,
18 in dismay you will think:
Where is the one who counts?
Where is the one who weighs?
Where is the one
who counts towers?
19 You will no longer see
the defiant people,
the people of speech
too obscure to understand,
who stammer
in an incomprehensible language.
20 Gaze upon Zion, our festival town.
Your eyes will see Jerusalem,
a carefree dwelling,
a tent that is not packed up,
whose stakes are never pulled up,
whose ropes won't snap.
21 The LORD's majesty
will be there for us:
as a place of rivers, broad streams
where no boat will go,
no majestic ship will cross.
22 The LORD is our judge;
the LORD is our leader;
the LORD is our king—
he will deliver us.
23 Your ropes are loosened;
they can't hold the mast firmly;
they can't spread the sail.
Then abundant spoil will be divided;
even the lame will seize spoil.
24 And no inhabitant will say,
"I'm sick."
The people living there
will be forgiven their sin.

33:15 Ps 15:2, Ps 24:4, Ps 119:37
33:16 Dt 32:13; Job 11:18; Prv 1:33; Is 25:4, Is 49:10
33:17 Is 6:5, Is 26:15, Is 33:22; Jn 17:24
33:18 2Ki 18:14; Is 17:14; 1Co 1:20
33:19 Dt 28:49, Dt 28:50; Is 28:11
33:20 Ps 46:5, Ps 48:12, Ps 125:1; Is 32:18, Is 54:2
33:22 Ps 89:18; Is 25:9; Jas 4:12
34:4 Ps 102:26; Mt 24:29; 2Pt 3:10; Rev 6:13, Rev 6:14
34:5 Is 63:1; Jer 49:7; Am 1:11

Vengeance against Edom

34 Draw near, you nations, to hear;
and listen, you peoples.
Hear, earth and all who fill it,
world and all its offspring.
2 The LORD rages
against all the nations,
and is angry with all their armies.
God is about to wipe them out
and has prepared them
for slaughter.
3 Their dead will be cast out,
the stench of their corpses will rise,
and the mountains
will melt from their blood.
4 All the stars of heaven will dissolve,
the skies will roll up like a scroll,
and all the stars will fall,
like a leaf withering from a vine,
like fruit from a fig tree.

5 When my sword has drunk its fill
in the heavens,
it will descend upon Edom
for judgment,
upon a people
I have doomed for destruction.
6 The LORD has a sword
covered with blood;
it is soaked with fat
from the blood of lambs and goats,
from the kidney fat of rams,
for the LORD has a sacrifice
in Bozrah,
a great slaughter in the land
of Edom.
7 Wild oxen will fall with them,
steers with mighty bulls,
and their land will be drenched
with blood;
its soil soaked with fat.
8 The LORD has a day of vengeance,
a year of payback for Zion's cause.

9 Edom's streams will be turned
into pitch,
its dust into sulfur,
and its land will become
burning pitch.

10 Night and day won't be extinguished;
its smoke will go up forever.
From generation to generation
it will lie waste;
no one will ever
pass through it again.
11 Screech owls and crows
will possess it;
owls and ravens will live there.[y]
God will stretch over it
the measuring line of chaos
and the plummet stone of emptiness
over its officials.
12 No Kingdom There, they will call it,
and all its princes will disappear.
13 Thorns will grow up in its palaces,
weeds and brambles in its fortresses.
It will be a dwelling for jackals,
a home for ostriches.
14 Wildcats will meet hyenas,
the goat demon will call
to his friends,
and there Lilith[z] will lurk
and find her resting place.
15 There the snake will nest and lay eggs
and brood and hatch in its shadow.
There too vultures will gather,
each with its mate.[a]
16 Consult the LORD's scroll and read:
Not one of these will be missing;
none will lack its mate.
God's own mouth has commanded;
God's own spirit has gathered them.
17 God has cast the lot for them;
God's hand allotted it to them
with the measuring line.
They will possess it forever;
they will live in it
from generation to generation.

Fertile wilderness

35 The desert and the dry land
will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice
and blossom like the crocus.
2 They will burst into bloom,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
They will receive the glory of Lebanon,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.
They will see the LORD's glory,
the splendor of our God.

34:13 Is 13:22; Jer 9:11, Jer 51:37; Mal 1:3

34:14 Is 13:21, Is 13:22

34:15 Dt 14:13

34:16 Dt 17:19; Is 30:8; Jn 5:39

35:1 Is 32:15, Is 51:3, Is 55:12

35:2 Is 33:9, Is 40:5, Is 55:12, Is 60:13

35:3 Job 4:4; Heb 12:12

35:4 Is 25:9, Is 34:8, Is 40:9

35:5 Is 29:18, Is 32:3, Is 32:4

35:6 Is 32:4, Is 35:1, Is 41:18, Is 43:19; Mt 9:32

35:7 Job 8:11; Is 13:22, Is 19:6, Is 34:13, Is 49:10

35:8 Is 11:16, Is 40:3, Is 52:1; Zec 14:20

35:9 Is 62:12

35:10 Ps 126:5; Is 25:8, Is 51:11, Is 65:19; Rev 21:4

36:1 2Ki 18:13, 2Ki 18:17; 2Ch 32:1

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and support the unsteady knees.
4 Say to those who are panicking:
"Be strong! Don't fear!
Here's your God,
coming with vengeance;
with divine retribution
God will come to save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind
will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf
will be cleared.
6 Then the lame will leap like the deer,
and the tongue of the speechless
will sing.
Waters will spring up in the desert,
and streams in the wilderness.
7 The burning sand
will become a pool,
and the thirsty ground,
fountains of water.
The jackals' habitat, a pasture;[b]
grass will become reeds and rushes.

8 A highway will be there.
It will be called The Holy Way.
The unclean won't travel on it,
but it will be for those walking
on that way.[c]
Even fools won't get lost on it;
9 no lion will be there,
and no predator will go up on it.
None of these will be there;
only the redeemed will walk on it.
10 The LORD's ransomed ones
will return and enter Zion
with singing,
with everlasting joy
upon their heads.
Happiness and joy
will overwhelm them;
grief and groaning will flee away.

Sennacherib's message

36 Assyria's King Sennacherib marched against all of Judah's fortified cities and captured them in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah. 2 Assyria's king sent his field commander from Lachish, together with a

[y] Species uncertain [z] Name of a demon [a] Species uncertain [b] Heb uncertain [c] Heb uncertain

large army, to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. He stood at the water channel of the Upper Pool, which is on the road to the field where clothes are washed. [3]Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who was the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Asaph's son Joah the recorder went out to them.

[4]Then the field commander said to them, "Say to Hezekiah: Assyria's Great King says this: Why do you feel so confident? [5]Do you think that empty words are the same as good strategy and the strength to fight? Who are you trusting that you now rebel against me? [6]It appears that you are trusting in a staff—Egypt—that's nothing but a broken reed! It will stab the hand of anyone who leans on it! That's all that Pharaoh, Egypt's king, is to anyone who trusts in him. [7]Now suppose you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God.' Isn't he the one whose shrines and altars Hezekiah removed, telling Judah and Jerusalem, 'You must worship only at this altar'?

[8]"So now, make a wager with my master, Assyria's king. I'll give you two thousand horses if you can supply the riders! [9]How will you drive back even the least important official among my master's servants when you are relying on Egypt for chariots and riders? [10]What's more, do you think I've marched against this place to destroy it without the LORD's support? It was the LORD who told me, 'March against this land and destroy it!'"

[11]Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the field commander, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, because we understand it. Don't speak with us in Hebrew,[d] because the people on the wall will hear it."

[12]The field commander said to them, "Did my master send me to speak these words just to you and your master and not also to the men on the wall? They are the ones who will have to eat their dung and drink their urine along with you." [13]Then the field commander stood up and shouted in Hebrew at the top of his voice: "Listen to the message of the great king, Assyria's king. [14]The king says this: Don't let Hezekiah lie to you. He won't be able to rescue you. [15]Don't let Hezekiah persuade you to trust the LORD by saying, 'The LORD will certainly rescue us. This city won't be handed over to Assyria's king.'

[16]"Don't listen to Hezekiah, because this is what Assyria's king says: Surrender to me and come out. Then each of you will eat from your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own well [17]until I come to take you to a land just like your land. It will be a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. [18]Don't let Hezekiah fool you by saying, 'The LORD will rescue us.' Did any of the other gods of the nations save their lands from the power of Assyria's king? [19]Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Did they rescue Samaria from my power? [20]Which one of the gods from those countries has rescued their land from my power? Will the LORD save Jerusalem from my power?"

[21]But they kept quiet and didn't answer him with a single word, because King Hezekiah's command was, "Don't answer him!" [22]Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who was the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Asaph's son Joah the recorder came to Hezekiah with ripped clothes. They told him what the field commander had said.

36:7 Dt 12:2; 2Ki 18:4
36:8 Ps 20:7; Is 30:16
36:10 1Ki 13:18; Is 10:5
36:12 2Ki 6:25

Hezekiah and Isaiah

37 When King Hezekiah heard this, he ripped his clothes, covered himself with mourning clothes, and went to the LORD's temple. [2]He sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests to the prophet Isaiah, Amoz's son. They were all wearing mourning clothes. [3]They said to him, "Hezekiah says this: Today is a day of distress, punishment, and humiliation. It's as

[d]MT *Judean*, so also 36:13

if children are ready to be born, but there's no strength to see it through.
4 Perhaps the LORD your God heard all the words of the field commander who was sent by his master, Assyria's king. He insulted the living God! Perhaps he will punish him for the words that the LORD your God has heard. Offer up a prayer for those few people who still survive."

5 When King Hezekiah's servants got to Isaiah, 6 Isaiah said to them, "Say this to your master: The LORD says this: Don't be afraid at the words you heard, which the officers of Assyria's king have used to insult me. 7 I'm about to mislead him, so when he hears a rumor, he'll go back to his own country. Then I'll have him cut down by the sword in his own land."

8 The field commander heard that the Assyrian king had left Lachish. So he went back to the king and found him attacking Libnah. 9 Then the Assyrian king learned that Cush's King Tirhakah was on his way to fight against him. So he sent messengers to Hezekiah again: 10 "Say this to Judah's King Hezekiah: Don't let the God you trust deceive you by saying, 'Jerusalem won't fall to the Assyrian king.' 11 You yourself have heard what Assyrian kings do to other countries, wiping them out. Is it likely that you will be saved? 12 Did the gods of the nations that my ancestors destroyed save them, the gods of Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, or the people of Eden in Telassar? 13 Where now is Hamath's king, Arpad's king, or the kings of Lair, Sepharvaim, Hena, or Ivvah?"[e]

Hezekiah prays

14 Hezekiah took the letters from the messengers and read them. Then he went to the temple and spread them out before the LORD. 15 Hezekiah prayed to the LORD:

16 "LORD of heavenly forces, God of Israel: you sit enthroned on the winged creatures. You alone are God over all the earth's kingdoms. You made both heaven and earth. 17 LORD, turn your ear this way and hear! LORD, open your eyes and see! Listen to Sennacherib's words. He sent them to insult the living God! 18 It's true, LORD, that the Assyrian kings have destroyed all the nations and their lands. 19 The Assyrians burned the gods of those nations with fire because they aren't real gods. They are only man-made creations of wood and stone. That's how the Assyrians could destroy them. 20 So now, LORD our God, please save us from Sennacherib's power! Then all the earth's kingdoms will know that you alone are LORD."

21 Then Isaiah, Amoz's son, sent a message to Hezekiah: The LORD God of Israel says this: Since you prayed to me about Assyria's King Sennacherib, 22 this is the message that the LORD has spoken against him:

The young woman, Daughter Zion,
despises you and mocks you;
Daughter Jerusalem shakes
her head behind your back.
23 Whom did you insult and ridicule?
Against whom
did you raise your voice
and look up with disdain?
It was against the holy one of Israel!
24 With your servants,
you've insulted the Lord;
you said, "I, with my many chariots,
have gone up
to the highest mountains,
to the farthest reaches of Lebanon.
I have cut down its tallest cedars,
the best of its pine trees.
I have reached
its most remote lodging place,
its best forest.
25 I have dug wells,
have drunk water in foreign lands.[f]
With my own feet,
I dried up all of Egypt's streams."
26 Haven't you heard?
I set this up long ago;

37:12 Gn 11:31; 2Ki 17:6, 2Ki 18:11; Eze 27:23; Am 1:5
37:16 Ex 25:22; 1Sa 4:4; Ps 80:1, Ps 86:10
37:20 Ps 46:10
37:22 Job 16:4
37:23 Ex 5:2; 2Ki 19:22; Is 12:6; Eze 39:7; Dn 7:25
37:24 Is 14:8
37:25 Is 19:6

[e] Or *the king of the city of Sepharvaim;* or *the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah* [f] Heb uncertain; DSS (1QIsa[a]) *in foreign lands*

I planned it in the distant past!
Now I have made it happen,
making fortified cities
collapse into piles of rubble.
27 Their citizens have lost their power;
they are frightened and dismayed.
They've become like plants in a field,
tender green shoots,
the grass on rooftops,
blasted by the east wind.
28 I know where you are,
how you go out and come in,
and how you rage against me.
29 Because you rage against me
and because your pride
has reached my ears,
I will put my hook in your nose
and my bit in your mouth.
I will make you go back
the same way you came.

30 Now this will be the sign for you, Hezekiah: This year you will eat what grows by itself. Next year you will eat what grows from that. But in the third year, plant seed and harvest it; plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 31 The survivors of Judah's family who have escaped will put down roots and bear fruit above. 32 Those who remain will go out from Jerusalem, and those who survive will go out from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of heavenly forces will do this.

33 Therefore, the LORD says this about Assyria's king: He won't enter this city. He won't shoot a single arrow here. He won't come near the city with a shield. He won't build a ramp to besiege it. 34 He'll go back by the same way he came. He won't enter this city, declares the LORD. 35 I will defend this city and save it for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.

36 The LORD's messenger went out and struck down one hundred eighty-five thousand soldiers in the Assyrian camp. When people got up the next morning, there were dead bodies everywhere. 37 So Assyria's King Sennacherib left and went back to Nineveh, where he stayed. 38 Later, while he was worshipping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with a sword. Then they escaped to the land of Ararat. His son Esarhaddon ruled after him.

37:28 Ps 139:1
37:29 Is 10:12, Is 37:34; Eze 29:4, Eze 38:4
37:31 Is 27:6
37:35 1Ki 11:12; 2Ki 20:6; Is 31:5, Is 38:6, Is 43:25
37:38 Gn 8:4; 2Ki 19:37; 2Ch 32:21; Ezr 4:2; Jer 51:27
38:5 1Ki 8:25, 1Ki 9:4; 2Ki 18:2, 2Ki 18:13, 2Ki 19:20
38:7 Is 7:11, Is 7:14, Is 37:30
38:8 Josh 10:12; 2Ki 20:9, 2Ki 20:11
38:12 Job 7:6; 2Co 5:1

Hezekiah's illness

38 At about that time Hezekiah became deathly sick. The prophet Isaiah, Amoz's son, came to him and said: "The LORD God says this: Put your affairs in order because you are about to die. You won't survive this."

2 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD: 3 "Please, LORD, remember how I've walked before you in truth and sincerity. I've done what you consider to be good." Then Hezekiah cried and cried.

4 Then the LORD's word came to Isaiah: 5 "Go and say to Hezekiah: The LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says this: I have heard your prayer and have seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life. 6 I will rescue you and this city from the power of the Assyrian king. I will defend this city. 7 This will be your sign from the LORD that he will do what he promised: 8 once the shadow cast by the sun descends on the steps of Ahaz, I will make it back up ten steps." And the sun went back ten of the steps that it had already descended.

9 A composition by Judah's King Hezekiah when he was sick and then recovered from his sickness:

10 I thought, I must depart
in the prime of my life;
I have been relegated to the gates
of the underworld[g]
for the rest of my life.
11 I thought, I won't see the LORD.
The LORD is in the land
of the living.
I won't look upon humans again
or be with the inhabitants
of the world.
12 My lifetime is plucked up
and taken from me
like a shepherd's tent.

[g] Heb *Sheol*

My life is shriveled like woven cloth;
God cuts me off from the loom.
Between daybreak and nightfall
you carry out your verdict
against me.
13 I cried out[h] until morning:
"Like a lion God
crushes all my bones.
Between daybreak and nightfall
you carry out your verdict
against me.
14 Like a swallow[i] I chirp;
I moan like a dove.
My eyes have grown weary
looking to heaven.
Lord, I'm overwhelmed;
support me!"

15 What can I say?
God has spoken to me;
he himself has acted.
I will wander[j] my whole life
with a bitter spirit.
16 The LORD Most High is the one
who gives life to every heart,
who gives life to the spirit![k]
17 Look, he indeed exchanged my
bitterness for wholeness.[l]

You yourself have spared[m]
my whole being
from the pit of destruction,
because you have cast all my sins
behind your back.
18 The underworld[n] can't thank you,
nor can death[o] praise you;
those who go down to the pit
can't hope for your faithfulness.
19 The living, the living can thank you,
as I do today.
Parents will tell children
about your faithfulness.
20 The LORD has truly saved me,
and we will make music[p]
at the LORD's house
all the days of our lives.

21 Then Isaiah said, "Prepare a salve made from figs, put it on the swelling, and he'll get better."

38:13 Job 10:16; Ps 51:8; Lam 3:4; Dn 6:24
38:15 1Ki 21:27; Job 7:11; Ps 39:9
38:16 Dt 8:3
38:18 Ps 6:5, Ps 30:9, Ps 115:17; Ecc 9:10
38:19 Dt 4:9, Dt 6:7, Dt 11:19
38:20 Ps 116:17
38:21 2Ki 20:7, 2Ki 20:8
38:22 2Ki 20:8
39:6 2Ki 24:13, 2Ki 25:13; Jer 20:5
39:7 2Ch 36:10; Dn 1:1, Dn 1:2, Dn 1:3
39:8 Jgs 10:15; 2Ch 32:26; Job 1:21; Ps 39:9
40:1 Is 49:13, Is 51:3, Is 51:12, Is 66:13
40:2 Jer 16:18

22 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What's the sign that I'll be able to go up to the LORD's temple?"

The Babylonian king's messengers

39 At that time, Babylon's King Merodach-baladan, Baladan's son, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been ill and had recovered. 2 Hezekiah was pleased, and he showed them his treasury—the silver and the gold, the spices and fine oil—and everything in his armory, all that was found in his storerooms. There wasn't a thing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah didn't show them.

3 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say? Where did they come from?"

Hezekiah replied, "They came to me from a distant land, from Babylon."

4 So Isaiah said, "What did they see in your house?"

Hezekiah said, "They saw everything in my house. There was nothing in my storerooms that I didn't show them."

5 Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of heavenly forces: 6 Days are coming when all that is in your house, which your ancestors have stored up until this day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD. 7 Some of your sons, your own descendants whom you fathered, will be taken to become eunuchs in the king of Babylon's palace."

8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The LORD's word that you delivered is good," since he thought, That means there will be peace and security in my lifetime.

Comfort for God's people

40 Comfort, comfort my people!
says your God.
2 Speak compassionately to
Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her that her
compulsory service has ended,
that her penalty has been paid,

[h] Or *I lay down* [i] Heb uncertain [j] Heb uncertain [k] Heb uncertain [l] Heb uncertain [m] Cf LXX, Vulg; MT *loved* [n] Heb *Sheol* [o] Heb *Maveth* [p] Or *my stringed instruments*

that she has received
from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins!

3 A voice is crying out:
"Clear the LORD's way in the desert!
Make a level highway in the
wilderness for our God!
4 Every valley will be raised up,
and every mountain and hill
will be flattened.
Uneven ground will become level,
and rough terrain a valley plain.
5 The LORD's glory will appear,
and all humanity
will see it together;
the LORD's mouth
has commanded it."

6 A voice was saying:
"Call out!"
And another[q] said,
"What should I call out?"
All flesh is grass;
all its loyalty is
like the flowers of the field.
7 The grass dries up
and the flower withers
when the LORD's breath blows on it.
Surely the people are grass.
8 The grass dries up;
the flower withers,
but our God's word
will exist forever.

9 Go up on a high mountain,
messenger Zion!
Raise your voice and shout,
messenger Jerusalem!
Raise it; don't be afraid;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
10 Here is the LORD God,
coming with strength,
with a triumphant arm,
bringing his reward with him
and his payment before him.
11 Like a shepherd,
God will tend the flock;
he will gather lambs in his arms
and lift them onto his lap.

40:3 Is 11:16; Mal 3:1; Mt 3:3; Mk 1:3; Jn 1:23

40:4 Is 45:2, Is 49:11; Lk 3:5

40:5 Is 1:20, Is 35:2, Is 52:10, Is 58:14

40:6 Job 14:2; Ps 90:5, Ps 90:6, Ps 103:15; 1Pt 1:24

40:7 Ps 90:5, Ps 90:6, Ps 103:15, Ps 103:16; Is 40:6

40:8 Ps 119:89; Is 55:11; Mt 5:18

40:9 Is 25:9, Is 41:27, Is 52:7, Is 61:1

40:10 Is 9:6, Is 59:16, Is 62:11; Rev 22:12

40:11 Is 42:3, Is 49:10; Eze 34:23; Mi 5:4; Jn 10:11

40:12 Prv 30:4; Is 48:13; Heb 1:10

40:13 Job 15:8, Job 21:22; Is 11:2; Ro 11:34; 1Co 2:16

40:14 Job 12:13, Job 21:22; Is 55:9; Col 2:3

40:15 Ps 62:9; Is 29:5; Jer 10:10

40:16 Ps 50:9; Mi 6:6, Mi 6:7; Heb 10:5

40:17 Dn 4:35

40:18 Ex 8:10, Ex 15:11; Is 40:25, Is 46:5; Ac 17:29

40:19 Is 41:7, Is 44:10, Is 46:6; Hab 2:18

40:20 1Sa 5:3

40:21 Ps 19:1; Is 40:28; Ac 14:17; Ro 1:19

40:22 Nm 13:33; Job 9:8; Ps 104:2; Prv 8:27; Is 42:5

He will gently guide
the nursing ewes.

The incomparable God

12 Who has measured the waters
in the palm of a hand
or gauged the heavens with a ruler
or scooped the earth's dust up
in a measuring cup
or weighed the mountains
on a scale
and the hills in a balance?
13 Who directed the LORD's spirit
and acted as God's advisor?
14 Whom did he consult for
enlightenment?
Who taught him the path
of justice and knowledge
and explained to him
the way of understanding?
15 Look, the nations are like a drop
in a bucket,
and valued as dust on a scale.
Look, God weighs the islands
like fine dust.
16 Lebanon doesn't have enough fuel;
its animals aren't enough
for an entirely burned offering.
17 All the nations
are like nothing before God.
They are viewed as
less than nothing and emptiness.

18 So to whom will you equate God;
to what likeness
will you compare him?
19 An idol? A craftsman pours it,
a metalworker covers it with gold,
and fashions silver chains.
20 The one who sets up an image
chooses wood that won't rot[r]
and then seeks a skilled artisan
to set up an idol that won't move.
21 Don't you know?
Haven't you heard?
Wasn't it announced to you
from the beginning?
Haven't you understood
since the earth was founded?
22 God inhabits the earth's horizon—
its inhabitants are like locusts—

[q]MT; DSS (1QIsa[a]), LXX *I* [r]Heb uncertain

stretches out the skies like a curtain
and spreads it out
like a tent for dwelling.
23 God makes dignitaries useless
and the earth's judges into nothing.
24 Scarcely are they planted,
scarcely sown,
scarcely is their shoot
rooted in the earth
when God breathes on them,
and they dry up;
the windstorm
carries them off like straw.
25 So to whom will you compare me,
and who is my equal?
says the holy one.

Power for the weary

26 Look up at the sky and consider:
Who created these?
The one who brings out
their attendants one by one,
summoning each of them by name.
Because of God's great strength
and mighty power,
not one is missing.
27 Why do you say, Jacob,
and declare, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD
my God ignores my predicament"?
28 Don't you know?
Haven't you heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't grow tired or weary.
His understanding
is beyond human reach,
29 giving power to the tired
and reviving the exhausted.
30 Youths will become tired and weary,
young men will certainly stumble;
31 but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength;
they will fly up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be tired;
they will walk and not be weary.

Victor from the east

41 Be quiet before me, coastlands.
Let the nations renew
their strength.
Let them approach and speak.
Let's draw near for a judgment.
2 Who has awakened one
from the east
and has authority to summon him
to serve—
giving him nations,
conquering kings,
making them like dust
with his sword,
like scattered straw with his bow?
3 He pursues them
and passes untouched,
needing no path for his feet.
4 Who has acted
and who has done this,
calling upon generation after
generation since the beginning?
I, the LORD, was first,
and I will be the last!

5 The coastlands see and fear;
the ends of the earth tremble;
they draw near and arrive.
6 Each helps the other,
each saying to the other,
"Take courage!"
7 The craftsman encourages
the metalworker;
the one who smoothes
with the hammer
encourages the one
who strikes the anvil,
saying of the welding, "That's good,"
and strengthening it with nails
so it won't move.

Israel as God's servant

8 But you, Israel my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
offspring of Abraham, whom I love,
9 you whom I took
from the ends of the earth
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you,
"You are my servant;
I chose you and didn't reject you":
10 Don't fear, because I am with you;
don't be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
I will surely help you;
I will hold you
with my righteous strong hand.

40:23 Job 12:21; Ps 107:40
40:25 Is 40:18
40:26 Ps 89:11, Ps 147:4
40:27 Is 49:14
40:28 Gn 21:33; Ps 147:5; Ro 11:33
40:29 Is 41:10, Is 50:4; Jer 31:25
40:31 Ex 19:4; Ps 103:5; Is 8:17; 2Co 4:16
41:4 Is 41:26, Is 44:6, Is 46:10, Is 48:12; Rev 1:17
41:8 2Ch 20:7; Is 44:1, Is 44:2, Is 44:21; Jas 2:23
41:10 Josh 1:9; Ps 18:35, Ps 37:17; Is 41:13, Is 43:5

11 All who rage against you
will be shamed and disgraced.
Those who contend with you
will be as nothing and will perish.
12 You will look for your opponents,
and won't find them.
Those who fight you
will be of no account and will die.
13 I am the LORD your God,
who grasps your strong hand,
who says to you,
Don't fear; I will help you.
14 Don't fear, worm of Jacob,
people of Israel!
I will help you, says the LORD.
The holy one of Israel
is your redeemer.
15 Look, I've made you
into a new threshing tool
with sharp teeth.
You will thresh mountains
and pulverize them;
you will reduce hills to straw.
16 When you winnow them,
the wind will carry them off;
the tempest will scatter them.
You will rejoice in the LORD
and take pride in
the holy one of Israel.

17 The poor and the needy
seek water, and there is none;
their tongues are parched
with thirst.
I, the LORD, will respond to them;
I, the God of Israel,
won't abandon them.
18 I will open streams
on treeless hilltops
and springs in valleys.
I will make the desert into ponds
and dry land into cascades of water.
19 I will plant in the desert cedar,
acacia, myrtle, and olive trees;
I will put in the wilderness
cypress, elm, and pine as well,
20 so that they will see and know
and observe and comprehend
that the LORD's hand has done this,
and the holy one of Israel
has created it.

41:14 Job 25:6; Ps 22:6; Is 43:14, Is 44:6, Is 47:4

41:15 Is 21:10; Mi 4:13

41:16 Is 45:25; Jer 15:7, Jer 51:2

41:17 Is 30:19, Is 44:3, Is 55:1

41:18 Ps 107:35; Is 30:25, Is 35:6, Is 35:7, Is 43:19

41:19 Is 35:1, Is 51:3, Is 55:13, Is 60:13; Zec 1:8

41:20 Job 12:9; Is 66:14

41:22 Is 42:9, Is 43:9, Is 44:7, Is 45:21, Is 46:10

41:23 Jer 10:5; Jn 13:19

42:1 Is 11:2, Is 52:13, Is 61:1; Mt 3:16, Mt 3:17

42:2 1Pt 2:23

Other gods challenged

21 Present your case, says the LORD.
Bring forward your evidence,
says Jacob's king.
22 Let the idols[s] approach
and tell us what will happen.
The prior things—what are they?
Announce them,
and we'll think about them
and know their significance.
Or proclaim to us what is to come!
23 Report things that will happen
in the future,
then we'll know that you are gods.
Do good! Or do bad!
Then we will all be afraid
and fearful.
24 Look! You are nobody,
and your deeds are nothing.
Whoever chooses you is disgusting.
25 I woke up one from the north
and he came;
from the east,
one who calls my name.
He tramples governors like mud,
as a potter treads clay.
26 Who announced this from the start
so that we would know;
from an earlier time
so we would say, "That's right"?
Truly, no one announced it,
no one proclaimed it,
and no one heard your words.
27 I first said it to Zion,
"Look, here they are";
to Jerusalem I now send a herald.
28 But I look, and there's no one
among them, no counselor;
and when I ask,
no one can answer.
29 Look, all of them are frauds;
their deeds amount to nothing;
their images are a total delusion.

God's servant described

42 But here is my servant,
the one I uphold;
my chosen, who brings me delight.
I've put my spirit upon him;
he will bring justice to the nations.
2 He won't cry out or shout aloud

[s] *Or them*

or make his voice heard in public.
3 He won't break a bruised reed;
he won't extinguish a faint wick,
but he will surely bring justice.
4 He won't be extinguished or broken
until he has established justice
in the land.
The coastlands await his teaching.

5 God the LORD says—
the one who created the heavens,
the one who stretched them out,
the one who spread out the earth
and its offspring,
the one who gave breath
to its people
and life to those who walk on it—
6 I, the LORD, have called you
for a good reason.
I will grasp your hand
and guard you,
and give you as a covenant
to the people,
as a light to the nations,
7 to open blind eyes,
to lead the prisoners from prison,
and those who sit in darkness
from the dungeon.
8 I am the LORD;
that is my name;
I don't hand out my glory to others
or my praise to idols.
9 The things announced in the past—
look—they've already happened,
but I'm declaring new things.
Before they even appear,
I tell you about them.

Warrior and mother

10 Sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing his praise
from the ends of the earth!
You who sail the sea
and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their residents.
11 Let the desert and its towns
shout aloud,
the villages that Kedar inhabits.
Let the cliff dwellers sing;
from the top of the mountains
let them shout.

42:3 Is 40:11

42:4 Is 11:11, Is 60:9

42:5 Ps 24:2, Ps 102:25; Is 40:22, Is 44:24, Is 45:12

42:6 Is 9:2, Is 49:6, Is 49:8, Is 51:4; Lk 2:32

42:7 Is 29:18, Is 35:5, Is 49:9, Is 61:1; Lk 4:18

42:8 Ex 20:3; Ps 83:18; Is 43:11, Is 48:11

42:9 Is 41:22, Is 43:19, Is 46:10

42:10 Ps 33:3, Ps 96:1, Ps 107:23; Is 42:4

42:11 Is 21:16, Is 60:7

42:12 Is 24:15

42:13 Ps 78:65; Is 37:32, Is 59:17; Jer 25:30; Am 1:2

42:14 Ps 50:21; 2Pt 3:9

42:15 Ps 107:33; Is 44:27, Is 50:2; Na 1:4

42:16 Is 30:21, Is 32:3, Is 40:4; Jer 31:8; Heb 13:5

42:18 Is 29:18

42:19 Is 26:3, Is 41:8, Is 44:26; Eze 12:2

42:20 Jer 6:10

42:22 Is 5:29, Is 14:17, Is 24:18, Is 24:22

12 Let them give the LORD glory
and declare God's praise
in the coastlands.
13 The LORD will go out like a soldier;
like a warrior God will stir up rage.
God will shout, will roar;
over enemies he will prevail.
14 I've kept still for a very long time.
I've been silent
and restrained myself.
Like a woman in labor I will moan;
I will pant, I will gasp.
15 I will wither mountains and valleys,
and I will dry up all their vegetation.
I will turn rivers into deserts,[t]
and I will dry up pools.
16 I will make the blind walk a road
they don't know,
and I will guide them
in paths they don't know.
But I will make darkness before them
into light
and rough places into level ground.
These things I will do;
I won't abandon them.

Blindness and deafness

17 Turned backward, utterly shamed
are those who trust in idols,
who say to a cast image,
"You are our god!"
18 Hear, deaf ones,
and blind ones, look and see!
19 Who is blind if not my servant
and deaf like my messenger
whom I send?
Who is blind like the restored one,[u]
blind like the servant of the LORD?
20 You have seen many things,
but don't keep watch.
With ears open, you don't hear.[v]
21 The LORD desired
for the sake of his righteousness
to expand and
glorify the Instruction.
22 But this is a people
plundered and looted,
everyone trapped in holes
and hidden in dungeons.
They have become plunder
with no one to rescue,

[t] Or *islands* [u] Heb *Meshullam*, possibly a proper name [v] Or *he does not hear*

loot with no one to say,
"Give it back."

23 Which of you will listen to this,
will pay attention and respond
from now on?
24 Who gave Jacob to the looter,
and Israel to the plunderers?
Wasn't it the LORD,
the one we sinned against?
They were not willing to walk
in God's ways,
and wouldn't listen to his teaching.
25 So God poured out on Jacob
the heat of his anger
and the fury of battle.
It scorched him,
and he didn't know it;
it burned him,
but he didn't give it much thought.

Don't fear

43 But now, says the LORD—
the one who created you, Jacob,
the one who formed you, Israel:
Don't fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name;
you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
when through the rivers,
they won't sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you won't be scorched
and flame won't burn you.
3 I am the LORD your God,
the holy one of Israel, your savior.
I have given Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your place.
4 Because you are precious in my eyes,
you are honored, and I love you.
I give people in your place,
and nations in exchange
for your life.
5 Don't fear,
I am with you.
From the east
I'll bring your children;
from the west I'll gather you.
6 I'll say to the north,
"Give them back!"

42:24 Is 5:24, Is 30:15

43:1 Gn 32:28; Is 41:14, Is 44:2, Is 44:21, Is 45:4

43:2 Ps 66:12; Dn 3:25, Dn 3:27

43:3 Is 41:14, Is 45:15, Is 60:16

43:4 Is 63:9

43:5 Is 41:10, Is 44:2

43:8 Is 6:9; Eze 12:2

43:10 Is 43:12, Is 44:6, Is 44:8; Ac 1:8

43:11 Is 45:21; Hos 13:4

43:12 Dt 32:12; Is 43:10

43:15 Is 43:1, Is 45:11

and to the south,
"Don't detain them."
Bring my sons from far away,
and my daughters
from the end of the earth,
7 everyone who is called by my name
and whom I created for my glory,
whom I have formed and made.

8 Bring out the blind people
who have eyes,
the deaf ones who have ears.
9 All the nations are gathered together;
the peoples are assembled.
Which of them announced this?
Who predicted to us
the past events?
Let them bring their witnesses
as a defense;
let them hear and say, "It's true!"
10 You are my witnesses,
says the LORD,
my servant, whom I chose,
so that you would
know and believe me
and understand that I am the one.
Before me no god was formed;
after me there has been no other.
11 I, I am the LORD,
and there is no savior besides me.
12 I announced, I saved, I proclaimed,
not some stranger among you.
You are my witnesses,
says the LORD,
and I am God.
13 From the dawn of time, I am the one.
No one can escape my power.
I act, and who can undo it?

Don't remember

14 The LORD your redeemer,
the holy one of Israel, says,
For your sake,
I have sent an army[w] to Babylon,
and brought down all the bars,
turning the Chaldeans' singing
into a lament.[x]
15 I am the LORD, your holy one,
Israel's creator, your king!
16 The LORD says—
who makes a way in the sea

[w] Heb lacks *an army.* [x] Heb uncertain

and a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
army and battalion;
they will lie down together
and will not rise;
they will be extinguished,
extinguished like a wick.
18 Don't remember the prior things;
don't ponder ancient history.
19 Look! I'm doing a new thing;
now it sprouts up;
don't you recognize it?
I'm making a way in the desert,
paths[y] in the wilderness.
20 The beasts of the field,
the jackals and ostriches,
will honor me,
because I have put water
in the desert
and streams in the wilderness
to give water to my people,
my chosen ones,
21 this people whom I formed
for myself,
who will recount my praise.

22 But you didn't call out to me, Jacob;
you were tired of me, Israel.
23 You didn't bring me lambs
for your entirely burned offering;
you didn't honor me
with your sacrifices.
I didn't make you worship
with offerings;
I didn't weary you
with frankincense.
24 You didn't buy spices for me
with your money,
or satisfy me with
the fat of your sacrifices.
Instead, you have burdened me
with your sins
and wearied me
with your evil actions.
25 I, I am the one who wipes out
your rebellious behavior for my sake.
I won't remember your sin.
26 Summon me,
and let's go to trial together;
you tell your story
so that you may be vindicated!

43:18 Is 65:17; Jer 23:7

43:19 Is 41:18, Is 42:9, Is 48:6; 2Co 5:17; Rev 21:5

43:20 Ps 148:10; Is 13:22, Is 34:13, Is 48:21

43:21 Ps 102:18; 1Pt 2:9

43:23 Lv 2:1; Am 5:25; Zec 7:5

43:24 Ex 30:23; Is 7:13; Jer 6:20

43:25 Is 37:35, Is 44:22; Jer 31:34; Mi 7:18; Mk 2:7

43:26 Is 1:18, Is 41:1, Is 50:8

44:1 Is 41:8

44:3 Is 32:15, Is 41:17; Jl 2:28, Jl 3:18

44:4 Lv 23:40; Job 40:22; Ps 1:3; Is 58:11; Eze 17:5

44:5 Ex 13:9; Neh 9:38; Ps 116:16; Is 4:2; Zec 8:20

44:6 Is 41:4, Is 43:10, Is 43:14, Is 48:12; Rev 1:17

44:7 Is 41:22, Is 41:26, Is 45:21

44:8 Dt 4:35, Dt 4:39; 1Sa 2:2; Is 43:10, Is 45:5

27 Your first ancestor sinned,
and your officials rebelled
against me.
28 So I made the holy officials impure,
handed over Jacob to destruction
and Israel to abuse.

You are my witnesses

44 But now hear this,
Jacob my servant,
and Israel, whom I have chosen.
2 The LORD your maker,
who formed you in the womb
and will help you, says:
Don't fear, my servant Jacob,
Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
3 I will pour out water
upon thirsty ground
and streams upon dry land.
I will pour out my spirit
upon your descendants
and my blessing
upon your offspring.
4 They will spring up
from among the reeds
like willows by flowing streams.
5 This one will say, "I am the LORD's,"
and that one will be named
after Jacob.
Another will write on his hand,
"The LORD's,"
and will take the name Israel.

6 The LORD,
Israel's king and redeemer,
the LORD of heavenly forces, says:
I am the first, and I am the last,
and besides me there are no gods.
7 Who is like me?
Let them speak up, explain it,
and lay it out for me.
Who announced long ago
what is to be?[z]
Let them tell us[a] what is to come.
8 Don't tremble; have no fear!
Didn't I proclaim it?
Didn't I inform you long ago?
You are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no other rock;
I know of none.

[y] DSS (1QIsa[a]); MT *streams* [z] Or *Since I placed an ancient people and coming things* [a] Or *them*

Idol-makers mocked

9 Idol-makers are all as nothing;
their playthings do no good.
Their promoters
neither see nor know anything,
so they ought to be ashamed.
10 Who would form a god
or cast an idol
that does no good?
11 All its worshippers will be ashamed,
and its artisans,
who are only human.
They will all gather and stand,
tremble and be ashamed together.
12 A blacksmith with his tools
works it over coals,
and shapes it with hammers,
and works it with his strong arm.
He even becomes hungry and weak.
If he didn't drink water,
he'd pass out.
13 A carpenter stretches out a string,
marks it out with a stylus,
fashions it with carving tools,
and marks it with a compass.
He makes it into a human form,
like a splendid human,
to live in a temple.
14 He cuts down cedars for himself,
or chooses a cypress[b] or oak,
selecting from all
the trees of the forest.
He plants a pine,[c]
and the rain makes it grow.
15 It becomes suitable
to burn for humans,
so he takes some of the wood
and warms himself.
He kindles fire and bakes bread.
He fashions a god and worships it;
he makes an idol
and bows down to it.
16 Half of it he burns in the fire;
on that half he roasts
and eats meat, and he is satisfied.
He warms himself and says,
"Ah, I'm warm, watching the fire!"
17 And the rest of it
he makes into a god,
into his idol,
and he bows down, worships,
and prays to it, saying,
"Save me, for you are my god!"
18 They don't know or comprehend,
for their eyes can't see
and their minds can't comprehend.
19 He doesn't think,
and has no knowledge or
understanding to think:
Half of it I burned in the fire,
and I baked bread on its coals,
and roasted meat and ate.
Should I make the rest
into something detestable?
Should I bow down
to a block of wood?
20 He's feeding on ashes;
his deluded mind
has led him astray.
He can't save himself and say,
"Isn't this thing in my hand a lie?"

44:9 Is 41:24
44:10 Jer 10:5; Hab 2:18
44:11 Is 42:17, Is 45:16
44:12 Is 40:19, Is 41:6, Is 41:7; Jer 10:3
44:13 Dt 4:16; Jgs 17:4; Is 41:7
44:14 Is 40:20
44:15 2Ch 25:14
44:17 1Ki 18:26; Is 2:8, Is 45:20
44:18 Is 6:10, Is 29:10
44:19 Dt 27:15
44:20 Ro 1:25
44:21 Is 41:8, Is 43:1, Is 44:1, Is 44:2, Is 49:15
44:22 Is 43:1, Is 43:25, Is 55:7; Ac 3:19; 1Co 6:20
44:23 Ps 69:34, Ps 98:8; Is 49:3, Is 49:13, Is 55:12
44:24 Is 40:22, Is 42:5, Is 43:14, Is 44:2, Is 45:12
44:25 2Sa 15:31; Job 5:12; Ps 33:10; Is 29:14; Jer 27:9

Promises to Jacob and Jerusalem

21 Remember these things, Jacob;
Israel, for you are my servant.
I formed you; you are my servant!
I won't forget you, Israel.
22 I swept away your rebellions
like a cloud,
and your sins like fog.
Return to me,
because I have redeemed you.

23 Sing, heavens,
for the LORD has acted;
shout, depths of the earth!
Burst out with a ringing cry,
you mountains, forest,
and every tree in it.
The LORD has redeemed Jacob,
and will glorify himself
through Israel.

24 The LORD your redeemer
who formed you in the womb says:
I am the LORD, the maker of all,
who alone stretched out
the heavens,
who spread out the earth by myself,
25 who frustrates the omens
of diviners
and makes a mockery of magicians,

[b] Species uncertain [c] Species uncertain

who turns back the wise
and turns their knowledge
into folly.
26 But who confirms the word
of my[d] servant,
and fulfills the predictions
of my messengers
who say about Jerusalem,
"It will be resettled";
and who say about the cities
of Judah, "They will be rebuilt,
and I will restore their ruins";
27 who say to the ocean depths,
"Dry up; I will dry your streams";
28 who say about Cyrus,
"My shepherd—
he will do all that I want";
who say about Jerusalem,
"She will be rebuilt";
and who say about the temple,
"You will be founded
once again."

Cyrus as God's anointed

45 The LORD says to his anointed,
to Cyrus,
whom I have grasped
by the strong hand,
to conquer nations before him,
disarming kings,
and opening doors before him,
so no gates will be shut:
2 I myself will go before you,
and I will level mountains.
I will shatter bronze doors;
I will cut through iron bars.
3 I will give you hidden treasures
of secret riches,
so you will know
that I am the LORD,
the God of Israel,
who calls you by name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I called you by name.
I gave you an honored title,
though you didn't know me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no God.
I strengthen you—
though you don't know me—
6 so all will know, from the rising
of the sun to its setting,
that there is nothing apart from me.
I am the LORD; there's no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
make prosperity and create doom;
I am the LORD,
who does all these things.

8 Pour down, you heavens above,
and let the clouds flow
with righteousness.
Let the earth open for salvation
to bear fruit;
let righteousness sprout as well.
I, the LORD,
have created these things.

Potter and clay

9 Doom to the one
who argues with the potter,[e]
as if he were just another clay pot!
Does the clay say to the potter,
"What are you making?"
or "Your work has no handles"?
10 Doom to one who says to a father,
"What have you fathered?"
and to a woman,
"With what are you in labor?"
11 The LORD, the holy one of Israel
and its maker,[f] says:
Are you questioning me[g]
about my own children?
Are you telling me what to do
with the work of my hands?
12 I myself made the earth,
and created humans upon it.
My own hands
stretched out the heavens.
I commanded all their forces.
13 I have a right to awaken Cyrus;
I will smooth all his paths.
He will build my city
and set my exiles free,
not for a price and not for a bribe,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.

14 The LORD says:
Egypt will grow weary,
Cush will be sold,[h]
and the tall Sabeans
will cross over to you.

44:26 1Ki 18:36; 2Ki 10:10; 2Ch 36:15; Is 61:4; Zec 1:6
44:27 Is 11:15, Is 50:2; Jer 50:38
45:1 2Ch 36:22; Ezr 1:1; Is 41:2, Is 41:13, Is 44:28
45:2 Ps 107:16; Is 40:4; Jer 51:30
45:3 Ex 33:12; Is 43:1; Jer 41:8, Jer 50:37
45:5 Is 44:8
45:6 Ps 102:15, Ps 113:3; Is 37:20, Is 45:5; Mal 1:11
45:7 Lam 3:38; Am 3:6
45:8 Ps 72:6, Ps 85:11; Is 61:11; Hos 10:12; Jl 3:18
45:9 Is 10:15, Is 29:16, Is 64:8; Jer 18:6; Ro 9:20
45:11 Is 19:25, Is 29:23; Jer 31:9
45:12 Gn 2:1; Neh 9:6; Is 40:22, Is 42:5, Is 44:24
45:13 2Ch 36:22; Is 41:2, Is 44:28, Is 52:3
45:14 Ps 68:31; Is 14:2, Is 18:7, Is 43:3, Is 60:14

[d] Or *his*; also in next line [e] Or *maker* [f] Or *potter* [g] Or *about future things ask me* [h] Heb uncertain

They will be yours,
and after you they will go.
In chains they will come;
to you they will bow down.
They will plead with you:
"Truly God is with you;
there's no other, no other God."
15 Surely you are a god
who hides himself,
Israel's God and savior.

Idols contrasted with God

16 They will all be shamed and disgraced;
the makers of idols
will end up disgraced together.
17 Israel has been saved by the LORD
of everlasting salvation.
You won't be shamed,
and you won't be disgraced
forever and always.
18 For this is what the LORD said,
who created the heavens,
who is God,
who formed the earth and made it,
who established it,
who didn't create it a wasteland
but formed it as a habitation:
I, the LORD, and none other!
19 I didn't speak in secret
or in some land of darkness;
I didn't say to the offspring of Jacob,
"Seek me in chaos."
I am the LORD,
the one who speaks truth,
who announces what is correct.
20 Gather and come,
draw near together,
fugitives of the nations!
Those who carry their wooden idols
don't know;
those who pray to a god
who won't save.
21 Announce! Approach!
Confer together!
Who proclaimed this
from the beginning,
announced it from long ago?
Wasn't it I, the LORD?
There's no other God except me,
a righteous God and a savior;
there's none besides me!

45:15 Is 43:3

45:16 Is 42:17, Is 44:9, Is 44:11

45:17 Ro 11:26

45:18 Ps 115:16; Is 42:5, Is 45:5

45:19 Dt 30:11; 2Ch 15:2; Is 48:16; Jer 29:13

45:20 Is 43:9, Is 44:17, Is 46:1, Is 46:7; Jer 10:5

45:21 Is 43:11, Is 44:7, Is 44:8, Is 45:5, Is 46:9

45:22 Is 49:6

45:23 Gn 22:16; Is 19:18; Ro 14:11; Phi 2:10; Heb 6:13

45:24 Is 41:11

45:25 Is 41:16

46:1 Is 21:9; Jer 50:2, Jer 51:44

46:2 Jgs 18:17; 2Sa 5:21; Jer 48:7

46:3 Dt 1:31

46:4 Ps 71:18; Is 43:13

46:5 Ex 15:11; Is 40:18, Is 40:25; Jer 10:6

46:6 Is 40:19

46:7 1Sa 5:3; 1Ki 18:26; Is 45:20, Is 46:1

22 Turn to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth,
for I am God, and there's no other.
23 I have sworn a solemn pledge;
a word has left my mouth;
it is reliable and won't fail.
Surely every knee will bow
and every tongue will confess;
24 they will say, "Righteousness and
strength come only
from the LORD.
All who are angry with him
will come to shame.
25 All the Israelites
will be victorious and rejoice."

Babylon's idols can't compare

46 Bel crouches down;
Nebo cowers.
Their idols sit on animals,
on beasts.
The objects you once carried about
are now borne as burdens
by the weary animals.
2 They crouch down
and cower together.
They aren't able to rescue the burden,
but they themselves
go into captivity.
3 Listen to me, house of Jacob,
all that remains
from the house of Israel
who have been borne by me
since pregnancy,
whom I carried from the womb
4 until you grow old.
I am the one,
and until you turn gray
I will support you.
I have done it,
and I will continue to bear it;
I will support and I will rescue.
5 To whom will you liken me
and count me equal
and compare me so that we are alike?
6 Those who pour out gold from a bag
and weigh silver with a balance
hire a metalworker;
then he makes a god.
They bow down; they worship;
7 they carry the idol[i] on their
shoulders and support it;

[i] Or *it*

they set it down, and it stands still,
unable to move from its place.
If one cries out to it,
it doesn't answer.
It can't save people
from their distress.

Remember past events

8 Remember this and take courage;
take it to heart, you rebels.
9 Remember the prior things—
from long ago;
I am God, and there's no other.
I am God! There's none like me,
10 who tells the end at the beginning,
from ancient times
things not yet done,
saying, "My plan will stand;
all that I decide I will do,"
11 I call a bird of prey from the east,
a man from a distant land
for my plan.
As surely as I have spoken,
I'll make it happen;
I have planned, and yes, I'll do it.
12 Listen to me, you bullheaded people
who are far from victory:
13 I'm bringing my victory near—
it isn't far,
and my salvation—it won't delay.
I will establish salvation in Zion
and grant my splendor to Israel.

Daughter Babylon dethroned

47 Go down and sit in the dust,
virgin Daughter Babylon!
Sit on the ground without a throne,
Daughter Chaldea,
because they will no longer call you
tender and pampered.
2 Take the millstones and grind flour!
Remove your veil, strip off your robe,
expose your thighs,
wade through the rivers!
3 Your nakedness will be exposed,
and your disgrace will be seen.
I will take vengeance;
no one will intervene.[j]
4 Our redeemer has spoken;
the LORD of heavenly forces
is his name,
the holy one of Israel.

46:8 Dt 32:29; Is 44:21; Eze 18:28; Hg 1:7; Eph 5:14

46:9 Is 45:5, Is 45:21

46:10 Ps 33:11; Prv 19:21; Is 14:24; Ac 5:39

46:12 Ps 119:150; Is 48:4

46:13 Is 44:23, Is 51:5; Ro 3:21

47:1 Dt 28:56; Ps 137:8; Is 3:26; Zec 2:7

47:2 Ex 11:5; Jgs 16:21; Mt 24:41

47:3 Is 34:8; Na 3:5

47:4 Is 41:14, Is 43:14; Jer 50:34

47:5 Is 13:19, Is 47:7

47:6 Dt 28:50; Is 14:17; Zec 1:15

47:7 Dt 32:29; Is 47:5

47:8 Is 32:9, Is 45:6, Is 47:10; Zep 2:15; Rev 18:7

47:9 Is 47:12, Is 47:13; Na 3:4; Rev 18:23

47:10 Ps 52:7; Is 5:21, Is 29:15, Is 47:8

47:11 1Th 5:3

47:12 Is 47:9

47:13 Is 44:25; Dn 2:2

5 Sit silent and go into darkness,
Daughter Chaldea,
because they will no longer call you
Queen of Kingdoms.
6 I was enraged with my people;
I made my inheritance impure
and put them under your power.
You took no pity on them.
You made your yoke heavy
even on the elderly.
7 You said, "I'm forever;
I'm the eternal mistress."
You didn't stop and think;
you didn't consider the outcome.
8 So listen to this,
luxuriant one who sits secure,
who says in her heart,
I'm utterly unique;
I'll never sit as a widow;
I'll never know childlessness:
9 Both of these will happen to you
at once, on a single day:
childlessness and widowhood
will envelop you in full measure,
despite your many sorceries,
despite your very powerful spells.
10 You felt secure in your evil;
you said, "No one sees me."
Your wisdom and knowledge
spun you around.
You thought to yourself,
I and no one else.
11 Now evil will come against you,
something you won't anticipate.
A curse will fall upon you,
something you won't be able
to dispel.
Destruction will come
upon you suddenly,
something you won't foresee.

12 Continue with your enchantments,
and with your many spells,
which you have practiced
since childhood.
Maybe you will be able to succeed.
Maybe you will inspire terror.
13 You are weary
from all your consultations;
let the astrologers stand up
and save you,

[j] Syr, cf Vulg; MT *I won't meet a man*

those who gaze at the stars,
and predict what will happen to you
at each new moon.
14 They are just like stubble;
the fire burns them.
They won't save themselves
from the powerful flames.
This is no warming ember
or fire to sit beside.
15 Those with whom you have
wearied yourself are like this,
those with whom you were
in business from your youth:
each has wandered off
on their own way;
none will save you.

New things from now on

48 Listen to this, house of Jacob,
who are known by the name
of Israel,
descendants of Judah,[k]
who swear by the LORD's name
and invoke Israel's God
dishonestly and unrighteously.

2 They are known
as residents of the holy city,
those who depend
upon the God of Israel—
the LORD of heavenly forces
is his name.
3 Past things I announced long ago;
from my mouth I proclaimed them.
I acted suddenly,
and they came about.
4 Because I know that you are stubborn,
your neck is made of iron,
and your forehead is bronze.
5 I informed you long ago;
before they came about
I proclaimed them to you
so you wouldn't say,
"My idol did them;
my wood statue and metal god
commanded them."
6 You've heard and seen all this—
won't you admit it?
From now on I'll tell you new things,
guarded secrets that you don't know.
7 They are created now, not long ago;

47:14 Is 5:24; Na 1:10; Mal 4:1
47:15 Rev 18:11
48:4 Ex 32:9; Ac 7:51
48:9 Neh 9:31; Ps 78:38, Ps 103:8
48:10 Dt 4:20; Is 1:25; Jer 9:7; Zec 13:9; Mal 3:3
48:11 Is 42:8; Eze 20:9
48:12 Is 41:4, Is 44:6; Rev 1:17, Rev 22:13
48:13 Ex 20:11; Ps 102:25; Is 40:22, Is 40:26; Heb 1:10
48:14 Is 46:11
48:15 Is 45:1
48:16 Is 45:19, Is 61:1

before today
you hadn't heard of them,
so you won't say,
"I already knew them."
8 You haven't heard,
nor have you known;
as in ages past your ears are closed,
because I knew
what a traitor you were;
you were known as a rebel
from birth.
9 For the sake of my reputation
I control my anger;
for your sake
I restrain my powerful radiance
so as to not destroy you.
10 See, I have refined you,
but not like silver;
I have tested you[l]
in the furnace of misery.
11 For the sake of my reputation,
for my own sake, I will act,
for why will my name
be made impure?
I won't give my glory to another.

12 Listen to me, Jacob;
Israel, whom I called:
I am the one;
I am the first and I am the last.
13 My hand founded the earth;
my strong hand
spread out the heavens.
When I call to them,
they all stand up.
14 Gather yourselves,
all of you, and listen.
Who among you
announced these things?
"The LORD loves him.
He will do
what God wants with Babylon
and with the descendants[m]
of Chaldea."
15 I, I have spoken and told him
the things that will happen to him;
I will make him succeed.
16 Come close to me; listen to this:
Since the very beginning
I haven't spoken in secret.
Whenever anything happens,
I am there.

[k] Or *came out from the waters of Judah* [l] Or *I have chosen* [m] LXX; MT *his arm*

(And now the LORD God
has sent me with his spirit.)

17 The LORD your redeemer,
the holy one of Israel, proclaims:
I am the LORD your God
who teaches you for your own good,
who leads you in the way
you should go.
18 If you would pay attention
to my commands,
your well-being would be like a river,
and your righteousness
like the waves of the sea.
19 Your offspring would be
like the sand,
and your descendants like its grains.
Their name would never
be eliminated,
never wiped out from before me.

20 Go out from Babylon;
flee from the Chaldeans!
Report this with a loud shout,
proclaim it;
broadcast it out
to the end of the earth.
Say, "The LORD has redeemed
his servant Jacob!"
21 They weren't thirsty when he led
them through the deserts.
God made water flow
from the rock for them;
split the rock, and water flowed out.
22 There is no well-being,
says the LORD, for the wicked.

The servant speaks up

49 Listen to me, coastlands;
pay attention, peoples far away.
The LORD called me before my birth,
called my name when
I was in my mother's womb.
2 He made my mouth
like a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow
of God's own hand.
He made me a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in God's quiver,
3 saying to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I show my glory."

48:20 Is 52:9, Is 52:11; Jer 50:8, Jer 51:6; Zec 2:6

48:21 Ex 17:6; Nm 20:11; Is 35:6, Is 43:20

48:22 Is 57:21; Eze 7:25

49:1 Is 41:1; Jer 1:5

49:2 Is 11:4, Is 51:16; Heb 4:12; Rev 1:16

49:3 Is 44:23; Zec 3:8

49:5 Is 49:1

49:6 Is 9:2, Is 42:6, Is 55:5; Lk 2:32; Ac 13:47

49:8 Ps 69:13; Is 42:6; 2Co 6:2

49:9 Is 41:18, Is 42:7, Is 61:1

4 But I said,
"I have wearied myself in vain.
I have used up my strength
for nothing."
Nevertheless, the LORD
will grant me justice;
my reward is with my God.
5 And now the LORD has decided—
the one who formed me
from the womb as his servant—
to restore Jacob to God,
so that Israel might return to him.
Moreover, I'm honored
in the LORD's eyes;
my God has become my strength.
6 He said: It is not enough,
since you are my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back
the survivors of Israel.
Hence, I will also appoint you
as light to the nations
so that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth.

7 The LORD, redeemer of Israel
and its holy one,
says to one despised,
rejected by nations,
to the slave of rulers:
Kings will see and stand up;
commanders will bow down
on account of the LORD,
who is faithful,
the holy one of Israel,
who has chosen you.
8 The LORD said:
At the right time, I answered you;
on a day of salvation, I helped you.
I have guarded you,
and given you as a covenant
to the people, to restore the land,
and to reassign deserted properties,
9 saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"
and to those in darkness,
"Show yourselves."
Along the roads animals[n] will graze;
their pasture will be
on every treeless hilltop.
10 They won't hunger or thirst;
the burning heat and sun
won't strike them,

[n] Heb lacks *animals.*

because one who has compassion
for them will lead them
and will guide them
by springs of water.
11 I will turn all my mountains
into roads;
my highways will be built up.
12 Look! These will come from far away.
Look! These from the north
and west,
and these from the southland.[o]

13 Sing, heavens! Rejoice, earth!
Break out, mountains, with a song.
The LORD has comforted his people,
and taken pity on those who suffer.

Compassion for Zion

14 But Zion says,
"The LORD has abandoned me;
my Lord has forgotten me."
15 Can a woman forget
her nursing child,
fail to pity the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
but I won't forget you.
16 Look, on my palms I've inscribed you;
your walls are before me continually.
17 Your builders[p] come quickly;
those who destroy and demolish
you will depart from you.
18 Look up all around and see:
they are all gathered;
they come to you.
As surely as I live, says the LORD,
you will put them all
on like ornaments,
bind them on like a bride.

19 As for your ruins and desolate places
and destroyed land—
you will soon be crowded
with settlers,
and those who swallowed you
will be far away.
20 You will again hear the children
who were born bereaved say,
"The place is too crowded for me;
make room for me to settle."
21 And you will think to yourself,
Who bore me these?
I was bereaved and desolate,
exiled and sent off.
So who raised these?
I was left behind, I was alone;
where were these?

22 The LORD God says:
Look, I will raise my hand
to the nations,
and to the peoples
I will lift up my signal.
They will bring your sons
in their arms,
and will carry your daughters
on their shoulders.
23 Kings will be your attendants,
and their queens your nursemaids.
With faces to the ground
they will bow down to you;
they will lick the dust
from your feet.
You will know that I am the LORD;
the one who hopes in me
won't be ashamed.

24 Can loot be taken from warriors?
Can a tyrant's captives escape?
25 The LORD says:
Even the captives of warriors
will be taken,
and the tyrant's loot will escape.
I myself will oppose those
who oppose you,
and I myself will save your children.
26 I will make your oppressors
eat their own flesh;
and as with wine, with their own
blood they will be drunk,
so that all flesh will know that
I, the LORD, am your savior,
and the mighty one of Jacob
is your redeemer.

50 The LORD says:
Where's your mother's
divorce decree,
with which I sent her away?
Or to which lender did I sell you?
On account of your sins
you were sold;
on account of your transgressions
your mother was sent away.

49:12 Is 43:5, Is 43:6
49:13 Is 40:1, Is 44:23
49:15 1Ki 3:26; Ps 27:10; Is 44:21; Lam 4:10
49:16 Song 8:6; Is 62:6; Hg 2:23
49:17 Is 10:6, Is 37:18, Is 51:22, Is 62:5
49:18 Is 43:5, Is 52:1, Is 60:4, Is 61:10; Jer 2:32
49:19 Is 51:3, Is 54:1; Zec 10:10
49:20 Is 54:1
49:21 Is 1:8, Is 5:13, Is 29:23, Is 54:6, Is 60:8
49:22 Is 11:10, Is 11:12, Is 14:2
49:23 Ps 25:3, Ps 72:9; Is 45:14, Is 60:14, Is 60:16
49:24 Mt 12:29; Lk 11:21
50:1 Dt 24:1; Is 52:3, Is 59:2; Jer 3:8; Mt 18:25

[o] Heb *Sinim* [p] Or *children*

2 Why did I come and find no one?
Why did I call
when no one answered?
Is my hand too small to redeem you?[q]
Don't I have enough power to save?
With my rebuke I dry up the sea
and make the rivers into wilderness.
Their fish stink from lack of water;
they die of thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens with darkness
and cover them
with funeral clothing.

God's faithful servant

4 The LORD God
gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond
to the weary
with a word that will awaken them
in the morning.[r]
God awakens my ear
in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.
5 The LORD God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.
6 Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.
I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.
7 The LORD God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.
Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.
8 The one who will declare me
innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?
Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment
against me?
Let him approach me.
9 Look! The LORD God will help me.
Who will condemn me?
Look, they will wear out like clothing;
the moth will eat them.

10 Who among you fears the LORD?
Who listens to the voice
of his servant,
who walks in darkness
and has no light?
They will trust in the LORD's name,
and rely upon their God.

11 Look! All of you are kindling fire,
igniting torches.
Walk by the light of your fire,
by the torches you have ignited.
This is what will happen
to you by my hand:
you will lie down in grief.

Look to Abraham and Sarah

51 Listen to me,
you who look for righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock
from which you were cut
and to the quarry
where you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your ancestor,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
They were alone when I called them,
but I blessed them
and made them many.
3 The LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her ruins.
He will make her desert like Eden
and her wilderness
like the LORD's garden.
Happiness and joy will be found
in her—
thanks and the sound
of singing.

Salvation endures forever

4 Pay attention to me, my people;
listen to me, my nation,
for teaching will go out from me,
my justice,
as a light to the nations.
5 I will quickly bring my victory.
My salvation is on its way,
and my arm will judge the peoples.
The coastlands hope for me;
they wait for my judgment.[s]
6 Look up to the heavens,
and gaze at the earth beneath.
The heavens will disappear
like smoke,
the earth will wear out
like clothing,
and its inhabitants will die like gnats.
But my salvation will endure forever,
and my righteousness
will be unbroken.

50:2 Nm 11:23; Is 42:15, Is 59:1, Is 66:4; Na 1:4
50:3 Rev 6:12
50:4 Is 40:29; Mt 11:28
50:5 Mt 26:39; Jn 8:29, Jn 14:31, Jn 15:10; Heb 5:8
50:6 Lam 3:30; Mt 26:67, Mt 27:30; Mk 14:65; Lk 22:63
50:7 Is 41:10; Eze 3:8, Eze 3:9
50:8 Is 41:1, Is 45:25, Is 54:17; Ro 8:33, Ro 8:34
50:9 Job 13:28; Is 41:10, Is 51:8
50:10 Ps 25:12; Is 26:4, Is 49:3; Mal 3:16
50:11 Is 65:13; Jn 9:39
51:1 Is 51:7, Is 55:6
51:2 Is 29:22; Eze 33:24
51:3 Gn 2:8; Is 35:1, Is 40:1, Is 52:9; Jl 2:3
51:4 Ps 78:1; Is 2:3, Is 42:6, Is 49:6
51:5 Is 40:10, Is 46:13
51:6 Ps 102:25, Ps 102:26; Is 34:4; Mt 24:35; 2Pt 3:10

[q] Heb lacks *you.* [r] Heb uncertain [s] Or *for my arm*

7 Listen to me,
you who know what is right,
people who carry my teaching
in your heart:
Don't fear human scorn,
and don't be upset
when they abuse you.
8 The moth will eat them
as if they were clothing,
and the worm will eat them
like wool,
but my righteousness is forever,
and my salvation for all generations.

Awake, arm of the LORD

9 Awake, awake, put on strength,
arm of the LORD.
Awake as in times past,
generations long ago.
Aren't you the one
who crushed Rahab,
who pierced the dragon?
10 Didn't you dry up the sea,
the waters of the great deep?
And didn't you make
the redeemed a road to cross
through the depths of the sea,
a road for the redeemed to pass?
11 Then let those
ransomed by the LORD return
and come to Zion with singing
and with everlasting joy
upon their heads.
Let happiness and
joy overwhelm them;
let grief and groaning flee.

12 I, I am the one who comforts you.
Why should you fear humans
who will die,
mortals who are treated like grass?
13 You forgot the LORD your maker,
the one who stretched out
the heavens
and founded the earth.
You were continually afraid,
all day long,
on account of the
oppressor's wrath—
a fear by which they intend
to destroy you.
Where now is the oppressor's wrath?
14 The imprisoned ones
will soon be released;
they won't die in the pit
nor even lack bread.
15 I am the LORD your God,
who stirs up the sea
so that its waves roar—
the LORD of heavenly forces
is his name.
16 I put my words in your mouth
and hid you in the shadow
of my hand,
stretching out[t] the heavens,
founding the earth,
and saying to Zion,
"You are my people."

Wake yourself, Jerusalem

17 Wake yourself, wake yourself!
Rise up, Jerusalem,
who drank the cup of wrath
from the LORD's hand.
You drank;
you drained the goblet of reeling.
18 There's no one to guide her
among all the children she bore;
there's no one to take her
by the hand among all the children
she raised.
19 These two things
have happened to you—
Who will be sorry for you?[u]—
destruction and devastation,
famine and sword—
who will comfort you?[v]
20 Your children passed out;
they lay at the head of every street
like antelope in a net,
filled with the LORD's wrath,
with the rebuke of your God.

21 Therefore, hear this, suffering one,
who is drunk, but not from wine.
22 The LORD, your Lord and your God,
who contends for his people, says:
Look, I have taken the cup
of reeling,
the goblet of my wrath,
from your hand.
You will no longer drink from it.

51:7 Dt 6:6; Ps 37:31, Ps 119:11; Is 51:1; Mt 5:11
51:8 Job 13:28; Is 50:9, Is 51:6
51:9 Dt 4:34; Ps 74:13; Is 27:1, Is 52:1, Is 53:1
51:10 Ex 14:21, Ex 15:13; Is 35:9, Is 43:16, Is 50:2
51:11 Is 25:8, Is 35:10, Is 44:23, Is 65:19; Rev 7:17
51:16 Is 48:13, Is 49:2, Is 59:21
51:17 Job 21:20; Ps 60:3; Is 52:1; Jer 25:15; Rev 14:10
51:18 Ps 88:18; Is 41:13, Is 49:21
51:21 Is 29:9, Is 51:17, Is 54:11
51:22 Is 49:25, Is 51:17; Jer 50:34

[t] Or *planting* [u] DSS (1QIsa[a]), LXX, Vulg; MT *How will I* [v] Or *how will I comfort you?*

23 I will put it
in the hand of your tormentors,
who said to you,
"Lie down
so that we can walk on you.
Make your back like the ground,
like a street for those walking on it."

Awake, holy Zion

52 Awake, awake,
put on your strength, Zion!
Put on your splendid clothing,
Jerusalem, you holy city;
for the uncircumcised and unclean
will no longer come into you.
2 Shake the dust off yourself;
rise up; sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Loose the bonds from your neck,
captive Daughter Zion!

3 The LORD proclaims:
You were sold for nothing,
and you will be redeemed
without money.
4 The LORD God proclaims:
Long ago my people went down
to reside in Egypt.
Moreover, Assyria
has oppressed them without cause.
5 And now what have I here?
says the LORD.
My people are taken away
for nothing.
Their rulers wail, says the LORD,
and continually all day long
my name is despised.
6 Therefore, my people
will know my name on that day;
I'm the one who promises it;
I'm here.

Your God rules

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of a messenger
who proclaims peace,
who brings good news,
who proclaims salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God rules!"
8 Listen! Your lookouts
lift their voice;
they sing out together!
Right before their eyes they see
the LORD returning to Zion.

9 Break into song together,
you ruins of Jerusalem!
The LORD has comforted his people
and has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
in view of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth have seen
our God's victory.

11 Depart! Depart! Go out from there!
Unclean! Don't touch!
Get out of that place;
purify yourselves,
carriers of the LORD's equipment!
12 You won't go out in a rush,
nor will you run away,
because the one going before you
is the LORD;
your rear guard is the God of Israel.

Suffering servant

13 Look, my servant will succeed.
He will be exalted
and lifted very high.
14 Just as many were appalled by you,
he too appeared disfigured,
inhuman,
his appearance unlike
that of mortals.
15 But he will astonish[w] many nations.
Kings will be silenced
because of him,
because they will see
what they haven't seen before;
what they haven't heard before,
they will ponder.

53 Who can believe
what we have heard,
and for whose sake has
the LORD's arm[x] been revealed?
2 He grew up like a young plant
before us,[y]
like a root from dry ground.
He possessed no splendid form
for us to see,
no desirable appearance.
3 He was despised
and avoided by others;

51:23 Josh 10:24; Is 49:26; Jer 25:26, Jer 25:28; Zec 12:2

52:1 Neh 11:1; Is 35:8, Is 48:2, Is 51:9, Is 51:17

52:2 Is 51:14, Is 60:1

52:3 Ps 44:12; Is 45:13, Is 50:1; 1Pt 1:18

52:5 Ps 74:18; Eze 36:20; Ro 2:24

52:6 Is 49:23

52:7 Is 24:23, Is 40:9, Is 61:1; Na 1:15; Ro 10:15

52:10 Is 45:22, Is 51:9, Is 66:18; Lk 3:6

52:11 Is 48:20; 2Co 6:17

52:13 Is 42:1; Phi 2:9

52:14 Is 53:2, Is 53:3

52:15 Is 49:7; Ro 15:21

53:1 Is 51:9; Jn 12:38; Ro 10:16

53:2 Is 11:1, Is 11:10, Is 52:14

53:3 Ps 22:6; Is 49:7, Is 53:4; Jn 1:10, Jn 1:11

[w] Or *sprinkle* [x] Or *power* [y] Or *him*

a man who suffered,
who knew sickness well.
Like someone
from whom people hid their faces,
he was despised,
and we didn't think about him.

4 It was certainly our sickness
that he carried,
and our sufferings that he bore,
but we thought him afflicted,
struck down by God and tormented.
5 He was pierced
because of our rebellions
and crushed because of our crimes.
He bore the punishment
that made us whole;
by his wounds we are healed.
6 Like sheep we had all wandered away,
each going its own way,
but the LORD let fall on him
all our crimes.

7 He was oppressed and tormented,
but didn't open his mouth.
Like a lamb
being brought to slaughter,
like a ewe silent before her shearers,
he didn't open his mouth.

8 Due to an unjust ruling
he was taken away,
and his fate—
who will think about it?
He was eliminated
from the land of the living,
struck dead
because of my people's rebellion.
9 His grave was among the wicked,
his tomb with evildoers,[z]
though he had done no violence,
and had spoken nothing false.

10 But the LORD wanted to crush him
and to make him suffer.
If his life is offered[a] as restitution,
he will see his offspring;
he will enjoy long life.
The LORD's plans will come
to fruition through him.
11 After his deep anguish
he will see light,[b]
and he will be satisfied.
Through his knowledge,
the righteous one, my servant,
will make many righteous,
and will bear their guilt.
12 Therefore, I will give him a share
with the great,
and he will divide the spoil
with the strong,
in return for exposing his life
to death
and being numbered with rebels,
though he carried the sin of many
and pleaded on behalf
of those who rebelled.

53:4 Mt 8:17
53:5 Ro 4:25; 1Pt 2:24
53:6 Is 56:11; 1Pt 2:25
53:7 Mk 14:61; Jn 1:29, Jn 19:9; Ac 8:32; 1Pt 2:23
53:8 Is 53:12; Dn 9:26
53:9 Mt 27:57; Heb 4:15; 1Pt 2:22; 1Jn 3:5
53:10 Lv 5:15; Ps 22:30; Is 53:6; Zec 13:7; Heb 9:26
53:11 Is 45:25
53:12 Is 53:6, Is 53:11; Lk 22:37; Phi 2:9; Heb 9:28
54:1 1Sa 2:5; Is 49:20, Is 62:4, Is 66:7; Ga 4:27
54:2 Ex 35:18, Ex 39:40; Is 49:19, Is 49:20; Jer 10:20
54:3 Is 49:19
54:4 Is 45:17
54:5 Is 62:5; Jer 3:14; Hos 2:19

Sing, barren woman

54 Sing, barren woman
who has borne no child;
break forth into singing and cry out,
you who were never in labor,
for the children of the wife
who has been deserted
will be more numerous than
the children of the married,
says the LORD.
2 Enlarge the site of your tent,
and stretch out the drapes
of your dwellings;
don't hold back.
Lengthen your tent ropes
and strengthen your stakes.
3 To the right and to the left
you will burst out,
and your children will possess
the nations' land
and settle their desolate cities.

4 Don't fear,
because you won't be ashamed;
don't be dismayed,
because you won't be disgraced.
You will forget
the shame of your youth;
you'll no longer remember
the disgrace of your widowhood.
5 The one marrying you
is the one who made you—
the LORD of heavenly forces
is his name.

[z] Cf Tg; MT *and with a rich one in his deaths* [a] Or *if you place his life* [b] DSS (1QIsa[a]); MT lacks *light.*

The one redeeming you
is the holy one of Israel,
the one called
the God of all the earth.
6 As an abandoned
and dejected woman
the LORD has summoned you;
as a young wife when she is rejected,
says your God.
7 For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with great mercy
I will bring you back.
8 In an outburst of rage,
I hid my face from you
for a moment,
but with everlasting love
I have consoled you,
says your redeemer, the LORD.

9 These are like the days[c] of Noah
for me,
when I promised that Noah's waters
would never again cover the earth.
Likewise I promise not to rage
against you or rebuke you.
10 The mountains may shift,
and the hills may be shaken,
but my faithful love
won't shift from you,
and my covenant of peace
won't be shaken,
says the LORD,
the one who pities you.

11 Suffering one, storm-tossed,
uncomforted,
look, I am setting your gemstones
in silvery metal
and your foundations
with sapphires.
12 I will make your towers of rubies,
and your gates of beryl,
and all your walls of precious jewels.
13 All your children will be disciples
of the LORD—
I will make peace abound
for your children.
14 You will be firmly founded
in righteousness.
You will stay far from oppression
because you won't fear,
far from terror
because it won't come near you.
15 If anyone attacks you,
it's none of my doing.
Whoever attacks you
will fall because of you.
16 Look, I myself created the
metalworker who blows the fire
of coal and who produces a tool
for his work.
And I myself created the looter
to destroy.
17 No weapon fashioned against
you will succeed,
and you may condemn every
tongue that disputes with you.
This is the heritage
of the LORD's servants,
whose righteousness
comes from me, says the LORD.

Invitation to the feast

55 All of you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
Whoever has no money,
come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost,
buy wine and milk!
2 Why spend money
for what isn't food,
and your earnings
for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me
and eat what is good;
enjoy the richest of feasts.
3 Listen and come to me;
listen, and you will live.
I will make
an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.
4 Look, I made him a witness
to the peoples,
a prince and commander
of peoples.
5 Look, you will call a nation
you don't know,
a nation you don't know
will run to you
because of the LORD your God,
the holy one of Israel,
who has glorified you.

54:6 Is 49:14, Is 50:1, Is 62:4
54:7 Ps 30:5; Is 26:20, Is 43:5
54:8 Is 55:3, Is 60:10
54:9 Gn 8:21, Gn 9:11; Is 12:1
54:11 Rev 21:19
54:12 Ex 28:19
54:13 Ps 119:165; Is 48:18; Jn 6:45
54:14 Zec 9:8
54:15 Is 8:9, Is 41:11; Zec 2:8
54:17 Is 45:24, Is 50:8
55:1 Mt 5:6; Jn 4:14, Jn 7:37; Rev 21:6, Rev 22:17
55:2 Ps 22:26; Is 25:6; Jer 31:14; Hos 8:7
55:3 Is 61:8; Jer 32:40; Ac 13:34; Heb 13:20
55:4 Dn 9:25; Mi 5:2; Rev 1:5
55:5 Is 49:6, Is 60:9

[c] Or *for the waters*

6 Seek the LORD
when he can still be found;
call him while he is yet near.
7 Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the sinful their schemes.
Let them return to the LORD
so that he may have mercy on them,
to our God, because he is generous
with forgiveness.
8 My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways,
says the LORD.
9 Just as the heavens
are higher than the earth,
so are my ways
higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans.
10 Just as the rain and the snow
come down from the sky
and don't return there
without watering the earth,
making it conceive and yield plants
and providing seed to the sower
and food to the eater,
11 so is my word
that comes from my mouth;
it does not return to me empty.
Instead, it does what I want,
and accomplishes what I intend.

12 Yes, you will go out with celebration,
and you will be brought back
in peace.
Even the mountains and the hills
will burst into song before you;
all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.
13 In place of the thorn
the cypress will grow;
in place of the nettle
the myrtle will grow.
This will attest to the LORD's stature,
an enduring reminder
that won't be removed.

Keepers of God's Sabbath

56 The LORD says:
Act justly
and do what is righteous,
because my salvation
is coming soon,
and my righteousness
will be revealed.
2 Happy is the one who does this,
the person who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath,
not making it impure,
and avoids doing any evil.

3 Don't let the immigrant
who has joined with the LORD say,
"The LORD will exclude me
from the people."
And don't let the eunuch say,
"I'm just a dry tree."
4 The LORD says:
To the eunuchs
who keep my sabbaths,
choose what I desire,
and remain loyal to my covenant,
5 in my temple and courts,
I will give them
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters.
I will give to them an enduring name
that won't be removed.
6 The immigrants who have joined me,[d]
serving me and loving my name,[e]
becoming my servants,[f]
everyone who keeps the Sabbath
without making it impure,
and those who hold fast
to my covenant:
7 I will bring them
to my holy mountain,
and bring them joy
in my house of prayer.
I will accept their entirely burned
offerings and sacrifices
on my altar.
My house will be known as a house
of prayer for all peoples,
8 says the LORD God,
who gathers Israel's outcasts.
I will gather still others
to those I have already gathered.

Neglectful leaders

9 All you beasts of the field,
come and eat,
all you beasts of the forest!
10 The lookouts are blind;
they all lack sense.

55:6 Dt 4:29; Ps 32:6; Jer 29:13; Am 5:4; Ac 17:27
55:7 Prv 28:13; Is 43:25, Is 44:22; Eze 18:27
55:8 Ro 11:33
55:9 Ps 103:11; Ro 11:33
55:10 Is 30:23; 2Co 9:10
55:11 Dt 32:2; Is 40:8, Is 44:26, Is 45:23, Is 46:10
56:1 Is 1:17, Is 46:13, Is 51:5
56:2 Ex 20:8; Is 58:13; Jer 17:21; Eze 20:12
56:3 Dt 23:1; Is 14:1; Jer 38:7; Zec 8:20; Ac 8:27
56:4 Ex 31:13; Is 56:2
56:5 Is 55:13; Rev 3:12
56:7 Is 2:2, Is 2:3; Mt 21:13; Mk 11:17; Lk 19:46
56:8 Ps 147:2; Is 11:12, Is 60:3; Jn 10:16
56:10 Jer 14:13; Eze 3:17

[d] Or *to the* LORD [e] Or *serving him and loving the* LORD's *name* [f] Or *becoming his servants*

They are all mute dogs
that can't bark,
dreamers, loungers, loving to sleep.
11 But the dogs have
monstrous appetites.
They never have enough.
They are shepherds
who don't understand.
All of them
have turned to their own ways,
every last one greedy for profit.
12 "Come! I'll get some wine!
Let's drink beer!
Tomorrow will be like today,
or even much better."

57 The righteous person perishes,
and no one takes it to heart.
Loyal people are gathered together,
and no one understands
that because of evil
the righteous one passed away.
2 They will find peace;
those who walk in straight paths
will find rest on their burial beds.

Accusations against idolators

3 Come here, you children of sorcery,
offspring of adultery
and prostitution!
4 Whom are you mocking?
Against whom do you
open your mouth wide
and stick out your tongue?
Aren't you children of rebellion,
offspring of lies,
5 who console yourselves with idols
under every green tree,
who slaughter children in the valleys,
under the rocky cliffs?
6 You belong with the smooth talkers[g]
in the valley;
they, they are your lot.
For them you poured out
a drink offering,
and presented a grain offering.
Should I condone these things?
7 On a very high mountain
you made your bed.
You went up there to offer a sacrifice.
8 Behind the door and the doorpost
you placed your symbols.
You abandoned me and lay down,
making room in your bed
and making deals for yourself
with them.[h]
You loved their bed;
you saw their nakedness.
9 You went down to Molech[i] with oil,
and you slathered
on your ointments;
you sent your messengers far away,
sent them down to the underworld.[j]
10 Worn out by all your efforts,
yet you wouldn't say,
"This is useless."
You found new strength;
therefore, you weren't tired.
11 Whom did you dread and fear
so that you lied,
didn't remember me
or give me a thought?
Isn't it because I was silent
and closed my eyes
that you stopped fearing me?
12 I will bring evidence about your
righteousness and your actions;
they won't help you.
13 When you cry out,
let those things you've gathered
save you!
The wind will lift them all;
one breath will take them away.
But those taking refuge in me
will inherit the land
and possess my holy mountain.

Peace for the remorseful

14 It will be said:
"Survey, survey; build a road!
Remove barriers
from my people's road!"
15 The one who is high and lifted up,
who lives forever,
whose name is holy, says:
I live on high, in holiness,
and also with the crushed[k]
and the lowly,
reviving the spirit of the lowly,
reviving the heart of those
who have been crushed.[l]
16 I won't always accuse,
nor will I be enraged forever.

56:11 Jer 6:13, Jer 22:17; Eze 34:2; Mi 3:11
57:1 2Ki 22:20; Ps 12:1; Mi 7:2
57:2 Gn 17:1; 2Ch 16:14; Dn 12:13; Lk 2:29; Rev 14:13
57:3 Mt 16:4
57:4 Ps 35:21; Is 1:4
57:6 Is 65:11; Jer 3:9, Jer 7:18, Jer 19:13; Eze 20:28
57:7 Jer 3:6; Eze 16:16
57:11 Ps 50:21
57:13 Jgs 10:14; Ps 37:9; Is 56:7
57:14 Is 62:10
57:15 Dt 33:27; Ps 34:18, Ps 51:17; Is 66:2; Lk 1:49
57:16 Ps 103:9

[g] Or *smooth things* [h] Heb uncertain [i] Or *the king* [j] Heb *Sheol* [k] Or *contrite* [l] Or *contrite*

It is my own doing
that their spirit is exhausted—
I gave them breath!
17 I was enraged
about their illegal profits;
I struck them;
in rage I withdrew from them.
Yet they went on wandering
wherever they wanted.
18 I have seen their ways,
but I will heal them.
I will guide them,
and reward them with comfort.
And for those who mourn,
19 I will create reason for praise:[m]
utter prosperity to those far
and near,
and I will heal them, says the LORD.
20 But the wicked
are like the churning sea
that can't keep still.
They churn up from their waters
muck and mud.
21 There is no peace, says my God,
for the wicked.

Fasting from injustice

58 Shout loudly; don't hold back;
raise your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their crime,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
2 They seek me day after day,
desiring knowledge of my ways
like a nation that acted righteously,
that didn't abandon their God.
They ask me for righteous judgments,
wanting to be close to God.
3 "Why do we fast and you don't see;
why afflict ourselves
and you don't notice?"
Yet on your fast day
you do whatever you want,
and oppress all your workers.
4 You quarrel and brawl,
and then you fast;
you hit each other violently
with your fists.
You shouldn't fast
as you are doing today
if you want to make
your voice heard on high.

57:17 Is 56:11; Jer 6:13

57:18 Jer 3:22; Hos 14:4

57:19 Ac 2:39; Eph 2:17; Heb 13:15

57:20 Job 18:5; Jud 1:13

57:21 Is 48:22

58:1 Mi 3:8

58:2 Is 1:11, Is 29:13, Is 48:1; Ti 1:16

58:3 Ps 69:10; Jer 14:12; Zec 7:5; Mal 3:14

58:4 Dt 1:12; 1Ki 21:9; Prv 17:19, Prv 26:21; Is 59:2

58:5 1Ki 21:27; Zec 7:5

58:6 Neh 5:10

58:7 Job 31:19; Is 16:4; Eze 18:7; Mt 25:35, Mt 25:36

58:8 Job 11:17; Is 52:12, Is 58:10

58:9 Ps 12:2, Ps 50:15; Prv 6:13; Is 30:19, Is 65:24

58:10 Dt 15:7; Job 11:17; Prv 11:25, Prv 28:27; Is 58:8

58:11 Ps 48:14, Ps 107:9; Is 57:18; Jer 31:12

5 Is this the kind of fast I choose,
a day of self-affliction,
of bending one's head like a reed
and of lying down
in mourning clothing and ashes?
Is this what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 Isn't this the fast I choose:
releasing wicked restraints,
untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?
7 Isn't it sharing your bread
with the hungry
and bringing the homeless poor
into your house,
covering the naked
when you see them,
and not hiding
from your own family?
8 Then your light
will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.
Your own righteousness
will walk before you,
and the LORD's glory
will be your rear guard.
9 Then you will call,
and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help,
and God will say, "I'm here."
If you remove the yoke
from among you,
the finger-pointing,
the wicked speech;
10 if you open your heart
to the hungry,
and provide abundantly
for those who are afflicted,
your light will shine
in the darkness,
and your gloom
will be like the noon.
11 The LORD will guide you continually
and provide for you,
even in parched places.
He will rescue your bones.
You will be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
that won't run dry.

[m] Heb uncertain

12 They will rebuild ancient ruins
on your account;
the foundations of generations past
you will restore.
You will be called
Mender of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Livable Streets.

13 If you stop trampling the Sabbath,
stop doing whatever you want
on my holy day,
and consider the Sabbath a delight,
sacred to the LORD, honored,
and honor it
instead of doing things your way,
seeking what you want
and doing business as usual,
14 then you will take delight
in the LORD.
I will let you ride on the heights
of the earth;
I will sustain you with the heritage
of your ancestor Jacob.
The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Alienation from God

59 Look! The LORD does not lack
the power to save,
nor are his ears too dull to hear,
2 but your misdeeds have separated
you from your God.
Your sins have hidden his face
from you
so that you aren't heard.
3 Your hands are stained with blood,
and your fingers with guilt.
Your lips speak lies;
your tongues mutter malice.
4 No one sues honestly;
no one pleads truthfully.
By trusting in emptiness
and speaking deceit,
they conceive harm
and give birth to malice.
5 They hatch adders' eggs,
and weave spiderwebs.
Whoever eats their eggs will die.
Moreover, the crushed egg
hatches a viper.
6 Their webs can't serve as clothing;
they can't cover themselves
with their deeds.
Their deeds are deeds of malice,
and the work of violence
is in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil;
they rush to shed innocent blood.
Their thoughts are thoughts
of malice;
desolation and destruction
litter their highways.
8 They don't know the way of peace;
there's no justice in their paths.
They make their roads crooked;
no one who walks in them
knows peace.

Injustice obscures vision

9 Because of all this,
justice is far from us,
and righteousness beyond our reach.
We expect light,
and there is darkness;
we await a gleam of light,
but walk about in gloom.
10 We grope along the wall like the blind;
like those without eyes we grope.
We stumble at noonday
as if it were twilight,
and among the strong
as if we were dying.
11 All of us growl like bears,
and like doves we moan.
We expect justice, but there is none;
we await salvation,
but it is far from us.
12 Our rebellions are numerous
in your presence;
our sins testify against us.
Our rebellions are with us;
we're aware of our guilt:
13 defying and denying the LORD,
turning away from our God,
planning oppression and revolt,
muttering lying words
conceived in our minds.
14 Justice is pushed aside;
righteousness stands far off,
because truth has stumbled
in the public square,
and honesty can't enter.
15 Truth is missing;
anyone turning from evil
is plundered.

58:12 Is 49:8, Is 61:4
58:13 Ex 20:8; Is 56:2; Jer 17:21
58:14 Dt 32:13; Job 22:26; Is 1:20
59:1 Nm 11:23; Josh 4:24; Is 50:2, Is 58:9, Is 65:24
59:2 Is 1:15; Eze 39:23
59:3 Is 1:15
59:4 Job 15:35
59:5 Job 8:14; Is 11:8, Is 14:29, Is 30:6; Jer 8:17
59:6 Prv 4:17; Is 28:20; Jer 6:7
59:7 Prv 1:16, Prv 6:17; Mk 7:21; Ro 3:15
59:8 Ps 125:5; Prv 2:15; Is 48:22, Is 57:21; Lk 1:79
59:9 Is 5:30
59:10 Dt 28:29; Job 5:14; Lam 3:6
59:11 Is 38:14; Eze 7:16
59:12 Ezr 9:6; Jer 14:7
59:13 Prv 30:9; Is 5:7, Is 59:3, Is 59:4; Mk 7:21
59:14 Ps 82:2; Ecc 3:16; Is 1:21, Is 5:7; Hab 1:4
59:15 Is 5:7, Is 29:21, Is 59:14; Jer 7:28; Hab 1:13

God will intervene

The LORD looked and was upset
at the absence of justice.
16 Seeing that there was no one,
and astonished that
no one would intervene,
God's arm brought victory,
upheld by righteousness,
17 putting on righteousness as armor
and a helmet of salvation
on his head,
putting on garments of vengeance,
and wrapping himself
in a cloak of zeal.
18 God will repay
according to their actions:
wrath to his foes,
retribution to enemies,
retribution to the coastlands,
19 so those in the west
will fear the LORD's name,
and those in the east
will fear God's glory.
It will come like a rushing river
that the LORD's wind drives on.
20 A redeemer will come to Zion
and to those in Jacob
who stop rebelling,
says the LORD.

21 As for me, this is my covenant
with them, says the LORD.
My spirit, which is upon you,
and my words, which I have placed
in your mouth
won't depart from your mouth,
nor from the mouths
of your descendants,
nor from the mouths
of your descendants' children,
says the LORD,
forever and always.

Jerusalem's coming radiance

60 Arise! Shine!
Your light has come;
the LORD's glory has shone
upon you.
2 Though darkness covers the earth
and gloom the nations,
the LORD will shine upon you;
God's glory will appear over you.

59:17 Is 9:7; Eph 6:14, Eph 6:17; 1Th 5:8

59:20 Job 19:25; Eze 18:30; Ro 11:26, Ro 11:27

59:21 Jer 31:31

60:1 Is 52:2; Lk 2:32

60:2 1Sa 2:9; Ps 82:5; Jer 13:16; Ac 26:18; Col 1:13

60:3 Is 49:6; Rev 21:24

60:4 Is 49:18, Is 49:20

60:6 Gn 25:4; Ps 72:10; Jer 6:20; Mt 2:11

60:8 Ps 68:13; Is 45:22, Is 49:21; Lk 13:29; Heb 12:1

60:13 1Ch 28:2; Is 35:2, Is 41:19

3 Nations will come to your light
and kings to your dawning radiance.

4 Lift up your eyes and look all around:
they are all gathered;
they have come to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and your daughters
on caregivers' hips.
5 Then you will see and be radiant;
your heart will tremble
and open wide,
because the sea's abundance
will be turned over to you;
the nations' wealth will come to you.
6 Countless camels will cover your land,
young camels
from Midian and Ephah.
They will all come from Sheba,
carrying gold and incense,
proclaiming the LORD's praises.
7 All Kedar's sheep
will be gathered for you;
rams from Nebaioth
will be your offerings;
they will be accepted on my altar,
and I will glorify my splendid house.

8 Who are these who fly like a cloud,
like doves to their shelters?
9 I'm the hope of the coastlands.
Ships from Tarshish are in the lead
to bring your children from afar,
their silver and gold with them
for the name of the LORD your God
and for the holy one of Israel,
who has glorified you.
10 Foreigners will rebuild your walls,
and their kings will serve you.
Though in my rage I struck you down,
in my favor I have consoled you.
11 Your gates will be open continually;
day and night they won't close,
to bring to you the wealth of nations,
and their kings led in procession.
12 The nation and the dynasty
that won't serve you will perish;
such nations will be devastated.
13 Lebanon's glory will come upon you,
cypress, elm, and pine,
to glorify the site of my sanctuary,
and I will honor my royal footstool.

14 The children of your tormenters
will come bending low to you;
all who despised you
will bow down at your feet.
They will call you The LORD's City,
Zion, of the holy one of Israel.
15 Instead of being abandoned,
hated, and forbidden,
I will make you majestic forever,
a joy for all generations.
16 You will suck the milk of nations,
and nurse at royal breasts.
You will know that I am the LORD,
your savior
and your redeemer,
the mighty one of Jacob.
17 Instead of bronze I will bring gold;
instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze;
and instead of stones, iron.
I will make peace your governor
and righteousness your taskmaster.
18 Violence will no longer resound
throughout your land,
nor devastation or destruction
within your borders.
You will call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise.
19 The sun will no longer
be your light by day,
nor will the moon shine
for illumination by night.[n]
The LORD will be
your everlasting light;
your God will be your glory.
20 Your sun will no longer set;
your moon will no longer wane.
The LORD will be
an everlasting light for you,
and your days of mourning
will be ended.
21 Your people will all be righteous;
they will possess the land forever.
They are the shoot that I planted,
the work of my hands,
to glorify myself.
22 The least will become a thousand,
and the smallest
a powerful people.
I am the LORD; at the right moment,
I will hurry it along.

60:14 Is 1:26, Is 14:1, Is 14:2, Is 49:23; Rev 3:9

60:15 Is 54:6, Is 65:18

60:16 Is 43:3, Is 49:23, Is 59:20, Is 66:11

60:17 1Ki 10:21; Is 9:7, Is 60:7, Is 60:9

60:18 Is 26:1, Is 51:19

60:19 Is 24:23; Rev 21:23, Rev 22:5

60:20 Ps 27:1; Is 30:26, Is 35:10, Is 65:19; Rev 21:4

61:1 Ps 45:7; Is 11:2, Is 42:7, Is 48:16; Lk 4:18

61:2 Is 34:8, Is 49:8, Is 57:18; Mt 5:4

61:3 Ps 45:7; Is 60:21; Jer 17:8; Mt 5:4; Heb 1:9

61:8 Ps 11:7; Is 55:3

Joyful proclamations

61 The LORD God's spirit
is upon me,
because the LORD
has anointed me.
He has sent me
to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim release for captives,
and liberation for prisoners,
2 to proclaim the year
of the LORD's favor
and a day of vindication
for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
3 to provide for Zion's mourners,
to give them a crown
in place of ashes,
oil of joy in place of mourning,
a mantle of praise
in place of discouragement.
They will be called
Oaks of Righteousness,
planted by the LORD
to glorify himself.
4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins;
they will restore
formerly deserted places;
they will renew ruined cities,
places deserted in generations past.

5 Foreigners will stay
and shepherd your sheep,
and strangers will be
your farmers and vinedressers.
6 You will be called
The Priests of the LORD;
Ministers of Our God,
they will say about you.
You will feed on the wealth
of nations,
and fatten[o] yourself
on their riches.
7 Instead of shame,
their[p] portion will be double;
instead of disgrace,
they will rejoice over their share.
They will possess a double portion
in their land;
everlasting joy will be theirs.
8 I, the LORD, love justice;

[n] Cf DSS (1QIsa[a]), LXX; MT lacks *by night*. [o] Heb uncertain [p] Or *your*

I hate robbery and dishonesty.[q]
I will faithfully give them their wage,
and make with them
an enduring covenant.
9 Their offspring will be known
among the nations,
and their descendants
among the peoples.
All who see them will recognize
that they are a people
blessed by the LORD.

10 I surely rejoice in the LORD;
my heart is joyful
because of my God,
because he has clothed me
with clothes of victory,
wrapped me in a robe
of righteousness
like a bridegroom
in a priestly crown,
and like a bride adorned in jewelry.
11 As the earth puts out its growth,
and as a garden grows its seeds,
so the LORD God
will grow righteousness
and praise before all the nations.

Jerusalem redeemed

62 For Zion's sake
I won't keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake
I won't sit still
until her righteousness
shines out like a light,
and her salvation blazes like a torch.
2 Nations will see your righteousness,
all kings your glory.
You will be called by a new name,
which the LORD's own mouth
will determine.
3 You will be a splendid garland
in the LORD's hand,
a royal turban in the palm
of God's hand.
4 You will no longer
be called Abandoned,
and your land will no longer
be called Deserted.
Instead, you will be called
My Delight Is in Her,
and your land, Married.
Because the LORD delights in you,
your land will be cared for
once again.
5 As a young man marries
a young woman,
so your sons will marry you.
With the joy of a bridegroom
because of his bride,
so your God will rejoice
because of you.

6 Upon your walls, Jerusalem,
I have appointed sentinels.
Continually, all day and all night,
they won't keep silent.
You who call on the LORD, don't rest,
7 and don't allow God to rest
until he establishes Jerusalem,
and makes it the praise of the earth.
8 The LORD has promised
with raised hand and strong arm:
I will never again give your grain
as food for your enemies.
Foreigners won't drink your wine
for which you labored.
9 Those who harvest will eat it
and will praise the LORD;
those who gather will drink it
in my holy courtyards.

10 Pass through, pass through the gates;
prepare the way for the people!
Build, build the road;
clear away the stones!
Raise up a signal for the peoples.
11 This is what the LORD announced
to the earth's distant regions:
Say to Daughter Zion,
"Look! Your deliverer arrives,
bringing reward and payment!"
12 They will be called The Holy People,
Redeemed By the LORD.
And you will be called
Sought After—
A City That Is Not Abandoned.

Vengeance against the nations

63 Who is this coming from Edom,
from Bozrah
in bright red garments,

61:9 Is 65:23
61:10 Ps 132:16; Is 25:9, Is 49:18, Is 52:1; Rev 21:2
61:11 Is 45:8, Is 60:18
62:2 Is 60:3, Is 65:15; Rev 2:17, Rev 3:12
62:3 Is 28:5; Zec 9:16; 1Th 2:19
62:4 Is 54:5, Is 54:6; Jer 32:41; Hos 2:19; Zep 3:17
62:6 Is 52:8; Jer 6:17; Eze 3:17; Heb 13:17
62:7 Is 60:18, Is 62:1; Zep 3:20; Lk 18:1
62:10 Is 11:10, Is 11:12, Is 11:16, Is 49:22, Is 57:14
62:11 Is 40:10; Zec 9:9; Mt 21:5; Rev 22:12
62:12 Is 35:9; 1Pt 2:9
63:1 Is 34:5, Is 34:6; Jer 49:13; Eze 25:12; Am 1:12

[q]Heb manuscripts, LXX, Syr, Tg; MT *robbery with an entirely burned offering*

this splendidly dressed one,
striding[r] with great power?
It is I, proclaiming righteousness,
powerful to save!
2 Why is your clothing red,
and your garments like those
of one who stomps on grapes?
3 I have pressed out in the vat
by myself—
from the peoples,
no one was with me.
I stomped on them in my anger,
trampled them in my wrath.
Their blood splashed
on my garments,
and stained all my clothing,
4 because I intended
a day of vengeance;
the year of my deliverance
had arrived.
5 I looked and found no helper;
I was astonished to find
no supporter.
But my arm brought victory for me;
my wrath helped me.
6 I trampled down nations in my anger
and made them drunk on my wrath;
I spilled their blood on the ground.

Prayer of yearning

7 I will recount the LORD's faithful acts;
I will sing the LORD's praises,
because of all the LORD did for us,
for God's great favor
toward the house of Israel.
God treated them compassionately
and with deep affection.
8 God said, "Truly, they are my people,
children who won't do
what is wrong."
God became their savior.
9 During all their distress,
God also was distressed,
so a messenger who served him
saved them.
In love and mercy
God redeemed them,
lifting and carrying them
throughout earlier times.
10 But they rebelled,
and made God's holy spirit
terribly sad,
so that he turned into
their enemy—
he fought against them!

11 Then they remembered earlier times,
when he rescued his people.[s]
Where was the one
who drew them up from the sea,
the shepherd[t] of the flock?
Where was the one
who put within them his holy spirit;
12 the one who guided
Moses' strong hand
with his glorious arm;
who split the water for them
to create an enduring reputation
for himself,
13 and who guided them
through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they didn't stumble.
14 Like cattle descending to the valley,
the LORD's spirit
brought them to rest.
In this way you led your people
and made for yourself
a glorious reputation.

15 Look down from heaven and see,
from your holy and glorious perch.
Where are your energy
and your might,
your concern and your pity?
Don't hold back![u]
16 You are surely our father,
even though Abraham
doesn't know us,
and Israel doesn't recognize us.
You, LORD, are our father;
your reputation since long ago
is that of our redeemer.
17 Why do you lead us astray, LORD,
from your ways?
Why do you harden our heart
so we don't fear you?
Return for the sake of your servants
the tribes that are your heritage!
18 Why did the wicked
bring down your holy place?[v]
Why did our enemies
trample your sanctuary?

63:2 Is 63:3; Rev 19:13, Rev 19:15
63:3 Rev 19:13
63:4 Is 34:8, Is 61:2
63:5 Ps 44:3, Ps 98:1; Is 40:10, Is 41:28, Is 59:16
63:6 Is 51:17, Is 51:21
63:9 Ex 14:19, Ex 23:20, Ex 33:14; Dt 1:31, Dt 7:7
63:10 Ps 78:40; Ac 7:51; Eph 4:30
63:11 Nm 11:17, Nm 11:25; Ps 77:20; Hg 2:5
63:13 Jer 31:9
63:14 Is 63:12
63:15 Dt 26:15; Ps 80:14, Ps 123:1; Lam 3:50
63:16 Ex 4:22; Dt 32:6; Is 41:14, Is 44:6, Is 64:8
63:17 Nm 10:36; Is 6:10, Is 29:13; Jn 12:40
63:18 Ps 74:3; Is 64:11

[r] Or *stooping* [s] Or *Moses, his people* [t] LXX, Tg; MT *shepherds* [u] Heb uncertain [v] Cf LXX, Vulg; Heb uncertain

19 For too long we have been
like those you don't rule,
like those not known by your name.

64 [w]If only you would tear open
the heavens and come down!
Mountains would quake before you
2 like fire igniting brushwood
or making water boil.
[x]If you would make your name known
to your enemies,
the nations would tremble
in your presence.

3 When you accomplished wonders
beyond all our expectations;
when you came down,
mountains quaked before you.
4 From ancient times,
no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any god but you
who acts on behalf of
those who wait for him![y]
5 You look after
those who gladly do right;
they will praise you for your ways.[z]
But you were angry when we sinned;
you hid yourself
when we did wrong.[a]
6 We have all become like the unclean;
all our righteous deeds
are like a menstrual rag.
All of us wither like a leaf;
our sins, like the wind,
carry us away.
7 No one calls on your name;
no one bothers to hold on to you,
for you have hidden yourself
from us,
and have handed us over[b] to our sin.

8 But now, LORD, you are our father.
We are the clay,
and you are our potter.
All of us are the work of your hand.
9 Don't rage so fiercely, LORD;
don't hold our sins
against us forever,
but gaze now on your people,
all of us:

63:19 Is 65:1
64:1 Jgs 5:5; Na 1:5
64:2 Ps 99:1; Jer 5:22, Jer 33:9
64:4 Ps 31:19; Is 30:18; 1Co 2:9
64:5 Is 26:8, Is 56:1
64:6 Ps 90:5, Ps 90:6
64:8 Is 29:16, Is 45:9, Is 63:16; Jer 18:6
64:10 Is 1:7
64:11 2Ki 25:9; 2Ch 36:19; Lam 1:7, Lam 1:10, Lam 2:7
64:12 Ps 74:10; Is 42:14; Zec 1:12
65:1 Ro 10:20
65:2 Ro 10:21
65:3 Is 1:29, Is 66:17
65:5 Prv 10:26; Mt 9:11; Lk 7:39, Lk 15:2, Lk 18:9

10 Your holy cities
have become a wilderness;
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a wasteland.
11 Our holy, glorious house,
where our ancestors praised you,
has gone up in flames;
all that we treasured
has become a ruin.
12 After all this,
will you hold back, LORD?
Will you keep silent
and torment us so terribly?

Judgment for idolators

65 I was ready to respond
to those who didn't ask.
I was ready to be found
by those who didn't look for me.
I said, "I'm here! I'm here!"
to a nation
that didn't call on my name.
2 I extended my hands all day
to a rebellious people
walking in a way that isn't good,
following their own plans;
3 people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and burning incense on bricks,
4 who sit in tombs
and spend the night among rocks;[c]
who eat swine's flesh
with broth of unclean meat
in their bowls;
5 who say, "Keep to yourself!
Keep away from me!
I'm too holy for you."
These people ignite my anger
like a fire that burns all day.
6 Look, this stands written before me.
I won't be silent, but I will repay;
I will repay in full measure
7 your sins and the sins
of your ancestors as well,
says the LORD.
Since they burned incense
on the mountains,
and mocked me in the hills,
I will count out to them
full payment for their actions.

[w]63:19*b* in Heb [x]64:1 in Heb [y]Heb uncertain [z]Heb uncertain [a]Heb uncertain [b]LXX, cf Syr, Tg, Vulg; MT *melted* [c]Or *in guarded places*

8 The LORD proclaims:
As new wine is found
in the grape cluster,
and someone says, "Don't destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for the sake
of my servants
and not destroy everything:
9 I will bring out offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah,
heirs to my mountains.
My chosen ones will take possession;
my servants will dwell there.
10 Sharon will become a pasture
for sheep,
and the Achor Valley
a resting place for cattle,
for my people who seek me.
11 But you who abandon the LORD,
who forget my holy mountain,
who set a table
for a god of good fortune,
and fill cups of mixed wine
for a god of fate:
12 I will offer you to the sword.
You will all bow down
for slaughter,
because I called
and you didn't answer;
I spoke and you wouldn't hear.
You did what I considered evil,
and chose what I didn't want.
13 Therefore, the LORD God says:
Look, my servants will eat,
but you will hunger.
My servants will drink,
but you will thirst.
My servants will rejoice,
but you will be ashamed.
14 My servants will sing
with contented hearts,
but you will cry out from heartache;
with broken spirits you will wail.
15 You will leave your name behind
for my chosen ones to curse:
"May the LORD God kill you!
May he call his servants
by a different name!"
16 Those who pronounce
a blessing in the land
will do so by the God called Amen;
those who make a solemn pledge
in the land will do so
by the God called Amen.[d]
Past troubles will be forgotten
and hidden from my sight.

New creation and new Jerusalem

17 Look! I'm creating
a new heaven and a new earth:
past events won't be remembered;
they won't come to mind.
18 Be glad and rejoice forever
in what I'm creating,
because I'm creating Jerusalem
as a joy
and her people as a source
of gladness.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad about my people.
No one will ever hear the sound
of weeping or crying in it again.
20 No more will babies live
only a few days,
or the old fail to live out their days.
The one who dies at a hundred
will be like a young person,
and the one falling short
of a hundred will seem cursed.
21 They will build houses
and live in them;
they will plant vineyards
and eat their fruit.
22 They won't build for others to live in,
nor plant for others to eat.
Like the days of a tree
will be the days of my people;
my chosen will make full use
of their handiwork.
23 They won't labor in vain,
nor bear children
to a world of horrors,
because they will be people
blessed by the LORD,
they along with their descendants.
24 Before they call, I will answer;
while they are still speaking,
I will hear.
25 Wolf and lamb will graze together,
and the lion will eat straw
like the ox,
but the snake—its food will be dust.

65:8 Gn 18:26; Is 6:13, Is 17:6, Is 48:9; Jer 30:11
65:9 Is 27:6, Is 45:19
65:10 Josh 7:26; 1 Ch 27:29; Is 33:9, Is 35:2; Hos 2:15
65:11 Is 1:28
65:12 Prv 1:24; Is 50:2, Is 66:4; Jer 7:13
65:13 Is 1:19, Is 61:7, Is 66:14
65:14 Mt 8:12; Jas 5:13
65:15 Is 62:2; Jer 29:22; Zec 8:13
65:16 Dt 32:4; Ps 31:5; Is 19:18
65:17 Is 43:18, Is 66:22; Jer 3:16; 2 Pt 3:13; Rev 21:1
65:18 Ps 98:1
65:19 Is 25:8, Is 35:10, Is 51:11, Is 62:5; Jer 32:41
65:20 Job 5:26; Ecc 8:12
65:21 Dt 28:30; Is 37:30; Jer 31:5; Eze 28:26; Am 9:14
65:22 Ps 91:16, Ps 92:12
65:23 Is 49:4, Is 61:9; Ac 2:39
65:24 Ps 91:15; Is 58:9; Dn 10:12
65:25 Gn 3:14; Is 2:4, Is 11:6, Is 11:9; Mi 7:17

[d] Or *so be it*

They won't hurt or destroy
at any place on my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Where God may be found

66 The LORD says:
Heaven is my throne,
and earth is my footstool.
So where could you build a house
for me,
and where could
my resting place be?
2 My hand made all these things
and brought them into being,
says the LORD.
But here is where I will look:
to the humble
and contrite in spirit,
who tremble at my word.

3 The one who slaughters an ox
kills a person;
the one who sacrifices a sheep
breaks a dog's neck;
the one who makes a grain offering
offers swine's blood;
the one who burns incense
blesses an idol.
All these have chosen
their own ways,
and prefer their detestable things.
4 So I too will choose to punish them,
to bring horrors upon them,
since I called and no one answered.
I spoke and no one heard,
but they did evil in my eyes.
What I didn't want, they chose.

5 Listen to the LORD's word,
you who tremble at his word:
Your family members,
those who hate and exclude you
because of my name,
have said,
"Let the LORD be glorified;
let's see your joy."
But they will be ashamed.
6 The sound of an uproar from the
city! A sound from the temple!
The sound of the LORD
repaying his enemies
what they have earned.

66:1 1Ki 8:27; Mt 5:34, Mt 5:35; Ac 7:49, Ac 17:24

66:2 Ps 34:18, Ps 138:6; Is 40:26, Is 57:15; Mt 5:3

66:3 Lv 2:2; Is 1:11, Is 65:4

66:4 2Ki 21:2; Prv 1:24, Prv 10:24; Is 65:12; Jer 7:13

66:5 Ps 38:20; Is 5:19; Mt 5:10; Jn 15:18

66:6 Is 59:18, Is 65:6; Jl 3:7

66:7 Is 54:1; Rev 12:5

66:8 Is 64:4

66:9 Is 37:3

66:10 Dt 32:43; Ps 122:6

66:11 Is 60:16

66:12 Ps 72:3; Is 48:18, Is 60:4, Is 60:5

66:13 Is 40:1, Is 51:3; 2Co 1:3

66:14 Ezr 8:22, Ezr 8:31; Prv 3:8; Is 58:11; Zec 10:7

66:15 Ps 50:3, Ps 68:17; Is 30:27

66:16 Is 27:1, Is 30:30; Eze 38:22

Mother Zion

7 Before she was in labor,
she gave birth.
Before her pangs came upon her,
she delivered a boy.
8 Whoever heard of such a thing?
Whoever saw such things as these?
Can a land come to birth in one day?
Can a nation be born all at once?
Yet as soon as birth pangs came,
Zion bore her children.
9 Will I open the womb
and not bring to birth?
says the LORD.
Will I, who create life,
close the womb? says your God.
10 Celebrate with Jerusalem;
be happy with her,
all you who love her!
Rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her,
11 so that you may nurse
and be satisfied
from her comforting breasts,
that you may drink and be refreshed
from her full breasts.
12 The LORD says:
Look, I'm extending prosperity
to her like a river,
and the wealth of nations
like an overflowing stream.
You will nurse
and be carried on the hip
and bounced upon the knee.

13 As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
in Jerusalem you will be comforted.
14 When you see this,
your heart will rejoice;
your entire being
will flourish like grass.
The LORD's power will be known
among his servants,
but his fury among his enemies.
15 The LORD will come with fire,
God's chariots like a windstorm,
to repay in hot anger,
to rebuke with fiery flames.
16 With fire and with sword
the LORD will judge all humanity;
many will be slain by the LORD.

17 Those who became holy and purify
themselves, following their leader into
the gardens,[e] who eat pork, detestable
animals, and mice, will meet their end
together, says the LORD.

Worshippers gathered from the nations

18 Because of their actions and
thoughts, I'm coming to gather all
nations and cultures. They will come
to see my glory. 19 I will put a sign on
them, by sending out some of the
survivors to the nations, to Tarshish,
Libya, and Lydia, and to the archers of
Cilicia and Greece—distant coastlands
that haven't heard of my fame or seen
my glory. They will declare my glory
among the nations. 20 They will bring
your family members from all nations
as an offering to the LORD—on horses,
in chariots, in wagons, on mules, and
on camels—to my holy mountain Je-
rusalem, says the LORD, like Israelites
bringing an offering in purified con-
tainers to the LORD's house. 21 I will
select some of them as priests and Lev-
ites, says the LORD.

22 As the new heavens and the new
earth that I'm making will endure
before me, says the LORD,
so your descendants
and your name will endure.
23 From month to month
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all humanity will come
to worship me, says the LORD.
24 They will go out and see the corpses
of the people who rebelled
against me,
where their worm never dies,
where their fire
is never extinguished.
They will be a horror to everyone.

66:18 Dt 31:21; Job 42:2; Ps 86:9, Ps 94:11; Is 2:2
66:19 Gn 10:2; Eze 27:10, Eze 27:13, Eze 38:2, Eze 39:1
66:20 Is 2:2, Is 11:9, Is 11:12, Is 14:2, Is 43:6
66:21 Ex 19:6; Is 61:6; 1Pt 2:5, 1Pt 2:9
66:22 Is 65:17; Jn 10:27; 1Pt 1:4; 2Pt 3:13; Rev 21:1
66:23 Is 1:13, Is 19:21; Eze 46:1; Zec 14:16; Rev 15:4
66:24 Is 1:31, Is 14:11; Dn 12:2; Mk 9:44, Mk 9:48

JEREMIAH

Introduction

1 These are the words of Jeremiah,
Hilkiah's son, who was one of the
priests from Anathoth in the land of
Benjamin. 2 The LORD's word came
to Jeremiah in the thirteenth year of
Judah's King Josiah, Amon's son, 3 and
throughout the rule of Judah's King
Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, until the fifth
month of the eleventh year of King
Zedekiah, Josiah's son, when the people
of Jerusalem were taken into exile.

Call of Jeremiah

4 The LORD's word came to me:
5 "Before I created you in the womb
I knew you;
before you were born I set you apart;
I made you a prophet to the nations."
6 "Ah, LORD God," I said,
"I don't know how to speak
because I'm only a child."
7 The LORD responded,
"Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'
Where I send you, you must go;
what I tell you, you must say.
8 Don't be afraid of them,
because I'm with you to rescue you,"
declares the LORD.
9 Then the LORD stretched out
his hand,
touched my mouth, and said to me,
"I'm putting my words
in your mouth.
10 This very day I appoint you
over nations and empires,
to dig up and pull down,
to destroy and demolish,
to build and plant."

Jeremiah's mission confirmed

11 The LORD asked me, "What do you
see, Jeremiah?"
I said, "A branch of an almond[a] tree."
12 The LORD then said, "You are
right, for I'm watching over[b] my word

1:1 Josh 21:18; 2Ch 36:12, 2Ch 36:21; Jer 11:21, Jer 32:7
1:2 2Ki 21:24, 2Ki 22:1; 2Ch 34:1; Jer 25:3
1:5 Is 49:1
1:6 Ex 4:10; 1Ki 3:7
1:7 Jer 1:17; Eze 3:17
1:8 Jer 15:20; Eze 2:6, Eze 3:9
1:9 Is 6:7
1:10 Jer 18:7, Jer 24:6, Jer 31:28
1:11 Am 7:8

[e] Heb uncertain [a] Heb *shaqed* [b] Heb *shoqed*

until it is fulfilled." [13]The LORD asked me again, "What do you see?"

I said, "A pot boiling over from the north."

[14]The LORD said to me, "Trouble will erupt from the north against the people of this land."

[15]I'm calling for all the tribes of great nations from the north, says the LORD, and they will set up their rulers by the entrances of Jerusalem, on its walls, and in every city of Judah. [16]I will declare my judgment against them for doing evil: for abandoning me, worshipping other gods, and trusting in the works of their hands. [17]But you must prepare for battle and be ready to utter every word I command you. Don't be frightened before them, or I will frighten you before them. [18]Today I have made you an armed city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall against the entire land—the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and all its people. [19]They will attack you, but they won't defeat you, because I am with you and will rescue you, declares the LORD.

God's people abandon their God

2 The LORD's word came to me:
[2]Go and proclaim
to the people of Jerusalem,
The LORD proclaims:
I remember your first love,[c]
your devotion as a young bride,
how you followed me
in the wilderness,
in an unplanted land.
[3]Israel was devoted to the LORD,
the early produce of the harvest.
Whoever ate from it became guilty;
disaster overtook them,
declares the LORD.
[4]Listen to the LORD's word,
people of Judah,
all you families
of the Israelite household.
[5]This is what the LORD says:
What wrong did your ancestors find
in me
that made them wander so far?
They pursued what was worthless
and became worthless.
[6]They didn't ask,
"Where's the LORD who brought
us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us through the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and ravines,
in a land of drought and darkness,
in a land of no return,
where no one survives?"
[7]I brought you into a land of plenty,
to enjoy its gifts and goodness,
but you ruined my land;
you disgraced my heritage.
[8]The priests didn't ask,
"Where's the LORD?"
Those responsible for the
Instruction didn't know me;
the leaders rebelled against me;
the prophets spoke
in the name of Baal,
going after what has no value.
[9]That is why I will take you to court
and charge even your descendants,
declares the LORD.
[10]Look to the west
as far as the shores of Cyprus
and to the east
as far as the land of Kedar.
Ask anyone there:
Has anything this odd
ever taken place?
[11]Has a nation switched gods,
though they aren't really gods
at all?
Yet my people have exchanged
their glory
for what has no value.
[12]Be stunned at such a thing,
you heavens;
shudder and quake,
declares the LORD.
[13]My people have committed
two crimes:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water.
And they have dug wells,
broken wells that can't hold water.

[14]Is Israel a slave,
a servant by birth?

1:13 Eze 24:3
1:14 Jer 4:6, Jer 10:22
1:16 Jer 2:13, Jer 7:9, Jer 19:4
1:18 Is 50:7
1:19 Ps 129:2; Jer 1:8, Jer 20:11
2:1 Jer 7:1; Eze 1:3, Eze 7:1; Mi 1:1; Heb 1:1
2:5 2Ki 17:15; Jer 2:31; Mi 6:3
2:6 Dt 8:15, Dt 32:10; Is 63:11; Hos 13:4, Hos 13:5
2:8 Jer 5:31, Jer 23:1, Jer 23:2, Jer 23:13
2:9 Jer 2:35; Eze 20:35, Eze 20:36; Mi 6:2
2:10 Gn 10:4, Gn 25:13; Is 21:16
2:11 Ps 106:20; Is 37:19; Jer 16:20; Ro 1:23; Ga 4:8
2:12 Is 1:2
2:13 Ps 36:9; Jer 1:16, Jer 5:19, Jer 17:13; Jn 4:14

[c]Or *the love of your youth*

If not, why then has he
become prey?
15 Lions roar at him; they growl.
They destroy his land
and make his towns desolate
until nothing is left.
16 As well, the people
of Memphis and Tahpanhes
lay open your scalp.
17 Haven't you brought this on yourself
by abandoning the LORD your God,
who has directed your paths?
18 So why take the path to Egypt
to drink water from the Nile?
Why travel the path to Assyria
to drink water from the Euphrates?
19 Your wrongdoing will punish you.
Your acts of unfaithfulness
will find you out.
Don't you understand
how terribly bitter
it is to abandon
the LORD your God
and not fear me?
declares the LORD
of heavenly forces.
20 Long ago I broke your yoke;
I shattered your chains.
But even then you said,
"I won't serve you."
On every high hill
and under every lush tree,
you have acted like a prostitute.
21 Yet it was I who planted you,
a precious vine of fine quality;
how could you turn into a wild vine
and become good for nothing?
22 Even though you scrub yourself
with soap or strong powder,
the stain of your sin
is still before me,
declares the LORD God.
23 How can you say,
"I'm not dirty;
I haven't gone after Baals."
Look what you have done
in the valley;
consider what you have done there.
You are like a frenzied young camel,
racing around,
24 a wild donkey in the wilderness,
lustfully sniffing the wind.

2:18 Josh 13:3; Is 30:2; Jer 2:36; Hos 5:13, Hos 7:11

2:19 Ps 36:1; Is 3:9; Jer 4:18; Hos 5:5

2:20 Lv 26:13; Is 57:5; Jer 17:2

2:21 Ex 15:17; Ps 44:2, Ps 80:8; Is 5:2, Is 5:4

2:22 Job 9:30, Job 14:17; Jer 17:1

2:25 Dt 32:16; Jer 3:13, Jer 18:12

2:27 Jgs 10:10; Is 26:16; Jer 18:17, Jer 32:33; Hos 5:15

2:28 Dt 32:37, Dt 32:38; Jgs 10:14; Is 45:20; Jer 11:13

2:29 Jer 5:1, Jer 6:13; Dn 9:11

2:30 Neh 9:26; Is 1:5, Is 9:13; Jer 5:3; 1Th 2:15

2:31 Dt 32:15; Jer 2:5, Jer 2:6

2:32 Dt 32:18; Is 17:10; Jer 3:21, Jer 13:25; Hos 8:14

Who can restrain such passion?
Those who desire her
need not give up;
with little effort
they will find her in heat.
25 Don't run about
until your feet are blistered
and your throat is parched.
But you say, "What's the use?
I have fallen in love
with foreign gods,
and I must pursue them."
26 As a thief is ashamed
when caught in his tracks,
so the people of Israel
are ashamed—
their kings, officials,
priests, and prophets—
27 when they say to a piece of wood,
"You are my father,"
and to a stone,
"You gave me birth."
They have turned their backs to me
and not their faces.
Yet in their time of trouble they say,
"Arise and save us!"
28 Where are the gods
you have made for yourselves?
Let's see if they will come through
for you in your time of trouble.
You have as many gods, Judah,
as you have towns.
29 Why would you bring charges
against me?
You have all rebelled against me,
declares the LORD.
30 I have disciplined your children
in vain;
they have rejected my correction.
You have devoured your prophets
like a hungry lion.
31 People of this generation,
listen closely to the LORD's word:
Have I been a wasteland to Israel
or a land of dense darkness?
Why then do my people say,
"We have wandered far away;
we'll come to you no longer"?
32 Does a young woman
forget her jewelry
or a bride her wedding dress?
Yet you have forgotten me
days without end!

33 So skilled are you at pursuing lovers[d]
that you instruct
even the most wicked.[e]
34 Your garments are stained
with the blood of the innocent poor,
even though you didn't catch them
breaking and entering.
Yet, despite all this,[f] 35 you still insist,
"I'm innocent;
as a result he will turn his anger
away from me."
Because you claim not to have sinned,
I will pass judgment against you.
36 You change sides so casually!
But Egypt will shame you
no less than Assyria.
37 From there you will go out
with your hands on your heads,
because the LORD has rejected
those you rely on;
they won't help you.

Jeremiah's summons to change

3 If a man divorces his wife,
and after she leaves him
marries another,
can he return to her again?
Wouldn't such an act
completely corrupt the land?
Yet you have prostituted yourself
with many lovers.
Would you return to me?
declares the LORD.
2 Look to the well-traveled paths[g]
and see!
Where haven't you
committed adultery?
On the roadsides you sit in wait
for lovers,
like a nomad in the wilderness.
You have corrupted the land
with your cheap
and reckless behavior.
3 That's why the showers have failed
and the spring rains have ceased.
Still you act like a brazen prostitute[h]
who refuses to blush.
4 At the same time you say to me,
"My father, my friend since youth,
5 will you stay angry forever?
Will you continue to be furious?"
This is what you say
while you do as much evil
as you possibly can.

6 During the rule of King Josiah, the LORD said to me: Have you noticed what unfaithful Israel has done? She's gone about looking for lovers on top of every high hill and under every lush tree. 7 I thought that after she had done all this she would return to me, but she didn't. Her disloyal sister Judah saw this. 8 She[i] also saw that I sent unfaithful Israel away with divorce papers because of all her acts of unfaithfulness; yet disloyal sister Judah was not afraid but kept on playing the prostitute. 9 She didn't think twice about corrupting the land and committing adultery with stone and tree. 10 Yet even after all this, disloyal sister Judah didn't return to me with all her heart but only insincerely, declares the LORD. 11 Then the LORD said to me: Unfaithful Israel is less guilty[j] than disloyal Judah.

12 Go proclaim these words to the north and say:
Return, unfaithful Israel,
declares the LORD.
I won't reject you,
for I'm faithful,
declares the LORD;
I won't stay angry forever.
13 Only acknowledge your wrongdoing:
how you have rebelled
against the LORD your God,
and given yourself to strangers
under every lush tree
and haven't obeyed me,
declares the LORD.
14 Return, rebellious children,
declares the LORD,
for I'm your husband.
I'll gather you—
one from a city
and two from a tribe—
and bring you back to Zion.
15 I will appoint shepherds with whom I'm pleased, and they will lead you with knowledge and understand-

3:1 Dt 24:1; Jer 2:20
3:2 Gn 38:14; Jer 2:7, Jer 3:21; Eze 16:25
3:3 Jer 6:15; Am 4:7
3:4 Jer 2:2, Jer 2:27, Jer 3:19, Jer 31:9
3:6 Jer 2:20
3:7 Eze 16:46; Eze 23:2
3:8 Dt 24:1; Is 50:1; Eze 23:11
3:9 Is 57:6; Jer 2:27, Jer 3:2, Jer 10:8
3:10 Jer 12:2; Hos 7:14
3:11 Eze 16:51, Eze 16:52, Eze 23:11
3:12 Is 31:6; Jer 3:22, Jer 4:1, Jer 31:20; Hos 14:1
3:14 Is 54:5; Jer 31:32; Hos 2:19, Hos 2:20
3:15 Jer 23:4; Eze 34:23; Ac 20:28; Eph 4:11, Eph 4:12

[d] Or *love* [e] Or *you have taught your ways to wicked women.* [f] Heb uncertain [g] Or *bare heights* [h] Or *You have a prostitute's forehead.* [i] LXX, Syr; MT *I* [j] Or *more righteous*

ing. 16And in those days, when your numbers have greatly increased in the land, declares the LORD, people will no longer talk about the LORD's covenant chest; they won't recall or remember it; they won't even miss it or try to build another one. 17At that time, they will call Jerusalem the LORD's throne, and all nations will gather there to honor the LORD's name. No longer will they follow their own willful and evil hearts. 18In those days the people of Judah and Israel will leave the north together for the land that I gave their ancestors as an inheritance.

19I thought to myself,
How wonderful it would be
to treat you like children
and give you a beautiful land,
an inheritance unrivaled
among the nations.
And I thought,
You will call me father,
and you won't turn away from me.
20But as a woman betrays her lover,
so you, people of Israel,
have betrayed me,
declares the LORD.
21A voice is heard
on the well-traveled paths;[k]
it's the crying and pleading
of the people of Israel,
who have lost their way
and forgotten the LORD their God.
22Return, rebellious children,
and I will heal your rebellion.

"Here we are; we come to you,
for you are the LORD our God.
23Surely what happens on the hills[l]
is a waste,
as is the uproar on the mountains.
Only in the LORD our God
is the salvation of Israel.
24From our youth,
shame[m] has devoured
the fruit of our parents' labor—
their flocks and herds,
as well as their sons and daughters.
25Let's lie down in our shame.
Let our dishonor cover us,
for we have sinned
against the LORD our God,
both we and our ancestors,
from our youth to this very day.
We have disobeyed
the voice of the LORD our God."

4 If you return, Israel, return to me,
declares the LORD.
If you get rid of your disgusting idols
from my presence
and wander no more,
2and if you swear by the living God
in truth, justice, and righteousness,
then the nations
will enjoy God's blessings;[n]
they will boast about him.
3This is what the LORD says to the people of Judah and to the residents of Jerusalem:
Break up your hard rocky soil;
don't plant among the thorns.
4Dedicate[o] yourselves to the LORD;
don't be thick-skinned,[p]
people of Judah
and residents of Jerusalem,
or else my anger will spread
like a wildfire.
It will burn, with no one
to put it out,
because of your evil deeds.

Disaster approaches

5Announce in Judah,
in Jerusalem proclaim,
sound the alarm
throughout the land,
cry out and say,
"Gather together!
Let's flee to the fortified towns!"
6Set up a flag to Zion;
take cover, don't just stand there!
I'm bringing disaster from the north,
massive devastation.
7A lion bursts out of the thicket;
a destroyer of nations advances.
He's gone forth from his place
to ravage your land,
to wipe out your towns,
until no one is left.

3:19 Is 63:16; Jer 3:4
3:20 Jer 3:8, Jer 5:11
3:22 Is 57:18; Jer 3:12, Jer 30:17; Hos 6:1, Hos 14:4
3:23 Ps 3:8, Ps 37:39
4:2 Dt 10:20; Is 65:16; Jer 5:2, Jer 9:24, Jer 12:16
4:3 Hos 10:12; Mt 13:7; Mk 4:18
4:4 Dt 10:16, Dt 30:6; Jer 9:26; Ro 2:28, Ro 2:29
4:5 Josh 10:20; Jer 6:1, Jer 8:14

[k]Or *bare heights* [l]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *from the hills* [m]Or *the shame* [n]Or *bless themselves in him* or *be blessed by him* or *will bless themselves* [o]Or *circumcise* [p]Or *remove the foreskins of your hearts*

8 So put on funeral clothing.
Weep and wail,
for the LORD's fierce anger
hasn't turned away from us.
9 On that day, declares the LORD,
the courage of the king
and his princes will fail,
the priests will be stunned,
and the prophets will be shocked.
10 Then I said, "LORD God, no!
You have utterly deceived this people
and Jerusalem
by promising them peace
even though the sword
is at their throats."
11 At that time, this people
and Jerusalem will be told:
A blistering wind
from the bare heights;
it rages in the desert
toward my people,
not merely to winnow or cleanse.
12 This wind is too devastating for that.
Now I, even I, will pronounce
my sentence against them.
13 Look! He approaches like the clouds;
his chariots advance like a tempest,
his horses swifter than eagles.
How horrible! We're doomed!
14 Cleanse your heart of evil, Jerusalem,
that you may be saved.
How long will you entertain
your destructive ideas?
15 A voice declares from Dan;
someone proclaims disaster
from the highlands of Ephraim.
16 Warn the nations,
proclaim it to Jerusalem!
Armies are approaching
from a far-away country,
raising their war cries
against the towns of Judah.
17 They hem her in
like those guarding a field,
because she has rebelled against me,
declares the LORD.
18 Your own conduct, your own deeds
have done this to you.
This is your payment
and how bitter it is,
piercing into the depths
of your heart.

4:11 Hos 13:15
4:14 Prv 1:22; Is 1:16; Jer 13:27; Jas 4:8
4:16 Jer 5:15; Eze 21:22
4:19 Is 22:4; Jer 9:1, Jer 9:10; Zep 1:16
4:22 Dt 32:28; Is 1:3, Is 27:11; Jer 5:21, Jer 8:7
4:25 Jer 9:10, Jer 12:4; Zep 1:3

Anguish over looming disaster

19 Oh, my suffering, my suffering!
My pain is unbearable;
my heart is in turmoil;
it throbs nonstop.
I can't be silent, because I hear
the blast of the trumpet
and the roar of the battle cry!
20 Disaster follows disaster;
the whole land is ruined.
Suddenly, my tents are destroyed,
my shelter in a moment.
21 How long must I see the battle flags
and hear the blast of the trumpet?
22 My people are foolish.
They don't even know me!
They are thoughtless children
without understanding;
they are skilled at doing wrong,
inept at doing right.
23 I looked at the earth,
and it was without shape or form;
at the heavens
and there was no light.
24 I looked at the mountains
and they were quaking;
all the hills were rocking
back and forth.
25 I looked and there was no one left;
every bird in the sky
had taken flight.
26 I looked and the fertile land
was a desert;
all its towns were in ruins
before the LORD,
before his fury.
27 The LORD proclaims:
The whole earth
will become a desolation,
but I will not destroy it completely.
28 Therefore, the earth will grieve
and the heavens grow dark
because I have declared my plan
and will neither change my mind
nor cancel the plan.
29 As the horsemen
and archers approach,
the people take flight.
They hide in the bushes
and escape to the cliffs.
Every city is deserted;
no one remains.

30 And you, devastated one,
why dress up in scarlet,
deck yourself in gold jewelry,
and color your eyes with paint?
In vain you get all decked out;
your lovers have rejected you
and now seek your life.
31 I hear the cry of a woman in labor,
the distress of one delivering
her first child.
It is the cry of Daughter Zion,
gasping for breath,
her arms stretched out,
and moaning,
"I'm about to fall
into the hands of murderers!"

Futile search for a good person

5 Search every street in Jerusalem,
comb the squares,
look far and wide
for one person,
even one who acts justly
and seeks truth
that I may pardon her!
2 Even when making a pledge—
"As the LORD lives"—
they swear falsely.
3 LORD, don't you look for integrity?
You have struck them down,
but they didn't even cringe.
You have crushed them,
but they have ignored
your discipline.
They make their faces harder
than rock
and refuse to return.
4 Then I thought to myself,
These are the poor
who don't know better!
They don't understand
the LORD's way
or the justice of their God.
5 Let me go and speak
to the powerful people,
for they will surely know
the LORD's way
and the justice of their God.
But they too have broken their yoke
and shattered the chains.
6 Therefore, a lion from the forest
will attack them;

4:30 2Ki 9:30; Lam 1:2; Eze 23:22, Eze 23:40

5:1 Gn 18:32; 2Ch 16:9; Eze 22:30

5:2 Lv 19:12; Is 48:1; Jer 4:2, Jer 7:9; Ti 1:16

5:3 2Ch 16:9; Is 1:5, Is 9:13; Jer 2:30, Jer 7:28

5:5 Ps 2:3; Jer 2:20; Mi 3:1

5:6 Hos 13:7; Hab 1:8; Zep 3:3

5:7 Dt 32:15. Dt 32:21; Josh 23:7; Jer 2:11; Ga 4:8

5:8 Jer 13:27, Jer 29:23; Eze 22:11

5:9 Jer 5:29, Jer 9:9

5:11 Jer 3:6, Jer 3:20

5:12 Is 28:15; Jer 14:13, Jer 23:17

5:14 Jer 1:9, Jer 23:29; Hos 6:5

a wolf from the desert
will destroy them;
a leopard prowling
around their towns
will tear to pieces
anyone venturing out—
because of their many crimes
and countless acts
of unfaithfulness.
7 How can I pardon you?
Your children have forsaken me
and swear by gods
that are not gods.
Although I could have satisfied them,
they committed adultery,
dashing off to the prostitution
house.
8 They are lusty stallions roving about,
snorting for another's wife.
9 The LORD declares:
Shouldn't I confront these acts?
Shouldn't I take revenge
on such a nation?

Contempt for God

10 Climb through her vineyards
and ravage them,
although not completely.
Prune back her branches,
because they aren't the LORD's.
11 The people of Israel and Judah
have been utterly faithless to me,
declares the LORD.
12 They have lied about the LORD
and said, "He'll do nothing![q]
Disaster won't come upon us;
we won't see war or famine."
13 The prophets are so much wind;
the word isn't in them.
Thus and so may it be done
to them.
14 Therefore, the LORD God of
heavenly forces proclaims:
Because you have spoken this way,
I will put my words
in your mouth as a fire;
it will consume the people,
who are but kindling.
15 I am about to bring a distant nation
against you,
people of Israel,
declares the LORD.

[q] Or *not he*

It is an established nation,
an ancient nation,
a nation whose language
you don't know,
whose speech
you won't understand.
16 Its weapons are deadly;[r]
its warriors are many.
17 It will devour your harvest and food;
it will devour your sons
and daughters;
it will devour your flocks
and herds;
it will devour your vines
and fig trees;
it will shatter your fortified towns
in which you trust—
with the sword!
18 Yet even in those days, declares the LORD, I won't completely destroy you.
19 And when they ask, "Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?" you must reply, "Just as you have abandoned me and served foreign gods in your land, so you will serve strangers in a land not your own."

Shouldn't you fear me?

20 Declare this to the people of Jacob,
announce it in Judah:
21 Listen, you foolish
and senseless people,
who have eyes but don't see
and ears but don't hear.
22 Shouldn't you fear me,
declares the LORD,
and tremble before me,
the one who set the shoreline
for the sea,
an ancient boundary
that it can't pass?
Though its waves may rise and roar,
they can't pass the limits I have set.
23 And yet the people have stubborn
and rebellious hearts;
they turn and go their own way.
24 They don't say in their hearts,
Let's fear the LORD our God,
who provides rain in autumn
and spring
and who assures us of a harvest
in its season.

5:21 Is 6:9; Jer 4:22; Eze 12:2
5:22 Dt 28:58; Job 38:11; Ps 104:9; Prv 8:29; Jer 10:7
5:24 Gn 8:22; Dt 11:14; Ps 147:8; Jl 2:23; Mt 5:45
5:30 Jer 23:14; Hos 6:10
5:31 Jer 14:14; Mi 2:11; Mt 7:15
6:1 Neh 3:14; Jer 1:14, Jer 4:6

25 Your wrongdoing has turned
these blessings[s] away.
Your sin has robbed you of good.
26 Criminals are found among
my people;
they set traps to catch people,
like hunters lying in wait.[t]
27 Like a cage full of birds,
so their houses are full of loot.
No wonder they are rich
and powerful
28 and have grown fat and sleek!
To be sure, their evil deeds
exceed all limits,
and yet they prosper.
They are indifferent
to the plight of the orphan,
reluctant to defend the rights
of the poor.
29 Shouldn't I punish such acts?
declares the LORD.
Shouldn't I repay that nation
for its deeds?
30 An awful, a terrible thing
has happened in the land:
31 The prophets prophesy falsely,
the priests rule at their sides,[u]
and my people love it this way!
But what will you do
when the end comes?

Prepare for war

6 Escape, people of Benjamin,
get out of Jerusalem!
Blow the trumpet in Tekoa,
sound the alarm
in Beth-haccherem;
for disaster looms from the north,
massive devastation.
2 You are like a lovely pasture,
Daughter Zion.[v]
3 Shepherds come to her
with their flocks.
They pitch their tents around her
and graze in their place.
4 "Prepare for battle against her;
get ready; let's attack by noon!
Oh, no! Daylight is fading,
and the evening shadows lengthen.
5 Get ready, let's attack by night
and destroy her fortresses!"

[r] Or *Its quiver is like an open grave* [s] Heb lacks *blessings.* [t] Heb uncertain [u] Or *by their hands* [v] Heb uncertain

6 The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims:
Cut down her trees,
and build siege ramps
against Jerusalem.
This city must be held accountable,[w]
for there's nothing but oppression
in her midst.
7 As a well brings forth fresh water,
she brings forth evil.
Violence and destruction
are heard within her;
injury and wounds are ever
before me.
8 Hear me out,[x] Jerusalem,
or else I'll turn away from you
and reduce you to ruins,
a land unfit to live in.

Unresponsive people

9 This is what the LORD
of heavenly forces says:
From top to bottom,
let them harvest
the remaining few in Israel.
Pick clean every
last grape on the vine!
10 To whom can I speak and warn?
How can I get someone's attention?
Their ears are shut tight,[y]
so they won't hear.
They are ashamed
of the LORD's word
and take no pleasure in it.
11 But I'm filled with the LORD's rage
and am tired of holding it in.

Pour it out on the children
in the streets
and on the youths gathered together;
husband with wife will be trapped,
as will those old and gray.
12 Their homes will be turned
over to others,
their fields and wives as well.
I will stretch out my hand
against the people of this land,
declares the LORD.
13 From the least to the greatest,
each is eager to profit;
from prophet to priest,
each trades in dishonesty.
14 They treat the wound of my people
as if it were nothing:
"All is well, all is well," they insist,
when in fact nothing is well.
15 They should be ashamed
of their detestable practices,
but they have no shame;
they don't even blush!
Therefore, they will fall
among the fallen
and stumble when I bring disaster,
declares the LORD.
16 The LORD proclaims:
Stop at the crossroads
and look around;
ask for the ancient paths.
Where is the good way?
Then walk in it
and find a resting place
for yourselves.
But you[z] said, "We won't go!"
17 Still, I have appointed watchmen
to warn you.
But you[a] said, "We won't listen!"
18 Therefore, pay attention, nations;
take notice, assembly,
what is ahead of them.[b]
19 Pay attention, earth:
I'm bringing disaster upon
my people,
the fruit of their own devices,
because they have ignored my words
and they have rejected my teaching.
20 What use to me is incense from Sheba
or sweet cane from a faraway land?
Your entirely burned offerings
won't buy your pardon;
your sacrifices won't appease me.
21 Therefore, the LORD proclaims:
I'm putting obstacles before
this people,
and both parents and children
will stumble over them;
neighbor and friend alike will perish.

Panic-stricken Zion

22 The LORD proclaims:
An army is on the move
from the northern regions;
a great nation is roused
from the ends of the earth.

6:7 Ps 55:9; Is 57:20; Jer 20:8, Jer 30:12; Eze 7:23

6:8 Eze 23:18; Hos 9:12

6:9 Is 11:16; Jer 11:23, Jer 16:16, Jer 31:7, Jer 49:9

6:10 Jer 20:8; Ac 7:51

6:14 Jer 4:10, Jer 8:11, Jer 14:13, Jer 23:17; Eze 13:10

6:16 Is 8:20, Is 28:12; Jer 18:15; Mal 4:4; Mt 11:29

6:17 Is 21:11, Is 58:1; Jer 25:4; Eze 3:17

6:20 Ps 40:6; Is 1:11, Is 60:6; Jer 7:21, Jer 14:12

[w] Heb uncertain [x] Or *Accept correction* [y] Or *uncircumcised* [z] Or *they* [a] Or *they* [b] Heb uncertain

23 Equipped with bow and spear,
they are cruel;
they show no mercy.
Their horsemen sound
like the roaring sea,
arrayed in battle formation
against you, Daughter Zion.
24 We have heard reports of them
and are panic-stricken;
distress overwhelms us,
pain like that of a woman in labor.
25 Don't go out into the field!
Don't walk on the road!
The enemies' sword
terrorizes at every turn.
26 My people,
put on funeral clothes
and roll in ashes;
weep and wail as for an only child,
because the destroyer
will suddenly descend upon us.

Prophet as tester

27 I have made you a tester of metals,
to examine my people[c]
to know and prove their ways.
28 They are tin[d] and iron;
they are headstrong and rebellious.
They live to slander.
They act corruptly—every last one!
29 The bellows roar;
the lead is consumed.[e]
Yet the refining fails;
the impurities[f] remain.
30 They are called "rejected silver,"
for the LORD has rejected them.

The LORD's temple

7 Jeremiah received the LORD's word: 2 Stand near the gate of the LORD's temple and proclaim there this message: Listen to the LORD's word, all you of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. 3 This is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, says: Improve your conduct and your actions, and I will dwell with you[g] in this place. 4 Don't trust in lies: "This is the LORD's temple! The LORD's temple! The LORD's temple!" 5 No, if you truly reform your ways and your actions; if you treat each other justly; 6 if you stop taking advantage of the immigrant, orphan, or widow; if you don't shed the blood of the innocent in this place, or go after other gods to your own ruin, 7 only then will I dwell with you[h] in this place, in the land that I gave long ago to your ancestors for all time.

8 And yet you trust in lies that will only hurt you. 9 Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, sacrifice to Baal and go after other gods that you don't know, 10 and then come and stand before me in this temple that bears my name, and say, "We are safe," only to keep on doing all these detestable things? 11 Do you regard this temple, which bears my name, as a hiding place for criminals? I can see what's going on here, declares the LORD. 12 Just go to my sanctuary[i] in Shiloh, where I let my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel. 13 And now, because you have done all these things, declares the LORD, because you haven't listened when I spoke to you again and again or responded when I called you, 14 I will do to this temple that bears my name and on which you rely, the place that I gave to you and your ancestors, just as I did to Shiloh. 15 I will cast you out of my sight, just as I cast out the rest of your family, all the people of Ephraim.

16 As for you, don't pray for these people, don't cry out or plead for them, and don't intercede with me, for I won't listen to you. 17 Can't you see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18 The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead dough to make sacrificial cakes for the queen of heaven. And to offend me all the more, they pour out drink offerings to foreign gods. 19 But am I the one they are really offending? declares the LORD. Aren't they in fact humiliating themselves? 20 Therefore, this is what the LORD God says: I'm going to pour out my fierce anger on this place, on

6:29 Zec 13:9; Mal 3:3
6:30 Ps 119:119; Is 1:22; Eze 22:18; Hos 9:17
7:2 Jer 17:19, Jer 17:20, Jer 22:1, Jer 26:2
7:3 Jer 18:11, Jer 26:13
7:4 Jer 7:8; Mi 3:11
7:5 1Ki 6:12; Is 1:19; Jer 4:1, Jer 7:3, Jer 26:13
7:6 Ex 22:21; Jer 5:28, Jer 22:3
7:11 Is 56:7; Mt 21:13; Mk 11:17; Lk 19:46
7:12 Josh 18:1; Jgs 18:31; 1Sa 1:3, 1Sa 4:3; Ps 78:60
7:14 1Ki 9:7; Ps 78:60; Jer 26:6
7:16 Ex 32:10; Dt 9:14; Jer 11:14, Jer 14:11, Jer 15:1
7:18 Jer 19:13, Jer 44:17; Hos 7:4

[c] Heb uncertain [d] Or *bronze* [e] Heb uncertain [f] Or *wicked* [g] Or *I will let you dwell* [h] Or *I will let you dwell* [i] Or *place*

humans and beasts, on the trees of the field and the crops of the fertile land. It will burn and not go out.

[21]This is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, says: Add your entirely burned offerings to your sacrifices and eat them yourselves! [22]On the day I brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt, I didn't say a thing—I gave no instructions—about entirely burned offerings or sacrifices. [23]Rather, this is what I required of them: Obey me so that I may become your God and you may become my people. Follow the path I mark out for you so that it may go well with you. [24]But they didn't listen or pay attention. They followed their willful and evil hearts and went backward rather than forward. [25]From the moment your ancestors left the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent you all my servants the prophets—day after day. [26]But they didn't listen to me or pay attention; they were stubborn and did more harm than their ancestors. [27]When you tell them all this, they won't listen to you. When you call to them, they won't respond. [28]Therefore, say to them: This nation neither obeys the LORD its God nor accepts correction; truth has disappeared; it has vanished from their lips.

[29]Cut off your hair and cast it away;
grieve on the well-traveled paths.
The LORD has rejected you
and has cast off a generation
that provokes his anger.

[30]The people of Judah have done what displeases me, declares the LORD. They have corrupted the temple that bears my name by setting up their disgusting idols. [31]They have built shrines at Topheth in the Ben-hinnom Valley to burn their sons and daughters in the fire, although I never commanded such a thing, nor did it ever cross my mind. [32]So now the time is coming, declares the LORD, when people will no longer speak of Topheth or the Ben-hinnom Valley, but the Carnage Valley. They will bury in Topheth until no space is left. [33]The corpses of this people will be food for birds and wild animals, with no one to drive them off. [34]I will silence the sound of joy and delight as well as the voice of bride and bridegroom in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, for the country will be reduced to a wasteland.

7:21 Is 1:11; Jer 6:20; Hos 8:13; Am 5:21
7:22 1Sa 15:22; Hos 6:6
7:23 Ex 15:26, Ex 19:5; Dt 4:40, Dt 5:33; Jer 11:4
7:24 Jer 3:17, Jer 11:8
7:25 2Ch 36:15; Jer 25:4, Jer 35:15
7:26 Jer 7:24, Jer 16:12, Jer 17:23, Jer 19:15
7:29 Job 1:20; Jer 6:30; Eze 19:1; Mi 1:16
7:30 2Ch 33:7; Jer 7:10, Jer 32:34; Eze 7:20
7:34 Is 24:7, Is 24:8; Jer 16:9, Jer 25:10; Rev 18:23
8:1 Eze 6:5
8:2 Dt 4:19; 2Ki 9:37, 2Ki 23:5; Jer 19:13; Zep 1:5
8:4 Prv 24:16; Mi 7:8
8:5 Jer 5:3, Jer 5:6, Jer 7:24, Jer 9:6
8:6 Mi 7:2; Mal 3:16
8:7 Is 1:3, Is 38:14; Jer 4:22, Jer 5:4
8:8 Ro 2:17

8 [1]At that time, declares the LORD, the bones of the kings of Judah and its officers, the bones of the priests and the prophets, and the bones of the people of Jerusalem will be taken from their graves [2]and exposed to the sun, the moon, and the whole heavenly forces, which they have loved and served and which they have followed, consulted, and worshipped. Their bones won't be gathered for reburial but will become like refuse lying on the ground. [3]The survivors of this evil nation will prefer death to life, wherever I have scattered them, declares the LORD of heavenly forces.

Depth of Judah's wrongdoing

[4]Say to them, The LORD proclaims:
When people fall down,
don't they get up?
When they turn aside,
don't they turn back?
[5]Why then does this people,
rebellious Jerusalem,
persistently turn away from me?
They cling to deceit
and refuse to return.
[6]I have listened carefully
but haven't heard a word of truth
from them.
No one regrets their wrongdoing;
no one says, "What have I done?"
Everyone turns to their own course,
like a stallion dashing
into the thick of battle.
[7]Even the stork in the sky
knows the seasons,
and the dove, swallow,[j] and crane[k]
return in due time.
But my people
don't know the LORD's ways.
[8]How can you say, "We are wise;
we possess the LORD's Instruction,"

[j]Heb uncertain [k]Heb uncertain

when the lying pen of the scribes
has surely distorted it?
9 The wise will be shamed and shocked
when they are caught...
Look, they have rejected
the LORD's word;
what kind of wisdom is that?
10 Therefore, I will give their wives
to others
and their fields to their captors.
From the least to the greatest,
all are eager to profit.
From prophet to priest,
all trade in falsehood.
11 They treat the wound of my people
as if it were nothing:
"All is well, all is well," they insist,
when in fact nothing is well.
12 They should be ashamed
of their detestable practices,
but they have no shame;
they don't even blush!
Therefore, they will fall
among the fallen
and stumble when disaster arrives,
declares the LORD.
13 I will put an end to them,[l]
declares the LORD;
there are no grapes on the vine,
no figs on the tree,
only withered leaves.
They have squandered
what I have given them![m]

A lament for God's people

14 Why are we sitting here?
Come, let's go to the fortified towns
and meet our doom there.
The LORD our God has doomed us
by giving us poisoned water
to drink,
because we have sinned
against the LORD!
15 We longed for relief,
but received none;
for a time of healing,
but found only terror.
16 The snorting of their horses
can be heard as far as Dan;
the neighing of their stallions
makes the whole land tremble.
They come to devour the land
and everything in it,
towns and people alike.
17 See, I'm sending serpents
against you,
vipers that you can't charm,
and they will bite you,
declares the LORD.
18 No healing,
only grief;
my heart is broken.[n]
19 Listen to the weeping of my people
all across the land:
"Isn't the LORD in Zion?
Is her king no longer there?"
Why then did they anger me
with their images,
with pointless foreign gods?
20 "The harvest is past,
the summer has ended,
yet we aren't saved."
21 Because my people are crushed,
I am crushed;
darkness and despair
overwhelm me.

What to do with God's people

22 Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then have my people
not been restored to health?
9 [o] If only my head were a spring
of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
I would weep day and night
for the wounds of my people.
2 [p] If only I could flee for shelter
in the desert,
to leave my people
and forget them—
for they are all adulterers,
a bunch of crooks.
3 They bend their tongues like bows
to spew out lies;
they are renowned in the land,
but not for truth.
They go from bad to worse.
They don't know me!
declares the LORD.
4 Be wary of your friends!
Don't trust your sibling![q]

8:9 Jer 6:19
8:11 Jer 6:14, Jer 8:21, Jer 14:13; Lam 2:14; Eze 13:10
8:13 Jl 1:7; Mt 21:19; Lk 13:6
8:16 Jer 4:15
8:17 Nm 21:6; Dt 32:24; Ps 58:4, Ps 58:5; Is 14:29
8:22 Gn 37:25; Jer 46:11; Mt 9:12
9:1 Is 22:4; Jer 8:21, Jer 13:17, Jer 14:17; Lam 3:48
9:2 Ps 55:6, Ps 55:7, Ps 120:5; Jer 5:7, Jer 23:10
9:3 Jgs 2:10; Ps 64:3; Jer 4:22, Jer 9:8; Hos 4:1
9:4 Ps 15:3, Ps 50:20; Prv 10:18; Jer 6:28; Mi 7:5

[l] Heb uncertain [m] Heb uncertain [n] Heb uncertain [o] 8:23 in Heb [p] 9:1 in Heb [q] Or *brother*

Every sibling is a cheater,
and every friend traffics in slander.
5 One cheats the other;
no one tells the truth;
they train themselves to lie;
they wear themselves out
by doing wrong.
6 You live in a world of deceit,
and in their deceit
they refuse to know me,[r]
declares the LORD.
7 Therefore, the LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
I'm going to refine and test them,
for what else can I do
with my people?
8 Their tongue is a lethal arrow;
their words are deceitful.
They wish their neighbors well,
but in their hearts plot their ruin.
9 Shouldn't I punish them for this?
declares the LORD;
shouldn't I avenge such a nation?
10 I will weep and wail
for the mountains,
and lament for the grazing lands
in the wilderness.
They are dried up and deserted;
no sound of the flocks is heard;
no sign of birds or animals is seen;
all have vanished.
11 I will reduce Jerusalem to ruins,
a den for wild dogs.
I will make the towns of Judah
a wasteland, without inhabitant.
12 Who is wise enough
to understand this?
Who has been taught by the LORD
and can therefore explain it?
Why has the land been reduced
to rubble
and laid waste like a desert,
with no one passing through?
13 The LORD says: It is because they have abandoned my Instruction that I gave them, and haven't obeyed or followed it. 14 Instead, they have followed their own willful hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their ancestors taught them. 15 Therefore, this is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, says: I'm going to feed this people bitter food and give them poison to drink. 16 I will scatter them among nations about whom neither they nor their ancestors have ever heard. I will pursue them with the sword until all are gone.
17 The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims:
Pay attention!
Summon the women who mourn,
let them come;
send for those best trained,
let them come.
18 Hurry!
Let them weep for us
so that our eyes fill up with tears
and water streams down.
19 The sound of sobbing
is heard from Zion:
"We're devastated!
We're so ashamed!
We have to leave the land
and abandon our homes!"
20 Women, hear the LORD's word.
Listen closely to the word
from his mouth:
teach your daughters to mourn;
teach each other to grieve.
21 Death has climbed
through our windows;
it has entered our fortresses
to eliminate children
from the streets,
the youth from the squares.
22 Declare what the LORD says:
Dead bodies will lie
like dung on the fields,
like bundles of grain
after the harvest,
with no one to pick them up.
23 The LORD proclaims:
the learned should not boast
of their knowledge,
nor warriors boast of their might,
nor the rich boast of their wealth.
24 No, those who boast
should boast in this:
that they understand and know me.
I am the LORD
who acts with kindness,

9:5 Lv 6:2; Ps 50:19, Ps 116:11; Jer 9:3; Mi 6:12
9:6 Job 21:14; Jn 3:19, Jn 3:20
9:8 Ps 12:2, Ps 28:3; Jer 9:3
9:10 Jer 4:25, Jer 12:4; Hos 4:3
9:17 2Ch 35:25; Ecc 12:5; Am 5:16; Mt 9:23
9:18 Is 22:4; Jer 9:1, Jer 14:17
9:21 2Ch 36:17; Jer 6:11
9:23 1Ki 20:11; Ecc 9:11
9:24 Jer 31:34; Mi 7:18; 1Co 1:31; 2Co 10:17

[r] Heb uncertain

justice, and righteousness
in the world,
and I delight in these things,
declares the LORD.

25 The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will deal with everyone who is physically circumcised: 26 whether they are Egyptians or Judeans, Edomites or Ammonites, Moabites or the desert dwellers who cut the hair on their foreheads. All these nations are really uncircumcised; even the people of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.

Living God or human handiwork

10 Listen to the word that the LORD has spoken to you, people of Israel!
2 The LORD proclaims:
Don't follow the ways of the nations
or be troubled by signs in the sky,
even though the nations
are troubled by them.
3 The rituals of the nations are hollow:
a tree from the forest
is chopped down
and shaped by the craftsman's
tools.
4 It's overlaid with silver and gold,
and fastened securely
with hammer and nails
so it won't fall over.
5 They are no different than a scarecrow
in a cucumber patch:
they can't speak;
they must be carried
because they can't walk.
Don't be afraid of them,
because they can't do harm or good.
6 LORD, no one is like you!
You are great,
and great is your mighty name.
7 Who wouldn't fear you,
king of the nations?
That is your due;
among all the wise of the nations
and in all their countries,
there is no one like you!
8 But they are both foolish and silly;
they offer nothing
because they are mere wood.

9:25 Jer 4:4; Ro 2:9, Ro 2:25
9:26 Jer 4:4, Jer 25:23, Jer 49:32; Eze 44:7; Ro 2:28
10:2 Lv 18:3, Lv 20:23
10:3 Is 44:9
10:4 Is 40:19, Is 41:7
10:5 Ps 115:5, Ps 115:7; Is 41:23, Is 46:7; 1Co 12:2
10:9 1Ki 10:22; Ps 115:4; Is 40:19; Eze 27:12; Dn 10:5
10:10 Ps 76:7; Na 1:6
10:11 Ps 96:5; Is 2:18; Jer 10:15; Zep 2:11; Zec 13:2
10:12 Gn 1:1; Job 9:8; Ps 104:24; Prv 3:19; Jer 51:15
10:13 Ps 135:7
10:14 Jer 10:8
10:16 Dt 32:9; Ps 74:2; Jer 10:12, Jer 31:35, Jer 51:19

9 Covered with silver from Tarshish
and gold from Uphaz,
they are the work of a craftsman
and the hands of a goldsmith.
Clothed in blue and purple,
all of them nothing more
than the work of artisans.
10 But the LORD is the true God!
He's the living God
and the everlasting king!
When he's angry, the earth quakes;
the nations can't endure his rage.
11 Tell them this: The gods who didn't make the heavens and the earth will perish from the earth and from under the heavens.[s]
12 But God made the earth by his might;
he shaped the world by his wisdom,
crafted the skies by his knowledge.
13 At the sound of his voice,
the heavenly waters roar.
He raises the clouds
from the ends of the earth.
He sends the lightning with the rain,
the wind from his treasuries.
14 Everyone is too foolish to understand;
every goldsmith is dishonored
by his idols,
for their images are shams;
they aren't alive.
15 They are a delusion, a charade;
at the appointed time
they will vanish!
16 Jacob's portion is utterly different
because God has formed all things,
including Israel,
his very own people—
the LORD of heavenly forces
is his name!

Get ready for exile!

17 Pack your bags and get ready to leave,
you who live under siege.[t]
18 The LORD proclaims:
I'm going to eject those who live
in the land at this time;
I will badger them until they leave.[u]

19 How terrible for me,
due to my injury;
my wound is terrible.

[s] 10:11 is written in Aramaic. [t] Heb uncertain [u] Or *find it*

Yet I said to myself:
This is my sickness,
and I must bear it.
20 But now my tent is destroyed;
all its ropes are cut,
and my children are gone for good.
There's no one left
to set up my tent frame
and to attach the fabric.
21 The shepherd kings have lost
their senses
and don't seek answers
from the LORD.
That is why they have failed
and their flock is scattered.
22 Listen! The sound is getting louder,
a mighty uproar
from the land of the north;
it will reduce the towns of Judah
to ruins,
a den for wild dogs.
23 I know, LORD, that our lives
are not our own,
that we're not able to direct
our paths.
24 So correct me, LORD,
but with justice,
not in your anger,
or else you will reduce me
to nothing.
25 Pour out your wrath on the nations
that ignore you
and on the people
who don't call on you,
since they have devoured Jacob;
they have devoured him completely
and ruined his country.

Judah's broken covenant with God

11 Jeremiah received the LORD's word: 2 Listen to the terms of this covenant and proclaim them to the people of Judah and the citizens of Jerusalem. 3 Say to them: This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Cursed are those who don't heed the terms of this covenant 4 that I commanded your ancestors when I bought them out of the land of Egypt, that iron crucible, saying, Obey me and observe all that I instruct you. Then you will be my people and I, even I, will be your God. 5 I will fulfill my solemn pledge that I made to your ancestors to give them a land full of milk and honey, as is the case today.

And I replied, "As you say, LORD!"

6 The LORD said to me: Announce all these words in the towns of Judah and on the streets of Jerusalem: Obey the terms of this covenant and perform them. 7 I repeatedly and tirelessly warned your ancestors when I brought them out of the land of Egypt to this very day, saying, Obey me. 8 But they didn't listen or pay attention; they followed their own willful ambitions. So I brought upon them all the punishments I prescribed for violating this covenant—for refusing to obey.

9 The LORD said to me: A conspiracy is taking place among the people of Judah and residents of Jerusalem. 10 They have returned to the sins of their ancestors who refused to obey my words. They too are following other gods and serving them. The people of Israel and the people of Judah have broken my covenant that I made with their ancestors.

11 Therefore, the LORD proclaims: I will bring upon them a disaster from which they won't be able to escape. They will cry out to me, but I won't listen to them. 12 Then the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem will call upon the gods they worship,[v] but they won't save them when disaster strikes. 13 You have as many gods as you have towns, Judah, and you have as many shameful altars for worshipping Baal as you have streets in Jerusalem.

14 As for you, don't pray for these people, don't cry out or plead for them, for I won't listen when they cry out to me on account of their distress.

15 What are my loved ones doing
in my temple
while working out
their many evil schemes?
Can sacred offerings cancel your sin
so that you revel in your evil deeds?[w]

10:21 Jer 2:8, Jer 23:1, Jer 23:2; Eze 34:6
10:23 Prv 16:1, Prv 20:24
10:24 Ps 6:1, Ps 38:1; Jer 30:11
11:4 Lv 26:3; Dt 4:20; 1Ki 8:51; Jer 7:23
11:5 Ex 3:8, Ex 13:5; Dt 7:12; Ps 105:9; Jer 32:22
11:8 Jer 3:17, Jer 7:24, Jer 7:26, Jer 9:14; Eze 20:8
11:11 Prv 1:28; Is 1:15; Jer 14:12; Eze 8:18; Mi 3:4
11:14 Ex 32:10; Jer 7:16, Jer 11:11, Jer 14:11; 1Jn 5:16
11:15 Eze 16:25

[v] Or *to whom they burn incense* [w] Heb uncertain

16 The LORD named you,
"A blossoming olive tree,
fair and fruitful";
but with the blast
of a powerful storm
he will set it ablaze,
until its branches
are completely consumed.[x]
17 The LORD of heavenly forces who
planted you has announced disaster
for you, because the people of Israel
and Judah have done evil and made me
angry by worshipping Baal.

Jeremiah's lament

18 The LORD informed me and I knew.
Then he helped me see
what they were up to.
19 I was like a young lamb
led to the slaughter;
I didn't realize
that they were planning
their schemes against me:
"Let's destroy the tree with its fruit;
let's cut him off from the land
of the living
so that even any knowledge of him
will be wiped out."
20 LORD of heavenly forces,
righteous judge,
who tests the heart and mind,
let me see your revenge upon them,
because I have committed
my case to you.
21 This is what the LORD says concerning the men from Anathoth who seek your life and say, "Don't prophesy in the LORD's name or else you will die at our hands." 22 Therefore, the LORD of heavenly forces proclaims, I'm going to punish them. Their young men will die in war, and their sons and daughters will die by famine. 23 No one will be left because I will bring disaster upon the men of Anathoth when their time comes.

12 If I took you to court, LORD,
you would win.
But I still have questions
about your justice.
Why do guilty persons
enjoy success?
Why are evildoers so happy?
2 You plant them, and they take root;
they flourish and bear fruit.
You are always on their lips
but far from their hearts.
3 Yet you, LORD, you know me.
You see me.
You can tell that I love you.[y]
So drag them away
and butcher them like sheep.
Prepare them
for the slaughterhouse.
4 How long will the land mourn
and the grass in the fields dry up?
The animals and birds are swept away
due to the evil of those in the land.
The people say,
"God doesn't see what we're up to!"

5 If you have raced with people
and are worn out,
how will you compete with horses?
If you fall down in an open field,[z]
how will you survive in the forest
along the Jordan?
6 Even your relatives, your very family,
are planning to trap you.
They are out to get you.
So don't trust them,
even if they appear to be
on your side.

God's lament over Judah's destruction

7 I have abandoned my house;
I have deserted my inheritance.
I have given the one I love
into the power of her enemies.
8 My inheritance has turned
against me
like a lion in the forest;
she growls at me;
therefore, I have rejected her.
9 My inheritance has become
like a bird of prey,
surrounded and attacked.[a]
Go, gather all the wild animals
for the feast.
10 Many shepherds have destroyed
my vineyard;
they have trampled down my field;

11:18 1Sa 23:11, 1Sa 23:12; 2Ki 6:9, 2Ki 6:10; Eze 8:6
11:19 Ps 83:4; Is 53:7, Is 53:8; Jer 18:18
12:1 Ezr 9:15; Job 12:6, Job 21:7; Ps 37:1, Ps 73:3
12:2 Is 29:13; Jer 3:10, Jer 11:17; Mk 7:6; Ti 1:16
12:7 Is 2:6; Jer 11:15
12:8 Hos 9:15; Am 6:8
12:9 Is 56:9; Jer 7:33; Eze 39:17
12:10 Is 5:1

[x] Vulg; MT *broken* [y] Or *You test my heart.* [z] Or *If you are at ease only when in a peaceful land* [a] Heb uncertain

they have reduced
my treasured field
to a desolate wilderness.
11 They have devastated her;
desolate, she cries out to me
in distress:
"The whole land is desolate,
and no one seems to care."
12 Over all the desert roads
destroyers march;
for the sword of the LORD devours
from one end of the land
to the other;
no one is safe.
13 They have sown wheat
and reaped weeds;
they have worn themselves out
for nothing.
They will be ashamed
of their[b] harvest
on account of the LORD's
fierce anger.
14 The LORD proclaims: The evil nations have seized the land[c] that I gave my people Israel. I'm going to dig them up from their own lands, and I will dig up the people of Judah from among them. 15 And after I have dug them up, I will again have compassion on them and restore their inheritance and their land. 16 And then, if they will learn the ways of my people, to make a solemn pledge in my name, "As the LORD lives," just as they once taught my people to swear to Baal, then they will be built up in the midst of my people. 17 But if they don't listen, I will dig up that nation; yes, I will dig up and destroy, declares the LORD.

Jeremiah's symbolic acts

13 The LORD proclaimed to me: Go and buy a linen undergarment. Wear it for a while without washing it. 2 So I bought a linen undergarment, as the LORD told me, and I put it on. 3 The LORD spoke to me again: 4 Take the undergarment that you are wearing and go at once to the Euphrates and put it under a rock. 5 So I went and buried it at the Euphrates,[d] as the LORD instructed. 6 After a long time, the LORD said to me: Return to the Euphrates and dig up the undergarment that I commanded you to bury there. 7 So I went to the Euphrates and I dug up the linen undergarment from the place I had buried it. But it was ruined and good for nothing.

8 Then the LORD's word came to me: 9 The LORD proclaims: In the same way I will ruin the brazen pride of Judah and Jerusalem! 10 Instead of listening to me, this wicked people follow their own willful hearts and pursue other gods, worshipping and serving them. They will become like this linen garment—good for nothing! 11 Just as a linen undergarment clings to the body, so I created the people of Israel and Judah to cling to me, declares the LORD, to be my people for my honor, praise, and grandeur. But they wouldn't obey.

12 So deliver this word to them: The LORD the God of Israel proclaims: Every wine jug should be filled with wine. And they will answer you, "Don't we already know that? Obviously every wine jug should be filled with wine!" 13 Then you should say to them: The LORD proclaims: I'm going to fill everyone who lives in this country with wine that makes them drunk, including the kings on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all those living in Jerusalem. 14 And I will shatter every one of them, even parents and children, declares the LORD. I won't take pity; I won't have compassion; I will show no mercy when I destroy them.
15 Listen closely, don't be arrogant,
for the LORD has spoken.
16 Honor the LORD your God,
before it's too late,
before you stumble
on the mountain paths
in the evening shadows.
Then you will hope for light,
only to find darkness and gloom.
17 If you are too proud to listen,
I will go off alone

12:13 Dt 28:38; Is 55:2; Jer 4:26
12:15 Dt 30:3; Jer 48:47, Jer 49:6
13:1 Jer 13:11, Jer 27:2
13:2 Is 20:2; Eze 2:8
13:4 Jer 51:63
13:5 Ex 40:16
13:9 Lv 26:19
13:10 Jer 3:17, Jer 9:14, Jer 11:8, Jer 16:12
13:11 Ex 19:5; Is 43:21; Jer 33:9
13:12 Jer 25:15, Jer 48:12

[b] Or *your* [c] Or *inheritance* [d] Heb *Perath*

and cry my eyes out.
I will weep uncontrollably
because the LORD's flock
will be dragged off into exile.
18 Tell the king and the queen mother:
Come down from your lofty place,
because your glorious crowns
will soon be removed
from your heads.
19 The towns of the arid southern plain
will be surrounded;
no one will get in or out;
all Judah will be taken into exile;
everyone will be led away.

20 Lift up your eyes
and see who is approaching
from the north.
Where is the flock entrusted to you,
your beautiful flock?
21 What will you say when he appoints
someone as head over you
your defenders, your trusted allies?[e]
Won't pain grip you
like that of a woman in labor?
22 And when you ask yourself,
Why have all these things
happened to me?
it is because of your many sins
that you have been stripped
and violated.
23 Can a Cushite change his skin
or a leopard its spots?
Neither can you do good
when doing evil comes so naturally.
24 So I will scatter you[f] like straw
that is blown away
by the desert winds.
25 This is the future
that I have prepared for you,
declares the LORD,
because you have forgotten me
and trusted in lies.
26 I myself will pull up your skirt
over your face
and expose your shame.
27 I have seen your adultery and lust,
your disgusting idols
and shameless prostitution
on the hills and in the fields.
How terrible for you, Jerusalem!
How long will you remain dirty?

13:20 Jer 1:14, Jer 6:22, Jer 23:2; Hab 1:6
13:23 Is 1:5; Jer 2:22
13:24 Lv 26:33; Ps 1:4, Ps 83:13; Jer 4:11
13:25 Job 20:29; Ps 11:6; Jer 2:32; Mt 24:51
13:26 Lam 1:8; Eze 16:37
13:27 Jer 2:20, Jer 5:8; Eze 6:13; Hos 8:5
14:1 Jer 17:8
14:5 Job 39:1; Ps 29:9; Is 15:6
14:7 Ps 25:11; Is 59:12; Jer 2:19, Jer 3:25, Jer 14:20
14:10 Jer 2:25; Hos 8:13, Hos 9:9

Destruction on the horizon

14 The LORD's word to Jeremiah
concerning the droughts:
2 Judah mourns;
her gates wither away.
The people fall to the ground
in sorrow,
as sobs of Jerusalem ascend.
3 The rich send their servants
for water,
but the wells run dry.
They return with empty jars,
ashamed, bewildered,
and in despair.
4 Because the ground is cracked
due to lack of rain,
the farmers too are ashamed;
they cover their heads.
5 Even the doe in the field
abandons her newborn,
for there's no grass.
6 The wild donkeys stand
on the well-traveled paths,
panting like thirsty dogs;
they go blind
since there's nothing to eat.

7 Even though our sins
testify against us,
help us, LORD,
for your name's sake.
We have turned away from you
and sinned against you time
and again.
8 You are the hope of Israel,
its savior in times of trouble.
Why are you like a stranger
in the land,
like a tourist spending
only the night?
9 Why are you like one
taken by surprise,
like a warrior unable to act?
Yet you are in our midst, LORD;
we are called by your name.
Don't give up on us.

10 This is what the LORD proclaims
about this people:
Since they have loved to wander off
and haven't restrained themselves,

[e] Heb uncertain [f] Or *them*

I[g] won't accept them.
Now I will recall their wrongdoing
and punish their sin.

[11]The LORD said to me: Don't pray for the safety of these people. [12]When they fast, I won't pay attention to their pleas, and when they offer entirely burned offerings and grain offerings, I won't accept them. Instead, I will devour them with war, famine, and disease.

[13]I replied, "LORD God, the prophets are telling them: 'You won't see war or famine, for I will give you lasting peace in this place.'"

[14]Then the LORD said to me: The prophets are telling lies in my name. I haven't sent them. I haven't commanded them. I haven't spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, worthless predictions, and deceit they have made up on their own. [15]Therefore, this is what the LORD proclaims concerning the prophets who are speaking in my name when I didn't send them, and who are telling you that war or famine will never come to this land: Those very prophets will die in war and by famine! [16]And the people they are prophesying to will be thrown into the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and war. There will be no one to bury them or their wives and children. I will pour out on them their own wickedness.

[17]So deliver this word to them:
My eyes well up with tears;
I can't stop weeping—day and night,
because my virgin daughter,
my people,
has suffered a crushing blow
and is mortally wounded.
[18]If I go into the fields,
I see only the slain in battle.
If I enter the city,
I see only those suffering
from famine.
Even both prophet and priest
wander about aimlessly
in ignorance.

[19]Have you completely rejected Judah?
Do you hate Zion?
Why then have you
mortally wounded us?
We look for peace,
but nothing good comes of it;
for a time of healing,
only to be terrorized.
[20]We acknowledge our sin, LORD,
the wrongdoing of our ancestors,
because we have sinned
against you.
[21]For your name's sake,
don't reject us,
don't scorn your glorious throne.
Remember your covenant with us;
don't break it.
[22]Can any of the false gods
of the nations make it rain?
Can the sky by itself bring showers?
Aren't you the LORD, our God?
You are our hope,
since only you can do such things.

14:11 Jer 7:16, Jer 11:14

14:12 Is 1:15, Is 58:3; Jer 6:20, Jer 7:21, Jer 11:11

14:15 Dt 18:20; Jer 20:6, Jer 23:15, Jer 28:16, Jer 28:17

14:22 Jer 16:19

15:1 Ex 32:11; Nm 14:13; 1Sa 7:9, 1Sa 12:23; Ps 99:6

15:5 Is 51:19; Jer 21:7; Na 3:7

15:6 Jer 7:24

Lamenting Jerusalem's dire circumstances

15 The LORD said to me: Even if Moses and Samuel stood before me, I wouldn't change my mind about these people. Send them away from me. Let them go! [2]And if they say, "Go where?" tell them, This is what the LORD proclaims:

Those marked for death—to death,
those marked for war—to war,
those marked for famine—
to famine, and those marked
for exile—to exile.

[3]I will appoint over them four agents[h] of death, declares the LORD: soldiers to kill, dogs to drag off, and vultures and wild animals to devour and destroy. [4]Because of what Judah's King Manasseh, Hezekiah's son, has done in Jerusalem, I will make them an object of horror to all nations on earth.

[5]Who will pity you, Jerusalem?
Who will shed tears over you?
Who will stop and ask how
you're doing?
[6]You have deserted me,
declares the LORD.
You have turned your back on me.

[g]Or *the Lord* [h]Or *families*

So I will turn my hand against you
and destroy you.
I'm tired of holding back.
7 I will winnow them
with a winnowing fork
at the gates of their country.
I will bereave and destroy my people
because they haven't changed
their ways.
8 Their widows will outnumber
the sand on the shore.
I will bring a destroyer
in broad daylight
against the mothers of young men.[i]
Suddenly I will bring distress
and terror upon them.
9 The mother of seven
will grow weak and gasp for air;
her sun will set while it is yet day;
she will be ashamed and disgraced.
I will deliver the survivors
to the sword,
to the power of their enemies,
declares the LORD.
10 I wish I had never been born! I have become a source of conflict and dissension in my own country. Even though I haven't lent or borrowed, still everyone curses me.
11 The LORD said:
Haven't I taken care of you?
Haven't I helped you
with your enemies
in time of trouble and distress?[j]
12 Can a person shatter iron,
iron from the north, or bronze?
13 Your wealth and belongings
I will deliver as plunder,
without a fee,
because of all your sins
throughout your territory.
14 I will make you serve your enemies
in a land you don't know,
for my anger blazes like a fire
that won't go out.

15 You understand, LORD!
Remember me
and act on my behalf.
Bring judgment on those
who torment me.
In your mercy, spare my life.[k]
Consider how I'm insulted
on your account.
16 When your words turned up,
I feasted on them;
and they became my joy,
the delight of my heart,
because I belong to you,
LORD God of heavenly forces.
17 I didn't join the festive occasions;
I took no delight in them.
I sat alone
because your hand was upon me
and you had filled me with curses.
18 Why am I always in pain?
Why is my wound incurable,
so far beyond healing?
You have become for me as unreliable
as a spring gone dry!

19 Therefore, the LORD proclaims:
If you return to me,
I will take you back
and let you stand before me.
If you utter what is worthwhile,
not what is worthless,
you will be my spokesman.
They will turn to you,
not you to them!
20 I will make you a sturdy bronze wall
against these people.
They will attack you,
but they won't triumph,
because I am with you
to protect and rescue you,
declares the LORD.
21 I will rescue you
from the hand of the wicked;
I will redeem you
from the grasp of the violent.

Loss of hope

16 The LORD's word came to me:
2 Don't marry or have children in this place. 3 This is what the LORD proclaims concerning children who are born in this place and their mothers and fathers who give birth to them in this place:
4 They will die of horrible diseases.
No one will mourn for them
or bury them.

15:7 Jer 51:2
15:9 1Sa 2:5; Jer 21:7; Lam 1:1; Am 8:9
15:10 Ex 22:25; Jer 1:19, Jer 20:14
15:14 Dt 28:36, Dt 32:22; Ps 21:9; Jer 4:4, Jer 17:4
15:15 Ps 69:7; Jer 11:20, Jer 12:3
15:16 Job 23:12; Ps 119:72, Ps 119:103; Jer 14:9; Eze 3:3
15:17 Ps 1:1, Ps 26:4; Jer 6:11, Jer 16:8; Lam 3:28
15:18 Job 6:15, Job 34:6; Jer 30:12, Jer 30:15; Mi 1:9
15:19 Ex 4:16; Jer 15:1; Eze 44:23; Zec 3:7
16:2 1Co 7:26

[i] Heb uncertain [j] Heb uncertain [k] Heb uncertain

They will be like refuse
lying on the ground.
They will die from the sword
and by famine,
and their corpses will be food
for birds and wild animals.
5 This is what the LORD says:
Don't enter a house
where there is mourning;
don't grieve or lament for them,
for I have taken away my blessing,
kindness, and mercy
from this people,
declares the LORD.
6 From the least to the greatest,
all will die in this land,
and there will be no funerals
or time of mourning.
No one will gash themselves
in grief
or shave their heads in sorrow.
7 No one will bring food[1]
for the mourner
as comfort for the dead.
No one will offer
a cup of consolation
for the loss of father or mother.
8 Don't enter a house where there is feasting and sit down to eat and drink.
9 This is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims:

Before your very eyes and in your own lifetime, I will silence in this place the sounds of joy and gladness and the voices of the bridegroom and the bride.

10 When you proclaim all these things to the people, and they ask you, "Why has the LORD pronounced such massive devastation against us? What have we done wrong? How have we sinned against the LORD our God?" 11 then you should tell them: It's because your ancestors have deserted me and followed other gods, declares the LORD. They have served and worshipped them, while abandoning me and refusing to keep my Instruction. 12 And you, you have acted worse than your ancestors, each of you following your own willful, evil hearts and paying no attention to me. 13 So I will banish you from this land to a place that neither you nor your ancestors have known, and there you will serve other gods day and night, for I will show you no mercy.

14 But the time is coming, declares the LORD, when no one will say, "As the LORD lives who brought up the Israelites from the land of Egypt"; 15 instead, they will say, "As the LORD lives who brought up the Israelites from the land of the north and from all the lands where he has banished them." I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors.

16 I'm going to send hordes of fishermen to catch them, declares the LORD. Afterward I will send a party of hunters to hunt them down on every mountain, hill, and cave. 17 I am watching their every move; not one is hidden from me. Nor is their sin concealed from my sight. 18 I will initially pay them back double for their evil and sin, because they have corrupted my land with their disgusting, lifeless idols and have filled my inheritance with their detestable practices.

19 LORD, you are my strength
and my stronghold;
you are my refuge
in time of trouble.
The nations will flock to you
from the ends of the earth,
and they will say:
"Our ancestors have inherited
utter lies,
things that are hollow and useless."
20 Can humans make their own gods?
If so, they are not gods at all!
21 Therefore, I will teach them;
this time I will teach them
my power and my might.
They will understand
that I am the LORD.

17 Judah's sin is engraved
with an iron pen.
It's etched with a diamond point
on the tablets of their hearts
and on the horns of their altars.

16:9 Jer 7:34, Jer 25:10; Eze 26:13; Hos 2:11; Rev 18:23

16:10 Dt 29:24; Jer 5:19, Jer 22:8

16:16 1Sa 26:20; Am 4:2; Mi 7:2; Hab 1:14, Hab 1:15

16:19 Is 2:2, Is 25:4; Jer 3:17, Jer 17:17; Na 1:7

16:20 Ps 115:4; Is 37:19; Jer 2:11; Ga 4:8

16:21 Jer 33:2

17:1 Ex 28:18; Job 19:24; Prv 3:3, Prv 7:3; 2Co 3:3

[1] LXX; Heb *break for them*

2 Their children remember their altars
and sacred poles[m]
by the lush trees and high hills.

3 Because you have committed such
sins throughout your country,
I will give to your enemies
my mountain in the land,
as well as your wealth
and all that you treasure.[n]
4 You will lose the inheritance
that I gave you.
I will make you slaves
of your enemies
in a land you don't know,
for my anger blazes like a fire
that won't go out.

5 The LORD proclaims:
Cursed are those who trust
in mere humans,
who depend on human strength
and turn their hearts
from the LORD.
6 They will be like a desert shrub
that doesn't know
when relief comes.
They will live in the parched places
of the wilderness,
in a barren land
where no one survives.
7 Happy are those who trust
in the LORD,
who rely on the LORD.
8 They will be like trees
planted by the streams,
whose roots reach down
to the water.
They won't fear drought
when it comes;
their leaves will remain green.
They won't be stressed
in the time of drought
or fail to bear fruit.

9 The most cunning heart—
it's beyond help.
Who can figure it out?
10 I, the LORD, probe the heart
and discern hidden motives,
to give everyone
what they deserve,
the consequences of their deeds.

11 Like a partridge gathering a brood
that is not its own,
so are those who acquire
their wealth corruptly.
By midlife it will be gone;
afterward they will look like fools.

12 Splendid and exalted throne,
the place of our sanctuary
from the beginning!
13 LORD, the hope of Israel,
all who forsake you
will suffer disgrace;
those who turn away from you[o]
in the land
will be written off,[p]
for they have abandoned the LORD,
the fountain of living water.

14 Heal me, LORD, and I'll be healed.
Save me and I'll be saved,
for you are my heart's desire.
15 See how they harass me:
"Where's the LORD's word?
Let it come now!"
16 Yet I didn't urge you
to bring disaster;[q]
I didn't want the calamity
to happen.
You know what comes
out of my mouth;
it's always before you.
17 Don't terrorize me;
you are my refuge in time of disaster.
18 Let my tormentors be disgraced,
but not me;
let them be terrorized, but not me.
Bring on them the time of disaster,
as they deserve;
destroy them repeatedly.
19 The LORD proclaimed to me: Go and stand by the People's Gate where Judah's kings go in and out, and then by all the gates of Jerusalem, 20 and say to them: Listen to the LORD's word, you kings of Judah, all you people of

17:5 2Ch 32:8; Ps 146:3; Is 2:22, Is 30:1, Is 31:1
17:6 Dt 29:23; Job 39:6; Jer 48:6
17:7 Ps 2:12, Ps 34:8, Ps 40:4, Ps 84:12, Ps 125:1
17:8 Ps 1:3, Ps 92:12; Jer 14:1; Eze 47:12
17:9 Ecc 9:3; Mk 7:21
17:10 1Ch 28:9; Ps 62:12; Jer 11:20, Jer 32:19; Rev 2:23
17:11 Jer 22:13; Lk 12:20
17:12 Jer 3:17, Jer 14:21
17:13 Is 1:28; Jer 2:13, Jer 14:8; Jn 4:10
17:14 Dt 10:21; Ps 6:2, Ps 109:1
17:15 Is 5:19; 2Pt 3:3, 2Pt 3:4
17:16 Jer 18:20
17:18 Ps 35:4; Jer 11:20

[m] Heb *asherim*; perhaps objects devoted to the worship of Asherah [n] Heb uncertain [o] Or *me* [p] Heb uncertain [q] LXX; Heb uncertain

Judah, and anyone living in Jerusalem who passes through these gates. [21]The LORD says: Be on guard not to carry a load on the Sabbath day or conduct business at the gates of Jerusalem. [22]Don't carry a load from your houses or do any kind of work on the Sabbath day. Rather, keep the Sabbath day holy as I commanded your ancestors, [23]although they didn't listen or pay attention. They were stubborn and wouldn't obey or accept correction. [24]If you are careful to obey me, declares the LORD, and don't conduct business at the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, if you keep the Sabbath day holy by not working, [25]then through the gates of this city will come kings who occupy the throne of David and their officers, all riding on chariots and horses. They will be accompanied by the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem. And this city will always be inhabited. [26]Others will come from the towns of Judah and Benjamin, from all around Jerusalem, and from the western foothills, the highlands, and the arid southern plain—they will come bringing entirely burned offerings, sacrifices, grain offerings, incense, and thanksgiving offerings to the LORD's temple. [27]But if you don't obey me by keeping the Sabbath day holy, if you carry your loads and conduct your business at the gates of Jerusalem as usual, then I will set fire to those gates that will completely engulf the fortresses of Jerusalem; it will not be put out.

God the potter

18 Jeremiah received the LORD's word: [2]Go down to the potter's house, and I'll give you instructions about what to do there. [3]So I went down to the potter's house; he was working on the potter's wheel. [4]But the piece he was making was flawed while still in his hands, so the potter started on another, as seemed best to him. [5]Then the LORD's word came to me: [6]House of Israel, can't I deal with you like this potter, declares the LORD? Like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in mine, house of Israel! [7]At any time I may announce that I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or kingdom; [8]but if that nation I warned turns from its evil, then I'll relent and not carry out the harm I intended for it. [9]At the same time, I may announce that I will build and plant a nation or kingdom; [10]but if that nation displeases and disobeys me, then I'll relent and not carry out the good I intended for it. [11]Now say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem: This is what the LORD says: I am a potter preparing a disaster for you; I'm working out a plan against you. So each one of you, turn from your evil ways; reform your ways and your actions. [12]But they said, "What's the use! We will follow our own plans and act according to our own willful, evil hearts."

[13]Therefore, the LORD proclaims:
Ask among the nations:
Have you ever heard anything like this?
Virgin Israel has done the most horrible thing.
[14]Does the snow on the mountains of Lebanon ever melt entirely off their rocky cliffs?
Do the cool mountain streams ever dry up?[r]
[15]Yet my people have forgotten me;
they have offered sacrifices to a lie.
And so they have stumbled along the way,
even along the ancient paths.
They have taken side roads, not the main roads.[s]
[16]They have ruined their country and brought utter shame on it.
All who pass by are shocked and shake their heads.
[17]Like a strong east wind,
I will scatter them before their enemy.
When disaster strikes them,
I will show them my back, not my face.

17:21 Nm 15:32; Neh 13:15
17:22 Ex 20:8, Ex 31:13; Dt 5:12; Is 56:2, Is 58:13
17:23 Jer 7:24, Jer 7:26, Jer 19:15
17:24 Ex 15:26; Dt 11:13; Jer 17:21, Jer 17:22
17:25 Is 9:7; Jer 22:4; Lk 1:32
18:1 2Ch 36:12; Jer 1:1, Jer 7:1, Jer 11:1, Jer 25:1
18:2 Jer 19:1
18:3 Zec 11:13
18:4 Jer 13:7
18:6 Is 29:16, Is 45:9, Is 64:8; Ro 9:20, Ro 9:21
18:7 Jer 1:10
18:8 Jer 26:3, Jer 26:13, Jer 36:3; Jl 2:13; Jon 3:10
18:9 Jer 1:10, Jer 31:28
18:10 1Sa 2:30, 1Sa 13:13; Eze 33:18
18:11 2Ki 17:13; Jer 7:3, Jer 25:5
18:12 Dt 29:19; Is 57:10; Jer 2:25, Jer 3:17, Jer 16:12
18:13 Jer 2:10, Jer 2:11, Jer 5:30; Hos 6:10
18:15 Is 57:14; Jer 2:32, Jer 6:16, Jer 10:15

[r]Heb uncertain; or *be dug up* [s]Heb uncertain

18 Then they said, "Come, let's unite
against Jeremiah, for the priest's in-
struction won't fail, nor will the sage's
counsel, nor the prophet's word. Come,
let's silence him and pay no attention
to his words."
19 Pay attention to me, LORD;
listen to what my enemies
are saying.
20 Should evil be returned for good?
Yet they have set traps for me.
Remember that I stood before you,
begging you to be merciful
and not to punish them.
21 Enough! Let their children starve;
let them die by the sword.
Let their wives be barren widows;
let their men be slaughtered
and their youth struck down
in battle.
22 Let screams be heard
from their homes
when you suddenly bring armies
against them.
They have dug a pit to capture me,
set traps for my feet.
23 But you, LORD, you know
all their sinister plots to kill me.
Don't overlook their wrongdoing;
don't cleanse their sin
from before you.
May they stumble before you;
when you become angry,
do something about them.

Broken beyond repair

19 The LORD proclaims: Go buy a
clay jar from a potter in the pres-
ence of the elders of the people and
the priests. 2 Then go out to the Ben-
hinnom Valley at the entrance of the
gate called Broken Pots and proclaim
there the words I will tell you. 3 Lis-
ten to the LORD's word, you kings of
Judah and those of you living in Jeru-
salem: This is what the LORD of heav-
enly forces, the God of Israel, says: I'm
going to bring such disaster upon this
place that it will shock all who hear of it.
4 They have deserted me and degraded
this place into a shrine for other gods,
which neither they nor their ancestors
nor Judah's kings have ever known.
And they have filled this place with the
blood of the innocent. 5 Yes, they have
built shrines to Baal, to burn their sons
and daughters in the fire, although I
never commanded or ordered such a
thing, nor did it ever cross my mind.
6 So now the time is coming, de-
clares the LORD, when people will no
longer call this place Topheth or Ben-
hinnom Valley but Carnage Valley. 7 I
will foil the plans of Judah and Jeru-
salem in this place and will have them
fall in battle before their enemies, be-
fore those who seek their lives. I will
give their corpses as food to the birds
and the wild animals. 8 I will make this
city something that sounds horrible;
all who pass by it will be shocked at
its pain. 9 And when their enemies lay
siege to the city, seeking their lives,
they will resort in desperation to eat-
ing the flesh of their sons and daugh-
ters, and to devouring the flesh of their
neighbors.
10 Then you should shatter the clay jar
in the sight of the people who are with
you, 11 and you should say to them: This
is what the LORD of heavenly forces
says: Just as one smashes the potter's
piece beyond repair, so I will smash
this people and this city. And they will
bury the dead in Topheth until there's
no room left. 12 That is what I will do to
this place and its residents, declares the
LORD: I will make this city like Topheth.
13 The houses of Jerusalem and those
of Judah's kings will become as foul
as Topheth—all the houses on whose
roofs they made offerings to the heav-
enly force and poured out drink offer-
ings to other gods.
14 When Jeremiah returned from
Topheth where the LORD had sent
him to prophesy, he stood in the court
of the LORD's temple and said to all
the people: 15 The LORD of heavenly
forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I
am about to bring upon this city and
its surrounding towns every disaster
that I have pronounced against them,
because they have been stubborn and
wouldn't obey my words.

18:21 Ps 109:9; Jer 11:22
18:22 Ps 140:5; Jer 6:26
18:23 Neh 4:5
19:1 Jer 18:2, Jer 19:10; Eze 5:1
19:2 Josh 15:8; 2Ki 23:10; 2Ch 28:3; Jer 7:32
19:3 1Sa 3:11; 2Ki 21:12
19:5; Lv 18:21; Nm 22:41; Dt 12:31; 2Ki 3:27; Jer 7:31, Jer 32:35
19:9 Lv 26:29; Dt 28:53; Lm 4:10; Eze 5:10
19:11 Ps 2:9; Is 30:14; Jer 7:32; Lam 4:2

20 When the priest Pashhur, Immer's son, the officer in charge of the LORD's temple, heard Jeremiah prophesying these words, [2]he beat the prophet and detained him in confinement at the upper Benjamin Gate in the LORD's temple. [3]The next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from confinement, Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD has changed your name from Pashhur to Panic Lurks Everywhere. [4]The LORD proclaims: I'm going to strike panic into your heart and into the hearts of your friends. You will watch as they fall in battle to their enemies. I will hand over all Judah to the king of Babylon, who will exile some to Babylon and slaughter others. [5]I will hand over all the wealth of this city, all its goods and valuables, including the treasures of the kings of Judah, to their enemies, who will ransack and pillage and carry it all off to Babylon. [6]And you, Pashhur, and all those in your household, will go into captivity. You will be deported to Babylon where you will die. There you will be buried with all your friends to whom you prophesied falsely."

Total despair

[7]LORD, you enticed me,
and I was taken in.
You were too strong for me,
and you prevailed.
Now I'm laughed at all the time;
everyone mocks me.
[8]Every time I open my mouth,
I cry out
and say, "Violence and destruction!"
The LORD's word has brought me
nothing but insult and injury,
constantly.
[9]I thought, I'll forget him;
I'll no longer speak in his name.
But there's an intense fire
in my heart,
trapped in my bones.
I'm drained trying to contain it;
I'm unable to do it.
[10]I hear many whispering—
"Panic Lurks Everywhere!—
proclaim, yes,
let's proclaim it ourselves!"
All my friends are waiting
for me to stumble:
"Perhaps he can be enticed.
Then we'll prevail against him
and get our revenge on him!"
[11]But the LORD is with me
like a strong defender.
Therefore, my oppressors
will stumble and not prevail.
They will be disgraced
by their own failures.
Their dishonor will never
be forgotten.
[12]The LORD of heavenly forces
tests the righteous
and discerns the heart
and the mind.
Let me see your retribution
upon them,
for I have committed my case
to you.
[13]Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the needy
from the clutches of evildoers.
[14]Cursed be the day that I was born.
May the day my mother
gave birth to me not be blessed.
[15]Cursed be the one
who delivered the news
to my father,
"You have a son!"—
filling him with joy.
[16]May the bearer of that news
be like the cities
that the LORD destroyed
without mercy.
May he hear screams
in the morning,
and the battle cries at noon,
[17]because he didn't kill me
in the womb
and let my mother become
my grave,
her womb pregnant forever.
[18]Why was I ever born
when all I see is suffering
and misery,
and my days
are filled with shame?

20:2 Jer 37:13, Jer 37:15, Jer 38:6, Jer 38:7; Zec 14:10

20:7 Ex 5:23; Job 12:4; Ps 22:7, Ps 119:51; Lam 3:14

20:8 2Ch 36:16; Jer 6:7, Jer 6:10, Jer 20:7

20:9 Ps 39:3

20:12 Ps 7:9; Jer 11:20, Jer 17:10

20:14 Job 3:3; Jer 15:10

20:18 Job 3:20; Lam 3:1

Verdict against king and city

21 Jeremiah received the LORD's word when King Zedekiah sent Pashhur, Malchiah's son, and the priest Zephaniah, Maaseiah's son, to him with an appeal: 2"Speak to the LORD on our behalf because Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar[t] is attacking us. Perhaps the LORD will perform one of his mighty deeds and force him to withdraw from us."

3Jeremiah answered them: This is what you should tell Zedekiah: 4The LORD, the God of Israel, says: I'm going to turn your own weapons against you, yes, the weapons you are using to fight the king of Babylon and the Babylonians[u] who have surrounded you! I will round them up in the center of the city. 5Then I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and strong arm in fierce anger and rage. 6I will strike down those within this city—both people and animals—and they will die of a terrible plague. 7Afterward, declares the LORD, I will deliver Judah's King Zedekiah, his servants, and those in this city who have survived plague, war, and famine to Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar[v] and to their enemies who seek to do them harm. He will put them to the sword without pity, mercy, or compassion.

8This is what you should tell this people: The LORD says: I'm setting before you the way of life and the way of death. 9Whoever stays in the city will die by the sword, famine, and disease. But whoever leaves the city and surrenders to the Babylonians[w] will live; yes, their lives will be spared. 10I have set my face against this city for harm and not for good, declares the LORD; it will be delivered to the king of Babylon, who will set it on fire.

Judah: Hear the LORD's word

11House of Judah!
This is what the LORD says:
12House of David!
The LORD proclaims:
Begin each morning
by administering justice,
rescue those who have been robbed
from their oppressor,
or else my anger
will spread like a wildfire,
with no one to put it out,
because of your evil deeds.
13I am against you,
you who live in the valley,[x]
like a rock of the plain,
declares the LORD,
and who say, "Who will come down
to attack us?
Who will breach our fortresses?"
14I will punish you
based on what you have done,
declares the LORD.
I will set your[y] forests on fire;
the flames will engulf
everything around you.[z]

Oracles against the kings

22 The LORD proclaims: Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and declare this message: 2Listen to the LORD's word, king of Judah, you who sit on David's throne—you and your attendants, and all those who go through these gates. 3The LORD proclaims: Do what is just and right; rescue the oppressed from the power of the oppressor. Don't exploit or mistreat the refugee, the orphan, and the widow. Don't spill the blood of the innocent in this place. 4If you obey this command, then through the gates of this palace will come kings who occupy the throne of David, riding on chariots and horses along with their entourage and subjects. 5But if you ignore these words, I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that this palace will become a ruin. 6The LORD proclaims concerning the palace of the king of Judah:

Though you are like Gilead to me,
like the summit of Lebanon,
I will turn you into a desert—
uninhabited cities.
7I will summon destroyers
against you,

21:8 Dt 30:15, Dt 30:19
21:11 Jer 13:18, Jer 17:20
22:3 Ex 22:22; Is 1:17; Jer 5:28, Jer 7:6, Jer 21:12
22:5 Gn 22:16; Heb 6:13

[t]Heb *Nebuchadrezzar* [u]Heb *Chaldeans* [v]Heb *Nebuchadrezzar* [w]Heb *Chaldeans* [x]Heb uncertain [y]Or *its* [z]Or *it*

who will use their weapons
to cut down your finest cedars
and hurl them into the fire.
[8] People from many nations will pass
by this city and ask each other: "Why
has the LORD treated that great city
like this?" [9] And the answer will be,
"Because they abandoned the covenant
with the LORD their God and wor-
shipped and served other gods."
[10] Don't weep or lament
for the dead king.[a]
Weep instead for the one
who has gone away,
for he will never return
to see his native soil.
[11] This is what the LORD says about
Shallum son of Judah's King Josiah,
who succeeded his father Josiah as
king but who is now gone from this
place: He will never return! [12] He will
die where he's been exiled and never
see this land again.
[13] How terrible for Jehoiakim,
who builds his house
with corruption
and his upper chambers
with injustice,
working his countrymen
for nothing,
refusing to give them their wages.
[14] He says, "I'll build myself
a grand palace,
with huge upper chambers,
ornate windows,
cedar paneling,
and rich red decor."
[15] Is this what makes you a king,
having more cedar
than anyone else?
Didn't your father eat and drink
and still do what was just and right?
Then it went well for him!
[16] He defended the rights
of the poor and needy;
then it went well.
Isn't that what it means to know me?
declares the LORD.
[17] But you set your eyes and heart
on nothing but unjust gain;
you spill the blood of the innocent;
you practice cruelty;
you oppress your subjects.
[18] Therefore, this is what the LORD
says to Jehoiakim son of Judah's King
Josiah:
They won't grieve for him, saying,
"My brother, my sister!"
They won't grieve for him, saying,
"My master, my majesty!"
[19] They will give him a donkey's burial,
dragging him outside
the gates of Jerusalem
and dumping him there.

[20] Go up to Lebanon and cry out,
lift up your voice in Bashan,
cry out from Abarim,
because all your lovers
have been ravished.
[21] I spoke to you
when you felt safe and secure,
but you said, "I won't listen."
You have been that way
since your youth:
not listening to a word I say.
[22] Your shepherds will be tossed
to the wind,
your lovers taken off to exile.
Then you will be embarrassed
and humiliated
by all your wickedness.
[23] You who live in Lebanon,
nestled in cedar,
who will pity you[b]
when you are overcome in pain,
like that of childbirth?
[24] As surely as I live, declares the
LORD, even if Coniah,[c] King Jehoiakim's
son from Judah, were a signet ring on
my right hand, I would still remove you
from there. [25] I would hand you over to
those who seek to kill you, those you
dread, even Babylon's King Nebuchad-
nezzar and his army.[d] [26] I will banish you
and your mother who bore you to a land
far from your native soil, and there the
two of you will die. [27] You[e] will never re-
turn to the land you[f] long to go back to.
[28] Is this man Coniah
merely a defiled and broken
pottery jar
that no one wants?

22:10 Ecc 4:2; Jer 22:11
22:13 Lv 19:13; Dt 24:14; Mi 3:10; Jas 5:4
22:14 2Sa 7:2; Is 5:8; Eze 23:14; Hg 1:4
22:17 Jer 8:10
22:19 Jer 36:30
22:24 2Ki 24:6; Song 8:6; Jer 37:1; Hg 2:23
22:25 Jer 21:7, Jer 34:20
22:28 Ps 31:12; Jer 22:24, Jer 48:38; Hos 8:8

[a] Heb lacks *king.* [b] Heb uncertain [c] Cf *Jeconiah* in Jer 24:1 [d] Or *the Babylonians* [e] Or *They* [f] Or *they*

Why then have he and his children
been hurled out
and cast into an unfamiliar land?
[29] Land, land, land,
hear the LORD's word:
[30] The LORD proclaims:
Mark this man as childless;
he will not prosper
during his lifetime.
None of his children
will sit on David's throne
and rule again in Judah.

Promise of restoration

23 Watch out, you shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, declares the LORD. [2] This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, proclaims about the shepherds who "tend to" my people: You are the ones who have scattered my flock and driven them away. You haven't attended to their needs, so I will take revenge on you for the terrible things you have done to them, declares the LORD. [3] I myself will gather the few remaining sheep from all the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. [4] I will place over them shepherds who care for them. Then they will no longer be afraid or dread harm, nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.

Promise of a righteous and just king

[5] The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous descendant[g] from David's line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. [6] During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The LORD Is Our Righteousness.[h]

[7] So the time is coming, declares the LORD, when no one will say, "As the LORD lives who brought up the Israelites from the land of Egypt." [8] Instead, they will say, "As the LORD lives who brought up the descendants of the people of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where he[i] has banished them so that they can live in their own land."

22:29 Jer 6:19
22:30 1Ch 3:17; Ps 94:20; Jer 36:30; Mt 1:12
23:1 Jer 10:21; Eze 34:2; Zec 11:17
23:2 Ex 32:34; Is 9:14, Is 56:10; Jer 21:12, Jer 23:1
23:5 Is 4:2, Is 9:7, Is 11:1, Is 32:1; Jer 33:15
23:6 Dt 33:28; Jer 30:10, Jer 33:16; Mt 1:21; 1Co 1:30
23:7 Jer 16:14, Jer 16:15, Jer 30:3
23:15 Jer 8:14, Jer 9:15

Oracles against the prophets

[9] As for the prophets:
My heart inside me is broken;
my body aches.[j]
I stagger like a drunk
who has had too much wine to drink,
because of the LORD
and because of God's holy words.
[10] Because the country teems
with adulterers,
because of them,[k]
yes, because their might isn't right
and their way is evil,
the land dries up,
and the grazing areas
in the wilderness wither.[l]
[11] Both prophet and priest are godless;
I even find their evil in my temple,
declares the LORD.
[12] Therefore, they will find themselves
on slippery ground
and will be thrust into darkness,
where they will collapse.
I will bring disaster upon them,
when their time comes,
declares the LORD.
[13] In the prophets of Samaria
I saw something shocking:
They prophesied by Baal
and led astray my people Israel.
[14] In the prophets of Jerusalem
I saw something horrible:
They commit adultery and tell lies.
They encourage evildoers
so that no one turns
from their wickedness.
In my eyes,
they are no better than Sodom;
its people are like Gomorrah.
[15] Therefore, this is what the LORD of heavenly forces proclaims concerning the prophets:
I'm going to feed them bitter food
and give them poison to drink.

[g] Or *branch* [h] Or *of Our Righteousness*, possibly a play on the name *Zedekiah* [i] Or *I* [j] Heb uncertain; or *my bones shake* [k] LXX; MT *a curse* [l] Heb uncertain

Wickedness has spread
from the prophets of Jerusalem
throughout the land.

16 The LORD proclaims:
Don't listen to the prophets
who are speaking to you;
they are deceiving you.
Their visions come
from their own hearts,
not from the LORD's mouth.
17 They keep saying to those
who scorn God's message,
"All will go well for you,"
and to those who follow
their own willful hearts,
"Nothing bad will happen to you."
18 But who has stood
in the LORD's council
to listen to God's word?
Who has paid attention
to his word and announced it?
19 Look! The LORD's angry storm
breaks out;
it whirls around the heads
of the wicked.
20 The LORD's fierce anger
won't turn back
until it accomplishes
all that he has planned.
In the days to come,
you will understand
what this means.

21 I didn't send the prophets,
yet they ran anyway.
I didn't speak to them,
yet they prophesied anyway.
22 If they had stood in my council,
they would have proclaimed
my words to my people;
they would have turned them
from their evil ways and deeds.
23 The LORD declares, Am I a God
who is only nearby and not far off?
24 Can people hide themselves
in secret places
so I might not see them?
Don't I fill heaven and earth?
25 I have heard the prophets proph-
esying lies in my name. They claim,

23:16 Jer 14:14, Jer 27:9; Mt 7:15
23:17 Jer 5:12, Jer 6:14; Eze 13:10; Am 9:10; Mi 3:11
23:18 Job 15:8; Jer 23:22
23:19 Jer 25:32, Jer 30:23; Am 1:14
23:20 2Ki 23:26; Jer 30:24
23:21 Jer 14:14, Jer 27:15
23:22 Jer 23:18, Jer 25:5; Zec 1:4
23:23 Ps 139:1, Ps 139:7
23:24 1Ki 8:27; Ps 139:7; Is 66:1
23:28 Nm 12:6; Jer 23:25; 2Co 2:17
23:29 Jer 5:14; Heb 4:12
23:30 Dt 18:20; Ps 34:16; Jer 14:15; Eze 13:8
23:32 Jer 7:8; Lam 2:14

"I've had a dream; I've had a dream!"
26 How long will deceitful prophecies
dominate the minds of the prophets?
Those prophets are treacherous. 27 They
scheme to make my people forget me
by their dreams that people tell each
other, just as their ancestors forgot me
because of Baal. 28 Let the prophet who
has a dream declare it, but let the one
who has my word proclaim it faithfully.
What a difference
between straw and wheat!
declares the LORD.
29 Isn't my word like fire
and like a hammer
that shatters rock?
declares the LORD.
30 Therefore, I'm against the prophets
who steal my words
from each other,
declares the LORD.
31 I'm against the prophets
who carelessly deliver oracles,[m]
declares the LORD.
32 I'm against the prophets
who dream up lies
and then proclaim them,
declares the LORD.
With their reckless lies,
they lead my people astray.
I didn't send them;
I didn't commission them.
They are completely useless
to these people,
declares the LORD.
33 When these people or a prophet or
a priest asks you, "What is the LORD's
message?"[n] say to them, "What mes-
sage? I will cast you off, declares the
LORD." 34 I will punish anyone, includ-
ing prophet or priest, who says, "This
is the LORD's message." 35 This is what
you should ask each other: "What has
the LORD said?" "What has the LORD
declared?" 36 But you are no longer to
mention the LORD's message, because
everyone thinks they have received a
message from the LORD. You destroy
the very word of the living God, the
LORD of heavenly forces, our God.
37 So this is what you should say to the

[m] Heb uncertain [n] Or *burden*

prophet: "What has the LORD said to you?" "What has the LORD declared?" [38]But if you insist on saying, "This is the LORD's message," the LORD says to you: Because you have made this claim—this is the LORD's message—when I told you not to proclaim the LORD's message, [39]I will lift you up° and cast you out of my presence, together with the city that I gave to your ancestors. [40]I will make you an object of disgrace and enduring shame that no one will ever forget.

Good and bad figs

24 After Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar had deported Judah's King Jeconiah, King Jehoiakim's son, and the Judean officials, as well as the craftsmen and metalworkers from Jerusalem to Babylon, the LORD showed me two baskets of figs set in front of the LORD's temple. [2]One basket was filled with fresh and ripe figs; the other basket was filled with rotten figs—too rotten to eat. [3]And the LORD asked me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

I replied: "Figs! Some good ones and others very bad—so bad that they can't be eaten."

[4]Then the LORD said to me: [5]The LORD, the God of Israel, proclaims: Just as with these good figs, I will treat kindly the Judean exiles that I have sent from this place to Babylon. [6]I regard them as good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up and not pull them down; I will plant them and not dig them up. [7]I will give them a heart to know me, for I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart. [8]And just like the rotten figs that are so bad that they can't be eaten, the LORD says, I will do to Judah's King Zedekiah and his officials, as well as the remaining few in Jerusalem and those who are living in Egypt. [9]I will make them an object of horror and evil to all the kingdoms of the earth. Wherever I scatter them, they will be disgraced

°LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *forget you*

24:1 2Ki 24:14; Jer 22:24, Jer 29:2; Am 8:1

24:2 Is 5:4, Is 28:4; Hos 9:10; Mi 7:1

24:3 Jer 1:11; Am 8:2; Zec 4:2

25:1 2Ki 24:1; Jer 32:1, Jer 36:1, Jer 46:2

25:4 2Ch 36:15; Jer 6:17, Jer 7:25, Jer 25:3, Jer 29:19

25:5 2Ki 17:13; Jer 7:7, Jer 18:11; Jon 3:8

25:6 Dt 8:19; Jer 35:15

25:7 2Ki 21:15

25:9 Jer 1:15, Jer 27:6, Jer 43:10

25:10 Jer 7:34, Jer 16:9; Eze 26:13; Rev 18:22, Rev 18:23

25:11 2Ch 36:21; Dn 9:2; Zec 7:5

and insulted, mocked and cursed. [10]I will send the sword, famine, and disease against them until they vanish from the fertile land that I gave to their ancestors.

A summary of Jeremiah's message

25 Jeremiah received the LORD's word concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son. This was the first year of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar. [2]The prophet Jeremiah addressed all the people of Judah and all those living in Jerusalem. [3]From the thirteenth year of Judah's King Josiah, Amon's son, to this very day—twenty-three years—the LORD's word has come to me. I have delivered it to you repeatedly, although you wouldn't listen. [4]In fact, the LORD has tirelessly sent you all his servants, the prophets, but you wouldn't listen or pay attention. [5]They said, "Each one of you, turn from your evil ways and deeds and live in the fertile land that the LORD gave you and your ancestors for all time. [6]Don't follow or worship other gods and don't anger me by what you make with your hands. Then I won't bring disaster upon you." [7]But you wouldn't listen to me, making me angry by what you do and bringing disaster upon yourselves, declares the LORD.

[8]Therefore, this is what the LORD of heavenly forces says: Because you haven't listened to my words, [9]I am going to muster all the tribes of the north and my servant King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, declares the LORD, and I will bring them against this country and its residents as well as against all the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy them and will make them an object of horror, shock, and ruins for all time. [10]I will silence the sounds of joy and laughter and the voices of the bride and the bridegroom. Yes, I will silence the millstones and snuff out the lamplight. [11]This whole country will be reduced to a wasteland, and these nations will serve the king

of Babylon for seventy years. [12]When the seventy years are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation for their wrongdoing, declares the LORD. I will reduce the land of the Babylonians to a wasteland for all time. [13]I will unleash upon that land everything I decreed, all that is written in this scroll, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations. [14]Yes, many great nations and powerful kings will enslave them, and I will pay them back in full for what they have done and made with their hands.

[15]This is what the LORD, God of Israel, said to me: Take this seething cup of wine from my hand and make all the nations gulp it down where I'm sending you. [16]They will drink and stagger about half-crazed because of the sword that I am sending against them.

[17]So I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and I made all the nations drink from it where the LORD had sent me: [18]Jerusalem and the towns of Judah, its kings and officials. This was to make them a wasteland, an object of horror, shock, and cursing, as it is today; [19]Pharaoh, Egypt's king, his attendants and officials, and all his people, [20]including the foreigners[p] living there; all the kings of the land of Uz; all the kings of the land of the Philistines—Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and what's left of Ashdod; [21]Edom, Moab, and the Ammonites; [22]all the kings of Tyre and Sidon, and the kings of the coastlands across the sea; [23]Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all those who cut the hair of their foreheads;[q] [24]all the kings of Arabia and the nomadic tribes,[r] [25]all the kings of Zimri,[s] Elam, and Media; [26]all the kings of the north, those nearby and those faraway, one after another, all the empires on the earth will drink from this cup.[t] And after them the king of Sheshach[u] will drink from it.

[27]Then say to them: The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Drink this seething cup of wine and get drunk. Vomit and collapse and don't get up again because of the sword that I'm thrusting into you. [28]If they refuse to take the cup in your hand and drink from it, tell them: This is what the LORD of heavenly forces says: You must drink! [29]Look! I'm bringing disaster upon the city that bears my name; how then will you escape unpunished? You will not! I'm summoning the sword against everyone on earth, declares the LORD of heavenly forces.

[30]Now prophesy all these things
and say to them:
The LORD roars on high;
from his holy place he thunders.
He roars fiercely against his flock,
like the shouting of those
who tread on grapes,
against everyone on earth.
[31]The uproar is heard far and wide,
because the LORD is bringing
a lawsuit against the nations.
He's entering into judgment
with all people,
sentencing the guilty to death,
declares the LORD.
[32]The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims:
Look! Disaster travels
from nation to nation.
A terrible storm comes
from the far ends of the earth.
[33]At that time, those struck down by the LORD will fill the earth. And no one will mourn for them or prepare their bodies for burial. They will become like refuse lying on the ground.
[34]Wail, you shepherds, cry out.
Roll in the dust,
you masters of the flock!
The day of your slaughter has arrived.
You will fall and shatter
like a fragile vase.
[35]The shepherds have no place to hide;
the masters of the flock can't escape.
[36]Hear the cry of the shepherds
and the sobbing of the masters
of the flock,
because the LORD
is ravaging their pasture.

25:12 Is 13:19, Is 47:1; Jer 29:10, Jer 50:1
25:15 Job 21:20; Ps 75:8; Is 51:17; Jer 51:7; Rev 14:10
25:16 Jer 25:27, Jer 51:7
25:17 Jer 1:10
25:18 Jer 24:9
25:19 Jer 43:9, Jer 46:2
25:20 Job 1:1; Jer 47:1, Jer 47:5; Lam 4:21; Zep 2:4
25:21 Jer 27:3, Jer 48:1, Jer 49:1, Jer 49:7
25:22 Jer 27:3, Jer 47:4; Zec 9:2
25:23 Gn 25:15; Job 6:19; Jer 9:26, Jer 49:8, Jer 49:32
25:24 2Ch 9:14; Jer 25:20
25:25 Gn 10:22; Is 11:11; Jer 49:34
25:26 Jer 25:9, Jer 50:9, Jer 51:41
25:27 Jer 25:16; Eze 21:4; Hab 2:16
25:28 Jer 49:12
25:29 Prv 11:31; Is 10:12; Eze 9:6; 1Pt 4:17
25:34 Jer 6:26

[p]Heb uncertain [q]Heb uncertain [r]Heb uncertain [s]Heb uncertain [t]Heb lacks *will drink from this cup.* [u]*Sheshak* is a name for Babylon.

37 There's an eerie silence
in the peaceful meadows,
because of the LORD's fierce anger.
38 The lion is on the prowl,
and the land is reduced to nothing,
because of the fierce sword,[v]
because of his fierce anger.

Jeremiah arrested and sentenced to death

26 Early in the rule of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, this word came from the LORD: 2 The LORD proclaims: Stand in the temple courtyard and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who have come to the temple to worship. Tell them everything I command you; leave nothing out. 3 Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. If they do, I will relent and not carry out the harm I have in mind for them because of the wrong they have done. 4 So tell them, The LORD proclaims: If you don't listen to me or follow the Instruction I have set before you— 5 if you don't listen to the words of the prophets that I have sent to you time and again, though you haven't listened, 6 then I will make this temple a ruin like Shiloh, and this city I will make a curse before all nations on earth.

7 The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah declare these words in the LORD's temple. 8 And when Jeremiah finished saying everything the LORD told him to say, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! 9 Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that 'this temple will become a ruin like Shiloh, and this city will be destroyed and left without inhabitant'?" Then all the people joined ranks against Jeremiah in the LORD's temple.

10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they went up from the royal palace to the LORD's temple and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's temple. 11 The priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people: "This man deserves to die for prophesying against this city as you have all heard firsthand."

12 Jeremiah said to all the officials and to all the people, "The LORD sent me to prophesy to this temple and this city everything you have heard. 13 So now transform your ways and actions. Obey the LORD your God, and the LORD may relent and not carry out the harm that he's pronounced against you. 14 But me? I'm in your hands. Do whatever you would like to me. 15 Only know for certain that if you sentence me to death, you and the people of this city will be guilty of killing an innocent man. The LORD has in fact sent me to speak everything I have said to you."

16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, "This man doesn't deserve to die, for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God."

17 A few of the community elders got up and addressed the whole crowd: 18 "Micah of Moresheth, who prophesied during the rule of Judah's Hezekiah, said to all the people of Judah, 'The LORD of heavenly forces proclaims:

Zion will be plowed down like a field,
Jerusalem will become piles of rubble,
and the temple mount will become
an overgrown mound.'

19 "Did King Hezekiah or anyone else in Judah execute him? Didn't he instead fear the LORD and plead for his mercy? Then the LORD relented of the harm that he had pronounced against them. We are about to commit a huge mistake that will cost us our lives."

20 There was another man who prophesied in the LORD's name: Uriah, Shemaiah's son from Kiriath-jearim. He prophesied the same things that Jeremiah did about this city and against this land. 21 When King Jehoiakim and all his warriors and officials heard his words, the king sought to

26:1 2Ki 23:36; 2Ch 36:5; Jer 25:1, Jer 27:1, Jer 36:1

26:2 Dt 4:2; Jer 1:17, Jer 7:2, Jer 19:14; Mt 28:20

26:3 Jer 18:8, Jer 26:13, Jer 36:3; Jon 3:8

26:5 Jer 7:25, Jer 25:3, Jer 25:4

[v] LXX, Heb manuscripts; Heb uncertain

kill him. Uriah heard of this and fled in fear to Egypt. 22But King Jehoiakim dispatched Elnathan, Achbor's son, and others to Egypt. 23They brought Uriah back from Egypt to the king who had him killed, and his body was thrown into the common burial ground.

24But Ahikam, Shaphan's son, protected Jeremiah and wouldn't let the people execute him.

Submit to the king of Babylon and live

27 Early in the rule of Judah's King Zedekiah,[w] Josiah's son, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2This is what the LORD said to me: Make a yoke of straps and bars and wear it on your neck. 3Then send word[x] to the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon through their representatives who have come to Jerusalem to Judah's King Zedekiah. 4Tell them to say to their masters: The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Say this to your masters:

5By my great power and outstretched arm, I have made the earth and the people and animals that are on it. I can give it to anyone I please. 6Now I hand over all these countries to my servant King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. I even give him the wild animals as subjects. 7All nations will serve him, his son and grandson, until the time for his land arrives; then many nations and great kings will conquer him.

8As for the nation or country that won't serve Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar and won't put its neck under his yoke, I will punish it with sword, famine, and disease until I have destroyed it by his hand, declares the LORD. 9As for you, don't listen to your prophets, diviners, dreamers,[y] mediums, or your sorcerers who say to you, "Don't serve the king of Babylon." 10They are lying to you, and their lies will lead to banishment from your land. I will drive you out, and you will perish. 11But any nation that puts its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serves him, I will let stay in its land to till it and live on it, declares the LORD.

12I delivered the same message to Judah's King Zedekiah: If you want to live, put your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people. 13Why should you and your people die by sword, famine, and disease, as the LORD pronounced against any nation that won't serve the king of Babylon? 14Pay no attention to the words of the prophets who encourage you not to serve the king of Babylon, for they are lying to you. 15I haven't sent these prophets, declares the LORD; they are prophesying falsely in my name. If you listen to them, I will drive you out, and you will perish, both you and your prophets!

16Then I spoke to the priests and all this people: This is what the LORD says: Don't listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you, "In a short while, the temple equipment will be brought back from Babylon." They are prophesying a lie to you. 17Don't listen to them; serve the king of Babylon and live. Otherwise, this city will be reduced to ruin. 18If they are really prophets and have the LORD's word, let them intercede with the LORD of heavenly forces not to let the equipment left in the LORD's temple and in the royal palace of Judah and Jerusalem be carted off to Babylon.

19This is what the LORD of heavenly forces proclaims about the pillars, the Sea, the stands, and the rest of the equipment left in this city, 20which Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar didn't plunder when he deported Jeconiah the son of Judah's King Jehoiakim from Jerusalem to Babylon, along with all the officials of Judah and Jerusalem. 21Yes, this is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims about the equipment that is left in the LORD's temple and in the royal palace in Judah, and in Jerusalem: 22They will be carted off to Babylon

27:6 Jer 25:9, Jer 28:14, Jer 43:10; Dn 2:38

27:8 Jer 14:12, Jer 21:9, Jer 24:10, Jer 27:6, Jer 27:13

27:12 Jer 27:3, Jer 28:1, Jer 38:17

[w] Heb manuscripts, Syr; MT *Jehoiakim* [x] Or *them* (the yokes) [y] Or *dreams*

where they will remain until the day I come looking for them, declares the LORD; then I will bring them back and restore them to this place.

Prophet against prophet

28 That same year, early in the rule of Judah's King Zedekiah, in the fifth month of his fourth year, the prophet Hananiah, Azzur's son from Gibeon, spoke to me in the LORD's temple before the priests and all the people. [2]He said: "The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. [3]In two years I will restore to this place all of the temple equipment that Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar carted off to Babylon. [4]I will also restore to this place Judah's King Jeconiah, Jehoiakim's son, along with all the exiles from Judah who were deported to Babylon, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon, declares the LORD."

[5]Then the prophet Jeremiah responded to Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the LORD's temple. [6]The prophet Jeremiah said: "Indeed. May the LORD do just as you have said! May the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back from Babylon the equipment of the LORD's temple and all the exiles to this place. [7]However, listen closely to what I have to say to you and all the people: [8]The prophets who came before you and me long ago prophesied war, disaster, and disease against many lands and great kingdoms. [9]So the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as one who is actually sent by the LORD only when that prophet's message is fulfilled."

[10]Then the prophet Hananiah took hold of the yoke that was on the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. [11]He said before all the people, "This is what the LORD says: Just as this yoke has been broken, I will break the yoke

28:6 1Ki 1:36; Ps 41:13; Jer 11:5
28:13 Dt 28:48; Jer 28:14
28:14 Dt 28:48; Jer 25:11, Jer 27:6
29:4 Jer 24:5
29:5 Jer 29:28; Jn 20:15
29:6 1Ti 5:14

of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar from the neck of all the nations within two years." Then the prophet Jeremiah walked away.

[12]Sometime after Hananiah had broken the yoke that was on Jeremiah's neck, the LORD told him: [13]Go, say to Hananiah, The LORD proclaims: You have broken a wooden yoke,[z] but I[a] will replace it with an iron one. [14]The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I will put iron yokes on the necks of all these nations, and they will serve Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar; even the wild animals will be subject to him!

[15]Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah: "Listen, Hananiah! The LORD hasn't sent you. All you are doing is persuading these people to believe a lie. [16]Therefore, the LORD proclaims: I'm going to send you somewhere—right off the face of the earth! Before the year ends, you will die since you have incited rebellion against the LORD." [17]The prophet Hananiah died in the seventh month[b] of that year.

Disturbing hope: Settle down in Babylon

29 The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem. [2]The letter was sent after King Jeconiah, the queen mother, the court officials, the government leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen and smiths had left Jerusalem. [3]It was delivered to Babylon by Elasah, Shaphan's son, and Gemariah, Hilkiah's son—two men dispatched to Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar by King Zedekiah.

[4]The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: [5]Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. [6]Get married and have

[z]Or *yokes* [a]Heb uncertain [b]September–October, Tishrei

children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. 7Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

8The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Don't let the prophets and diviners in your midst mislead you. Don't pay attention to your dreams. 9They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I didn't send them, declares the LORD.

10The LORD proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 11I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. 12When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. 13When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. 14I will be present for you, declares the LORD, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile,[c] declares the LORD.

15Yet you say, The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon:

16This is what the LORD proclaims concerning the king sitting on David's throne and all the people who live in this city, that is, those among you who didn't go into exile: 17The LORD of heavenly forces proclaims: I'm going to send the sword, famine, and disease against them. I will make them like rotten figs that are too spoiled to eat. 18I will pursue them with the sword, famine, and disease; and I will make them an object of horror to all nations on earth and an object of cursing, scorn, shock, and disgrace among all the countries where I have scattered them, 19because they wouldn't listen to my words, declares the LORD, which I sent them time and again through my servants the prophets. They[d] wouldn't listen, declares the LORD.

20But now, all you exiles I deported from Jerusalem to Babylon, listen to the LORD's word. 21This is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims concerning Ahab, Kolaiah's son, and Zedekiah, Maaseiah's son, who are prophesying lies to you in my name: I will hand them over to Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar, and he will slay them before your very eyes. 22Because of them, all the Judean exiles in Babylon will use this curse: "The LORD make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, who were burned alive by the king of Babylon." 23They committed a horrible scandal in Israel—adultery with their neighbors' wives and deceit spoken in my name, with which I had nothing to do. Yet I'm still aware of it and am witness to it, declares the LORD.

24Tell Shemaiah the Nehelamite, 25This is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: [e]You sent letters on your own accord to all the people in Jerusalem, to the priest Zephaniah, Maaseiah's son, and to the rest of the priests. 26You said to Zephaniah:[f] The LORD has appointed you priest in charge of the LORD's temple instead of Jehoiada. You are responsible for putting every madman who prophesies into stocks and neck irons. 27So why haven't you threatened Jeremiah of Anathoth, who pretends to be a prophet among you? 28He has sent a letter telling those of us in Babylon: "You are going to be there a long time, so build houses and settle down, plant gardens and eat what they produce."

29The priest Zephaniah read this letter to the prophet Jeremiah. 30Then the LORD's word came to Jeremiah: 31Send word to all the exiles: The

29:7 Ezr 6:10; 1Ti 2:1, 1Ti 2:2
29:9 Jer 14:14, Jer 27:15, Jer 29:31
29:10 2Ch 36:21; Jer 24:6, Jer 25:12, Jer 33:14; Dn 9:2
29:14 Jer 23:3, Jer 30:3
29:16 Jer 22:2
29:17 Jer 24:8, Jer 29:18
29:18 Jer 15:4, Jer 42:18
29:19 Jer 6:19, Jer 25:4, Jer 26:5
29:20 Jer 24:5
29:21 Jer 14:14, Jer 29:8, Jer 29:9
29:22 Is 65:15; Dn 3:6
29:23 Jer 23:14

[c]Or *I will restore you to the place from which I exiled you.* [d]Syr; MT *you* [e]Or *because you sent* [f]Heb lacks *You said to Zephaniah.*

LORD proclaims concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah prophesied to you when I didn't send him, and because he convinced you to believe a lie, [32]I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his descendants, declares the LORD. Not one member of this people will be around to see the good that I have in store for my people, declares the LORD, for he incited rebellion against me.

THE SCROLL OF COMFORT

Healing and restoration for my people

30:1 Jer 1:1, Jer 7:1, Jer 11:1, Jer 18:1, Jer 25:1

30:8 Is 9:4, Is 10:27; Jer 2:20, Jer 27:2, Eze 34:27

30:9 Is 55:3; Jer 23:5; Eze 34:23, Eze 37:24; Hos 3:5

30:10 Is 43:5, Is 44:2; Jer 46:27, Jer 46:28

30:11 Jer 1:8, Jer 4:27, Jer 10:24, Jer 46:28

30 Jeremiah received the LORD's word: [2]The LORD, the God of Israel, proclaims: Write down in a scroll all the words I have spoken to you. [3]The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will bring back my people Israel and Judah from captivity,[g] says the LORD. I will bring them home to the land that I gave to their ancestors, and they will possess it. [4]Here are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah:

[5]The LORD proclaims:
I[h] hear screams of panic and terror;
no one is safe.
[6]Ask and see:
Can men bear children?
Then why do I see every man
bent over in pain,[i]
as if he's in labor?
Why have all turned pale?
[7]That day is awful, beyond words.
A time of unspeakable pain
for my people Jacob.
But they will be delivered from it.
[8]At that time, I will break the yoke off their[j] necks and remove their[k] shackles. Foreigners will no longer enslave them, declares the LORD of heavenly forces. [9]They will serve the LORD their God and the king whom I will raise up for them from David's family.
[10]So don't be afraid,
my servant Jacob,
declares the LORD,
Don't lose hope, Israel.
I will deliver you from faraway places
and your children
from the land of their exile.
My people Jacob
will again be safe and sound,
with no one harassing them.
[11]I am with you and will rescue you,
declares the LORD.
I will put an end to all the nations
where I have scattered you.
But I won't put an end to you.
I won't let you remain unpunished:
I will discipline you as you deserve.

[12]This is what the LORD says:
Your injury is incurable;
your illness is grave.
[13]No one comes to your aid;
no one attends to your wound;
your disease is incurable.
[14]All your lovers disregard you;
they write you off as a lost cause,
because I have dealt harshly
with you
as an enemy would,
because your guilt is great
and your sins are many.
[15]Why cry out for relief
from your pain?
Your wound is incurable.
I have done these things to you,
because your guilt is great
and your sins are many.

[16]Yet all who ravage you
will be ravaged;
all who oppress you
will go into exile.
Those who rob you will be robbed,
and all who plunder you
will be plundered.
[17]I will restore your health,
and I will heal your wounds,
declares the LORD,
because you were labeled an outcast,
"Zion, the lost cause."

[18]The LORD proclaims:
I will restore Jacob's tents

[g]Or *restore the fortunes* [h]Or *We* [i]Or *with his hands on his groin* [j]Or *your* [k]Or *your*

and have pity on their birthplace.
Their city will be rebuilt on its ruins
and the palace in its rightful place.
19 There will be laughter
and songs of thanks.
I will add to their numbers
so they don't dwindle away.
I will honor them
so they aren't humiliated.
20 Their children will thrive
as they did long ago,
and their community will be
established before me.
I will punish their oppressors.
21 They will have their own leader;
their ruler will come
from among them.
I will let him approach me,
and he will draw near.
Who would dare approach me
unless I let them come?
declares the LORD.
22 You will be my people,
and I will be your God.

23 Look! The LORD's anger breaks out
like a violent storm,
a fierce wind that strikes
the heads of the wicked.
24 The LORD's fierce anger
won't turn back
until God's[l] purposes
are entirely accomplished.
In the days to come,
you will understand
what this means.

31 At that time, declares the LORD,
I will be the God
of all the families of Israel,
and they will be my people.

2 The LORD proclaims:
The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness.
As Israel searched for a place of rest,
3 the LORD appeared to them[m]
from a distance:[n]
I have loved you with a love
that lasts forever.
And so with unfailing love,
I have drawn you to myself.[o]

31:1 Jer 30:22

31:2 Ex 2:23, Ex 12:37, Ex 14:8, Ex 17:8; Dt 12:9

31:8 Is 42:16; Jer 3:18, Jer 23:8; Eze 34:16; Mi 4:6

31:10 Is 40:11

31:11 Is 44:23, Is 48:20

4 Again, I will build you up,
and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel.
Again, you will play
your tambourines
and dance with joy.
5 Again, you will plant vineyards
on the hills of Samaria;
farmers will plant
and then enjoy the harvests.
6 The time will come when
the watchmen shout from
the highlands of Ephraim:
"Get ready! We're going up to Zion
to the LORD our God!"
7 The LORD proclaims:
Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob;
shout for the leading nation.
Raise your voices with praise
and call out:
"The LORD has saved his people,[p]
the remaining few in Israel!"

8 I'm going to bring them back
from the north;
I will gather them
from the ends of the earth.
Among them will be
the blind and the disabled,
expectant mothers
and those in labor;
a great throng will return here.
9 With tears of joy they will come;
while they pray,
I will bring them back.
I will lead them by quiet streams
and on smooth paths
so they don't stumble.
I will be Israel's father,
Ephraim will be my oldest child.

10 Listen to the LORD's word,
you nations,
and announce it to
the distant islands:
The one who scattered Israel
will gather them
and keep them safe,
as a shepherd his flock.
11 The LORD will rescue the people
of Jacob
and deliver them from the power
of those stronger than they are.

[l] Or *his* or *its* [m] Or *to me* [n] Or *a long time ago* [o] Heb lacks *myself.* [p] LXX; MT *Save your people, LORD*

12 They will come shouting for joy
on the hills of Zion,
jubilant over the LORD's gifts:
grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds.
Their lives will be like a lush garden;
they will grieve no more.
13 Then the young women
will dance for joy;
the young and old men will join in.
I will turn their mourning
into laughter
and their sadness into joy;
I will comfort them.
14 I will lavish the priests
with abundance
and shower my people
with my gifts,
declares the LORD.

15 The LORD proclaims:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and wailing.
It's Rachel crying for her children;
she refuses to be consoled,
because her children are no more.
16 The LORD proclaims:
Keep your voice from crying
and your eyes from weeping,
because your endurance
will be rewarded,
declares the LORD.
They will return
from the land of their enemy!
17 There's hope for your future,
declares the LORD.
Your children will return home!

18 I hear, yes, I hear Ephraim lamenting:
"You disciplined me,
and I learned my lesson,
even though I was as stubborn
as a mule.
Bring me back, let me return,
because you are the LORD my God.
19 After I turned away from you,
I regretted it;
I realized what I had done,
and I have hit myself[q]—
I was humiliated and disgraced,
and I have carried this disgrace
since I was young."

31:15 Gn 37:35; Josh 18:25; Jer 10:20; Mt 2:18

31:16 Ru 2:12; 2Ch 15:7; Jer 30:3; Eze 11:17

31:18 Job 5:17; Ps 80:3; Lam 5:21

31:19 Ezr 9:6; Jer 3:25, Jer 22:21; Eze 21:12

31:20 Is 55:7; Hos 11:8; Mi 7:18

31:22 Jer 2:18, Jer 2:23, Jer 3:6, Jer 49:4

31:25 Ps 107:9; Jer 31:12, Jer 31:14; Jn 4:14

31:26 Prv 3:24; Zec 4:1

31:27 Eze 36:9, Eze 36:11; Hos 2:23

31:29 Jer 31:30; Lam 5:7; Eze 18:2, Eze 18:3

31:30 Dt 24:16; Is 3:11; Eze 18:4, Eze 18:20

20 Isn't Ephraim my much-loved child?
Don't I utterly adore him?
Even when I scold him,
I still hold him dear.
I yearn for him and love him deeply,
declares the LORD.

21 Set up markers,
put up signs;
think about the road
you have traveled,
the path you have taken.
Return, virgin Israel;
return to these towns of yours.
22 How long will you hem and haw,
my rebellious daughter?
The LORD has created
something new on earth:
Virgin Israel will once again
embrace her God![r]

23 The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: When I bring my people[s] back from captivity, they will once again utter these words in the land and towns of Judah:

The LORD bless you,
righteous dwelling place,
holy mountain.

24 Those who live in Judah and its towns will dwell together with farmers and shepherds. 25 I will strengthen the weary and renew those who are weak.

26 Then I woke up and looked around. What a pleasant sleep I had!

27 The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will plant seeds in Israel and Judah, and both people and animals will spring up. 28 Just as I watched over them to dig up and pull down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and plant, declares the LORD. 29 In those days, people will no longer say:

Sour grapes eaten by parents
leave a bitter taste
in the mouths of their children.

30 Because everyone will die
for their own sins:
whoever eats sour grapes
will have a bitter taste
in their own mouths.

[q] Or *struck my thigh* [r] Or *a woman surrounds a man* [s] Or *them*

31 The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. 32 It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the LORD!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

35 The LORD proclaims:
The one who established the sun
to light up the day
and ordered[t] the moon and stars
to light up the night,
who stirs up the sea
into crashing waves,
whose name is
the LORD of heavenly forces:
36 If the created order should vanish
from my sight,
declares the LORD,
only then would Israel's
descendants ever stop
being a nation before me.
37 The LORD proclaims:
If the heavens above
could be measured
and the foundation of the earth
below could be fathomed,
only then would I reject
Israel's descendants
for what they have done,
declares the LORD.

38 The time is coming, declares the LORD, when the city will be rebuilt for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39 Its boundaries will extend to the Gareb Hill and around to Goah. 40 The entire valley defiled by corpses and ashes, and all the fields as far as the Kidron Valley and the Horse Gate on the east, all this will be set apart for the LORD. And the city will never again be dug up or overthrown.

Nothing is too hard for the LORD

32 Jeremiah received the LORD's word in the tenth year of Judah's King Zedekiah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar's rule. 2 At that time, the army of the Babylonian king had surrounded Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined to the prison quarters in the palace of Judah's king. 3 Judah's King Zedekiah had Jeremiah sent there after questioning him: "Why do you prophesy, 'This is what the LORD says: I'm handing this city over to the king of Babylon, and he will occupy it; 4 and Judah's King Zedekiah will be captured and handed over to the king of Babylon; he will speak to the king of Babylon personally and see him with his very own eyes. 5 And Zedekiah will be carried off to Babylon to live out his days until I punish him, declares the LORD. If you make war against the Babylonians, you will fail.'"

6 Jeremiah said, The LORD's word came to me: 7 Your cousin Hanamel, Shallum's son, is on his way to see you; and when he arrives, he will tell you: "Buy my field in Anathoth, for by law you are next in line to purchase it." 8 And just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel showed up at the prison quarters and told me, "Buy my field in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for you are next in line and have a family obligation to purchase it." Then I was sure this was the LORD's doing.

9 So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. 11 Then I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy, with

31:31 Lk 22:20; Heb 8:8, Heb 10:16

31:32 Jer 3:14

31:33 Ps 37:31; Jer 32:40; 2Co 3:3; Heb 8:10, Heb 10:16

31:34 Is 11:9, Is 43:25; Jer 33:8, Jer 50:20; Mi 7:18

31:35 Gn 1:14, Gn 1:16; Ps 136:7; Jer 10:16

31:36 Ps 148:6; Is 54:9, Is 54:10; Jer 33:20

31:37 Jer 33:24; Ro 11:2

31:38 2Ki 14:13; Neh 3:1, Neh 12:39; Jer 30:18; Zec 14:10

31:39 Eze 40:3; Zec 2:1, Zec 2:2

31:40 2Sa 15:23; Jer 7:32; Jl 3:17; Jn 18:1

32:5 Jer 21:4, Jer 39:7

32:7 Lv 25:25; Josh 21:18; Ru 4:3, Ru 4:4; Jer 1:1

32:8 Jer 32:2, Jer 32:7

32:9 Gn 23:16; Jer 32:7; Zec 11:12

32:10 Ru 4:9; Is 8:2; Jer 32:25, Jer 32:44

32:11 Jer 32:12; Lk 2:27

[t] Or *orders of*

its terms and conditions, and the unsealed copy—[12]and gave it to Baruch, Neriah's son and Mahseiah's grandson, before my cousin Hanamel and the witnesses named in the deed, as well as before all the Judeans who were present in the prison quarters. [13]I charged Baruch before all of them: [14]"The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Take these documents—this sealed deed of purchase along with the unsealed one—and put them into a clay container so they will last a long time. [15]The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land."

[16]After I had given the documents to Baruch, Neriah's son, I prayed to the LORD: [17]LORD God, you created heaven and earth by your great power and outstretched arm; nothing is too hard for you! [18]You act with mercy toward thousands upon thousands, but you also bring the consequences of the fathers' sins on their children after them. Great and mighty God, whose name is the LORD of heavenly forces, [19]marvelous are your purposes, and mighty are your deeds. You are aware of all the ways of humanity, and you reward us for how we live and what we do even now. [20]You have performed signs and wonders in the land of Egypt as you do to this very day in Israel and everywhere else. That's why you are so renowned. [21]With a strong hand, an outstretched arm, and with awesome power, yes, with signs and wonders, you brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt. [22]You gave them this land that you promised to their ancestors, a land full of milk and honey. [23]They entered and took possession of it, but they didn't obey you or follow your Instruction. In fact, they didn't do anything you commanded them. So you brought upon them this disaster. [24]Now the siege ramps are in place to take the city. And the Babylonians are about to capture it by war, famine, and disease. What you have pronounced is now happening, as you can see. [25]So why tell me, LORD God, Buy the field for money and make sure there are witnesses, when the city is under Babylonian control?

[26]Then the LORD's word came to Jeremiah: [27]I am the LORD, the God of all living things! Is anything too hard for me? [28]Therefore, the LORD proclaims: I'm handing this city over to the Babylonians and King Nebuchadnezzar, who will capture it. [29]They will enter the city, set it on fire, and burn it down—including the houses on whose roofs offerings have been made to Baal and drink offerings to other gods, which made me especially angry. [30]The people of Israel and Judah have done nothing but evil in my eyes since their youth; the people of Israel and Judah have done nothing but anger me by the work of their hands, declares the LORD. [31]This city has enraged me from the day it was built to this very day, and so it must be removed from my sight—[32]because of all the evil done by the people of Israel and Judah to make me angry—they, their kings and officials, their priests and prophets, the men of Judah, and those who live in Jerusalem. [33]They turned their backs to me and not their faces; and though I taught them over and over, they wouldn't accept my correction. [34]They set up their disgusting idols in the temple that bears my name and violated it; [35]and they built shrines to Baal in the Ben-hinnon Valley, where they sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molech, though I never commanded them—nor did it even cross my mind—that they should do such detestable things, leading Judah to sin.

[36]You have been saying, "This city will be handed over to the king of Babylon through sword, famine, and disease." But this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: [37]I will gather them from all the countries where I have scattered them in my fierce anger and rage. I will bring them back to this place to live securely. [38]They will

32:12 Jer 32:16, Jer 36:4, Jer 43:3, Jer 45:1, Jer 51:59

32:13 Jer 32:12

32:15 Jer 30:18, Jer 32:43, Jer 32:44; Am 9:14

32:18 Ex 20:5, Ex 20:6, Ex 34:7; Dt 5:10; Is 9:6

32:19 Job 34:21; Ps 62:12; Is 28:29; Jer 16:17, Jer 17:10

32:27 Gn 18:14; Nm 16:22, Nm 27:16; Jer 32:17; Mt 19:26

32:32 Is 1:4; Jer 2:26; Dn 9:8

be my people, and I will be their God.
39I will give them one heart and one
mind so that they may worship me all
the days of their lives, for their own
good and for the good of their children
after them. 40I will make an everlast-
ing covenant with them, never to stop
treating them graciously. I will put into
their hearts a sense of awe for me so
that they won't turn away from me. 41I
will rejoice in treating them graciously,
and I will plant them in this land faith-
fully and with all my heart and being.

42The LORD proclaims: Just as I
brought this great disaster on this
people, so I will bring on them all the
good I promised them. 43Fields will be
bought in this land, a land you have
said is bleak and uninhabited and in the
possession of the Babylonians. 44Fields
will be bought, and deeds will be signed,
sealed, and witnessed in the land of Ben-
jamin and in the outlying areas of Jeru-
salem, in the towns of Judah and in the
highlands, in the towns of the western
foothills and the arid southern plain; for
I will bring them back from their captiv-
ity, declares the LORD.

Restoration of Judah and Israel

33 While he was still confined to
the prison quarters, the LORD's
word came to Jeremiah a second time:
2The LORD proclaims, the LORD who
made the earth,[u] who formed and es-
tablished it, whose name is the LORD:
3Call to me and I will answer and re-
veal to you wondrous secrets that you
haven't known.

4This is what the LORD, the God of
Israel, proclaims about the houses of
this city and the palaces of the kings
of Judah that were torn down to de-
fend against the siege ramps and weap-
ons 5of the invading Babylonians.[v]
They will be filled with the corpses of
those slain in my fierce anger. I hid my
face from the people of this city be-
cause of all their evil deeds, 6but now
I will heal and mend them. I will make
them whole and bless them[w] with an

32:39 Eze 11:19
32:40 Is 55:3; Jer 31:33
32:41 Dt 28:63, Dt 30:9; Is 62:4, Is 65:19; Jer 24:6
33:2 Ex 3:15, Ex 6:3; Jer 10:16
33:5 Dt 31:17; Is 8:17; Jer 21:4, Jer 32:5; Mi 3:4
33:15 Is 4:2, Is 11:1; Jer 23:5; Zec 3:8, Zec 6:12
33:16 Is 45:17; Jer 23:6, Jer 32:37; 1Co 1:30; 2Co 5:21

abundance of peace and security. 7I
will bring back the captives of Judah
and Israel, and I will rebuild them as
they were at first. 8I will cleanse them
of all the wrongdoing they committed
against me, and I will forgive them
for all of their guilt and rebellion.
9Then this city[x] will bring me great joy,
praise, and renown before all nations
on earth, when they hear of all the
good I provide for them. They will be in
total awe at all the good and prosperity
I provide for them.

10The LORD proclaims: You have
said about this place, "It is a waste-
land, without humans or animals." Yet
in the ravaged and uninhabited towns
of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem,
11the sounds of joy and laughter and
the voices of the bride and the bride-
groom will again be heard. So will the
voices of those who say, as thank offer-
ings are brought to the LORD's temple,
"Give thanks to the LORD of heavenly
forces, for the LORD is good and his
kindness lasts forever." I will bring
back the captives of this land as they
were before, says the LORD.

12The LORD of heavenly forces pro-
claims: This wasteland, without humans
or animals—and all its towns—will
again become pastures for shepherds
to care for their flocks. 13Shepherds will
again count their flocks in the towns
of the highlands, the western foothills
and the arid southern plain, in the land
of Benjamin, as well as in the outlying
areas of Jerusalem and the towns of
Judah, says the LORD.

14The time is coming, declares the
LORD, when I will fulfill my gracious
promise with the people of Israel and
Judah. 15In those days and at that time,
I will raise up a righteous branch from
David's line, who will do what is just and
right in the land. 16In those days, Judah
will be saved and Jerusalem will live in
safety. And this is what he will be called:
The LORD Is Our Righteousness. 17The
LORD proclaims: David will always have
one of his descendants sit on the throne

[u] LXX *the earth;* MT *it* [v] Heb uncertain [w] Heb uncertain [x] Or *it*

of the house of Israel. 18And the levitical priests will always have someone in my presence to make entirely burned offerings and grain offerings, and to present sacrifices.

19Then the LORD's word came to Jeremiah: 20This is what the LORD says: If one could break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night so that they wouldn't come at their proper time, 21only then could my covenant with my servant David and my covenant with the levitical priests who minister before me be broken; only then would David no longer have a descendant to rule on his throne. 22And just as the stars in the sky can't be numbered and the sand on the shore can't be counted, so I will increase the descendants of my servant David and the Levites who minister before me.

23Then the LORD's word came to Jeremiah: 24Aren't you aware of what people are saying: "The LORD has rejected the two families that he had chosen"? They are insulting my people as if they no longer belong to me.[y] 25The LORD proclaims: I would no sooner break my covenant with day and night or the laws of heaven and earth 26than I would reject the descendants of Jacob and my servant David and his descendants as rulers for the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will restore the captives and have compassion on them.

Lessons on obedience and disobedience

34 Jeremiah received the LORD's word when Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar and his army, and all the countries and people he ruled, were attacking Jerusalem and all its towns. 2The LORD, the God of Israel, proclaims, Go and speak to Judah's King Zedekiah and say to him: The LORD proclaims, I'm handing this city over to the king of Babylon, and he will burn it down. 3You won't escape but will be captured and handed over to him. You will see the king of Babylon with your very own eyes and speak to him personally, and you will be taken to Babylon. 4Even so, hear the LORD's word, King Zedekiah of Judah: This is what the LORD proclaims about you: You won't die in battle; 5you will die a peaceful death. As burial incense was burned to honor your ancestors, the kings who came before you, so it will be burned to honor you as people mourn, "Oh, master!" I myself promise this, declares the LORD.

6The prophet Jeremiah delivered this message to Judah's King Zedekiah in Jerusalem 7when the army of the king of Babylon was attacking Jerusalem and all the remaining Judean towns, Lachish and Azekah—the only fortified towns still standing in Judah.

8Jeremiah received the LORD's word after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem to proclaim liberty for their slaves: 9everyone was to free their male and female Hebrew slaves and no longer hold a Judean brother or sister in bondage. 10So all the officials and people who entered into this covenant agreed to free their male and female slaves and no longer hold them in bondage; they obeyed the king's command[z] and let them go. 11But afterward they broke their promise, took back the men and women they had freed, and enslaved them again.

12Then the LORD's word came to Jeremiah: 13The LORD, the God of Israel, proclaims: I made a covenant with your ancestors when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 14I said that every seventh year each of you must free any Hebrews who have been sold to you. After they have served you for six years, you must set them free. But your ancestors didn't obey or pay any attention to me. 15Recently you turned about and did what was right in my sight; each of you proclaimed liberty for the other and made a covenant before me in

33:20 Gn 8:22; Is 54:9, Is 54:10; Jer 33:25

33:21 2Sa 23:5; 2Ch 7:18, 2Ch 21:7; Ps 89:34

33:22 Gn 15:5, Gn 22:17; Eze 37:24; Hos 1:10

34:8 Ex 21:2; Lv 25:10; 2Ki 11:17

34:9 Gn 14:13; Ex 2:6; Lv 25:39; Dt 15:12

34:10 Jer 26:10, Jer 26:16

34:12 Jer 7:1, Jer 11:1, Jer 18:1, Jer 25:1, Jer 25:2

34:13 Ex 13:3, Ex 20:2, Ex 24:3, Ex 24:7, Ex 24:8

34:14 Ex 21:2; Dt 15:12; 2Ki 17:14

34:15 Jer 7:10, Jer 34:8

[y]Heb uncertain [z]Heb lacks *the king's command.*

the temple that bears my name. [16]But then you went back on your word and made my name impure; each of you reclaimed the men and women you had set free and forced them to be your slaves again.

[17]Therefore, the LORD proclaims: Since you have defied me by not setting your fellow citizens free, I'm setting you free, declares the LORD, free to die by the sword, disease, and famine! And I will make you an object of horror for all nations on earth. [18]I will make those who disregarded my covenant, violating its terms that they agreed to in my presence, like the calf they cut in two and then walked between the halves of its carcass. [19]The officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the eunuchs and priests, and all the people who passed through the pieces of the calf [20]I will hand over to their enemies who seek to kill them. And their corpses will become food for birds and wild animals. [21]I will hand over Judah's King Zedekiah and his officials to their enemies who seek to kill them: namely, the army of Babylon's king, which has just withdrawn from you. [22]I'm about to issue orders, declares the LORD, that the army of Babylon return to this city. They will wage war against it, capture it, and burn it down along with other Judean cities. I will make Judah a wasteland, without inhabitants.

35 Jeremiah received the LORD's word during the rule of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son: [2]Go to the Rechabite family and invite them to come to one of the rooms of the LORD's temple. When they arrive, offer them some wine to drink. [3]So I took Jaazaniah, Jeremiah's son and Habazziniah's grandson, and his brothers and all his sons, and the whole Rechabite family. [4]I brought them to the room in the LORD's temple assigned to the sons of Hanan, Igdaliah's son, the man of God. The room was next to the one used by the chief officers and right above the room of Maaseiah, Shallum's son, the temple doorkeeper.[a] [5]Then I set bowls full of wine before the Rechabites, along with several cups, and I said to them, "Have some."

[6]But they refused: "We don't drink wine because our ancestor Jonadab, Rechab's son, commanded us, 'You and your children are never to drink wine; [7]nor are you to build or own houses or plant gardens and vineyards; rather, you are always to dwell in tents so you may live a long time in the fertile land you pass through.' [8]We have obeyed everything our ancestor Jonadab, Rechab's son, commanded us. No one in our household, including our wives and children, has ever had wine. [9]And we haven't built houses to live in or had vineyards, fields, or crops. [10]We have lived in tents and done everything our ancestor Jonadab commanded us. [11]But when Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar invaded the country, we said, 'We better go to Jerusalem to escape the Babylonian and Aramean armies.' That's why we're here in Jerusalem."

[12]Then the LORD's word came to Jeremiah: [13]The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Go and tell the people of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem: Can't you learn a lesson about what it means to obey me? declares the LORD. [14]Jonadab, Rechab's son, commanded his descendants not to drink wine, and to this very day they have not drunk wine, obeying their ancestor's instruction. But I have spoken to you again and again, and you haven't listened to me. [15]I have sent you all my servants, the prophets, time and again, saying, "Each of you, turn from your evil ways and reform your actions; don't worship or serve other gods. Then you may live in the fertile land I gave to you and your ancestors." But you haven't paid attention or listened to me. [16]The descendants of Jonadab, Rechab's son, have thoroughly obeyed their ancestor, but this people have not listened to me. [17]Therefore, this is what the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, says:

34:16 Lv 19:12; Jer 34:11; Eze 3:20, Eze 18:24

34:17 Jer 15:4, Jer 29:18

34:18 Gn 15:10

34:19 Zep 3:3

34:20 Jer 7:33, Jer 16:4, Jer 21:7, Jer 22:25

34:21 Jer 32:4, Jer 37:5, Jer 39:6

34:22 Jer 9:11, Jer 33:10, Jer 37:8, Jer 39:1, Jer 39:8

35:6 Nm 6:2; 2Ki 10:15; 1Ch 2:55; Lk 1:15

35:7 Ex 20:12; Eph 6:2; Heb 11:9

35:11 2Ki 24:1, 2Ki 24:2; Jer 8:14

35:15 Jer 7:25, Jer 18:11

[a]Or *keeper of the threshold*

I'm going to bring upon the people of Judah and all those who live in Jerusalem the disaster I pronounced against them, because they wouldn't listen to me or respond when I called.

18 Then Jeremiah said to the Rechabite family: The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Because you have obeyed all Jonadab's instructions and you have done everything he commanded you, 19 the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel proclaims: Jonadab, Rechab's son, will always have a descendant that stands before me.

Enduring word of God

36 In the fourth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 Take a scroll and write in it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah, and all the nations from the time of Josiah until today. 3 Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I intend to bring upon them, they will turn from their evil ways, and I will forgive their wrongdoing and sins. 4 So Jeremiah sent for Baruch, Neriah's son. As Jeremiah dictated all the words that the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them in the scroll. 5 Then Jeremiah told Baruch, "I'm confined here and can't go to the LORD's temple. 6 So you go to the temple on the next day of fasting, and read the LORD's words from the scroll that I have dictated to you. Read them so that all the people in the temple can hear them, as well as all the Judeans who have come from their towns. 7 If they turn from their evil ways, perhaps the LORD will hear their prayers. The LORD has threatened them with fierce anger." 8 Baruch, Neriah's son, did everything the prophet Jeremiah instructed him: he read all the LORD's words from the scroll in the temple.

9 In the ninth month of the fifth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, all the people in Jerusalem and all those who had come from Judean towns observed a fast for the LORD in Jerusalem. 10 Then Baruch read Jeremiah's words from the scroll to all the people in the LORD's temple; he read them in the chamber of Gemariah, Shaphan the scribe's son, in the upper courtyard near the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's temple. 11 When Micaiah, Gemariah's son and Shaphan's grandson, heard all the LORD's words from the scroll, 12 he went down to the scribes' chamber in the royal palace. There he found all the officials meeting together: Elishama the scribe; Delaiah, Shemaiah's son; Elnathan, Achbor's son; Gemariah, Shaphan's son; Zedekiah, Hananiah's son, and all the other officials. 13 Micaiah told them all the words he heard Baruch read from the scroll before the people.

14 Then all the officials sent Jehudi, Nethaniah's son and Shelemiah's grandson, and Cushi's great-grandson, to Baruch: "Take the scroll you read to the people and come with me."

So Baruch, Neriah's son, took the scroll and went to the officials. 15 They said to him, "Sit down and read it to us." So Baruch read it to them. 16 When they heard all its words, they were alarmed and said to Baruch: "We must at once report all this to the king!" 17 Then they asked Baruch, "Tell us, how did you write all these words? Did they come from Jeremiah?"

18 Baruch replied, "He dictated all the words to me, and I wrote them with ink in the scroll."

19 The officials then said to Baruch, "You and Jeremiah had better go and hide. And don't let anyone know where you are."

20 After leaving the scroll in the room of Elishama the scribe, they went to the king's court and told him everything. 21 The king sent Jehudi to take the scroll, and he retrieved it from the room of Elishama the scribe. Then Jehudi read it to the king and all his royal officials who were standing next to the king. 22 Now it was the ninth

35:18 Jer 35:19
35:19 1Ch 2:55; Jer 15:19, Jer 33:17, Jer 35:6, Jer 35:18
36:1 2Ki 24:1; Jer 25:1, Jer 45:1

month,[b] and the king was staying in the winterized part of the palace with the firepot burning near him. [23]And whenever Jehudi read three or four columns of the scroll, the king would cut them off with a scribe's knife and throw them into the firepot until the whole scroll was burned up. [24]Neither the king nor any of his attendants who heard all these words were alarmed or tore their clothes. [25]Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah begged the king not to burn the scroll, but he wouldn't listen to them.

[26]The king commanded Jerahmeel, the king's son, along with Seraiah, Azriel's son, and Shelemiah, Abdeel's son, to arrest the scribe Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. But the LORD hid them.

[27]The LORD's word came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll containing the words written by Baruch at Jeremiah's dictation: [28]Get another scroll and write in it all the words that were in the first scroll that Judah's King Jehoiakim burned. [29]Then say to Judah's King Jehoiakim: The LORD proclaims: You burned that scroll because it declared that the king of Babylon will come and destroy this land and eliminate every sign of life from it. [30]Therefore, this is what the LORD proclaims about Judah's King Jehoiakim: He won't have any heirs to occupy the throne of David, and his dead body will be cast out and exposed to the heat of the day and the frost of the night. [31]I will punish him and his family and his attendants for their wrongdoing. I will bring upon them, as well as the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Judah, every disaster I pronounced against them. But they wouldn't listen.

[32]So Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch, Neriah's son, who wrote at Jeremiah's dictation all the words in the scroll burned in the fire by Judah's King Jehoiakim. Many similar words were added to them.

36:23 1Ki 22:8

36:30 Jer 22:19, Jer 22:30

36:31 Dt 28:15; Prv 29:1; Jer 35:17

37:1 2Ki 24:17, 18; 2Ch 36:10b, 11; Jer 52:1

37:2 2Ki 24:19; 2Ch 36:12; Jer 52:2

Jeremiah falsely accused and imprisoned

37 Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar appointed Zedekiah, Josiah's son, to succeed Coniah, Jehoiakim's son, as king of Judah. [2]Neither Zedekiah, his attendants, nor the people of the land listened to the LORD's words spoken by the prophet Jeremiah.

[3]Nevertheless, King Zedekiah sent Jehucal, Shelemiah's son, and the priest Zephaniah, Maaseiah's son, to Jeremiah the prophet with this plea: "Please pray for us to the LORD our God." ([4]Now Jeremiah hadn't been imprisoned yet, so he was free to come and go among the people. [5]Pharaoh's army had recently[c] set out from Egypt; when the Babylonians who were attacking Jerusalem learned of the Egyptian advance, they withdrew from Jerusalem.)

[6]Then the LORD's word came to Jeremiah the prophet: [7]The LORD, the God of Israel, proclaims: Tell the king of Judah who sent his emissaries to seek advice from me: "Pharaoh's army that came to assist you is heading back to Egypt. [8]The Babylonians will return and attack this city. They will capture it and burn it down."

[9]The LORD proclaims: Don't let yourself be deceived into thinking that the Babylonians will withdraw for good.[d] They won't! [10]Even if you were to crush the entire Babylonian army that's attacking you and only the wounded in their tents remained, they would rise up and burn this city down.

[11]Now when the Babylonian army had withdrawn from Jerusalem due to Pharaoh's advance, [12]Jeremiah set out for the land of Benjamin to secure his share of the family property.[e] [13]He got as far as the Benjamin Gate in Jerusalem when the guard there named Irijah, Shelemiah's son and Hananiah's grandson, arrested the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "You are deserting to the Babylonians."

[14]"That's a lie," Jeremiah replied.

[b]November–December, Kislev [c]Heb lacks *recently.* [d]Heb lacks *for good.* [e]Heb uncertain

"I'm not deserting to the Babylonians." But Irijah wouldn't listen to him. He arrested Jeremiah and brought him to the officials, [15]who were furious with him. They beat him and threw him into the house of the scribe Jonathan, which had been turned into a prison. [16]So Jeremiah was put in a cistern, which was like a dungeon, where he remained a long time.

[17]Later King Zedekiah sent for him and questioned Jeremiah secretly in the palace: "Is there a word from the LORD?"

"There is," Jeremiah replied. "You are going to be handed over to the king of Babylon." [18]Then Jeremiah asked King Zedekiah, "What have I done wrong to you or your attendants or this people that you should throw me into prison? [19]Where are your prophets now who prophesied that the king of Babylon wouldn't attack you and this land? [20]Now, my master and king, I beg you, don't send me back to the house of Jonathan the scribe, or I'll die there." [21]So King Zedekiah gave orders that Jeremiah be held in the prison quarters and that he receive a loaf of bread daily from the street vendors[f]—until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah remained in the prison quarters.

38 Shephatiah, Mattan's son; Gedaliah, Pashhur's son; Jucal, Shelemiah's son; and Pashhur, Malchiah's son heard what Jeremiah had been telling the people: [2]The LORD proclaims: Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine, and disease. But whoever surrenders to the Babylonians will live; yes, their lives will be spared. [3]The LORD proclaims: This city will certainly be handed over to the army of Babylon's king, who will capture it.

[4]Then the officials said to the king: "This man must be put to death! By saying such things, he is discouraging the few remaining troops left in the city, as well as all the people. This man doesn't seek their welfare but their ruin!"

[5]"He's in your hands," King Zedekiah said, "for the king can do nothing to stop you." [6]So they seized Jeremiah, threw him into the cistern of the royal prince Malchiah, within the prison quarters, and lowered him down by ropes. Now there wasn't any water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah began to sink into the mud.

[7]Ebed-melech the Cushite, a court official in the royal palace, got word that they had thrown Jeremiah into the cistern. Since the king was sitting at the Benjamin Gate, [8]Ebed-melech left the palace and said to the king: [9]"My master the king, these men have made a terrible mistake in treating the prophet Jeremiah the way they have; they have thrown him into the cistern where he will die of starvation, for there's no bread left in the city."

[10]Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Cushite, "Take thirty men from here and take Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies." [11]So Ebed-melech took the men and returned to the palace, to an underground supply room, where he found some old rags and scraps of clothing.

Ebed-melech lowered them down the cistern by the ropes [12]and called to Jeremiah, "Put these old rags and scraps of clothing under your arms and hold on to the ropes." When Jeremiah did this, [13]they pulled him up by the ropes and got him out of the cistern. After that Jeremiah remained in the prison quarters.

[14]King Zedekiah ordered that the prophet Jeremiah be brought to him at the third entrance of the LORD's temple, where the king said to Jeremiah, "I want to ask you something, and don't hide anything from me."

[15]Jeremiah replied, "If I do, you'll kill me! And if I tell you what to do, you won't listen to me!"

[16]So King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah behind closed doors, "As the

37:16 Jer 38:6, Jer 38:10
38:4 Jer 26:11, Jer 29:7, Jer 36:12; Am 7:10
38:5 Jer 38:24
38:7 Jer 37:13, Jer 39:16
38:11 Jer 38:6, Jer 38:7

[f]Or *from the street of the bakers*

LORD lives, who has given us this life, I won't put you to death and I won't hand you over to those who seek to kill you."

[17]So Jeremiah said to Zedekiah: "The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: If you surrender to the officers of the king of Babylon, you and your family will live, and this city will not be burned down. [18]If you don't surrender to the officers of the king of Babylon, the city will be handed over to the Babylonians, who will burn it down, and you won't escape from them."

[19]King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I'm afraid that I will fall into the hands of the Judeans who have defected to the Babylonians, and they will torture me."

[20]"That won't happen," Jeremiah replied, "if you obey the LORD, whose message I bring. You will survive, and all will go well for you. [21]But if you refuse to surrender, this is what the LORD has shown me: [22]All the women left in the palace of the king of Judah will be led out to the officers of the king of Babylon. And they will say:

'Your trusted friends
have betrayed you;
they have deceived you;
now that your feet are stuck
in the mud,
they are nowhere to be found.'

[23]"All your wives and children will be led out to the Babylonians, and you yourself won't escape from them. The king of Babylon will capture you, and this city will be burned down."

[24]Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "No one is to know about these matters or else you will die. [25]If the officials find out that we met, and they come and say to you, 'Tell us what you said to the king. Don't hide anything from us; otherwise, we'll kill you. So what did the king say to you?' [26]you should say to them, 'I was begging the king not to send me back to the house of Jonathan to die there.'"

[27]Then all the officials approached Jeremiah to question him. And he responded exactly as the king had instructed him. So they stopped interrogating him because the conversation between the king and Jeremiah[g] hadn't been overheard. [28]Jeremiah remained in the prison quarters until Jerusalem was captured.

38:17 Jer 27:12, Jer 38:2
38:18 Jer 24:8, Jer 32:4, Jer 38:3
38:19 Is 51:12; Jn 12:42
38:20 Is 55:3; Jer 26:13
38:22 Ps 69:14; Jer 6:12, Jer 20:10, Jer 43:6
38:23 Jer 38:18, Jer 39:6, Jer 41:10
39:1 2Ki 25:1; Jer 52:4
39:2 Jer 52:7
39:5 2Ki 23:33; Jer 32:4, Jer 52:9
39:8 Neh 1:3; Jer 21:10, Jer 38:18, Jer 52:13
39:9 Gn 37:36; 2Ki 25:8; Jer 40:1, Jer 52:12

Fall of Jerusalem

39 In the ninth year and the tenth month of Judah's King Zedekiah, Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar and his entire army came against Jerusalem and surrounded it. [2]In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, on the ninth day of the fourth month, they broke through the city walls. [3]Then all the commanding officers of the king of Babylon—Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo,[h] Sarsechim the chief officer, Nergal-sharezer the field commander—entered it and took their places at the middle gate with the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.

[4]When Judah's King Zedekiah and his troops saw them, they tried to escape at night through the royal gardens and the gate between the two walls, toward the desert plain. [5]But the Babylonian[i] army chased them down and caught Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. They arrested him and brought him before Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar at Riblah in the land of Hamath. There the king put him on trial. [6]The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's children at Riblah before his very own eyes, and the king of Babylon slaughtered all the officials of Judah. [7]Then he gouged out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in chains, and dragged him off to Babylon.

[8]The Babylonians burned down the royal palace and the houses of the people, and they destroyed the Jerusalem walls. [9]Nebuzaradan the captain of the special guard rounded up the rest of the people who were left in the city, including those who had defected to

[g]Heb lacks *between the king and Jeremiah.* [h]Or *Nergal-sharezer the Simmagir* [i]Heb *Chaldean* and hereafter through Jeremiah

the Babylonians, and deported them to Babylon. 10But Nebuzaradan the captain of the special guard left some of the poorest people in the land of Judah. He gave them vineyards and fields at that time.

11Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar gave orders concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the special guard: 12"Find Jeremiah and look after him; don't harm him but do whatever he asks from you." 13So Nebuzaradan the captain of the special guard, Nebushazban the chief officer, Nergal-sharezer the field commander, and all the commanders of the king of Babylon 14sent orders[j] to release Jeremiah from the prison quarters. They entrusted him to Gedaliah, Ahikam's son and Shaphan's grandson, so that Jeremiah could move about freely[k] among the people.

15The LORD's word came to Jeremiah when he was still confined to the prison quarters: 16Go and say to Ebed-melech the Cushite that the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I'm about to fulfill my words concerning this city, for harm and not for good. You will witness it for yourself on that day. 17But on that day, declares the LORD:

I will rescue you;
you won't be handed over
to those you dread.
18I will defend you;
you won't die in battle.
You will escape with your life,
because you have trusted in me,
declares the LORD.

Jeremiah's release

40 Jeremiah received the LORD's word after Nebuzaradan the captain of the special guard had released him from Ramah. He had been bound in chains there along with all the other detainees from Jerusalem and Judah who were being sent off to Babylon. 2The captain of the special guard located Jeremiah and said to him, "The LORD your God declared

39:11 Jer 40:1
39:18 Jer 17:7, Jer 21:9, Jer 38:2, Jer 45:5
40:5 2Ki 25:22
40:7-41:18 2Ki 25:23-26

that a great disaster would overtake this place. 3Now the LORD has made it happen. He has done just as he warned because all of you have sinned against the LORD and haven't obeyed him. That's why this has happened to you. 4But I'm setting you free from the chains on your hands. If you would like, come with me to Babylon, and I'll take care of you. If you would rather not come with me, that's fine too. Now, the whole land lies before you; go wherever you want. 5If you decide to remain here,[l] stay with Gedaliah, Ahikam's son and Shaphan's grandson—the Babylonian appointee in charge of the cities of Judah. Stay with him and the people he rules or go wherever you want." Then the captain of the special guard gave him ample provisions and let him go. 6Jeremiah went to Gedaliah, Ahikam's son at Mizpah, and he stayed with him and the people who remained in the land.

Gedaliah's provisional government

7Some of the army officers and their troops were still hiding out in the countryside when they heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, Ahikam's son, over the region, responsible for the men, women, and children who were the poorest in the land and who hadn't been deported to Babylon. 8So they went out to meet Gedaliah at Mizpah: Ishmael, Nethaniah's son; Johanan and Jonathan, Kareah's sons; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth; the sons of Ephai the Netophathite; Jezaniah son of the Maacathite; and their troops. 9Gedaliah, Ahikam's son and Shaphan's grandson, firmly assured them all: "Don't be afraid of serving the Babylonians. Remain in the land, serve the king of Babylon, and all will go well for you. 10But me? I will stay at Mizpah so I can speak on your behalf when the Babylonians arrive. But you? Settle down in the towns you have taken; harvest the grapes, the summer fruits and figs, and then store them in your containers."

[j]Heb lacks *orders*. [k]Heb uncertain [l]Heb uncertain

[11]In the same way, all the Judeans living in Moab, Ammon, Edom, and in other countries heard that the king of Babylon had left a few people in the land and that he had put Gedaliah, Ahikam's son and Shaphan's grandson, in charge of them. [12]So they left the places where they had been scattered and returned to the land, to Gedaliah at Mizpah. There they gathered large amounts of grapes and summer fruits.

[13]Johanan, Kareah's son, and all the army officers in the countryside approached Gedaliah at Mizpah [14]and said to him, "Are you aware that King Baalis of Ammon has sent Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, to kill you?" But Gedaliah, Ahikam's son, wouldn't believe them. [15]Still Johanan, Kareah's son, met with Gedaliah secretly at Mizpah and said to him, "Let me go and kill Ishmael, Nethaniah's son; no one needs to knows about this matter. Otherwise, he'll kill you, and all the Judeans who have gathered around you will be scattered, and the few who are left will perish."

[16]But Gedaliah son of Ahikam told Johanan, Kareah's son, "Don't do such a thing, for what you are saying about Ishmael is wrong."

Mutiny and murder

41 In the seventh month,[m] Ishmael, Nethaniah's son and Elishama's grandson, who was from a royal family and who was one of the chief officers of the king, came with ten men to Gedaliah, Ahikam's son, at Mizpah. While they were eating a meal together, [2]Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, and the ten men got up and struck down Gedaliah, Ahikam's son and Shaphan's grandson, with the sword. They murdered him because he had been appointed over the region by the king of Babylon. [3]Ishmael also murdered all the Judeans who had rallied around Gedaliah at Mizpah as well as the Babylonian soldiers who were posted there.

[4]The day after Gedaliah was killed, before anyone knew of it, [5]eighty men with shaved beards, torn clothes, and gashed bodies arrived from Shechem, Shiloh, and Samaria. They were bringing grain offerings and incense to present at the LORD's temple. [6]Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, left Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went. When he reached them, he said, "Come to Gedaliah, Ahikam's son!" [7]When they arrived in the middle of the town, Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, and the men with him slaughtered them and threw their bodies[n] into a cistern.

[8]But there were ten men among them who begged Ishmael, "Don't kill us; we have wheat, barley, oil, and honey hidden in a field." So he stopped and didn't kill them along with the rest.

([9]Now the cistern that Ishmael used to discard the bodies of the men he had killed because of their association with Gedaliah[o] was the one that King Asa had made to defend against Israel's King Baasha. Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, filled it with the dead.)

[10]Ishmael captured the rest of the people who were at Mizpah, including the daughters of the king and all those assigned to Gedaliah, Ahikam's son, at Mizpah by Nebuzaradan the captain of the special guard. Then Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, set out to cross over to the Ammonites with the hostages.

[11]Johanan, Kareah's son, and all the army officers at his side heard of the terrible acts committed by Ishmael, Nethaniah's son. [12]So they mustered all their forces and went to fight him. They found Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, at the great pool in Gibeon. [13]When all those taken by Ishmael at Mizpah saw Johanan, Kareah's son, and all his army officers with him, they were delighted. [14]They rallied around Johanan, Kareah's son, and returned home with him. [15]But Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, and eight of his men eluded Johanan and went to the Ammonites.

[16]Then Johanan, Kareah's son, and all the army officers with him took the small group they had rescued in Gibeon,

40:15 2Ki 25:23
41:1 2Ki 25:25; Ps 41:9
41:5 Dt 14:1
41:9 1Ki 15:16; 2Ch 16:1
41:15 2Ki 25:23

[m]September–October, Tishrei [n]Heb lacks *and threw their bodies;* cf 41:9. [o]Or *by the hand of Gedaliah*

including the soldiers, women, children, and commanding officers that Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, had captured at Mizpah after killing Gedaliah, Ahikam's son. 17They set out for Egypt, stopping on the way at Geruth Chimham near Bethlehem, 18because they were afraid of what the Babylonians would do when they found out that Ishmael, Nethaniah's son, had killed Gedaliah, Ahikam's son, whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the region.

Don't go to Egypt!

42 Then all the army officers, including Johanan, Kareah's son, and Jezaniah, Hoshaiah's son, and the rest of the people, from the least to the greatest, approached 2Jeremiah the prophet and said to him, "We have something to ask you: Please pray to the LORD your God for us, this small group, for as you can see we were once many but now are very few. 3May the LORD your God show us where we should go and what we should do."

4The prophet Jeremiah replied, "Yes, I'll pray to the LORD your God as you have asked. And I'll tell you whatever the LORD says; I won't hide anything from you."

5Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us if we fail to do everything that the LORD your God tells us through you. 6Whether we like it or not, we will obey all that the LORD our God says. We will obey the LORD our God, to whom we're sending you, so it may go well for us."

7Ten days later Jeremiah received the LORD's word. 8So he called Johanan, Kareah's son, and all the army officers with him and the rest of the people, from the least to the greatest, 9and he said to them: You have sent me to present your plea to the LORD, and this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 10If you live in this land, I will build you up and not pull you down. I will plant you and not dig you up because I grieve over the disaster I have brought upon you. 11You don't have to be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you now fear. You don't have to be afraid of him anymore, declares the LORD, for I will be with you to save you and rescue you from his hand. 12I will be merciful to you, and he will be merciful and return you to your land.

13But if you say, "We won't live in this land," you will disobey the LORD your God. 14And if you insist, "No, we're going to live in Egypt, where there's no war, battle alarms, or hunger, and there we will stay," 15then listen to the LORD's word, you remaining Judeans. The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: If you are determined to go to Egypt and you then go and live there, 16then the war you fear will seize you in the land of Egypt; and the famine you dread will hunt you down in Egypt, and there you will die. 17Every one of you who is determined to go and live in Egypt will die by the sword, famine, and disease. No one will escape the disaster that I will bring upon them there.

18The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Just as my fierce anger was poured out on the people of Jerusalem, so it will be poured out on you if you go to Egypt. You will become an object of cursing, scorn, shock, and disgrace. And you will never see this place again. 19You who survive from Judah, the LORD has told you: Don't go to Egypt. Know without a doubt that I have warned you this day. 20You are putting your lives at risk[P] by sending me to the LORD your God, saying, "Pray for us to the LORD our God; tell us everything the LORD our God says, and we'll do it." 21Today I have told you, but you still haven't obeyed all that the LORD your God has sent me to tell you. 22So know without a doubt that you will die by war, famine, and disease in the place you yearn to go and live.

42:6 Ex 24:7; Dt 5:29; Jer 7:23
42:7 2Ch 36:12; Jer 1:1
42:9 2Ki 19:20, 2Ki 22:15
42:10 Dt 32:36; Jer 18:8, Jer 18:8; Eze 36:36; Jl 2:13; Am 7:3
42:16 Jer 44:12, Jer 44:13; Eze 11:8
42:21 Eze 2:7; Zec 7:11

[P]Or *to do evil*

Off to Egypt with Jeremiah and Baruch

43 When Jeremiah finished telling the people all the words of the LORD their God—he didn't omit anything the LORD sent him to convey—[2]Azariah, Hoshaiah's son, and Johanan, Kareah's son, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You're lying to us! The LORD our God didn't send you to tell us not to go to Egypt to live. [3]It's Baruch, Neriah's son, who put you up to it so that we end up in the hands of the Babylonians, who will either kill us or deport us to Babylon."

[4]So Johanan, Kareah's son, and all the army officers and the rest of the people disobeyed the LORD's command to stay in the land of Judah. [5]Johanan, Kareah's son, and all the army officers took the remaining Judeans who had returned to the land of Judah after being scattered among the nations—[6]men, women, children, the king's daughters, everyone Nebuzaradan the captain of the special guard had left with Gedaliah, Ahikam's son and Shaphan's grandson, including Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch, Neriah's son. [7]They went to the land of Egypt, as far as Tahpanhes, for they wouldn't obey the LORD.

[8]The LORD's word came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes: [9]Take some large stones and set them in the clay pavement[q] in front of Pharaoh's palace in Tahpanhes while the people of Judah are watching. [10]After that, say to the people: The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I'm sending for my servant King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who[r] will set his throne over these stones and will spread his canopy over them. [11]He will come and ravage the land of Egypt:

those marked for disaster, to disaster,
and those marked for exile,
to exile.
and those marked for war, to war.

[12]He will set on fire[s] the temples of the Egyptian gods. He will burn them down and carry off their gods. He will wrap the land of Egypt around himself, just as a shepherd wraps[t] his garment around himself, and he will move on unharmed.[u] [13]He will shatter the sacred pillars in the temple of the sun in Egypt and burn down the temples of the Egyptian gods.

43:8 Jer 44:1

43:12 Ex 12:12; Ps 104:2, Ps 109:18; Jer 46:25; Eze 30:13

44:4 Jer 7:25

44:8 Jer 25:6, Jer 44:3; 1Co 10:22

Jeremiah's final words to Judeans in Egypt

44 Jeremiah received the LORD's word for the Judeans living in the land of Egypt, those living in Migdol, Tahpanhes, and Memphis and in the land of Pathros. [2]The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: You have seen the disaster I brought on Jerusalem and the towns of Judah. They are now a wasteland with no one left [3]because of their evil ways. They have angered me by making offerings and worshipping other gods that neither they nor you nor your ancestors knew. [4]Yet time and again I sent you all my servants the prophets, saying, "Don't do these detestable things that I hate." [5]But they wouldn't listen or pay attention or turn from their evil ways. They continued making offerings to other gods. [6]So my fierce anger poured out and blazed against the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. And they were reduced to an utter wasteland, as they are today.

[7]Now the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Why are you committing this huge mistake that will cost you your lives? Every man, woman, child, and infant will be eliminated from the midst of Judah, and no one will be left. [8]Why do you anger me by what you do: by burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have come to live? You will be eliminated and become an object of cursing and disgrace among all the nations of the earth. [9]Have you forgotten the sins of your ancestors and the sins of the kings of Judah and their wives?[v] Have you forgotten the sins that you and your wives committed in the land of

[q]Heb uncertain [r]LXX; MT *I* [s]LXX, Syr; MT *I will set on fire* [t]Or *picks clean* [u]Heb uncertain [v]Heb *his wives*

Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
10 To this day you[w] haven't shown any
sorrow for what you have done. And
you haven't revered me or followed my
Instruction and my laws that I set be-
fore you and your ancestors.

11 Therefore, the LORD of heavenly
forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I'm
determined to bring disaster on you,
to eliminate all of Judah. 12 I will take
the few remaining Judeans who were
determined to go to the land of Egypt
to live. They will all perish there. They
will fall by the sword and perish due to
famine. The least to the greatest will
die by the sword and by famine. They
will become an object of cursing, scorn,
contempt, and disgrace. 13 I will punish
those who live in the land of Egypt,
just as I punished Jerusalem with war,
famine, and disease. 14 From the few re-
maining in Judah, no fugitive or survi-
vor who came to live here in the land of
Egypt will be able to return to the land
of Judah. Even though they want to re-
turn and live there, they won't be able
to return, except for some fugitives.

15 Then all the men who knew that
their wives had made offerings to
other gods, along with the great crowd
of women who were present, as well
as the people living in Pathros in the
land of Egypt, all answered Jeremiah:
16 "We're not going to listen to a word
you have said to us in the LORD's
name! 17 No, we're going to do exactly
what we want: We're going to burn
incense to the queen of heaven and
pour out drink offerings to her, as we
and our ancestors, our kings and our
officials, have done in the towns of
Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem.
Then we had plenty to eat and we were
thriving; we didn't have any troubles.
18 But ever since we stopped burning
incense to the queen of heaven and
pouring drink offerings to her, we have
been destroyed by the sword and by
famine."

19 And the women added,[x] "Do you
think that we burn incense to the
queen of heaven and pour drink offer-
ings to her without our husbands' sup-
port when we make cakes in her image
and pour drink offerings to her?"

20 Jeremiah said to all the people,
men and women alike, in fact everyone
who had spoken this way: 21 "Do you
really think the LORD was unaware of
what you were up to in the towns of
Judah and the streets of Jerusalem?
Don't you think the LORD knew that
you and your ancestors were making
offerings to other gods[y]—along with
your kings and officials, and the people
of the land? 22 It got so bad that the
LORD could no longer bear your evil
and shameless acts; it was at that point
that your land was reduced to an utter
wasteland and a curse, as it is today.
23 The current dire situation occurred
because you made offerings to other
gods[z] and sinned against the LORD—
because you wouldn't obey the LORD
or follow the LORD's instruction, laws,
or warnings."

24 Then Jeremiah said to all the
people, including the women: Listen
to the LORD's word, all you Judeans
in the land of Egypt. 25 The LORD of
heavenly forces, the God of Israel, pro-
claims: You and your wives have done
exactly what you said you would do.
You said, "We will definitely fulfill our
promise to burn incense to the queen
of heaven and pour out drink offerings
to her." Go ahead and keep your prom-
ises! 26 But listen to the LORD's word,
all you Judeans who live in the land of
Egypt. I swear by my great name, says
the LORD, that no one from Judah liv-
ing in Egypt will utter my name again,
even in the solemn pledge: "As surely
as the LORD God lives." 27 I'm watch-
ing over them for harm and not for
good. Everyone from Judah who is liv-
ing in the land of Egypt will die by the
sword and by famine, until all are gone.
28 Those who actually survive war and
return from Egypt to the land of Judah
will be very few. Then the few remain-
ing Judeans living in Egypt will know

44:10 Prv 28:14; Ecc 8:13; Jer 8:12
44:11 Lv 17:10; Jer 21:10; Am 9:4
44:14 Jer 22:27, Jer 44:28; Rom 9:27
44:16 1Sa 8:19; Jer 11:8; Zec 7:11
44:19 Jer 7:18
44:21 Ps 79:8; Is 64:9; Jer 11:13
44:26 Gn 22:16; Dt 32:40; Jer 4:2; Eze 20:39
44:28 Is 27:13

[w] Or *they* [x] Syr; MT lacks *and the women added.* [y] Heb lacks *to other gods.* [z] Heb lacks *to other gods.*

for certain whose word is true—mine or theirs! [29]And this will be a sign for you, declares the LORD: I will punish you here so that you know my threats against you will surely be fulfilled. [30]The LORD proclaims: I will hand Pharaoh Hophra, Egypt's king, over to his enemies who seek to kill him, just as I delivered Judah's King Zedekiah over to his enemy King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who sought to kill him.

A final word for Baruch

45 In the fourth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, Baruch was writing in a scroll the words that Jeremiah was dictating to him. Jeremiah the prophet told Baruch, Neriah's son: [2]This is what the LORD the God of Israel proclaims about you, Baruch: [3]You have said, "I can't take it anymore! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain. I'm worn out from groaning and can find no rest." [4]This is what you should say to him: "The LORD proclaims: I'm breaking down everything I have built up. I'm digging up that which I have planted—the entire land. [5]You seek great things for yourself, but don't bother. I'm bringing disaster on all humanity, declares the LORD, but wherever you go I will let you escape with your life."

ORACLES CONCERNING THE NATIONS

46 This is what the LORD told the prophet Jeremiah concerning the nations.

Prophecy against Egypt

[2]About Egypt! A message for the army of Pharaoh Neco, Egypt's king, which was defeated by Babylon's Nebuchadnezzar at Carchemish near the Euphrates River in the fourth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son:

[3]Grab your shields
and prepare for war!

44:29 Ex 3:12; 1Sa 2:34, 1Sa 10:7; Is 7:11, Is 37:30, Is 38:7

45:1 Jer 25:1, Jer 32:12, Jer 36:1, Jer 36:4

45:4 Is 5:5

46:2 2Ki 23:29; 2Ch 35:20; Jer 25:1

46:8 Is 10:13, Is 37:24; Eze 29:3; Am 8:8

46:10 Dt 32:42; Is 34:5-6; Jer 46:2; Jl 1:15; Zep 1:7

46:11 Gn 37:25; Jer 8:22, Jer 30:13

[4]Saddle the horses;
mount the stallions!
Take your positions
with helmets on!
Polish your spears;
put on your armor!
[5]Why do I see them terrified,
retreating in haste?
Their soldiers are crushed,
running for cover,
and they don't turn back.
Panic lurks at every turn,
declares the LORD.
[6]The swift can't flee;
the mighty can't escape.
Up north by the Euphrates River,
they stagger and fall.

[7]Who is this that rises like the Nile,
whose banks overflow?[a]
[8]It's Egypt that rises like the Nile,
whose banks overflow,[b]
who declares, "I will arise
and cover the earth
and destroy cities
and inhabitants."
[9]Charge, you horses;
advance, you chariots!
Attack, you soldiers
with your shield in hand,
you people of Cush and Put[c]
with your bow drawn,
you archers from Lud.

[10]But that day belongs to the
LORD God of heavenly forces;
it's a day of reckoning,
settling scores with enemies.
The sword will devour
until it has had its fill of blood.
The LORD God of heavenly forces
is preparing a sacrifice in the north
by the Euphrates River.
[11]Go up to Gilead and seek balm,
virgin Daughter Egypt.
You search out remedies in vain,
for your disease is incurable.
[12]Nations hear of your shame;
the earth is filled with your sobs.
Soldier stumbles over soldier;
together they go down.

[a]Or *like rivers whose waters roar* [b]Or *like rivers whose waters roar* [c]Traditionally *Ethiopia and Libya*

13 This is the word that the LORD
spoke to the prophet Jeremiah about
the military offensive of Babylon's
King Nebuchadnezzar against the land
of Egypt:
14 Tell Egypt, warn Migdol,
alert Memphis and Tahpanhes!
Say: "Brace yourselves
for what's coming.
War is breaking out
from every side!"
15 Why have your mighty fallen?
Why haven't they stood
their ground?
Because the LORD
has struck them down.
16 He's tripped them up;
they fall over each other and say,
"Let's get out of here
and go home to our people,
where we were born,
far away from
the oppressor's sword."[d]
17 There they call Pharaoh,
Egypt's king,
Loudmouth—Nothing But Hot Air!
18 As I live, declares the king,
whose name is
the LORD of heavenly forces,
one is coming
just as surely as Tabor is
in the mountains
and Carmel is by the sea.[e]
19 Get what you need for deportation,
you inhabitants of Egypt.[f]
Memphis will be reduced
to a wasteland,
a ruin with no one left.
20 Egypt is a beautiful, yes,
beautiful heifer,
but a horsefly from the north
is coming to bite her.[g]
21 Even her mercenaries
are like well-fed calves;
they too will retreat
and run for cover;
they won't survive.
The day of disaster
has come to haunt them,
the time of their punishment.
22 Like the sound of a snake hissing
as it slithers away
is Egypt[h] as armies approach
in force;
they come against her with axes,
like woodcutters.
23 They destroy her dense forest,
though it is vast,
because they outnumber locusts
and can't be counted,
declares the LORD.
24 Daughter Egypt will be humiliated,
handed over to people
from the north.
25 This is what the LORD of heavenly
forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I'm
going to punish Amon of Thebes, Egypt
and its gods and kings, as well as Pha-
raoh and all who rely on him. 26 I will
hand them over to those who seek to
kill them, namely Babylon's King Neb-
uchadnezzar and his servants. But af-
terward Egypt will dwell like it did a
long time ago, declares the LORD.
27 But don't be afraid,
my servant Judah;
don't lose heart, Israel.
I will deliver you from a faraway place
and your children
from the land of their exile.
My people Jacob will again
be safe and sound,
with no one harassing them.
28 So don't be afraid, my servant Jacob,
declares the LORD.
I'm with you;
I will put an end to all the nations
where I have scattered you.
But I won't put an end to you.
I won't let you avoid punishment;
I will discipline you as you deserve.

Prophecy against Philistia

47 The LORD's word to the prophet
Jeremiah concerning the Philis-
tines before Pharaoh conquered Gaza.
2 The LORD proclaims:
Waters are rising from the north
and turning into a raging flood.
They will engulf the land
and everything in it,
the towns and those living in them.

46:20 Jer 47:2; Hos 10:11

46:22 Is 10:34, Is 14:8, Is 29:4; Jer 51:20

46:23 Jdg 6:5, Jdg 7:12

46:27 Is 41:14; Jer 30:10; Eze 39:25

47:1 Gn 10:19; Jer 25:20; Eze 25:15; Am 1:6; Zep 2:4

[d] Heb uncertain [e] Heb uncertain [f] Or *inhabitant, Daughter Egypt* [g] Heb uncertain [h] Heb lacks *is Egypt*.

The people cry out;
all who live there scream.
3 At the pounding
of the stallions' hooves,
at the deafening roar
of the chariots' wheels,
parents abandon children,
so paralyzed are they with fear.
4 Because the time is coming
for the Philistines' destruction,
for cutting off from Tyre and Sidon
anyone who might try
to save Gaza,[i]
because the LORD will destroy
the Philistines,
the few left from the island
of Caphtor.
5 Mourning[j] will come upon Gaza;
silence will cover Ashkelon,
the few left in their valley.
How long will you gash yourselves
in grief?[k]
6 You sword of the LORD,
how long until you are silent?
Return to your sheath;
rest and be still!
7 How can you be silent
when the LORD has directed you[l]
to attack Ashkelon
and the coast line?

Prophecy against Moab

48 Concerning Moab:
The LORD of heavenly forces,
the God of Israel, proclaims:
How awful for Nebo;
it lies in ruins.
Kirathaim is captured and shamed;
the fortress is disgraced,
reduced to rubble.
2 No one sings Moab's praise
any longer!
In Heshbon they are hatching
a plot against her:
"Come, let's bring down the nation!"
You too, madmen, will be silenced;
the sword will pursue you.
3 Listen to the cries for help
from Horonaim:
"Destruction and
massive devastation!"

47:4 Gn 10:14; Dt 2:23; Jer 25:22; Jl 3:4; Am 9:7

47:5 Lv 19:28; Is 3:24; Jer 48:37

48:1 Nm 32:3; Is 15:1; Eze 25:9

48:6 Dt 2:36; Josh 13:9; 1Sa 4:13; Jer 48:19

48:7 Nm 21:9; Jdg 11:24; 1Ki 11:33; Ps 49:6, Ps 52:7; Jer 48:46

48:10 Jgs 5:23; 1Ki 20:42; Jer 47:6

48:13 Jdg 11:24; 1Ki 11:7, 1Ki 12:29; Jer 48:7; Hos 8:6, Hos 10:6

4 Moab is shattered;
its young cry for help.
5 On the way up to Luhith,
there is uncontrollable weeping.
On the way down to Horonaim,
they hear sobs of anguish.
6 Run for your lives!
Be like Aroer[m] in the desert.
7 Because you have relied
on your own strength
and treasures,
you also will be captured.
Chemosh will go into exile,
together with his priests
and officials.
8 The destroyer will sweep
through every town;
no town will escape.
The valleys will be ravaged;
the plateaus will be destroyed,
because the LORD
has declared it so.
9 Give wings to Moab,
and it would fly away[n]
because its towns lie in ruins,
with no one left in them.

10 Cursed is the one who is halfhearted
in doing the LORD's work.
Cursed is the one who restrains
the sword from bloodshed.

11 From early on Moab has been at ease,
like wine[o] left to settle
on its sediment.
It hasn't been poured into jars;
nor has Moab
been taken into exile.
Therefore, its taste is still pleasant,
and its aroma is the same.
12 But the time is coming, declares
the LORD, when I will send to him
someone to spill it—to pour out his
wine and to smash his jars. 13 And
Moab will be put to shame on account
of Chemosh, just as the people of Is-
rael were put to shame on account of
Bethel, in which they trusted.[p]
14 How can you claim,
"We're soldiers; we're war heroes"?

[i] Or *a helper* [j] Or *baldness* [k] Heb lacks *in grief.* [l] Or *it* [m] Heb uncertain [n] Heb uncertain [o] Heb lacks *like wine.*
[p] Or *And Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh just as the people of Israel were ashamed of Bethel, in which they trusted.*

15 Moab is doomed;
its towns will surrender;[q]
its elite forces will go down in defeat,
declares the king whose name
is the LORD of heavenly forces.
16 Moab's destruction is near;
its downfall approaches rapidly.
17 Grieve for this nation,
you neighbors of Moab,
all you who know his name.
Proclaim how its mighty scepter
and magnificent staff are shattered!

18 Come down from your lofty place
and sit in the dust,[r]
you inhabitants of Daughter Dibon;[s]
because Moab's destroyer
has arrived to level your fortresses.
19 Stand by the roads and watch,
you inhabitants of Aroer.
Ask the men who flee
and the women who run off,
"What's happened?"
20 Moab is shamed and shocked;
weep and wail!
Tell it by the Arnon River:
Moab's been destroyed!

21 Judgment has come
to the towns of the plateau—
to Holon, Jahzah, and Mephaath,
22 to Dibon, Nebo,
and Beth-diblathaim,
23 to Kiriathaim, Beth-gamul,
and Beth-meon,
24 to Kerioth and Bozrah,
to all the towns of Moab,
far and near.

25 Moab's horn is cut off;
its arm is broken,
declares the LORD.
26 Get Moab drunk,
because it has exalted itself
above the LORD.
Moab will collapse in its vomit
and become the butt of every joke.
27 Wasn't Israel the butt of your jokes?
Didn't you shake your head
as if they were thieves
caught in the act?

48:17 Is 9:4, Is 14:5

48:18 Nm 21:30; Josh 13:9; Is 15:2, Is 47:1

48:19 Dt 2:36; Josh 13:9; 1Sa 4:13

48:25 Ps 75:10; Eze 30:21

48:26 Is 19:14; Jer 25:27, Jer 48:42

48:29 Ps 138:6; Prv 18:12; Is 16:6; Zep 2:8

48:31 2Ki 3:25; Is 16:7

48:32 Nm 21:32; Is 16:9

28 Leave your towns, head for the cliffs,
you people of Moab.
Hide like a dove
that nests in the mouth of a cave.

29 We have heard of Moab's pride:
arrogant, puffed up, exalted,
high and mighty, boastful!
30 I myself know about its arrogance,
declares the LORD,
the idle talk, the empty deeds.
31 But I'll still wail for Moab;
I'll cry out for all Moab;
I'll[t] sob for the people
of Kir-heres.
32 I'll weep for you, vine of Sibmah,
more than I would for Jazer.
Though your branches
extended to the sea
and reached the coast of Jazer,
now the destroyer has come
to harvest your grapes
and summer fruits.
33 Joy and gladness have been taken
from the orchards and farms
of Moab.
I have stopped making wine
in the presses.
No one shouts with joy
while treading the grapes.
Though there are shouts,
they are not shouts of joy![u]
34 Screams are heard from Heshbon
to Elealeh and Jahaz;
their cries resound from Zoar
to Horonaim and
Eglath-shelishiyah.
Even the waters of Nimrim
are dried up.
35 I'll put an end to Moab,
declares the LORD,
for making offerings
on the shrines,
and worshipping their gods.

36 Therefore, my heart wails for Moab
like a mournful[v] flute
that plays the dirge;
my heart wails for the people
of Kir-heres,

[q]Heb uncertain [r]Or *thirst* [s]Heb uncertain, or *residing Daughter Dibon* [t]Or *He* [u]Heb uncertain [v]Heb lacks *mournful.*

like a mournful flute.
Their abundance is now gone.
37 Every head is shaved,
every beard is cut off,
every hand is slashed,
and everyone wears
mourning clothes.
38 On every housetop of Moab
and in all its streets,
there's nothing but mourning.
I have shattered Moab
like a pottery vessel no one wants,
declares the LORD.
39 How it's shattered! Go wail!
How Moab turns away!
What shame!
Moab has become the butt
of every joke,
horrific to all its neighbors.

40 The LORD proclaims:
Look! One who soars like an eagle
and spreads its wings over Moab.
41 The towns will be captured;
the strongholds will be seized.
On that day,
the heart of every soldier from Moab
will be like that of a woman
in the throes of labor.
42 Moab will be destroyed
once and for all
because it has exalted itself
above the LORD.

43 Terror, traps, and trackers[w]
are upon you, people of Moab,
declares the LORD.
44 Those who flee from terror
will fall into a pit;
those who escape the pit
will be captured by the trap.
I will bring upon Moab
the year of its punishment,
declares the LORD.
45 In Heshbon tired refugees
seek shelter.
But fire is raging in Heshbon,
flames from the house[x] of Sihon.
It has burned up part of Moab,
including the leader
of this rebellious nation.[y]

48:40 Dt 28:49; Is 8:8; Hos 8:1; Hab 1:8

48:43 Is 24:17-18; Lam 3:47

48:46 Nm 21:29; Jdg 11:24; 1Ki 11:7; Jer 48:7

48:47 Jer 49:6, Jer 49:39

49:1 Eze 21:28; Am 1:13; Zep 2:8

49:4 Ps 52:7; Prv 26:12; Jer 21:13; 1Ti 6:17

46 How terrible for you, Moab;
the people of Chemosh
have perished.
Your sons have been carried off;
your daughters have been
taken captive.
47 But in the days to come
I'll bring back Moab from captivity,
declares the LORD.
Such is the judgment on Moab.

Prophecy against the Ammonites

49 Concerning the Ammonites,
the LORD proclaims:
Doesn't Israel have children?
Aren't there heirs to his land?
Why then has Milcom
taken over Gad?
Why have his people
settled in its towns?
2 Therefore, the time is coming,
declares the LORD,
when I will sound the battle alarm
against Rabbah,
the capital city of the Ammonites.
The city will be demolished,
and its neighboring villages
will be burned to the ground.
Then Israel will repossess
the land seized by its captors,
says the LORD.
3 Weep, you people of Heshbon;
Ai has been destroyed.
Wail, you daughters of Rabbah;
put on funeral clothing,
cry your eyes out,
run for shelter.[z]
Milcom will surely go into exile,
together with his priests
and ministers.

4 Why do you brag
about your strength?
Your strength is exhausted,[a]
you rebellious daughter.
You trust in your treasures,
never imagining
who would attack you.
5 I'm the one who will terrify you
from every side,

[w] Or *terror, pit, and trap* [x] Heb manuscripts; MT *from among* [y] Heb uncertain [z] Heb uncertain; or *run back and forth in the sheepfolds* [a] Heb uncertain

declares the LORD
of heavenly forces.
Every one of you
will be scattered about;
no one will gather those who fled.
6 Afterward, though, I will bring back
the Ammonites from captivity,
declares the LORD.

Prophecy against Edom

7 Concerning Edom,
the LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims:
Is wisdom no longer in Teman?
Has good sense vanished
from the perceptive?
Are they no longer wise?
8 Turn, flee, and run for cover,
you inhabitants of Dedan.
I'm bringing disaster on Esau:
its day of reckoning.
9 If workers would come to you
to pick grapes,
they would at least leave
a few on the vine.
If thieves would come in the night,
they would take only
what they needed.
10 But me? I will strip Esau bare.
I will expose his hiding places,
and he will find no place
to take cover.
His offspring, family, and
acquaintances will perish,
and there will be no one left to say,[b]
11 "Leave me your orphans,
and I'll look after them;
trust your widows into my care."
12 The LORD proclaims: If the innocent must drink the cup, why do you expect to escape punishment? You won't! You will drink it! 13 I myself swear, declares the LORD, that Bozrah will become an object of horror and scorn, a wasteland and a curse. And all of its towns will lie in ruins forever.
14 I have heard a report from the LORD
that a messenger is sent
among the nations:
Join forces and come against her;
prepare for war!

49:6 Jer 48:47, Jer 49:39

49:7 Jer 25:21; Eze 25:12, Eze 25:13; Am 1:11; Obad 1:1

49:14 Obad 1:1

49:19 Job 9:19; Jer 4:7, Jer 12:5, Jer 50:44

49:20 Is 14:27; Jer 49:7, Jer 50:45; Mal 1:3, Mal 1:4

15 I'm about to cut you down to size
before the nations;
you will be scorned by everyone.
16 The terror you have inflicted on
others has deceived you,
as has your own pride.
Though you live in a fortress
and occupy the high ground;
though you nest on high
like the eagles,
I will bring you down,
declares the LORD.
17 Then Edom will become a wasteland.
All who pass by will be shocked
by its injuries.
18 It will be like the destruction
of Sodom and Gomorrah
and their surrounding towns,
says the LORD.
No one will live there;
no human will dwell in it.
19 Like a lion coming up
from the jungle of the Jordan
to a well-watered meadow,[c]
so I will suddenly
chase down Edom
and single out
its choicest of rams.[d]
Who is like me?
Who can direct me?
What shepherd can withstand me?
20 Therefore, listen to the counsel
that the LORD has for Edom
and the plans he's devised
against the people of Teman:
The little ones of the flock
will be dragged off,
as their pasture watches
in utter disbelief.[e]
21 The earth quakes
as the Edomites go down;
their screams echo
as far as the Reed Sea.[f]
22 Look! One who mounts up
and soars like an eagle,
who swoops down and spreads
his wings over Bozrah.
On that day, the heart
of every soldier from Edom
will be like that of a woman
in the throes of labor.

[b] LXX; MT *and there will (or he will) be no more* [c] Heb uncertain [d] Heb uncertain [e] Heb uncertain [f] Or *Red Sea*

Prophecy against Damascus

23 Concerning Damascus:
Hamath and Arpad lose heart
when they hear the bad news.
They are trembling with fear,
like the raging sea,
which can't become quiet.
24 Damascus staggers about;
she tries to flee,
but panic overwhelms her.
She's gripped by anguish and pain,
like a woman in labor.
25 Forsaken[g] is the renowned city,
city of my delight.
26 Yes, her young men will fall
in the streets,
and her soldiers will be silent
on that day,
declares the LORD
of heavenly forces.
27 I will set fire to the walls of Damascus;
it will burn up the fortresses
of Ben-hadad.

Prophecy against Kedar and Hazor

28 Concerning Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar defeated, the LORD proclaims:
Get ready to attack Kedar;
destroy the people from the east!
29 Seize[h] their tents and their flocks,
their belongings and all their goods.
Take off with their camels
and shout as you go:
"Panic Lurks Everywhere!"
30 Run away; take cover,
you people of Hazor,
declares the LORD.
Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar
has taken counsel and devised
a plan against you.
31 Get ready to attack a nation
that feels safe and secure,
declares the LORD,
one without barred gates
that lives by itself.
32 Their camels will become plunder;
their many cattle will be pillaged.
I will scatter to the winds those
who are clean-shaven,[i]
and I will bring disaster on them
from every side,
declares the LORD.
33 Hazor will become a den
for wild dogs,
a wilderness forever.
No one will live there;
no human will dwell in it.

49:23 2Ki 18:34; Is 17:1; Am 1:3
49:31 Eze 38:11
49:34 Gn 10:22; 2Ki 24:18; Eze 32:24
49:39 Jer 48:47
50:1 Ps 137:8; Is 13:1, Is 47:1; Jer 25:12
50:2 Is 46:1

Prophecy against Elam

34 This is what the LORD told the prophet Jeremiah concerning Elam at the beginning of the rule of Judah's King Zedekiah. 35 The LORD of heavenly forces proclaims:
I'm going to break the bow of Elam,
the backbone of its military might.
36 I will bring against Elam four winds
from the four corners of heaven,
and I will scatter them to the winds.
Those banished from Elam
will migrate to every nation.
37 I will terrify Elam
before their enemies,
before those who seek to kill them.
I will bring disaster upon them,
my fierce anger,
declares the LORD.
I will send the sword to attack them
until I have destroyed them all.
38 I will establish my rule in Elam
and dispose of its king and officials,
declares the LORD.
39 But in the days to come
I will bring back the captives of Elam,
declares the LORD.

Prophecy against Babylon

50 This is what the LORD said concerning Babylon and the land of the Babylonians through the prophet Jeremiah:
2 Tell the nations;
proclaim it far and wide!
Set up a flag;
proclaim it far and wide!
Hold nothing back;
just shout it:
"Babylon is captured;
Bel is shamed;
Marduk is panic-stricken.
Her images are shamed;

[g] Vulg; MT *Not forsaken* [h] Or *They will seize . . . they will take off* [i] Or *those who have temples that are shaved*

her idols are panic-stricken."
3 A nation from the north
has risen up against her.
It will decimate her land,
and no one will live in it.
Every living thing will flee.

4 In those days and at that time,
declares the LORD,
the people of Israel and Judah
will come out of Babylon[j] together;
with weeping they will leave
as they seek the LORD their God.
5 They will search for Zion,
turning their faces toward it.
They will come[k] and
unite with the LORD,
in an everlasting covenant
that will never be forgotten.
6 My people were lost sheep;
their shepherds led them astray;
they deserted them
on the mountains,
where they wandered off among
the hills,
forgetting their resting place.
7 All who found them devoured them;
and their attackers said,
"It's not our fault,
because they have sinned against
the LORD,
the true pasture,[l]
the hope of their ancestors—
the LORD."
8 Now wander far from Babylon.
Get out of that country.
Like rams of the flock,
lead the way home.
9 I'm stirring up against Babylon
a coalition of mighty nations.
It will mobilize in the north,
and from there she will be captured.
Their arrows are like
those of an expert archer
who does not return
empty-handed.
10 Babylon will be defeated;
its attackers will carry off
all that they want,
declares the LORD.

50:17 2Ki 17:6, 2Ki 18:9; Jer 2:15, Jer 51:34

11 Sure, you gloat and rejoice,
you plunderers of my possession.
Sure, you dance around like a calf
and neigh like a stallion.
12 But Mother Babylon[m]
will be humiliated;
the one who bore you
will be disgraced.
She will become the least
of the nations:
a wilderness, a desert,
and parched land.
13 Because of the LORD's anger,
no one will live there;
she will be reduced to total ruin.
All who pass by Babylon
will be shocked;
they will gasp at all her injuries.
14 Take up your positions
around Babylon,
all you archers;
now shoot at her;
save none of your arrows,
because she's sinned
against the LORD.
15 Raise a victory shout
against her on every side!
She's surrendered;
her towers have collapsed;
her walls are destroyed.
This is the LORD's retribution;
now pay her back:
do to her what she's done
to others!
16 Cut Babylon off
from those who plant
and those who harvest the crops,
because of its ruthless sword.[n]
Now return, all of you,
to your people;
flee to your homeland!

17 Israelites are scattered sheep,
driven away by lions.
First the king of Assyria
devoured them,
and now Babylon's
King Nebuchadnezzar
has ravaged them.[o]
18 Therefore, the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims:

[j] Heb lacks *of Babylon.* [k] Heb uncertain [l] Or *righteous dwelling place* [m] Or *your mother* [n] Heb uncertain [o] Or *gnawed their bones*

I'm going to punish the king of
Babylon and his land,
just as I punished
the king of Assyria.
19 But I will restore Israel
to their pasture;
they will graze on Carmel
and Bashan;
they will eat their fill
in the highlands of Ephraim
and Gilead.
20 In those days and at that time,
declares the LORD,
if one searches for the sin of Israel,
they will find nothing;
if one seeks out
the wrongdoing of Judah,
they will look in vain.
I will forgive those I have spared.

21 Attack the land of Merathaim;[p]
crush those living in Pekod.
Ruin and destroy them,
declares the LORD;
do all I have commanded you.
22 There's the sound of war in the land
and enormous devastation.
23 How the hammer of the whole earth
has been broken and shattered
into pieces!
How Babylon has become a wasteland
among the nations!
24 You set a trap for others, Babylon,[q]
but you yourself were caught
in it unaware;
you have been found and captured
because you have defied the LORD.
25 The LORD has opened his arsenal
and brought out
his brutal weapons.
The LORD God of heavenly forces
has a job to do
in the land of the Babylonians.
26 Come against her from every side;
throw open her granaries;
pile her up like stalks of grain;
totally destroy her;
leave nothing intact.
27 Destroy all her bulls;
prepare them for slaughter.
How terrible for them!

50:20 Jer 31:34; Mi 7:19

50:23 Jer 51:20

50:25 Is 13:5; Jer 51:25, Jer 51:55

50:31 Jer 21:13, Jer 50:29

Their time has come,
the day of reckoning.
28 A voice of fugitives and refugees,
from the land of Babylon,
declaring in Zion
the retribution of the LORD
our God
because of what has been done
to his temple.
29 Send the archers against Babylon,
all who draw the bow!
Surround her
and let no one escape.
Pay her back for her deeds;
do to her what she's done to others.
She has acted arrogantly
toward the LORD,
the holy one of Israel!

30 Therefore, her soldiers will fall
in the streets;
all her warriors will be silenced
on that day,
declares the LORD.
31 I'm against you, you arrogant one!
declares the LORD God
of heavenly forces.
Your day has come,
your time of reckoning.
32 The arrogant one will stumble
and fall,
and no one will help her up.
I'll set your cities on fire,
and it will consume all
that's around her.
33 The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims:
The people of Israel were oppressed,
together with the people of Judah.
Their captors held them
and refused to let them go.
34 Yet their redeemer is strong;
the LORD of heavenly forces
is his name.
He will surely defend their cause
and give them rest in the land.
But he will unsettle
the people of Babylon.

35 A sword against Babylon
and its people,

[p] *Or Double rebellion* [q] *Or I set a trap for you, Babylon, and you were*

declares the LORD,
along with its officials and sages.
36 A sword against its diviners
so that they become fools.
A sword against its warriors
so that they are terrified.
37 A sword against its horses
and chariots,
and the mercenaries[r] in its midst
so that they lose courage.[s]
A sword against its treasures
so that they are looted.
38 A sword[t] against the water supplies
so that they dry up.
It is truly the land of idols,
idols about which they have gone
utterly mad!
39 Therefore, Babylon
will become a ghost town,
a place for desert animals,
hyenas, and ravenous birds.[u]
No one will live there again;
no one will make it their home.
40 Just as God destroyed Sodom
and Gomorrah and their neighbors,
declares the LORD,
so no one will live in Babylon
or settle there again.

41 Look! An army is on the move
from the northern regions.
A powerful nation
and many kings are coming
from the ends of the earth.
42 Equipped with bow and spear,
they are cruel
and show no mercy.
Their horsemen sound
like the roaring sea,
arrayed in battle formation
against you,
Daughter Babylon.
43 The king of Babylon has heard
reports of them
and is panic-stricken;
distress overwhelms him,
pain like that of a woman in labor.

44 Like a lion coming up from
the jungle of the Jordan
to a well-watered meadow,[v]
so I will suddenly
chase down Babylon
and single out its choicest of rams.
Who is like me?
Who can direct me?
What shepherd can withstand me?
45 Therefore, listen to the counsel
that the LORD has for Babylon
and the plans he's devised
against the land of Babylon:
The little ones of the flock
will be dragged off,
as their pasture watches
in utter disbelief.[w]
46 The earth quakes
at the sound of Babylon's capture;
its screams echo
throughout the world.

51 The LORD proclaims:
I'm stirring up a violent wind
against Babylon
and those who live in Leb-qamai.[x]
2 I will send mercenaries[y] to Babylon
who will sift her
and clear out her land.
They will surround her
on the day of disaster.
3 Let the archers draw their bows;
let them prepare their armor.
Show no mercy to her young men;
wipe out her entire company!
4 They will fall wounded
in the land of Babylon,
struck down in her streets.
5 God, the LORD of heavenly forces,
hasn't abandoned Israel
and Judah,
even though they live
in a land filled with guilt
before the holy one of Israel.
6 Escape from Babylon;
each of you run for your lives!
Don't perish because of her guilt,
because this is the time
for the LORD's retribution,
a day of reckoning
for all that Babylon[z] has done.

50:37 Is 19:16, Is 45:3; Jer 51:21, Jer 51:30; Na 3:13

50:39 Is 13:21, Is 34:11, Is 34:13; Jer 25:12, Jer 51:37

51:6 Nm 16:26; Jer 50:8, Jer 50:15, Jer 51:45; Rev 18:4

[r] Or *foreigners* [s] Or *become like women* [t] Or *drought* or *A drought* [u] Heb uncertain [v] Heb uncertain [w] Heb uncertain [x] Or *the inhabitants of Leb qamai*, a reference to Chaldea (Babylonia); or *those who rise up against me* [y] Or *foreigners* [z] Or *she* or *it*

7 Babylon was a gold cup
in the LORD's hand;
it made the whole earth drunk.
The nations drank her wine
and went mad.
8 But suddenly Babylon fell
and shattered into pieces.
Wail for her!
Bring medicine for her pain;
perhaps she will recover.

9 We tried to cure Babylon,
but she was beyond help.
Let's depart from her
and return to your own country,
each of you.
Her punishment reaches to heaven
and extends to the clouds.
10 The LORD has come to our defense,
so let's declare in Zion
what the LORD our God has done!

11 Sharpen your arrows;
prepare your shields.
The LORD is stirring up
the spirit of kings from Media.
He intends to destroy Babylon;
this is the LORD's retribution,
a day of reckoning for his temple.
12 Set up a flag on the walls of Babylon,
fortify the guards,
post watchmen,
prepare an ambush,
because the LORD has a plan
against the inhabitants of Babylon.
He will accomplish it,
just as he said he would.
13 You live beside a great river,
and you are rich in treasures.
But your time has come;
your cruelty has caught up
with you.[a]
14 The LORD of heavenly forces
has sworn by his own name:
I'm going to fill your cities[b]
with soldiers like a swarm
of locusts;
they will celebrate their victory
over you.

15 God made the earth by his might,
shaped the world by his wisdom,
and crafted the skies
by his knowledge.
16 At the sound of God's voice,
the heavenly waters roar.
God raises the clouds
from the ends of the earth.
He makes lightning for the rain
and sends the wind
from his treasuries.
17 Everyone is too foolish
to understand;
every smith is shamed by his idols,
for their images are shams;
they aren't alive.
18 They are a delusion, a charade;
at the appointed time
they will be ruined!
19 But the portion of Jacob
is utterly different,
for he has formed all things,
including his very own tribe;
the LORD of heavenly forces
is his name!

20 You are my hammer,
my weapon of war.
With you I will crush the nations.
With you I will destroy kingdoms.
21 With you I will crush horse
and rider.
With you I will crush chariot
and driver.
22 With you I will crush men
and women.
With you I will crush old
and young.
With you I will crush
young men and young women.
23 With you I will crush
shepherds and flocks.
With you I will crush farmers
and oxen.
With you I will crush
governors and officials.

24 I will repay Babylon
and all its inhabitants
for the terrible things
they have done to Zion
in your sight,
declares the LORD.

51:7 Jer 25:15, Jer 25:16, Jer 25:27; Hab 2:16; Rev 14:8

51:8 Is 13:6, Is 21:9; Jer 8:22, Jer 46:11; Rev 14:8

51:9 Is 13:14; Jer 50:16; Rev 18:5

51:15 Gn 1:1; Jer 10:12

51:16 Ps 135:7; Jer 10:13; Jon 1:4

51:17 Hab 2:18, Hab 2:19

51:18 Jer 18:15

51:19 Jer 10:16

[a] Heb uncertain [b] Heb lacks *cities*.

25 I'm against you,
you mountain of destruction,
declares the LORD,
you destroyer of the whole earth!
I will reach out against you;
I will topple you from your heights;
I will turn you into a rubbish heap.
26 They will never remove a cornerstone
or a foundation stone from you.
You will be a wasteland forever,
declares the LORD.

27 Set up a flag in the land;
sound the alarm among the nations!
Prepare them for war against her;
summon kingdoms against her—
Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz.
Appoint a commander against her;
call up the troops,
like swarms of locusts!
28 Prepare the nations for war
against her,
the kings of Media,
its governors, all its officials,
and all the countries they rule.

29 The earth quakes and trembles
because the LORD's plans
against Babylon are fulfilled:
to reduce Babylon to a wasteland,
with no one left in it.
30 Babylon's warriors quit fighting;
they hide in their fortifications.
Their strength is worn out;
their courage is gone!
Babylon's houses are burned down,
and its gates are smashed.
31 Courier joins courier,
messenger joins messenger
to relate the news
to the king of Babylon
that his entire city has fallen.
32 The river crossings are blocked;
the marshes are on fire;
the soldiers are terrified.
33 The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims:
Daughter Babylon is like
a threshing floor
ready to be trampled down.
In a little while her harvest
will come.

51:25 Jer 50:31; Zec 4:7; Rev 8:8
51:26 Is 13:19
51:34 Jer 50:17, Jer 51:44

34 Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar
has eaten us alive;
he's drained us of strength;
he's left us for dead.[c]
He's gobbled us up
like a great sea monster;
he's filled his belly
with our treasures;
and he's spit us out.
35 May Babylon be violated
as our bodies were,
say the inhabitants of Zion.
May our blood be on the Babylonians,
say those from Jerusalem.
36 Therefore, the LORD proclaims:
I'm going to defend your cause;
I'll turn the tables on your attacker.
I'll dry up her sea;
I'll shut up her springs.
37 Babylon will become a heap of ruins,
a den of wild dogs, a wasteland
with no one left in it.

38 Like lions they will roar together;
they will growl like lions' cubs.
39 They are ready to devour,
so I'll prepare the feast
and mix the drinks!
But after their noisy drunkenness,
they will fall fast asleep.
They will sleep forever,
never to get up,
declares the LORD.
40 I'll lead them off
like lambs for slaughter,
like rams and goats.

41 How Sheshach[d] has been defeated,
the pride of the whole earth
taken captive!
How Babylon has become a wasteland
among the nations!
42 The sea has risen over Babylon;
its pounding waves overwhelm her.
43 Her towns are devastated;
her land is scorched and barren,
a place where no one lives
or dares to pass through.
44 I will punish Bel in Babylon;
I will force him to vomit
what he's consumed.

[c] Or *He's made us an empty container.* [d] *Sheshach* is a name for Babylon.

Then nations will no longer
stream to him,
and Babylon's walls will collapse!

45 Get out of Babylon, my people!
Run for your lives
from the LORD's fierce anger.
46 Don't be distracted or frightened
by the rumors you hear in the land.
Sometimes you hear one thing
and another time something else:
rumors of violence and uprisings.
47 The time is coming
when I will deal with Babylon's idols;
the whole land will be disgraced,
and her wounded will fall
in her midst.
48 Then all creation will rejoice
over Babylon,
because out of the north
destroying armies will come
to attack her,
declares the LORD.
49 Babylon must fall
for the dead in Israel,
as the dead of all the earth
have fallen to Babylon.

50 You survivors of war,
leave now; don't delay!
Remember the LORD,
from a faraway land.
Keep Jerusalem alive in your hearts.

51 We're humiliated by their taunts;
we're disgraced that strangers
have violated the sacred places
of the LORD's temple.

52 The time is coming,
declares the LORD,
when I will deal with her idols,
and the wounded in her land
will groan.
53 Even if Babylon scales the heavens
and strengthens
its towering defenses,
the destroying armies
will still come
against her, at my command,
declares the LORD.

51:45 Is 48:20; Jer 51:6; 2Co 6:17; Rev 18:4

51:56 2Ki 19:7; Mt 24:6

51:48 Is 44:23; Jer 50:3; Rev 18:20

51:53 Gn 11:4; Is 14:13; Jer 49:16

51:63 Rev 18:21

54 Listen to the cries for help
from Babylon,
signs of massive devastation
in the land,
declares the LORD.
55 The LORD is destroying Babylon
and silencing her outcry,
whose roar is like
the crushing waves,
a deafening crash.
56 He certainly comes against her;
the destroyer comes against Babylon.
Her warriors are captured;
their bows are broken.
The LORD is an exacting God
who repays in full.
57 I'll make her leaders and sages drunk,
her governors, officials,
and warriors as well.
They will sleep forever,
never to get up,
declares the king,
whose name is
the LORD of heavenly forces.
58 The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims:
Babylon's massive walls
will come down,
down to the ground;
and its high gates will be burned
to the ground.

People labor in vain;
nations toil for nothing but ashes!

59 This is what the prophet Jeremiah instructed the staff officer[e] Seraiah, Neriah's son and Mahseiah's grandson, when Seraiah went to Babylon with Judah's King Zedekiah in the fourth year of his rule. 60 Jeremiah wrote down in a single scroll all the disasters that would happen to Babylon—all these things concerning Babylon. 61 Jeremiah said to Seraiah: When you get to Babylon, see to it that you read all these words. 62 Then say, "LORD, you declared that this place will be destroyed and nothing will remain in it—neither human nor animal; that it will forever be a wasteland!" 63 When you finish reading

[e] Or *officer of rest*, often translated as *quartermaster*

the scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the Euphrates River. 64Then say, "In the same way, Babylon will sink and never rise again because of the disaster I'm bringing against it."

Jeremiah's words end here.

Rule of Zedekiah and the fall of Jerusalem

52 Zedekiah was 21 years old when he became king, and he ruled for eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was a daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah. 2He did evil in the LORD's eyes just as Jehoiachin had done. 3It was because the LORD was angry against Jerusalem and Judah that he thrust them out of his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4In the ninth year, the tenth month, and the tenth day of the month, Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem with all of his army. He camped beside the city and built a siege wall around it. 5The city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 6On the ninth day of the fourth month, the famine in the city reached a point that no food remained for the people. 7The enemy entered the city, and all the soldiers fled by night along the gate between the two walls by the royal gardens. So the Babylonians surrounded the city while the soldiers fled toward the desert plain. 8However, the Babylonian army chased down Zedekiah and caught him in the plains of Jericho. (His entire army had fled from him.) 9They arrested the king and brought him before the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath. And he pronounced sentence on him. 10The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's children before his very own eyes, and he slaughtered all Judah's officers at Riblah. 11Then he gouged out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in chains. The king of Babylon dragged him off to Babylon and put him in prison, where he remained until he died.

12In the tenth day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan commander of the guard came to Jerusalem on behalf of his king. 13He burned down the LORD's temple, the royal palace, all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the important buildings. 14The entire Babylonian army and the commander of the guard destroyed the walls surrounding Jerusalem. 15Nebuzaradan commander of the guard deported some of the poorest people, the rest of the people left in the city, a few skilled workers, and those who had joined the king of Babylon. 16But Nebuzaradan commander of the guard left some of the poor to tend the vineyards and till the land.

17The Babylonians broke apart the bronze columns, the stands, and the bronze Sea in the LORD's temple. They carried the bronze to Babylon. 18They took the pots, the shovels, the wick trimmers, the sprinkling bowls, the incense dishes, and all the bronze equipment used for the temple services. 19The commander of the guard took whatever gold or silver he could find as well: the small bowls, the fire pans, the sprinkling bowls, the pots, the lampstands, the basins, and the offering bowls. 20There was too much bronze to be weighed: two columns, the bronze Sea and the twelve bronze bulls that held it up, and the stands, all of which Solomon had made for the LORD's temple. 21Each column was about twenty-seven feet high and eighteen feet around. They were hollow, but the bronze was about three inches thick. 22Each had a capital of bronze above it that towered seven and a half feet high, and each had an ornate design of bronze pomegranates around it. The second column was the same, also with pomegranates. 23There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides, a total of one hundred pomegranates around the ornate design.

24The commander of the guard also took Seraiah the high priest, Zephaniah the deputy priest, and the three doorkeepers. 25From the city, he took

51:64 Job 31:40; Jer 51:58; Rev 18:21

52:1 2Ki 24:17, 18; 2Ch 36:10b; 11; Jer 37:1

52:2 2Ki 24:19; 2Ch 36:12; Jer 37:2

52:3a 2Ki 24:20a; 2Ch 36:13b-16

52:3b 2Ki 24:20b; 2Ch 36:13a

52:4, 5 2Ki 25:1, 2; Jer 39:1

52:6 2Ki 25:3; Is 3:1; Jer 38:9, Jer 39:2

52:6-11 2Ki 25:3-7; Jer 39:4-7

52:9 Nm 13:21; 2Ki 25:6; Jer 32:4, Jer 39:5

52:12-14 2Ki 25:8-10; 2Ch 36:17, 19; Jer 39: 2, 3, 8

52:17-23 2Ki 25:13-17; 2Ch 36:18

52:15 2Ki 25:11; 2Ch 36:20a

52:24-27a 2Ki 25:18-21a

a eunuch who was appointed over the army and the seven royal advisors who remained in the city. He also took the scribe of the commander of the army in charge of military conscription and sixty military personnel[f] who were found in the city. [26]Nebuzaradan the commander of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. [27]The king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah went away from its land into exile.

[28]This is the number of people whom Nebuchadnezzar deported: In the seventh year, 3,023 Judeans. [29]In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, he took 832 people from Jerusalem. [30]In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, he dispatched Nebuzaradan commander of the guard, who deported 745 Judeans. Altogether, 4,600 were taken captive.

52:31-34
2Ki 25:27-30

[31]Judah's King Jehoiachin had been in exile for thirty-seven years when Awil-merodach[g] became king in Babylon. He took note of Jehoiachin's plight and released him from prison on the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month[h] of that very year. [32]Awil-merodach treated Jehoiachin kindly and gave him a throne higher than those of the other kings with him in Babylon. [33]So Jehoiachin discarded his prison clothes and ate his meals at the king's table for the rest of his life. [34]The Babylonian king provided him daily provisions for the rest of his life, right up until he died.

LAMENTATIONS[a]

Jerusalem's suffering

1:1 Is 3:26

1:2 Ps 6:6; Jer 30:14; Lam 1:16; Mi 7:5

1:4 Jer 9:11; Lam 2:6, Lam 2:10; Jl 1:8

ך Oh, no!
She sits alone,

א
the city that was once full of people.
Once great among nations,
she has become like a widow.
Once a queen over provinces,
she has become a slave.

ב
[2]She weeps bitterly in the night,
her tears on her cheek.
None of her lovers comfort her.
All her friends lied to her;
they have become her enemies.

ג
[3]Judah was exiled after suffering
and hard service.
She lives among the nations;
she finds no rest.
All who were chasing her caught her—right in the middle of her distress.

ד
[4]Zion's roads are in mourning;
no one comes to the festivals.
All her gates are deserted.
Her priests are groaning,
her young women grieving. She is bitter.

ה
[5]Her adversaries have become rulers;
her enemies relax.
Certainly the LORD caused her grief because of her many wrong acts.
Her children have gone away,
captive before the enemy.

[f]Or *from the people of the land* [g]Or Evil-merodach [h]February–March, Adar [a]Four of the five chaps of Lamentations are alphabetically structured (acrostic) poems. Each verse in chaps 1, 2, and 4 begins with a consecutive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Chap 3 is a triple acrostic: three verses in a row use the same letter before moving to the next letter. The acrostic form is not used in chap 5, though it does contain twenty-two verses, the same number as chaps 1, 2, and 4.

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6 Daughter Zion lost all her glory.
Her officials are like deer
that can't find pasture.
They have gone away, frail,
before the hunter.

ז

7 While suffering and homeless,
Jerusalem remembers all her
treasures from days long past.
When her people fell by the enemy's
hand, there was no one to help
her.
Enemies saw her, laughed at her
defeat.

ח

8 Jerusalem has sinned greatly;
therefore, she's become a joke.[b]
All who honored her now detest her,
for they've seen her naked.
Even she groans and turns away.

ט

9 Her uncleanness shows on her
clothing; she didn't consider
what would happen to her.
She's gone down shockingly;
she has no comforter.
"LORD, look at my suffering—
the enemy has definitely
triumphed!"

י

10 The enemy grabbed all her treasures.
She watched nations
enter her sanctuary—
nations that you, God,[c]
commanded: They must not enter
your assembly.

כ

11 All her people are groaning, seeking
bread.
They give up their most precious
things for food to survive.
"LORD, look and take notice: I am
most certainly despised."

1:8 Is 59:2; Lam 1:20, Lam 1:21, Lam 1:22

1:16 Jer 13:17, Jer 14:17; Lam 1:2, Lam 2:11, Lam 2:18

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12 Is this nothing to all you who pass
by?[d]
Look around: Is there any suffering
like the suffering inflicted on me,
the grief that the LORD caused
on the day of his fierce anger?

מ

13 From above he sent fire into my
bones; he trampled them.
He spread a net for my feet;
he forced me backward.
He left me devastated, constantly
sick.

נ

14 My steps[e] are being watched;[f]
by his hand they are tripped up.
His yoke is on my neck;
he makes my strength fail.
My Lord has handed me over
to people I can't resist.

ס

15 My Lord has despised my mighty
warriors.
He called a feast for me—
in order to crush my young men!
My Lord has stomped on the
winepress of the young woman
Daughter Judah.

ע

16 Because of all these things I'm
crying. My eyes, my own eyes pour
water
because a comforter who might
encourage me is nowhere near.
My children are destroyed because
the enemy was so strong.

פ

17 Zion spreads out her hands;
she has no comforter.
The LORD commanded Jacob's
enemies to surround him.
Jerusalem is just a piece of garbage
to them.

[b]Or *she's become unclean.* [c]Heb lacks *God.* [d]Heb uncertain [e]Correction; or *my wrong acts* [f]Or *a yoke is bound to my wrong acts*; Heb uncertain

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18 The LORD is right,
because I disobeyed his word.
Listen, all you people;
look at my suffering.
My young women and young men
have gone away as prisoners.

ק

19 I called to my lovers, but they
deceived me.
My priests and my elders
have perished in the city;
they were looking for food to
survive.

ר

20 Pay attention, LORD, for I am in
trouble. My stomach is churning;
my heart is pounding inside me
because I am so bitter.
In the streets the sword kills;
in the house it is like death.

ש

21 People heard that I was groaning,
that I had no comforter.
All my enemies heard about my
distress; they were thrilled
that you had done this.
Bring the day you have announced
so they become like me!

ת

22 Let all their evil come before you.
Then injure them like you've injured
me because of all my wrong acts;
my groans are many,
my heart is sick.

God's anger toward Jerusalem

2 Oh, no!
In anger, my Lord put Daughter

א

Zion under a cloud;[g]
he threw Israel's glory from heaven
down to earth.
On that day of wrath,
he didn't consider his own
footstool.

1:18 Dt 28:32; 1Sa 12:14; Jer 12:1

1:20 Dt 32:25; Is 16:11; Jer 4:19; Lam 2:11

2:1 1Ch 28:2; Lam 3:44

2:2 Ps 21:9; Is 25:12, Is 43:28; Lam 3:43; Mi 5:11

ב

2 Showing no compassion, my
Lord devoured each of Jacob's
meadows;
in his wrath he tore down the
walled cities of Daughter Judah.
The kingdom and its officials,
he forced to the ground, shamed.

ג

3 In his burning rage,
he cut off each of Israel's horns;
right in front of the enemy,
he withdrew his strong hand;
he burned against Jacob like a
flaming fire that ate up everything
nearby.

ד

4 He bent his bow as an enemy would;
his strong hand was poised
like an adversary.
He killed every precious thing in
sight;
he poured out his wrath
like fire on Daughter Zion's tent.

ה

5 My Lord has become like an enemy.
He devoured Israel;
he devoured all her palaces; he
made ruins of her city walls.
In Daughter Judah
he multiplied mourning
along with more mourning!

ו

6 He wrecked his own booth like a
garden; he destroyed his place for
festivals.
The LORD made Zion forget
both festival and sabbath;
in his fierce rage, he scorned
both monarch and priest.

ז

7 My Lord rejected his altar,
he abandoned his sanctuary;
he handed Zion's palace walls
over to enemies.

[g] Heb uncertain

They shouted in the LORD's own
house as if it were a festival day.

ח

[8] The LORD planned to destroy
Daughter Zion's wall.
He stretched out a measuring
line, didn't stop himself from
devouring.
He made barricades and walls
wither—together they wasted
away.

ט

[9] Zion's gates sank into the ground;
he broke and shattered her bars;
her king and her officials are now
among the nations.
There is no Instruction![h]
Even her prophets couldn't find
a vision from the LORD.

י

[10] Daughter Zion's elders
sit on the ground and mourn.
They throw dust on their heads;
they put on mourning clothes.
Jerusalem's young women bow
their heads all the way to the
ground.

כ

[11] My eyes are worn out
from weeping;
my stomach is churning.
My insides are poured
on the ground because the
daughter of my people
is shattered,
because children and babies
are fainting in the city streets.

ל

[12] They say to their mothers,
"Where are grain and wine?"
while fainting like the wounded
in the city streets,
while their lives are draining away
at their own mothers' breasts.

2:10 Josh 7:6; Job 2:12, Job 2:13; Is 3:26, Is 15:3

2:11 Lam 1:16, Lam 1:20, Lam 2:19, Lam 3:48, Lam 4:4

2:14 Eze 22:28

2:18 Ps 119:145; Lam 1:2, Lam 2:8, Lam 3:49

מ

[13] What can I testify about you,
Daughter Jerusalem?[i]
To what could I compare you?
With what could I equate you?
How can I comfort you,
young woman Daughter Zion?
Your hurt is as vast as the sea.
Who can heal you?

נ

[14] Your prophets gave you worthless
and empty visions.
They didn't reveal your sin
so as to prevent your captivity.
Instead, they showed you
worthless and
incorrect prophecies.

ס

[15] All who pass by on the road
clap their hands about you;
they whistle, shaking their heads
at Daughter Jerusalem:
"Could this be the city called Perfect
Beauty, the Joy of All the Earth?"

פ

[16] All your enemies open wide their
mouths against you;
they whistle, grinding their teeth.
They say, "We have devoured!
This is definitely the day
we've been waiting for.
We've seen it come to pass."

ע

[17] The LORD did what he had planned.
He accomplished the word
that he had commanded long ago.
He ripped down,
showing no compassion.
He made the enemy
rejoice over you;
he raised up
your adversaries' horn.

צ

[18] Cry out to my Lord from the heart,[j]
you wall of Daughter Zion;

[h] Heb *Torah* [i] Or *How can I warn you?* or *To what could I liken you?*; Heb uncertain [j] Correction; or *their heart cried out to my Lord*

make your[k] tears run down like a
flood all day and night.
Don't relax at all;
don't rest your eyes a moment.

ק

19 Get up and cry out at nighttime,
at the start of the night shift;
pour out your heart
before my Lord like water.
Lift your hands up to him
for the life of your children—
the ones who are fainting from
hunger on every street corner.

ר

20 LORD, look and see to whom
you have done this!
Should women eat their own
offspring, their own beautiful
babies?
Should priest and prophet be killed
in my Lord's own sanctuary?

ש

21 Young and old alike
lie on the ground in the streets;
my young women and young men
fall dead by the sword.
On the day of your anger, you killed;
you slaughtered,
showing no compassion.

ת

22 You invited—as if to a festival!—
terrors[l] from every side.
On the day of the LORD's anger,
no one escaped, not one survived.
The children that I nurtured,
that I raised myself,
my enemy finished them off.

An individual's complaint

3 I am someone[m] who saw the
suffering caused by God's[n] angry
rod.

א

2 He drove me away, forced me to walk
in darkness, not light.

2:19 Ps 28:2; 1Ti 2:8

2:20 Lv 26:29; Dt 28:53; 2Ki 6:28; Eze 5:10

2:22 Jer 6:25

3:6 Ps 88:5, Ps 143:3

3:7 Job 3:23, Job 19:8; Hos 2:6

3:8 Dt 1:45; Job 30:20; Ps 22:2

3:12 Job 6:4; Ps 7:12, Ps 38:2; Lam 2:4

3:14 Job 30:9; Ps 22:6; Jer 20:7

3:16 Ps 3:7, Ps 58:6; Prv 20:17; Jer 6:26

3 He turned his hand even against
me, over and over again, all day
long.

ב

4 He wore out my flesh and my skin;
he broke my bones.
5 He besieged me, surrounding me
with bitterness and weariness.
6 He made me live in dark places
like those who've been dead
a long time.

ג

7 He walled me in so I couldn't escape;
he made my chains heavy.
8 Even though I call out and cry for
help, he silences my prayer.
9 He walled in my paths with
stonework; he made my routes
crooked.

ד

10 He is a bear lurking for me,
a lion in hiding.
11 He took me from my path[o]
and tore me apart;
he made me desolate.
12 He drew back his bow, made me
a shooting target for arrows.

ה

13 He shot the arrows of his quiver
into my inside parts.
14 I have become a joke to all my people,
the object of their song of ridicule
all day long.
15 He saturated me with grief,
made me choke on bitterness.

ו

16 He crushed my teeth into the gravel;
he pressed me down into the
ashes.
17 I've[p] rejected peace;
I've forgotten what is good.
18 I thought: My future is gone,
as well as my hope from the
LORD.

[k]Heb lacks *your.* [l]Correction; or *my attackers* [m]Or *the man*; also in 3:27, 35, 39 [n]Or *his* [o]Heb uncertain [p]Or *my spirit*; also in 3:20, 24, 25, 51, 58

ז

19 The memory of my suffering
and homelessness is bitterness
and poison.
20 I[q] can't help but remember
and am depressed.
21 I call all this to mind—
therefore, I will wait.

ח

22 Certainly the faithful love
of the LORD hasn't ended;[r]
certainly God's compassion
isn't through!
23 They are renewed every morning.
Great is your faithfulness.
24 I think:[s] The LORD is my portion!
Therefore, I'll wait for him.

ט

25 The LORD is good to those
who hope in him, to the person[t]
who seeks him.
26 It's good to wait in silence
for the LORD's deliverance.
27 It's good for a man to carry a yoke
in his youth.

י

28 He should sit alone and be silent
when God lays it on him.
29 He should put his mouth in the
dirt—perhaps there is hope.
30 He should offer his cheek
for a blow; he should be filled
with shame.

כ

31 My Lord definitely[u]
won't reject forever.
32 Although he has caused grief,
he will show compassion in
measure with his covenant loyalty.
33 He definitely doesn't enjoy
affliction,[v] making humans suffer.

ל

34 Now crushing underfoot
all the earth's prisoners,
35 denying someone justice
before the Most High,
36 subverting a person's lawsuit—
doesn't my Lord see all this?

מ

37 Who ever spoke and it happened
if my Lord hadn't commanded
the same?
38 From the mouth of the Most High
evil things don't come,
but rather good!
39 Why then does any
living person complain;
why should anyone complain
about their sins?

נ

40 We must search and examine our
ways; we must return to the LORD.
41 We should lift up our hearts and
hands to God in heaven.
42 We are the ones who did wrong;
we rebelled.
But you, God, have not forgiven.

ס

43 You wrapped yourself up in wrath
and hunted us;
you killed, showing no compassion.
44 You wrapped yourself up in a cloud;
prayers can't make it through!
45 You made us trash and garbage
in front of all other people.

פ

46 All our enemies have opened
their mouths against us.
47 Terror and trap have come upon us,
catastrophe and collapse!
48 Streams of water pour
from my eyes because
of the destruction
of the daughter of my people.

ע

49 My eyes flow and don't stop.
There is no relief

3:19 Dt 29:18; Jer 9:15; Lam 1:7, Lam 3:5, Lam 3:15

3:24 Ps 16:5, Ps 33:18, Ps 73:26, Ps 119:57; Lam 3:21

3:25 Ps 27:14, Ps 130:6; Is 25:9, Is 30:18

3:26 Gn 49:18; Ps 37:7, Ps 130:5

3:27 Mt 11:29

3:28 Jer 15:17; Lam 1:1, Lam 2:10

3:29 Job 40:4; Jer 31:17

3:30 Job 16:10; Is 50:6; Mt 5:39

3:31 Ps 77:7, Ps 94:14; Is 54:7

3:32 Ps 78:38, Ps 106:43

3:33 Eze 33:11; Heb 12:10

3:35 Prv 17:15; Lam 3:36

3:36 Lam 3:35; Hab 1:13

3:37 Ps 33:9

3:38 Job 2:10; Is 45:7; Jer 32:42

3:39 Prv 19:3; Mi 7:9

3:40 Ps 119:59, Ps 139:23; Hos 6:1; 1Co 11:28; 2Co 13:5

3:41 Ps 25:1, Ps 28:2, Ps 141:2

3:42 2Ki 24:4; Jer 5:7, Jer 14:20; Lam 1:18; Dn 9:5

3:48 Ps 119:136; Jer 9:1; Lam 1:16, Lam 2:11

[q] Or *My spirit can't help but remember and is depressed* [r] Tg, Syr, and other ancient sources; MT *we aren't finished.* [s] Or *My spirit thinks* [t] Or *spirit* [u] Or *Because my Lord won't reject forever* [v] Heb *He does not afflict from his heart.*

50 until the LORD looks down
from the heavens and notices.
51 My eyes hurt me[w] because of what's
happened to my city's daughters.

צ

52 My enemies hunted me down like a
bird, relentlessly, for no reason.
53 They caught me alive in a pit
and threw stones at me;
54 water flowed over my head.
I thought: I'm finished.

ק

55 I call on your name, LORD,
from the depths of the pit.
56 Hear my voice. Don't close your ear[x]
to my need for relief,
to my cry for help.[y]
57 Come near to me on the day I call to
you. Say to me, "Don't be afraid."

ר

58 My Lord! Plead my desperate case;[z]
redeem my life.
59 LORD, look at my mistreatment;
judge my cause.
60 Look at all of my enemies' vengeance,
all of their scheming against me.

ש

61 Hear their jeering, LORD,
all of their scheming against me,
62 the speech of those
who rise up against me,
their incessant gossiping about me.
63 Whether sitting or standing,
look at how I am the object
of their song of ridicule.

ת

64 Pay them back fully, LORD,
according to what they have done.
65 Give them a tortured mind—
put your curse on them!
66 Angrily hunt them down; wipe
them out from under the LORD's
heaven.

3:53 Jer 37:16, Jer 38:6, Jer 38:9; Dn 6:17

4:1 2Ki 25:9; Lam 2:19; Eze 7:19

4:2 Is 30:14, Is 51:18; Jer 19:11

4:4 Ps 22:15; Lam 1:11, Lam 2:11, Lam 2:12

4:6 Gn 19:24, Gn 19:25; Mt 10:15; Lk 10:12

4:7 Ps 51:7; Am 2:11

The people's suffering

4 Oh, no!
Gold is tarnished;[a]

א

even the purest gold is changed.
Sacred jewels are scattered
on every street corner.

ב

2 Zion's precious children,
once valued as pure gold—
oh no!—now they are worth
no more than clay pots
made by a potter.

ג

3 Even jackals offer the breast;
they nurse their young.
But the daughter of my people
has become cruel, like desert
ostriches.

ד

4 The baby's tongue sticks to the roof
of its mouth, thirsty.
Children ask for bread, beg for it—
but there is no bread.

ה

5 Those who once ate gourmet food
now tremble in the streets.
Those who wore
the finest purple clothes
now cling to piles of garbage.

ו

6 Greater was the punishment[b]
of the daughter of my people
than Sodom's penalty,[c]
which was quickly overthrown
without any hand-wringing.[d]

ז

7 Her nazirites were purer than snow;
they were more dazzling than
milk.
Their limbs were redder than coral;
their bodies were sapphire.

[w] Or *my spirit* [x] Or *You didn't close your ear.* [y] Or *You have heard my voice.* [z] Or *my spirit's case* or *my spirit's grievance*
[a] Heb uncertain [b] Or *iniquity* [c] Or *sin* [d] Heb uncertain

ח

[8] But their appearance grew darker
than soot;
they weren't recognized
in the streets.
Their skin shriveled on their bones;
it became dry like wood.

ט

[9] Things were better for those stabbed
by the sword
than for those stabbed by famine—
those who bled away, pierced,
lacking food from the field.

י

[10] The hands of loving women
boiled their own children
to become their food during
the destruction of the daughter of
my people.

כ

[11] The LORD let loose his fury;
he poured out his fierce anger.
He started a fire in Zion;
it licked up its foundations.

ל

[12] The earth's rulers didn't believe it—
neither did any
who inhabit the world—
that either enemy or adversary
could enter Jerusalem's gates.

מ

[13] It was because of her prophets' sins,
her priests' iniquities,
those who shed righteous blood
in the middle of the city.

נ

[14] People wandered blindly in the
streets, polluted with blood.
No one would even touch
their clothing.

ס

[15] "Go away! Unclean!" was shouted at
them, "Go away! Away! Don't touch!"

4:10 Lv 26:29; Dt 28:53; 2Ki 6:29; Jer 19:9; Lam 2:20

4:16 Is 9:14; Lam 5:12

4:20 Gn 2:7; 2Sa 19:21; Jer 39:5; Eze 19:4

So they fled and wandered around.
The nations said,
"They can't stay here anymore."

פ

[16] It was the LORD's presence
that scattered them;[e]
he no longer notices them.
They didn't honor the priests'
presence; they didn't favor
the elders.

ע

[17] Our eyes continually failed,
looking for some help,
but for nothing.
From our watchtower we watched
for a nation that doesn't save.

צ

[18] Our steps were tracked;
we could no longer walk
in our streets.
Our end had drawn near;
our days were done—
our end had definitely come.

ק

[19] Our hunters were faster
than airborne eagles.
They chased us up the mountains;
they ambushed us in the
wilderness.

ר

[20] The LORD's chosen one,
the very breath in our lungs,
was caught in their traps—
the one we used to talk about,
saying, "Under his protection
we will live among the
nations."

ש

[21] Rejoice and be happy,
Daughter Edom,
you who live in the land of Uz.
But this cup will pass over to you
too. You will get drunk on it.
You will be stripped naked.

[e] Heb uncertain

ת

22 Your punishment[f] is over,
Daughter Zion;
God won't expose you anymore.
But he will attend to your
punishment, Daughter Edom;
he will expose your sins.

The people's complaint

5 LORD, consider what has become
of us;
take notice of our disgrace. Look at it!
2 Our property has been turned
over to strangers;
our houses belong to foreigners.
3 We have become orphans,
having no father;
our mothers are like widows.
4 We drink our own water—but for a
price;
we gather our own wood—
but pay for it.
5 Our hunters have been at our necks;[g]
we are worn out, but have no rest.
6 We held out a hand to Egypt
and to Assyria, to get sufficient
food.
7 Our fathers have sinned and are
gone,
but we are burdened
with their iniquities.
8 Slaves rule over us;
there is no one to rescue us
from their power.
9 We get our bread at the risk of our
lives because of the desert heat.[h]
10 Our skin is as hot as an oven
because of the burning heat of
famine.

5:16 Job 19:9; Ps 89:39; Jer 13:18

11 Women have been raped in Zion,
young women in Judah's cities.
12 Officials have been hung up
by their hands;
elders have been shown
no respect.
13 Young men have carried
grinding stones;
boys have stumbled
under loads of wood.
14 Elders have left the city gate;
young people stop their music.
15 Joy has left our heart;
our dancing has changed
into lamentation.
16 The crown has fallen off
our head.
We are doomed
because we have sinned.
17 Because of all this
our heart is sick;
because of these things
our glance is dark.
18 Mount Zion, now deserted—
only jackals walk on it now!
19 But you, LORD, will rule forever;
your throne lasts from one
generation to the next.
20 Why do you forget us continually;
why do you abandon us
for such a long time?
21 Return us, LORD, to yourself.
Please let us return![i]
Give us new days,
like those long ago—
22 unless you have completely
rejected us,
or have become too angry
with us.[j]

[f] Or *iniquity* [g] Heb uncertain [h] Or *sword;* Heb uncertain [i] Or *and we will return* or *so that we can return* [j] Or *But instead you have completely rejected us, become too angry with us,* or *Because if you have completely rejected us, have become too angry with us.*

EZEKIEL

First vision

1 In the thirtieth year, on the fifth day
of the fourth month, I was with the
exiles at the Chebar River when the
heavens opened and I saw visions of
God. 2(It happened on the fifth day of
the month, in the fifth year after King
Jehoiachin's deportation. 3The LORD's
word burst in on the priest Ezekiel,
Buzi's son, in the land of Babylon at
the Chebar River. There the LORD's
power overcame him.)

4As I watched, suddenly a driving
storm came out of the north, a great
cloud flashing fire, with brightness all
around. At its center, in the middle
of the fire, there was something like
gleaming amber. 5And inside that were
forms of four living creatures. This
was what they looked like: Each had
the form of a human being, 6though
each had four faces and four wings.
7Their feet looked like proper feet, but
the soles of their feet were like calves'
hooves, and they shone like burnished
bronze. 8Human hands were under
their wings on all four sides. All four
creatures had faces and wings, and
9their wings touched each other's
wings. When they moved, they each
went straight ahead without turning.
10As for the form of their faces: each
of the four had a human face, with a
lion's face on the right and a bull's face
on the left, and also an eagle's face.
11The pairs of wings[a] that stretched out
overhead touched each other, while
the other pairs covered their bodies.
12Each moved straight ahead wherever
the wind propelled them; they moved
without turning. 13Regarding the crea-
tures' forms: they looked like blazing
coals, like torches. Fire darted about
between the creatures and illuminated
them, and lightning flashed from the
fire. 14The creatures looked like light-
ning streaking back and forth.

1:1 Eze 1:3, Eze 3:23, Eze 8:3, Eze 10:15, Eze 11:24

1:4 Jer 1:14, Jer 23:19; Eze 1:27, Eze 8:2

1:5 Rev 4:6

1:6 Eze 1:10, Eze 10:14, Eze 10:21

1:7 Dn 10:6; Rev 1:15

1:8 Eze 10:8, Eze 10:21

1:9 Eze 10:22

1:10 Eze 10:14; Rev 4:7

1:11 Is 6:2; Eze 1:23

1:12 Eze 1:9, Eze 1:20

1:13 Ps 104:4; Rev 4:5

1:14 Zec 4:10; Mt 24:27

1:15 Eze 3:13, Eze 10:9; Dn 7:9

1:16 Eze 10:9, Eze 10:10; Dn 10:6

1:17 Eze 1:9, Eze 1:12

1:18 Eze 10:12; Rev 4:6, Rev 4:8

1:19 Eze 10:16

1:20 Eze 1:12

1:21 Eze 10:17

1:22 Gn 1:6; Eze 1:26, Eze 10:1; Rev 4:6, Rev 21:11

1:23 Eze 1:11

1:24 Eze 10:5, Eze 43:2; Dn 10:6; Rev 1:15, Rev 19:6

1:25 Eze 1:22

1:26 Ex 24:10; Is 6:1; Eze 1:22, Eze 10:1; Rev 1:13

15As I looked at the creatures, sud-
denly there was a wheel on the earth
corresponding to all four faces of the
creatures. 16The appearance and com-
position of the wheels were like spar-
kling topaz. There was one shape for
all four of them, as if one wheel were
inside another. 17When they moved in
any of the four directions, they moved
without swerving. 18Their rims were
tall and terrifying, because all four of
them were filled with eyes all around.
19When the creatures moved, the
wheels moved next to them. Whenever
the creatures rose above the earth, the
wheels also rose up. 20Wherever the
wind would appear to go, the wind
would make them go there too. The
wheels rose up beside them, because
the spirit[b] of the creatures was in
the wheels. 21When they moved, the
wheels[c] moved; when they stood still,
the wheels stood still; and when they
rose above the earth, the wheels rose
up along with them, because the spirit[d]
of the creatures was in the wheels.

22The shape above the heads of
the creatures[e] was a dome; it was like
glittering ice stretched out over their
heads. 23Just below the dome, their
outstretched wings touched each
other. They each also had two wings
to cover their bodies. 24Then I heard
the sound of their wings when they
moved forward. It was like the sound
of mighty waters, like the sound of the
Almighty,[f] like the sound of tumult or
the sound of an army camp. When they
stood still, their wings came to rest.
25Then there was a sound from above
the dome over their heads. They stood
still, and their wings came to rest.

26Above the dome over their heads,
there appeared something like lapis
lazuli in the form of a throne. Above
the form of the throne there was a
form that looked like a human being.

[a]LXX; MT adds *and their faces.* [b]Or *wind* [c]Or *they* [d]Or *wind* [e]LXX; MT *creature* [f]Heb *Shaddai* or *Mountain One*

27 Above what looked like his waist, I saw something like gleaming amber, something like fire enclosing it all around. Below what looked like his waist, I saw something that appeared to be fire. Its brightness shone all around. 28 Just as a rainbow lights up a cloud on a rainy day, so its brightness shone all around. This was how the form of the LORD's glory appeared. When I saw it, I fell on my face. I heard the sound of someone speaking.

Ezekiel's commissioning

2 The voice said to me: Human one, stand on your feet, and I'll speak to you. 2 As he spoke to me, a wind[g] came to me and stood me on my feet, and I heard someone addressing me. 3 He said to me: Human one, I'm sending you to the Israelites, a traitorous and rebellious people. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. 4 I'm sending you to their hard-headed and hard-hearted descendants, and you will say to them: The LORD God proclaims. 5 Whether they listen or whether they refuse, since they are a household of rebels, they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 And as for you, human one, don't be afraid of them or their words. Don't be afraid! You possess thistles and thorns that subdue scorpions.[h] Don't be afraid of their words or shrink from their presence, because they are a household of rebels. 7 You'll speak my words to them whether they listen or whether they refuse. They are just a household[i] of rebels!

8 As for you, human one, listen to what I say to you. Don't become rebellious like that household of rebels. Open your mouth and eat what I give you. 9 Then I looked, and there in a hand stretched out to me was a scroll. 10 He spread it open in front of me, and it was filled with writing on both sides, songs of mourning, lamentation, and doom.

1:27 Eze 1:4, Eze 8:2

1:28 Gn 9:13, Gn 17:3; Eze 3:23; Rev 4:3, Rev 10:1

2:1 Eze 3:17; Dn 10:11; Ac 9:6

2:3 Eze 3:4, Eze 20:18

2:4 Eze 3:7

2:5 Eze 3:11, Eze 3:27, Eze 33:33; Jn 15:22

2:6 Jer 1:8, Jer 1:17; Eze 3:9, Eze 28:24; Mi 7:4

2:7 Jer 1:7, Jer 1:17; Eze 2:5, Eze 3:10, Eze 3:17

2:9 Jer 36:2; Eze 3:1, Eze 8:3; Rev 5:1, Rev 10:8

2:10 Is 3:11; Rev 8:13

3:1 Eze 2:8, Eze 2:9

3:2 Jer 25:17

3:3 Ps 19:10, Ps 119:103; Jer 15:16; Rev 10:9, Rev 10:10

3:4 Eze 2:3

3:8 Jer 1:18, Jer 15:20

3:9 Is 50:7; Jer 1:8; Eze 2:6; Zec 7:12

3:11 Eze 2:7, Eze 3:27, Eze 33:2, Eze 33:17, Eze 33:30

3:12 Eze 8:3

3:15 Gn 50:10; Job 2:13; Ps 137:1; Eze 1:1

3:17 Is 52:8, Is 56:10, Is 58:1, Is 62:6; Eze 33:7

3 Then he said to me: Human one, eat this thing that you've found. Eat this scroll and go, speak to the house of Israel. 2 So I opened my mouth, and he fed me the scroll. 3 He said to me: Human one, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you. So I ate it, and in my mouth it became as sweet as honey.

4 Then he said to me: Human one, go! Go to the house of Israel and speak my words to them. 5 You aren't being sent to a people whose language and speech are difficult and obscure but to the house of Israel. 6 No, not to many peoples who speak difficult and obscure languages, whose words you wouldn't understand. If I did send you to them, they would listen to you. 7 But the house of Israel—they will refuse to listen to you because they refuse to listen to me. The whole house of Israel is hard-headed and hard-hearted too. 8 I've now hardened your face so that you can meet them head-on. 9 I've made your forehead like a diamond, harder than stone. Don't be afraid of them or shrink away from them, because they are a household of rebels.

10 He said to me: Human one, listen closely, and take to heart every word I say to you. 11 Then go to the exiles, to your people's children. Whether they listen or not, speak to them and say: The LORD God proclaims!

12 Then a wind lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great quaking sound from his place. Blessed is the LORD's glory! 13 The sound was the creatures' wings beating against each other and the sound of the wheels beside them; it was a great rumbling noise. 14 Then the wind picked me up and took me away. With the LORD's power pressing down against me I went away, bitter and deeply angry, 15 and I came to the exiles who lived beside the Chebar River at Tel-abib. I stayed there among them for seven desolate days.

16 At the end of the seven days, the LORD's word came to me: 17 Human

[g] Or *spirit* [h] Or *thistles and thorns are with you, and you sit on scorpions.* [i] LXX, Syr, Tg; MT lacks *household.*

one, I've made you a lookout for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from me, deliver my warning. [18]If I declare that the wicked will die but you don't warn them, if you say nothing to warn them from their wicked ways so that they might live, they will die because of their guilt, but I will hold you accountable for their deaths. [19]If you do warn the wicked and they don't turn from their wickedness or their wicked ways, they will die because of their guilt, but you will save your life.

[20]Or suppose righteous people turn away from doing the right thing. If they act dishonestly, and I make them stumble because of it, they will die because you didn't warn them of their sin. Their righteous deeds won't be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for their deaths. [21]But if you do warn the righteous not to sin, and they don't sin, they will be declared righteous. Their lives will be preserved because they heeded the warning, and you will save your life.

[22]The LORD'S power overcame me, and he said to me: Get up! Go out to the valley, and I'll speak to you there. [23]So I got up and went out to the valley. Suddenly, the LORD's glory stood there, like the glory that I had seen at the Chebar River, and I fell on my face. [24]When a wind came to me and stood me on my feet, he spoke to me and said: Go, shut yourself up inside your house. [25]Look at you, human one! They've now put cords on you and bound you up so that you can't go out among them. [26]I'll make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth and take away your ability to speak. You won't be able to correct them, because they are a household of rebels. [27]But whenever I speak to you, I'll open your mouth, and you will say to them: The LORD God proclaims. Those who hear will understand, but those who refuse will not. They are just a household of rebels.

3:18 Gn 2:17; Eze 33:6, Eze 33:8

3:19 Eze 14:14, Eze 14:20, Eze 33:9

3:20 Ps 125:5; Jer 6:21; Eze 18:24, Eze 33:12, Eze 33:18

3:21 Ac 20:31

3:22 Eze 1:3, Eze 3:14, Eze 8:4, Eze 37:1; Ac 9:6

4:1 Is 20:2; Jer 13:1, Jer 19:1; Eze 5:1

4:5 Nm 14:34; Eze 4:9

4:6 Nm 14:34; Dn 9:24, Dn 12:11, Dn 12:12

4:9 Is 28:25; Eze 4:5

4:10 Lv 26:26; Eze 4:16

4:11 Eze 4:16

4:12 Dt 23:13; Is 36:12; Eze 12:3

4:13 Dn 1:8; Hos 9:3; Am 7:17

4:14 Ex 22:31; Lv 17:15; Eze 9:8, Eze 20:49; Ac 10:14

Jerusalem's siege

4 You, human one, take a brick. Put it in front of you and draw the city of Jerusalem on it. [2]Prepare the siege: Build a wall, construct ramps, set up army camps, and place battering rams all around. [3]Take an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between you and the city. Face it directly. When it is under siege like this, press hard against it. This is a sign for the house of Israel.

[4]Now, lie on your left side, and set the guilt of the house of Israel on it. For the length of time that you lie on your side, you will bear their punishment. [5]I appoint to you three hundred ninety days, one day for each year of their guilt. So you will bear the punishment of the house of Israel. [6]When you have completed these days, lie on your right side to bear the guilt of the house of Judah. I appoint forty days to you, one day for each year. [7]With your arm stretched out, face the siege of Jerusalem directly and prophesy against it. [8]I've now bound you with cords so that you can't turn from one side to the other until you have completed the days of your siege.

[9]You, gather some wheat and barley, beans and lentils, and millet and spelt. Put them in a bowl and make your bread from them. Eat it during the three hundred ninety days that you lie on your side. [10]At fixed times you will eat your food by weight, fourteen ounces a day.[j] [11]You will also ration your water by measure, drinking a sixth of a hin[k] at fixed times each day. [12]Eat it like barley bread, and bake it on human excrement while they watch. [13]The LORD says: In this same way the Israelites will eat their unclean bread among the nations where I am scattering them.

[14]And I said: "Ah, LORD God! I've never been unclean! From my childhood until now I've never eaten anything that wasn't properly slaughtered,[l] and no unclean meat has ever entered my mouth!"

[j]Or *twenty shekels* [k]A hin is approximately one pint. [l]Or *what died of itself* or *was torn by wild beasts*

15 He answered me: "Then I'll let you
use cow dung instead of human excre-
ment. You can make your bread over
that."
16 Then he said to me: Human one,
I'm destroying the food supply in Je-
rusalem. They will anxiously ration and
eat their food, and in dismay they will
dole out and drink their water. 17 When
their food and water dwindles away, ev-
eryone will be horrified, and they will
waste away because of their guilt.

5 You, human one, take a sharp
sword. Use it like a razor and shave
your head and beard. Then use scales
to divide the hair. 2 At the end of the
siege, burn one-third of it in the city.
Strike another third with the sword
left and right. Then scatter one-third
to the wind and let loose[m] the sword
after it. 3 From that third, take a few
strands and hide them in your gar-
ment. 4 From that hair, take yet an-
other batch and throw it into the fire
and burn it up. From there, fire will
spread to the whole house of Israel.
5 The LORD God proclaims: This is
Jerusalem! I have set her in the mid-
dle of the nations and surrounding
countries. 6 But she rebelled against
my case laws and my regulations with
greater treachery than these nations
and surrounding countries, who also
rejected my case laws and didn't follow
my regulations. 7 Therefore, the LORD
God proclaims: You have become more
turbulent than these nations around
you because you haven't obeyed my
regulations or followed my case laws.
You haven't even followed the case
laws of the nations around you! 8 So
now the LORD God proclaims: I my-
self am now against you! I will impose
the case law penalties on you in the
sight of the nations. 9 Because of you,
I will do what I've never done before
and will never do again—all because
of your detestable practices. 10 There-
fore, parents among you will eat their
children, and children will eat their
parents. I will impose penalties from
case laws on you and scatter all that is
left of you to the winds. 11 Therefore, as
surely as I live, this is what the LORD
God says: Because you made my sanc-
tuary unclean with all your disgust-
ing practices and detestable things, I
myself will shave you. I will not shed
a tear. You will have no compassion,
even from me. 12 One-third of you will
die of plague and waste away by fam-
ine among you. One-third will fall by
the sword all around you. And one-
third I will scatter to all the winds,
letting loose a sword to pursue them.
13 My anger will be complete. I will ex-
haust my wrath against them and take
my revenge. Then they will know that
I, the LORD, have spoken against them
in my zeal and consumed them in my
wrath. 14 I will turn you into a desola-
tion to the ridicule of the nations all
around you, in the sight of all who
pass by. 15 You will become an object of
ridicule, a mockery, and a horrifying
lesson to the nations all around you,
when I impose penalties from case
laws against you in anger, wrath, and
overflowing fury. I, the LORD, have
spoken. 16 When I launch my deadly
arrows of famine against you, I have
released them for your destruction!
I will add to your famine and com-
pletely cut off your food supply. 17 I will
send famine and wild animals against
you, and they will leave you childless.
Plague and bloodshed will come to
you, and I will bring the sword against
you. I, the LORD, have spoken.

Against the mountains of Israel

6 The LORD's word came to me:
2 Human one, face Israel's moun-
tains, and prophesy to them. 3 Say:

Hear the LORD God's word,
mountains of Israel!
The LORD God proclaims
to the mountains and hills,
to the valleys
and their deepest ravines:
I'm about to bring a sword against you
and destroy your shrines.

4:16 Lv 26:26; Eze 4:10, Eze 5:16, Eze 12:19, Eze 14:13

5:1 Lv 21:5; Is 7:20; Eze 44:20

5:2 Lv 26:33; Jer 9:16; Eze 5:12, Eze 12:14

5:3 2Ki 25:12; Jer 39:10, Jer 40:6, Jer 52:16

5:4 1Sa 3:11; 1Ki 21:21; Ps 59:5; Is 5:24; Jer 42:18

5:5 Dt 4:6; Eze 4:1, Eze 16:14

5:7 2Ki 21:9; 2Ch 33:9; Jer 2:10, Jer 2:11; Eze 16:47

[m] Or *I will let loose*

4 Your altars will be destroyed,
your incense altars broken.
And I'll make your slain
fall in front of your idols.
5 I'll throw the Israelites' corpses
in front of their idols,
and I'll scatter your bones
all around your altars.
6 Wherever you live,
cities will be in ruins,
shrines made desolate,
turned into utter ruin.
Your altars will be punished
and then broken down.
Your idols will be demolished,
your incense altars shattered,
and all your works wiped out.
7 The slain will fall among you,
and you will know that I am the
LORD.

8 But I will spare a few.
Some of you will escape
the nations' swords
when you are scattered
throughout the lands.
9 Your fugitives will remember me
in the nations
to which they've been banished,
how I was crushed
when their roving hearts
turned away from me,
and their roving eyes
went after their idols.
They will loathe themselves
for their treacherous acts
and detestable practices,
10 and they will know that I am the
LORD.
Not in vain have I threatened
to bring this evil against them.
11 The LORD God proclaims: Clap your hands, stamp your feet, and cry "Horror" over all the detestable practices of the house of Israel. They will fall by the sword, famine, and plague. 12 Whoever is far off will die of plague, whoever is nearby will fall to the sword, and whoever finds refuge will die of famine. I'll satisfy my wrath against them! 13 They will know that I am the LORD when their slain appear among their idols and around their altars, wherever they offered up pleasing aromas for all their idols, on every high hill and mountaintop, and under every lofty tree and leafy oak. 14 Wherever they live, I will direct my power against them. I will turn the land into a greater wasteland than the Riblah desert. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

7:7 Eze 7:12, Eze 12:23; Zep 1:14
7:8 Eze 7:3, Eze 9:8, Eze 14:19, Eze 20:8

The end

7 The LORD's word came to me: 2 You, human one, this is what the LORD God proclaims to the land of Israel:
An end! The end has come
to the four corners of the earth!
3 Even now the end is upon you!
I'll send my anger against you,
I'll judge you according to your ways,
and I'll turn
all your detestable practices against you.
4 I won't shed a tear for you
or show any pity.
Instead, I'll turn your ways against you,
and your detestable practices
will stay with you.
Then you will know that I am the
LORD.

5 The LORD God proclaims:
Disaster! A singular disaster!
Look, it comes!
6 The end has come!
Oh, yes, it has come!
It has come to you!
Look, it's here!
7 You who live on the earth,
you are finally caught in your own trap!
The time has come;
the day draws near.
On the hills panic, not glory.
8 And now it's near!
Against you I will pour out my wrath,
and my anger will be satisfied.
I'll judge you according to your ways,
and turn all your detestable practices against you.
9 I won't shed a tear or show any pity

when I turn your ways against you,
and your detestable practices
stay with you.
Then you will know that I, the
LORD, am
the one who strikes you!

[10] Look, the day! Look, it comes!
Doom has arrived!
The staff blossoms,
and pride springs up!
[11] Violence rises up as a wicked master.[n]
It isn't from others
or their armies or their violence.
It hasn't loomed up because of
them.
[12] The time is coming!
The day draws near!
No buyer should rejoice,
and no seller should mourn,
because wrath overcomes
the whole crowd.
[13] The seller will never get back
what was sold,
even if both of them survive.
The vision concerns the whole crowd.
It won't be revoked.
And the guilty ones—
they won't even be able
to hang on to their lives.
[14] They have blown the horn,
and everything is ready,
but no one goes to battle,
because my wrath
overcomes the whole crowd.
[15] Outside, the sword!
Inside, plague and famine!
Whoever is out in the field
will die by the sword.
Whoever is in the city,
plague and famine will consume
them.
[16] And those who flee?
They will turn up on the hills
like valley doves,
all of them moaning, those guilty
ones.
[17] Every hand will hang limp;
urine will run down every leg.
[18] They will put on mourning clothes,
and horror will cover them.
On every face, shame;
on all their heads, baldness.
[19] They will hurl their silver into the
street,
and their gold will seem unclean.
Their silver and their gold
won't deliver them
on the day of the LORD's anger.
They won't satisfy their appetites
or fill their bellies.
Their guilt will bring them down.

[20] From their beautiful ornament,
in which they took pride,
they have made horrible
and detestable images!
Therefore, I've declared it
an unclean thing for them.
[21] I'll hand it over to foreigners
as loot taken in war,
to the earth's wicked ones as
plunder—
they will defile it!
[22] When I hide my face from my people,
foreigners will defile my treasured
place.
Violent intruders will invade it;
they will defile it!

[23] Make a chain!
The earth is full of perverted justice,
the city full of violence.
[24] I'll bring up the cruelest nations,
and they will seize their houses.
I'll break their proud strength,
and their sanctuaries will be
defiled.

[25] Disaster! It has come!
They seek peace, but there is none.
[26] One disaster comes after another,
and rumor follows rumor.

They seek a vision from the prophet.
Instruction disappears from the
priest,
and counsel from the elders.
[27] The king will go into mourning,
the prince will clothe himself in
despair,
and the hands of the land's people
will tremble.

7:26 Ps 74:9; Jer 4:20, Jer 18:18; Lam 2:9; Mi 3:6

[n] Or *wicked staff*

When I do to them as they have done
and judge them by their own justice,
they will know that I am the
LORD.

Temple vision

8 In the sixth year, on the fifth day of the sixth month, I was sitting in my house, and Judah's elders were sitting with me, when the LORD God's power overcame me. [2]I looked, and there was a form that looked like fire. Below what looked like his waist was fire, but above his waist it looked like gold, like gleaming amber. [3]He stretched out the form of a hand and picked me up by the hair of my head. A wind lifted me up between earth and heaven, and in a divine vision it brought me to Jerusalem, to the north-facing entrance of the gate to the inner court. That was where the pedestal was for the outrageous image that incites outrage. [4]There I saw the glory of Israel's God, exactly like what I had seen in the valley. [5]He said to me: Human one, look toward the north. So I looked north, and there, north of the altar gate, was this outrageous image in the entrance. [6]He said to me: Human one, do you see what they are doing, the terribly detestable practices that the house of Israel is doing here that drive me far from my sanctuary? Yet you will see even more detestable practices than these.

[7]Then he brought me to the court entrance. When I looked, I saw a hole in the wall. [8]He said to me: Human one, dig through the wall. So I dug through the wall, and I discovered a doorway. [9]And he said to me: Go in and see what wicked and detestable things they are doing in there. [10]So I went in and looked, and I saw every form of loathsome beasts and creeping things and all the idols of the house of Israel engraved on the walls all around. [11]The seventy elders of the house of Israel were standing in front of them, and all of them were holding censers in their hands. Jaazaniah, Shaphan's son, was standing right there with them, and the scent of the incense cloud rose up. [12]He said to me: Human one, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, every one of them in their rooms full of sculptured images? They say, "The LORD doesn't see us; the LORD has abandoned the land." [13]He said to me: You will see them performing even more detestable practices. [14]He brought me to the entrance of the North Gate of the temple, where women were sitting and performing the Tammuz lament.

[15]He said to me: Human one, do you see? Yet you will see even more detestable practices than these. [16]He brought me to the inner court of the LORD's temple. There, at the entrance to the LORD's temple, between the porch and the altar, were twenty-five men facing toward the east with their backs to the LORD's temple. They were bowing to the sun in the east. [17]He said to me: Do you see, human one? Isn't it enough that the house of Judah has observed here all these detestable things? They have filled the land with violence, and they continue to provoke my fury. Look at them! They even put the branch to their noses! [18]I will certainly respond with wrath. I won't spare or pity anyone. Even though they call out loudly to me in my hearing, I won't listen to them.

9 Then in my hearing he called out loudly: Draw near, you guardians of the city, and bring your weapons of destruction! [2]Suddenly, six men came from the Upper Gate that faces north. All of them were holding weapons of destruction. Among them was another man who was dressed in linen and had a writing case at his side. When they came in and stood beside the bronze altar, [3]the glory of Israel's God rose from above the winged creatures[o] where he had been and moved toward the temple's threshold. The LORD called to the man who was dressed in linen with the writing case at his side: [4]Go

8:1 2Ki 6:32; Eze 1:3, Eze 14:1, Eze 20:1
8:3 Dt 32:16; Eze 2:9, Eze 8:5, Eze 11:1, Eze 11:24
8:6 Eze 5:11, Eze 8:9, Eze 10:19
8:8 Eze 12:5
8:10 Ex 20:4; Eze 23:14
8:12 Job 22:13; Ps 10:11; Is 29:15; Eze 9:9
8:13 Eze 8:6
8:14 Eze 44:4, Eze 46:9
8:16 Dt 4:19, Dt 17:3; Job 31:26; Jer 2:27
8:17 Eze 7:23, Eze 9:9, Eze 16:26; Am 3:10; Mi 2:2
8:18 Is 1:15; Jer 11:11; Eze 5:11; Mi 3:4; Zec 7:13
9:1 Is 6:8
9:2 Lv 16:4; 2Ki 15:35; Eze 9:3, Eze 10:2
9:4 Ex 12:7; Ps 119:53, Ps 119:136; Jer 13:17; Rev 7:3

[o]LXX; MT *creature*

through the city, through Jerusalem, and mark the foreheads of those who sigh and groan because of all the detestable practices that have been conducted in it. [5]To the others he said in my hearing: Go through the city after him, and attack. Spare no one! Be merciless! [6]Kill them all, old men, young men and women, babies and mothers. Only don't touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary. So they began with the men, the elders in front of the temple. [7]He said to them: Make the temple unclean! Fill the courts with the slain! Go! And they went out and attacked the city.

[8]While they were attacking, I was left alone. I fell on my face, and I cried out, "Oh, LORD God! When you pour out your wrath on Jerusalem, will you destroy all that is left of Israel?"

[9]He said to me: "Judah and the house of Israel are very, very guilty. The land is filled with blood, and the city is full of injustice. They have said, 'The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD sees nothing.' [10]I most definitely won't spare or pity anyone! I will hold them accountable for their ways."

[11]Just then the man who was dressed in linen with the writing case at his side returned and said, "I've done just as you commanded."

10 At that moment I saw a form of a throne in the dome above the heads of the winged creatures. It appeared above them, and it looked like lapis lazuli. [2]He said to the man clothed in linen: Go in between the wheels under the winged creatures.[p] Fill your hands with fiery coals from between the winged creatures, and scatter them over the city. As I watched, he went in. [3]Now the winged creatures were standing to the right of the temple when the man went in, and the cloud filled the inner courtyard. [4]Then the LORD's glory rose from above the winged creatures[q] and moved toward the temple's threshold. The temple was filled with the cloud, and the courtyard was filled with the brightness of the LORD's glory. [5]The sound of the winged creatures' wings could be heard as far as the outer courtyard. It was like the sound of God Almighty[r] when he speaks. [6]When he instructed the man clothed in linen to take fire from between the winged creatures and their wheels, the man went and stood next to the wheel. [7]Then one of the winged creatures stretched a hand between the winged creatures into the fire that was between them, and he drew out some of it and set it in the palm of the one clothed in linen. He took it and went out. [8]It appeared that the winged creatures had the form of a human hand under their wings.

[9]Suddenly, I saw four wheels next to the winged creatures. There was a wheel next to each winged creature, and the appearance of the wheels was like sparkling topaz. [10]It appeared that there was one shape for all four of them, as if one wheel were inside another. [11]When they moved in any of the four directions, they moved without swerving. Whichever way the leading one faced, they moved in that direction without swerving. [12]Their whole body—backs, hands, and wings—as well as their wheels, all four of them, were covered with eyes all around. [13]It was these wheels that were called "the wheels" in my hearing. [14]Each winged creature had four faces. The first face was that of a winged creature, the second face was that of a human being, the third that of a lion, and the fourth that of an eagle. [15]The winged creatures rose up, the same creatures that I had seen at the Chebar River. [16]When the winged creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the winged creatures lifted their wings to ascend above the earth, the wheels remained beside them without swerving. [17]When they stood still, the wheels stood still; when they rose up, they rose up with them, because the spirit[s] of the living creatures was in them. [18]Then the LORD's glory went out from above

9:5 Ex 32:27; Eze 5:11
9:6 Ex 12:23; 2Ch 36:17; Jer 25:29; 1Pt 4:17; Rev 9:4
9:8 Nm 14:5; Josh 7:6; Eze 11:13
10:1 Ex 24:10; Eze 1:22, Eze 1:26; Rev 4:2, Rev 4:3
10:8 Eze 1:8, Eze 10:21
10:9 Eze 1:15, Eze 1:16, Eze 3:13; Dn 10:6; Rev 21:20
10:11 Eze 1:17
10:12 Eze 1:18; Rev 4:6, Rev 4:8
10:14 1Ki 7:29, 1Ki 7:36; Eze 1:6, Eze 1:10; Rev 4:7
10:15 Eze 1:1, Eze 1:3, Eze 1:5, Eze 10:20
10:16 Eze 1:19
10:17 Eze 1:21
10:18 Ps 18:10; Eze 10:4

[p] LXX; MT *creature* [q] LXX; MT *creature* [r] Heb *El Shaddai* or *God of the Mountain* [s] Or *wind*

the temple's threshold and it stood over the winged creatures. [19]While I watched, the winged creatures raised their wings and rose from the ground to leave, with their wheels beside them. They stopped at the entrance to the East Gate of the temple, and the glory of Israel's God was up above them. [20]These were the same living creatures that I saw underneath Israel's God at the Chebar River, and I realized that they were winged creatures. [21]Each had four faces and four wings, with the form of a human hand under their wings. [22]The forms of their faces were the same faces that I saw at the Chebar River. Their appearance was also the same. All four of them moved straight ahead.

11 A wind lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the LORD's temple. There at the entrance to the gate were twenty-five men, and I saw that two officials of the people, Jaazaniah, Azzur's son, and Pelatiah, Benaiah's son, were with them.

[2]He said to me: Human one, these men devise evil plans and give wicked advice in this city. [3]They are the ones who say, "The nearest relatives aren't building houses.[t] The city is the cooking pot, and we are the meat." [4]Therefore, prophesy against them, human one, prophesy! [5]The LORD's spirit took hold of me, and he said to me: Say, This is what the LORD God proclaims: So you have said, house of Israel! But I know what you really mean. [6]You continue to commit murder in this city, and you fill its streets with the slain.

[7]Therefore, the LORD God proclaims: The city is the cooking pot, and the ones you have slain in it are the meat. But you will be taken out of it. [8]You fear the sword, so I will bring the sword against you. This is what the LORD God says! [9]I will lead you out of the city, hand you over to foreigners, and execute judgments against you. [10]You will fall by the sword! At Israel's borders I will judge you, and you will know that I am the LORD. [11]The city won't be your cooking pot, and you won't be the meat in it. At Israel's borders, I will judge you. [12]You will know that I am the LORD, whose regulations you didn't observe and whose case laws you didn't follow. Instead, you followed the case laws of the nations around you.

[13]While I was prophesying, Benaiah's son Pelatiah dropped dead. I fell on my face, and I wailed and said, "Oh, LORD God! Are you finishing off even the Israelites who are left?"

[14]The LORD's word came to me: [15]Human one, when the people living in Jerusalem said, "They've gone far from the LORD, and we've been given the land as an inheritance," they were talking about your family, your nearest relatives, the whole house of Israel, all of it.

[16]Therefore, say, The LORD God proclaims: Even though I made them go far away among the nations and caused them to scatter throughout the earth, I've provided some sanctuary for them in the countries to which they've gone.

[17]Therefore, say, The LORD God proclaims: I will gather you from the nations, assemble you from the countries where you were scattered, and I will give you Israel's fertile land. [18]They will enter the land, and they will remove from it all its disgusting and detestable things. [19]I will give them a single heart, and I will put a new spirit in them. I will remove the stony hearts from their bodies and give them hearts of flesh [20]so that they may follow my regulations and carefully observe my case laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. [21]As for those whose hearts continue to go after their disgusting and detestable things, I will hold them accountable for their ways. This is what the LORD God says!

[22]Then the winged creatures raised their wings. The wheels were next to them, and the glory of Israel's God was above them. [23]The LORD's glory

10:19 Eze 11:1, Eze 11:22, Eze 43:4

10:20 Eze 1:1, Eze 1:5, Eze 1:22, Eze 1:26, Eze 10:15

10:21 Eze 1:6, Eze 1:8, Eze 10:8, Eze 10:14, Eze 41:18

10:22 Eze 1:1, Eze 1:10

11:5 Jer 17:10

11:13 Eze 9:8, Eze 11:1; Ac 5:5

11:19 Ps 51:10; Jer 24:7; Eze 18:31, Eze 36:26; 2Co 3:3

11:20 Ps 105:45; Jer 31:33, Jer 32:38; Eze 14:11, Eze 36:28

11:22 Eze 10:19, Eze 10:20

11:23 Eze 10:4; Zec 14:4

[t]Or *it is not time to build houses*

ascended from the middle of the city, and it stopped at the mountain east of the city. [24]And a wind lifted me up and brought me to the exiles in Chaldea, through a vision with a divine wind.[u] When the vision I had seen left me, [25]I spoke to the exiles about everything the LORD had shown to me.

Baggage for exile

12 The LORD's word came to me: [2]Human one, you live in a household of rebels. They have eyes to see but they don't see, ears to hear but they don't hear, because they are a household of rebels. [3]But you, human one, prepare a backpack for going into exile. In the daytime while they watch, go into exile; while they watch, go out from your place to another. Even though they are a household of rebels, perhaps they will understand. [4]In the daytime while they watch, carry your backpack as if for exile. At twilight while they watch, go out like those who are led out to exile. [5]While they watch, dig a hole through the wall and take your backpack out through it. [6]While they watch, shoulder your backpack and carry it out in the dark. Cover your face so that you can't see the land, because I'm making you a sign for the house of Israel. [7]So I did as I was commanded. I carried out my backpack like an exile's backpack in the daytime. At night I dug a hole through the wall with my hands. In the darkness, I shouldered my backpack and carried it out while they watched.

[8]In the morning, the LORD's word came to me: [9]Human one, has the house of Israel, that household of rebels, asked you, "What are you doing?" [10]Say to them, The LORD God proclaims: This concerns the prince in Jerusalem, along with the entire house of Israel in it.[v] [11]Say: I'm your sign. Just as I have done, so it will be done to them. They will go into captivity in exile. [12]Their prince will shoulder his backpack at night and go out. They will dig through the wall to lead him out through it, and he will cover his face so that his eyes won't see the land. [13]But I will spread my net over him, catch him in my trap, and bring him to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans. He won't see it, but he will die there. [14]As for all those who are in league with him, I will scatter his helpers and all his troops to the winds and let the sword loose after them. [15]They will know that I am the LORD when I disperse them among the nations and scatter them throughout the lands. [16]But I will preserve a few of their number from the sword, famine, and plague, so that they may confess all their detestable practices among the nations where they go. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

[17]The LORD's word came to me: [18]Human one, eat your bread in trembling, and drink your water in anxious agitation. [19]Say to the land's people, The LORD God proclaims to those living in Jerusalem regarding Israel's fertile land: As they anxiously eat up their bread and drink up their water in dismay, the land will be emptied of everything in it because of the violence of all who live there. [20]The inhabited cities will be laid waste, the land left desolate, and you will know that I am the LORD.

Fulfillment of prophecy

[21]The LORD's word came to me: [22]Human one, what is this proverb of your people concerning Israel's fertile land? They say, "The days go by, and every vision vanishes." [23]Therefore, say to them, The LORD God proclaims: I'll put an end to this proverb! It will never again be uttered in Israel. Tell them instead: The days are coming soon for the fulfillment of every vision. [24]Never again will there be any worthless vision or deceptive divination in the house of Israel. [25]I am the LORD! The word that I speak is the word that I will speak! It will happen and be delayed no longer. In your own days, household of rebels,

11:24 Eze 1:1, Eze 1:3, Eze 8:3, Eze 11:1, Eze 37:1
12:2 Is 6:9, Is 6:10; Jer 5:21; Eze 2:5; Mt 13:13
12:9 Eze 2:5, Eze 17:12, Eze 24:19
12:13 Is 24:17; Eze 17:20, Eze 19:8, Eze 32:3; Hos 7:12
12:22 Is 5:19; Eze 11:3, Eze 12:27, Eze 18:2; 2Pt 3:4

[u]Or *spirit* [v]Or *them*

I speak a word and make it happen. This is what the LORD God says!

[26]The LORD's word came to me: [27]Human one, the house of Israel is now saying, "The vision that he sees is for distant days; he prophesies about future times." [28]Therefore, say to them, The LORD God proclaims: It will be delayed no longer. Every word of mine that I've spoken is certain, and it will happen. This is what the LORD God says.

Against the prophets

13 The LORD's word came to me: [2]Human one, prophesy to Israel's prophets who prophesy from their own imaginations. Say, Hear the LORD's word! [3]The LORD God proclaims: Doom to the foolish prophets who follow their own whims but see nothing. [4]Israel, your prophets have been like jackals among ruins. [5]You haven't gone up into the breach or reinforced the wall of the house of Israel, so that it might withstand the battle on the day of the LORD. [6]They saw worthless visions and performed deceptive divinations. Even though the LORD didn't send them, they said, "This is what the LORD says" and expected their word to stand. [7]Didn't you see worthless visions? And didn't you report deceptive divinations and say, "This is what the LORD says," even though I didn't speak?

[8]Therefore, the LORD God proclaims: Because you spoke worthless things and had false visions, I'm against you. This is what the LORD God says! [9]I'll wield my power against the prophets, those seers of nothingness and diviners of lies. They won't be included in my people's council, or recorded in the house of Israel's official records, or enter Israel's fertile land. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

[10]Without a doubt, they led my people astray, saying "Peace" when there was no peace, and "He is building a wall" when they were the ones who laid on the plaster. [11]Say to those who laid on the plaster that it will fall. When the flooding rains appear and I send hailstones, it will collapse, and the storm winds will break it apart. [12]The wall will certainly fall. Won't it be said about you, "Where is your plaster now?"

[13]Therefore, the LORD God proclaims: In my fury I will make a storm wind break out, and in my anger there will be flooding rains and hailstones in consuming wrath. [14]I will tear down the wall on which you laid plaster. I will raze it to the ground and expose its foundation. When it falls, you will be destroyed with it, and you will know that I am the LORD. [15]I will exhaust my fury on the wall and on those who laid plaster on it. Then I will say to you, "Where is the wall?"[w] and "Where are those who plastered it, [16]those prophets of Israel who prophesied to Jerusalem and envisioned peace when there was no peace?" This is what the LORD God says!

[17]You, human one, face the daughters of your people, those women who prophesy from their imaginations. Prophesy against them [18]and say, The LORD God proclaims: Doom to the women who sew bands on every wrist and make veils for heads of all sizes to entrap human lives. Will you ensnare my people's lives but preserve your own? [19]When you degrade me to my people for handfuls of barley and bread crumbs, you mislead my gullible people, and you bring about the death of those who shouldn't die and keep alive those who shouldn't live.

[20]Therefore, the LORD God proclaims: I'm against the bands that you use to trap human lives.[x] I will tear them from your arms, and I will set free the lives that you've trapped like birds. [21]I will tear off your veils and snatch my people out of your clutches. They will be prey in your clutches no longer. Then you will know that I am the LORD. [22]You hurt the righteous

12:27 Eze 12:22; Dn 10:14; 2Pt 3:4

12:28 Jer 1:12; Eze 12:23, Eze 12:25; Mt 24:48; 1Th 5:2

13:3 Lam 2:14; Hos 9:7

13:5 Ps 106:23; Is 5:5, Is 58:12; Eze 22:30

13:9 Eze 20:38

13:10 Jer 6:14, Jer 8:11; Eze 13:16, Eze 22:28

13:11 Is 28:2; Eze 13:10, Eze 38:22; Mt 7:27

13:13 Is 30:30; Rev 11:19, Rev 16:21

13:14 Jer 6:15; Mi 1:6

13:16 Is 57:21; Jer 6:14; Eze 12:27, Eze 13:10

13:18 Eze 13:20; 2Pt 2:14

13:19 Prv 28:21; Mi 3:5

[w]Syr, cf 13:12; MT *There is no wall.* [x]LXX; MT adds *like birds.*

with slander—I didn't wound them!—
and you strengthened the hands of the
wicked so that they survived without
changing their evil ways! [23]Therefore,
you will no longer see empty visions or
perform divinations. I will rescue my
people from your clutches, and you will
know that I am the LORD.

False devotion

14 When some of the elders of the
house of Israel came to sit in my
presence, [2]the LORD's word came to
me: [3]Human one, these men decide on
their own to set up their idols, so the
cause of their downfall is right in front
of them. Why should I allow them to
ask me anything? [4]Therefore, speak
to them and tell them, The LORD God
proclaims: If anyone from the house of
Israel decides on his own to set up his
idols and puts the cause of his downfall
right in front him, but then comes to
the prophet, I, the LORD, will require
an answer from him through his many
idols. [5]So I'll seize the hearts of the
house of Israel, whose idols have made
them all strangers to me.

[6]Therefore, say to the house of Is-
rael, The LORD God proclaims: Come
back! Turn away from your idols and
from all your detestable practices.
Turn away! [7]Or anyone of the house of
Israel or any immigrant in Israel who
becomes estranged from me by decid-
ing on their own to set up their idols
and puts the cause of their downfall
right in front of them, but then comes
to the prophet to ask me something
through him, I, the LORD, will require
an answer. [8]I will confront that one. I
will set them up as a sign and an object
lesson, and I will cut them off from my
people. Then you will know that I am
the LORD.

[9]As for the prophet who was seduced
into speaking a word, even though
it was I, the LORD, who seduced that
prophet, I will use my power against
him and cut him off completely from
my people Israel. [10]The prophet and
the inquirer alike will bear their guilt,

14:5 Is 1:4; Jer 2:11; Zec 11:8

14:9 2Sa 12:12; 1Ki 22:23; Ps 81:11; Is 9:12, Is 9:14

14:12 Eze 18:1

14:13 Lv 26:26; Is 3:1; Eze 4:16, Eze 5:16, Eze 14:19

14:14 Gn 6:8; Job 1:1; Jer 15:1; Eze 14:20, Eze 28:3

14:16 Gn 19:29; Eze 14:14, Eze 14:18, Eze 14:20

14:18 Eze 14:14

14:20 Eze 14:14, Eze 14:16

[11]so that the house of Israel won't stray
away from me again or make them-
selves impure with any of their sins.
They will be my people, and I will be
their God. This is what the LORD God
says!

Failed request

[12]The LORD's word came to me:
[13]Human one, suppose a land sins
against me by acting faithlessly, so
that I use my power against it, break
off its food supply, let famine run ram-
pant, and eliminate both humans and
animals. [14]If these three men, Noah,
Daniel, and Job, lived there, their
lives alone would be saved because
they were righteous. This is what the
LORD God says. [15]Or suppose I allow
wild animals to roam through the land,
and it becomes so wild that no one
can live there or even travel through
it on account of the wild animals. [16]If
these three men lived there, as surely
as I live, proclaims the LORD God,
they wouldn't be able to rescue even
their sons or daughters. They alone
would be rescued, but the land would
become a ruin. [17]Or suppose I bring a
sword against that land and command
the sword to pass through and elimi-
nate both humans and animals. [18]If
these three men lived there, as surely
as I live, proclaims the LORD God, they
wouldn't be able to rescue even their
sons or daughters. They alone would be
rescued. [19]Or suppose I send a plague
against that land and pour out my fury
on it. With great bloodshed I would
eliminate both humans and animals.
[20]If Noah, Daniel, and Job lived there,
as surely as I live, proclaims the LORD
God, they wouldn't be able to rescue ei-
ther sons or daughters. But they would
save their lives because they were right-
eous.

[21]The LORD God proclaims: How
much more if I send all four of these
terrible acts of judgment—sword,
famine, wild animals, and plague—
against Jerusalem, to eliminate both
humans and animals? [22]Yet a few sur-

vivors will be left. Sons and daughters will be brought out to you. When you see their ways and their deeds, you will be consoled for the evil that I inflicted on Jerusalem, for all that I brought against it. [23]Seeing their ways and their deeds will bring you some consolation, because then you will understand what I've done, and that I didn't do any of these things without cause. This is what the LORD God says.

The vine's wood

15 The LORD's word came to me: [2]Human one, how is the vine's wood better than the wood of all the trees in the forest? [3]Can you make anything useful from its wood? Can you make a peg from it and hang objects on it? [4]If not, can it be used as firewood? Fire would consume its two ends, but its middle part would only get charred. So is it useful for anything? [5]Look, even when it was whole, it was worthless. Now that the fire has consumed it, and it is charred, it's even more useless.

[6]Therefore, the LORD God proclaims: Of all the trees in the forest, I have decreed that the vine's wood is destined to be consumed by fire. So also have I decreed for those who live in Jerusalem, [7]and I have confronted them. They may try to go out from the fire, but the fire will consume them. You will know that I am the LORD, because I confronted them. [8]I will turn the land into a ruin because they acted faithlessly, proclaims the LORD God.

Jerusalem's unfaithfulness

16 The LORD's word came to me: [2]Human one, show Jerusalem her detestable practices. [3]Say, The LORD God proclaims to Jerusalem: By origin and birth you are from the land of Canaan. Your father was an Amorite, your mother a Hittite. [4]This is how you were treated on the day you were born: Your umbilical cord wasn't cut, you weren't washed clean with water or rubbed with salt, and you weren't wrapped in blankets. [5]No one took pity or cared enough to do any of these things for you. You were despised on the day of your birth and thrown out on the open field. [6]When I happened to come by, I saw you flailing about in your blood. I said to you while you were still bloody, "Live!" [7]I helped you to flourish like a young plant in the field, and you grew tall and became wonderfully endowed. Your breasts were firm, your hair beautifully thick. And you were completely naked.

[8]When I passed by you, I realized that you were ready for love. So I spread my cloak over you and covered your nakedness. I made a solemn promise and entered into a covenant with you, and you became mine. This is what the LORD God says. [9]Then I washed you with water, rinsed off your blood, and poured oil on you. [10]I clothed you with colorful garments, put fine sandals on you, wrapped your head in linen, and covered you with jewels. [11]I adorned you with fine jewelry, and put bracelets on your wrists and a necklace around your neck. [12]I put a ring in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. [13]I adorned you with gold and silver, and your garments were made of the finest linen and brocade. You ate the finest flour, honey, and oil. You became very beautiful, fit for royalty. [14]Among the nations you were famous for your beauty. It was perfect because of the splendor that I had given you. This is what the LORD God says.

[15]But you trusted in your beauty and traded on your fame. At every opportunity, you seduced all who came by. [16]You took some of your clothing to make colorful shrines and prostituted yourself in them. [17]You took the beautiful gold and silver jewelry that I had given to you, and you made male images for yourself and prostituted yourself with them. [18]You took your fine garments and clothed them. You set my oil and incense before them. [19]You set my food that I had given you

15:4 Jn 15:6
16:1 Is 5:1; Eze 23:1
16:2 Is 58:1; Eze 20:4, Eze 22:2
16:3 Gn 15:16; Eze 16:45
16:4 Hos 2:3; Lk 2:7
16:5 Dt 32:10
16:6 Ex 19:4; Eze 16:22
16:7 Ex 1:7; Dt 1:10
16:8 Ru 3:9; Jer 2:2; Eze 20:5
16:9 Ru 3:3; Eze 36:25
16:10 Ex 26:36; Ps 45:14; Eze 16:13, Eze 16:18
16:11 Gn 24:22, Gn 24:47, Gn 41:42; Is 3:19; Eze 23:42
16:12 Is 3:21
16:14 1Ki 10:24; Lam 2:15
16:15 Is 1:21, Is 57:8; Jer 2:20; Eze 16:25, Eze 23:3
16:17 Eze 7:20, Eze 16:11
16:18 Eze 16:10, Eze 23:41
16:19 Hos 2:8

to eat—fine wheat, oil, and honey—before them as a pleasing aroma. This is what the LORD God says. [20]You took your sons and daughters, which you had borne to me, and you sacrificed these to them so they could consume them. Was this promiscuity of yours a small thing? [21]You slaughtered my sons and placed them in the fire for them! [22]In all your detestable practices and promiscuities, you didn't remember the days of your infancy when you lay completely naked, flailing about in your blood.

[23]After all your wickedness—doom, doom to you, proclaims the LORD God—[24]you built a pavilion for yourself and set up platforms in every square. [25]At every crossroad you built your platform and degraded your beauty by spreading your legs to all comers. And so you encouraged even more promiscuity. [26]You prostituted yourself with the Egyptians, your neighbors with the large sexual organs, and as you added to your seductions, you provoked me to anger. [27]So I used my power against you, cut off your allowance, and gave you up to the passions of the Philistine women who had been confounded by your infamous ways and had rejected you. [28]Still not satisfied, you prostituted yourself to the Assyrians, but they weren't enough for you either. [29]So you prostituted yourself with the Babylonians, the land of traders, but again you weren't satisfied. [30]How sick was your heart—the LORD God proclaims—that you could do all these things, the deeds of a hardened prostitute. [31]But you weren't like an ordinary prostitute! When you built your pavilion at the head of every street and made your platform in every square, you refused to be paid. [32]You are like an adulterous wife: you take in strangers instead of your husband. [33]Ordinary prostitutes are given gifts, but you gave your gifts to all your lovers. From every direction you even bribed them to come to you for your sexual favors. [34]As a prostitute, you were more perverse than other women. No one approached you for sexual favors, but you yourself gave gifts instead of receiving them. You are perversion itself! [35]Therefore, you prostitute, hear the LORD's word!

[36]The LORD God proclaims: You were in a constant state of arousal[y] and exposed yourself when you acted like a prostitute with your lovers and with the idols to which you gave your children's blood. [37]Therefore, I will now gather all of your lovers whom you pleased, the ones you loved and the ones you rejected. I will gather them against you from all around, and I will expose you to them. They will see it all. [38]I will convict you of adultery and murder, and I will hand you over in bloody fury and zeal. [39]I will hand you over to them, and they will tear down your pavilion and destroy your platforms. They will strip you of your garments, take your beautiful jewels, and they will leave you completely naked. [40]They will bring an army against you, pelt you with stones, and slaughter you with their swords. [41]They will burn down your houses and execute judgments against you in the sight of many women. I will bring an end to your prostitution; indeed, you will never again give payment. [42]When I've satisfied my anger, and my rage has turned away from you, I will be calm and no longer angry. [43]Because you didn't remember your youthful days, and infuriated me with all these things, I will hold you accountable for what you've done. This is what the LORD God says.

Have you not added bad reputation to all your detestable acts? [44]Now everyone who speaks in proverbs will say this about you: "Like mother, like daughter." [45]You are your mother's daughter! She loathed her husband and also her children. You are just like your sisters too! They also loathed their husbands and children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father was an

16:20 Ex 13:2; 2Ki 16:3; Ps 106:37; Is 57:5; Eze 23:37
16:21 2Ki 17:17; Jer 19:5
16:22 Jer 2:2; Eze 16:6, Eze 16:43, Eze 16:60
16:23 Eze 24:6
16:25 Prv 9:14; Jer 3:2; Eze 16:15
16:26 Eze 23:19
16:33 Is 57:9; Hos 8:9
16:37 Jer 13:22, Jer 13:26; Eze 23:22; Hos 2:10; Rev 17:16
16:38 Gn 9:6; Lv 20:10; Eze 23:45
16:39 Eze 16:7, Eze 16:24, Eze 16:31, Eze 23:26; Hos 2:3
16:40 Eze 23:47; Jn 8:5
16:41 2Ki 25:9; Jer 39:8, Jer 52:13; Eze 5:8, Eze 23:48
16:42 Is 40:1, Is 54:9; Eze 5:13, Eze 21:17, Eze 39:29
16:43 Eze 11:21, Eze 16:22, Eze 22:31
16:45 Eze 16:3

[y]Heb uncertain

Amorite. 46Your older sister is Samaria, who lives with her daughters in the north. Your younger sister is Sodom, who lives with her daughters in the south. 47You didn't follow in their ways or engage in their detestable practices in any small way. You were far more destructive. 48As surely as I live, says the LORD God, not even your sister Sodom and her daughters did what you and your daughters have done! 49This is the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were proud, had plenty to eat, and enjoyed peace and prosperity; but she didn't help the poor and the needy. 50They became haughty and did detestable things in front of me, and I turned away from them as soon as I saw it.

51Samaria didn't sin even half as much as you did. You've so outstripped her in multiplying your detestable practices, with all the detestable things you've done, that you've even made your sisters seem innocent. 52Bear your disgrace, which has actually improved your sisters' position. Because your sins and detestable acts were greater than theirs, they are now more righteous than you. Be ashamed, and bear the disgrace of making your sisters righteous! 53I will improve the circumstances of Sodom and her daughters and the circumstances of Samaria and her daughters. And what's left of your fortune will go to them, 54so that you will bear your disgrace and be humiliated by all that you've done to make them feel better. 55Then your sister Sodom and her daughters will return to their former state, and your sister Samaria and her daughters will return to their former state. You and your daughters will return to your former state, 56but you will no longer talk about your sister Sodom as in your haughty days 57before your wickedness was exposed. You are now the reproach of all the daughters of Edom[z] and all those around her, including the daughters of the Philistines. They mock you on every side. 58You alone must bear your bad reputation and your detestable ways. This is what the LORD says.

59The LORD God proclaims: I will do to you just as you have done, despising solemn pledges and breaking covenants. 60Nevertheless, I will remember my covenant with you when you were young, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61And you will remember your ways and be ashamed, when in spite of your covenant I[a] take your big sisters and little sisters from you and give them back to you as daughters. 62I myself will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am the LORD. 63Then you will remember and be ashamed, and you won't even open your mouth because of your shame, after I've forgiven you for all that you've done. This is what the LORD God says.

Transplanted cedar

17 The LORD's word came to me: 2Human one, compose a riddle and a parable about the house of Israel. 3Say, The LORD God proclaims: The great eagle with great wings, long feathers, and full, colorful plumage came to Lebanon and took the top branch of the cedar. 4He plucked a twig from the cedar's crown, brought it to the land of traders, and set it down in a city of merchants. 5He took a native seed and planted it in a prepared field, placing it like a willow beside plentiful water. 6It grew and became a low-spreading vine. Its foliage turned toward him, and its roots developed under him. And so it became a vine, and it produced branches and sent out its shoots.

7Now there was another great eagle with great wings and much plumage. This vine bent its roots and turned its branches toward him so that it might draw more water from him than from its own bed, 8a good field with plentiful water where it was planted to grow branches, bear fruit, and become a

16:48 Mt 10:15, Mt 11:24
16:49 Gn 13:10, Gn 19:9; Dt 32:15; Ps 138:6; Is 3:9
16:51 Jer 3:8
16:52 Eze 16:47
16:55 Eze 36:11
16:60 Is 55:3; Jer 32:40; Eze 37:26
16:61 Jer 50:5; Eze 16:63, Eze 20:43, Eze 36:31
16:62 Jer 24:7
16:63 Dn 9:7; Ro 3:19
17:2 Jgs 14:12; Eze 20:49, Eze 24:3
17:3 Jer 22:23, Jer 48:40; Eze 17:7, Eze 17:22; Hos 8:1
17:5 Dt 8:7; Is 44:4
17:6 Eze 19:10

[z]Syr; MT *Aram* [a]LXX; MT *you*

splendid vine. 9Say, The LORD God proclaims: Will it thrive? Won't he tear out its roots, strip its fruit, and cause all the leaves of its branches to wither? It will dry up, and no one will need a strong arm or a mighty army to uproot it. 10Though it is planted, will it thrive? When the east wind touches it, won't it completely wither? On the bed in which it was planted, it will wither away.

11The LORD's word came to me: 12Say now to the rebellious household: Don't you know what these things mean? Say: The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and carried its king and its officers away with him to Babylon. 13Then he took a prince from the royal line, made an agreement with him, and made him take a solemn pledge of loyalty. He also took away the land's officials. 14Thus it would be a lowly kingdom, not asserting its own interests but observing the agreement so that it would survive. 15But the prince rebelled against him and sent messengers to Egypt to supply him with horses and a great army. Can such a person succeed? Can one who does these things escape? Can he overturn the agreement and escape capture? 16As surely as I live, says the LORD God, he will die in Babylon, in the place of the king who gave him the authority to rule, whose solemn pledge he scorned and whose agreement he overturned. 17Pharaoh won't help him. There will be no strong force or mighty army in battle when siege ramps are set up and towers are built to eliminate many lives. 18He scorned the solemn pledge and overturned the agreement! Even though he made a promise, he did all these things, and he won't escape capture. 19So now the LORD God proclaims: As surely as I live, it was my solemn pledge that he scorned and my agreement that he overturned, and I will hold him accountable. 20I will spread my net over him, and he will be caught in my trap. I will bring him to Babylon, and I myself will enter into judgment with him there for rebelling against me. 21All his elite fighters[b] along with all his troops will fall by the sword, and those who are left will be scattered to the winds. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken.

22The LORD God proclaims: I myself will take one of the top branches from the tall cedar. I will pluck a tender shoot from its crown, and I myself will plant it on a very high and lofty mountain. 23On Israel's mountainous highlands I will plant it, and it will send out branches and bear fruit. It will grow into a mighty cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it and find shelter in the shade of its boughs. 24Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the tall tree and raise up the lowly tree, and make the green tree wither and the dry tree bloom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

17:9 Eze 17:15
17:12 2Ki 24:11; Eze 12:9, Eze 24:19
17:14 Eze 29:14
17:16 Jer 52:11; Eze 12:13, Eze 16:59
17:17 Is 36:6; Jer 37:5, Jer 37:7; Eze 4:2, Eze 29:6
17:18 1Ch 29:24
17:19 Jer 7:9; Eze 16:59, Eze 21:23
17:20 Jer 2:35; Eze 12:13, Eze 20:35, Eze 20:36, Eze 32:3
17:24 Eze 21:26, Eze 22:14
18:1 Eze 3:18, Eze 14:12
18:2 Jer 31:29, Jer 31:30; Lam 5:7; Eze 12:22
18:3 Jer 31:29; Eze 12:23, Eze 16:48, Eze 18:2, Eze 18:30
18:4 Nm 27:16; Eze 18:20; Ro 6:23
18:5 Gn 18:19; Ps 15:1, Ps 15:2; Prv 21:3; Jer 22:15
18:6 Eze 18:11, Eze 18:15, Eze 22:9, Eze 22:10
18:7 Ex 22:26; Is 58:7; Eze 18:12, Eze 18:16, Eze 33:15
18:8 Ex 22:25; Dt 23:19; Ps 15:5; Prv 28:8; Zec 8:16
18:9 Lv 18:5; Eze 18:17, Eze 20:11; Am 5:4; Hab 2:4

Sins of parents and children

18 The LORD's word came to me: 2What do you mean by this proverb of yours about the land of Israel: "When parents eat unripe grapes, the children's teeth suffer"? 3As surely as I live, says the LORD God, no longer will you use this proverb in Israel! 4All lives are mine; the life of the parent and the life of the child belong to me. Only the one who sins will die.

5People are declared innocent when they act justly and responsibly. 6They don't eat on the hills or give their attention to the idols of the house of Israel. They don't defile the wives of their neighbors or approach menstruating women. 7They don't cheat anyone, but fulfill their obligations. They don't rob others, but give food to the hungry and clothes to the naked. 8They don't impose interest or take profit. They refrain from evil and settle cases between people fairly. 9They follow my regulations, keep my case laws, and act faithfully. Such people are innocent, and they will live, proclaims the LORD God.

[b] LXX, Syr, Tg; MT *his fugitives*

10 But suppose one of them has a
violent child who sheds blood or does
any one of these things, 11 even though
his parents didn't do any of them.
He eats on the mountains, defiles his
neighbor's wife, 12 oppresses the poor
and needy, robs others and doesn't
fulfill his obligations, pays attention
to the idols and does detestable things,
13 and takes interest and profit. Should
he live? He should not. He engaged in
all these detestable practices. He will
surely die, and his blood will be on him.

14 But suppose he has a child who
sees all the sins that his father com-
mitted. He becomes alarmed and
doesn't do them. 15 He doesn't eat on
the mountains or pay attention to the
idols of the house of Israel. He doesn't
defile his neighbor's wife. 16 He doesn't
cheat anyone, either by seizing collat-
eral for loans or committing robbery.
He gives his food to the hungry and
clothes to the naked. 17 He refrains from
oppressing the poor by taking neither
interest nor profit. He observes my case
laws and follows my regulations. He
won't die because of his father's guilt.
He will surely live. 18 As for his father:
If he exploited the weak or commit-
ted robbery, or did anything else that
wasn't good for the people, he will die
because of his own guilt.

19 You will say, "Why doesn't the
child bear his parent's guilt?" The child
has acted justly and responsibly. The
child kept all my regulations and ob-
served them. The child will surely live.
20 Only the one who sins will die. A
child won't bear a parent's guilt, and a
parent won't bear a child's guilt. Those
who do right will be declared innocent,
and the wicked will be declared guilty.

21 But if the wicked turn away from
all the sins that they have committed,
keep all my regulations, and act justly
and responsibly, they will surely live
and not die. 22 None of the sins that
they committed will be held against
them, but they will live because they
do the right things. 23 Do I take plea-
sure in the death of the wicked? says
the LORD God. Certainly not! If they
change their ways, they will live.

24 If those who do the right thing
turn from righteousness and engage
in the same detestable practices that
the wicked committed, can they do
these things and live? None of their
righteous deeds will be remembered.
They will die because of their treach-
eries and sins. 25 But you say, "My
Lord's way doesn't measure up." Lis-
ten, house of Israel, is it my ways
that don't measure up? Isn't it your
ways that don't measure up? 26 When
those who do the right thing turn
from their responsible ways and act
maliciously, they will die because of
it. For their malicious acts they will
die. 27 And when the wicked turn from
their wicked deeds and act justly and
responsibly, they will preserve their
lives. 28 When they become alarmed
and turn away from all their sins,
they will surely live; they won't die.
29 Yet the house of Israel says, "My
Lord's way doesn't measure up." Is it
my ways that don't measure up? Isn't
it your ways that don't measure up,
house of Israel? 30 Therefore, I will
judge each of you according to your
ways, house of Israel. This is what the
LORD God says. Turn, turn away from
all your sins. Don't let them be sinful
obstacles for you. 31 Abandon all of
your repeated sins. Make yourselves
a new heart and a new spirit. Why
should you die, house of Israel? 32 I
most certainly don't want anyone to
die! This is what the LORD God says.
Change your ways, and live!

A mother's sons

19 You, raise a lament for Israel's
princes. 2 Say:

What a lioness among lionesses
was your mother!
She bedded down among the
strong young lions and reared her
cubs.
3 She singled out one of her cubs,
and he became a strong young
lion;

18:14 2Ch 34:21
18:16 Ps 41:1; Is 58:7, Is 58:10; Eze 18:7
18:17 Eze 18:8, Eze 18:9
18:18 Eze 3:18
18:19 Ex 20:5; Jer 15:4; Eze 18:2; Zec 1:3
18:20 Dt 24:16; 2Ki 14:6; Is 3:10, Is 3:11; Eze 18:4
18:21 Jer 18:8; Eze 18:27, Eze 33:19
18:22 Ps 18:20; Is 43:25; Eze 33:16
18:23 Eze 18:32, Eze 33:11; Mi 7:18; 1Ti 2:4; 2Pt 3:9
18:24 Eze 3:20, Eze 33:12, Eze 33:13, Eze 33:18; 2Pt 2:20
18:25 Gn 18:25; Jer 12:1; Eze 18:29, Eze 33:17, Eze 33:20
18:26 Eze 18:24
18:30 Eze 7:3, Eze 14:6, Eze 33:11, Eze 33:20; Hos 12:6
18:31 Ps 51:10; Is 1:16; Eze 11:19, Eze 33:11, Eze 36:26
18:32 Eze 18:23, Eze 33:11

he learned to tear flesh
and devour humans.
4 When the nations heard about him,
they caught him in their trap
and carried him with hooks
to the land of Egypt.
5 When she realized that she waited in vain,
her hope faded.
So she took another of her cubs
and set him up as a strong young lion.
6 He went on the prowl with the other lions and became a strong young lion.
He learned to tear flesh
and devour humans;
7 he ravaged[c] their widows
and laid waste to their cities.
When the earth and everything in it became horrified by the sound of his raging,
8 the nations from the surrounding regions allied against him.
They cast their nets over him
and caught him in their trap.
9 They put a collar on him
and brought him with hooks.
They brought him with nets
to the king of Babylon
so that his voice would no longer be heard on the mountains of Israel.

The proud mother

10 Your mother was like a vine in a vineyard[d] planted beside the waters;
she bore lush fruit and foliage because of the plentiful water,
11 and she produced mighty branches, fit for rulers' scepters.
She grew tall, and her crown went up between the clouds.
Because of her height and thick growth,
she became conspicuous.
12 So she was struck down in anger, thrown down to the ground.
The east wind dried her out
and destroyed her fruit;

20:7 Lv 18:3

20:8 Dt 9:7; Is 63:10; Eze 7:8, Eze 20:13, Eze 20:21

it sapped the branch of its strength,
and fire consumed it.
13 So now she is planted in the desert,
in a parched and thirsty land,
14 and fire has gone out from her branch
and consumed her foliage and fruit,
leaving her no strong branch
or ruler's scepter.

This is a lamentation, and it will serve as a lamentation.

History of rebellion

20 In the seventh year, on the tenth day of the fifth month, some of Israel's elders came to inquire of the LORD. As they were sitting with me, 2 the LORD's word came to me: 3 Human one, speak to Israel's elders and say to them, The LORD God proclaims: Have you come to petition me? As surely as I live, I reject your petitions. This is what the LORD God says! 4 Will you judge them, human one, will you judge them? Then expose to them the detestable practices of their ancestors. 5 Say to them, The LORD God proclaims: On the day I chose Israel, I swore a solemn pledge to the descendants of Jacob's household. When I made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, I swore a solemn pledge: I am the LORD your God. 6 On that day I swore that I would lead them out of the land of Egypt to a land that I would show them, a land full of milk and honey, the most splendid of all lands. 7 And I said to them, Every one of you must cast away your disgusting things. Don't let yourselves be defiled by Egypt's idols. I am the LORD your God. 8 But they rebelled against me and refused to listen to me. No one cast off their disgusting things or abandoned their Egyptian idols. So I declared that I would pour out my wrath on them and satisfy my anger against them in the land of Egypt. 9 But I acted for the sake of my name, so that it wouldn't be degraded in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, and in whose

[c] *Or knew* [d] *Or in your blood*

sight I made it known that I would lead them out of the land of Egypt.

10So I led them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the desert. 11I gave them my regulations and made known to them my case laws, which bring life to all who observe them. 12I also gave them my sabbaths as a sign between us that I, the LORD, have set them apart for my purpose.[e] 13But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the desert. They didn't follow my regulations and rejected my case laws, which bring life to all who observe them. They completely degraded my sabbaths. So I declared that I would pour out my anger against them and destroy them in the desert. 14But instead, I acted for the sake of my name so that it wouldn't be degraded in the sight of the nations who saw me lead them out of Egypt. 15So in the desert I swore another solemn pledge, that I wouldn't bring them to the land that I had given to them, a land full of milk and honey, a land more splendid than any other, 16because they rejected my case laws, didn't follow my regulations, and degraded my sabbaths. They had their hearts set on their idols. 17But I had too much compassion to destroy them, so I didn't put an end to them in the desert.

18In the desert, I said to their children, Don't follow your parents' regulations or observe their case laws or become defiled by their idols. 19I am the LORD your God! Follow my regulations! Observe my case laws and do them! 20Make my sabbaths holy, and let them be a sign between us that I am the LORD your God. 21But the children rebelled against me. They didn't follow my regulations or observe my case laws, which bring life to all who observe them. They also degraded my sabbaths. So I declared that I would pour out my wrath on them and satisfy my anger against them in the desert. 22But I restrained myself and acted for the sake of my name so that it wouldn't be diminished in the sight of the nations who saw me lead them out of Egypt. 23And I swore yet another solemn pledge in the desert, that I would disperse them among the nations and scatter them throughout the earth, 24because they didn't observe my case laws, they rejected my regulations, and they degraded my sabbaths while they kept looking to their parents' idols. 25I also issued regulations that were not good and case laws by which they could not live. 26I defiled them with their very gifts when they offered up all their oldest children. They were supposed to be so horrified that they would acknowledge that I am the LORD.

27Therefore, human one, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, The LORD God proclaims: Yet again your ancestors defamed me by rebelling against me! 28I brought them into the land that I swore to give to them. But when they saw all the high hills and lofty trees, there they made their sacrifices: irksome offerings here, pleasing aromas there, and drink offerings elsewhere! 29I said to them, What shrine are you going to now? So it's called Shrine[f] to this very day.

30So now say to the house of Israel, The LORD God proclaims: Will you defile yourselves as your ancestors did, and will you prostitute yourself after their disgusting things? 31When you offer up your gifts and make your children pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols to this very day. Should I let you seek me out, house of Israel? This is what the LORD God says: As surely as I live, I won't let you seek me. 32What is in your minds will never happen! You've been saying, "Let's be like the nations and the clans of the lands in the service of wood and stone." 33This is what the LORD God says: As surely as I live, with a strong hand, an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be your king! 34I will lead you out

20:12 Ex 31:13; Eze 20:20
20:19 Ex 20:2; Dt 5:32, Dt 6:1
20:20 Ex 31:13; Jer 17:22; Eze 20:12, Eze 44:24
20:21 Nm 25:1; Dt 31:27; Eze 7:8, Eze 20:8, Eze 20:13
20:22 Ps 78:38; Eze 20:9, Eze 20:14
20:23 Lv 26:33; Dt 28:64
20:24 Eze 6:9, Eze 20:13, Eze 20:16
20:25 Ps 81:12; Is 66:4; Ro 1:28
20:26 Lv 18:21; Eze 16:21, Eze 20:31

[e] Or *to make them holy* [f] Heb sounds like *Where are you going?*

from the peoples and gather you from the countries where you've been scattered—yes, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out! 35I will march you out to the wilderness nations, and there I will judge you face-to-face. 36Just as I judged your ancestors in the desert of the land of Egypt, so will I judge you. This is what the LORD God says. 37I will make you walk under the rod, and I will bring you into the covenant bond. 38I will remove from among you those who rebel and transgress against me. I will lead them out from the land where they lived as immigrants, but they won't enter Israel's fertile land. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

39But to you, house of Israel, the LORD God proclaims: Go ahead and serve your idols, all of you! But afterward, if any of you are left to listen to me,[g] you will no longer make my holy name impure with your gifts or your idols! 40On my holy mountain, on the high mountain in Israel, the whole house of Israel will serve me there—every one of them in the land! This is what the LORD God says. There I will accept them, and there I will ask for their offerings, their finest gifts, and all their holy things. 41When I bring you out from the nations and gather you from the countries where you are scattered, I will accept you as a pleasing aroma. Through you I will be made holy in the sight of the nations. 42Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I bring you to Israel's fertile land, to the land that I swore to give to your ancestors. 43There you will remember how your ways and all your wicked deeds defiled you, and you will loathe yourselves for all the wicked things that you've done. 44Then, house of Israel, you will know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for the sake of my name and not according to your wicked ways and ruinous deeds. This is what the LORD God says.

20:43 Eze 6:9, Eze 16:61, Eze 36:31; Hos 5:15; Zec 12:10

20:44 Eze 20:14, Eze 36:22

21:9 Eze 21:28

[g]Heb uncertain [h]21:1 in Heb [i]21:6 in Heb

Fire in the southern plain

45[h]The LORD's word came to me: 46Human one, face Teman, preach against the south, and prophesy against the thicket in the arid southern plain. 47Say to the thicket in the arid southern plain: Hear the LORD God's word. This is what the LORD God says: I'm about to set a fire in you, and it will consume every green and every dry tree in you. Its blazing flame won't be put out, and everything from south to north will be scorched. 48Everyone will see that I, the LORD, have set it on fire. It won't be quenched. 49Then I said, "Oh, LORD God! They say about me, 'Isn't he one for making metaphors?'"

The sword

21 The[i] LORD's word came to me: 2Human one, face Jerusalem, preach against their sanctuary, and prophesy against Israel's fertile land. 3Say to Israel's fertile land, The LORD proclaims: I'm now against you! I will draw my sword from its sheath and cut off both the righteous and the wicked from you. 4In order to cut off the righteous and wicked from you, my sword will go out from its sheath against everyone from south to north. 5And everyone will know that I, the LORD, have taken my sword out of its sheath. It won't be put away again.

6You, human one, groan in their sight; groan bitterly with trembling knees. 7If they ask you why you're groaning, say to them, "Because of the news." When it comes, every heart will despair, every hand will hang lifeless, every spirit will be listless, and urine will run down every leg. It's coming! It will happen! This is what the LORD God says.

The sword dance

8The LORD's word came to me: 9Human one, prophesy! Say, The Lord proclaims! Say:

A sword! A sharp and polished sword!
10For utter slaughter it is sharpened,
polished to flash like lightning.

Let's not rejoice,
because no one will escape the
purge.[j]
[11]He appoints it for polishing,
to seize in the hand.
The sword is sharpened, it is
polished;
it is ready for the destroyer's hand.
[12]Human one, cry aloud, and wail,
for it comes against my people,
against all of Israel's princes,
handed over to the sword
along with my people.
Therefore, strike your thigh.
[13]He's testing.
When even the rod rejects,
will it not certainly happen?[k]
This is what the LORD God says.

[14]And you, human one, prophesy!
Strike hand to hand.
Let the sword strike twice, three
times!
It's a deadly sword,
a great deadly sword.
It whirls around them
[15]to make hearts shudder,
to make many stumble and fall.
I've set the slaughtering sword
against all their gates.
Oh! It's crafted to flash like lightning,
polished for slaughter!
[16]Stab again and again! Plunge right,
plunge left, wherever your edge
goes.
[17]It is I who strike hand to hand!
I'll satisfy my wrath!
I, the LORD, have spoken.

Guilt remembered

[18]The LORD's word came to me:
[19]You, human one, mark two roads for
the coming of the sword of the king of
Babylon. They should diverge from a
single country. Where the road to the
city begins, set up a sign, [20]and point
out the way for the sword to come:
"To Rabbah of the Ammonites" or "To
Judah in its stronghold Jerusalem."
[21]The king of Babylon stands at the
fork in the road where the two roads
begin and performs his divinations. He
shakes the arrows, consults the divine
images, and inspects the liver. [22]On his
right side appeared the omen for Jeru-
salem: to put battering rams in place,
to proclaim war and raise the alarm, to
place battering rams against the gates,
and to set up siege ramps and build
towers. [23]It seems to them like a lying
divination, because solemn pledges
had been sworn to them. But he will
remind them of their guilt, and they
will be captured.

[24]So the LORD God proclaims: Now
that you have remembered your guilt
and your treacheries are exposed, your
sins can be seen in everything you do.
Because you have brought your guilt to
light, you will be captured! [25]But you
vile, wicked prince of Israel whose day
has come, the time of final punish-
ment, [26]this is what the LORD God
says: Remove the turban, take off the
crown! Nothing will be as it was. Bring
down the exalted, and exalt the lowly.
[27]A ruin, ruin, ruin, I'll make it! Such a
thing has never happened! Even before
the rightful judge comes, I've handed it
over to him.

Avenging Ammon's disgrace

[28]You, human one, prophesy and
say, The LORD God proclaims to the
Ammonites concerning their disgrace.
Say, Sword! Sword unsheathed for
slaughter, burnished, battle-ready,[l]
flashing like lightning: [29]False visions
and lying divinations set you against
the necks of vile, wicked men whose
day had come, the time of final punish-
ment. [30]Return it to its sheath. In the
place where you were created, in the
land of your origin, I will judge you.
[31]I will pour out my wrath against you.
With a raging fire I will blow against
you, and I will hand you over to those
who burn and forge destruction. [32]Fire
will consume you, your blood will sink
into the earth, and you will no longer
be remembered. I, the LORD, have
spoken.

21:12 Eze 21:6

21:14 Nm 24:10; 2Ki 24:1, 2Ki 24:10, 2Ki 25:1; Eze 21:17

21:21 Gn 31:19; Nm 22:7; Jgs 17:5; Prv 16:33; Zec 10:2

21:27 Gn 49:10; Ps 2:6; Jer 23:5; Eze 37:24; Hg 2:21

[j]Heb uncertain [k]Heb uncertain [l]Or *to take in the hand*

Bloody city

22 The LORD's word came to me:
2 You, human one, will you judge?
Will you judge the bloody city? Then
explain all her detestable practices to
her. 3 Say, The LORD God proclaims:
City, self-destructive blood-letter, self-
defiling idol maker: 4 All the blood that
you've shed is your punishment, and
all the idols that you've made are your
defilement. This is how you've short-
ened your days and hastened the end[m]
of your years! For this reason I've given
you over to the ridicule of nations and
the derision of every land. 5 Those from
near and far will mock your infamous
name and great chaos. 6 Look, Israel's
princes, every one of them, have joined
forces to shed blood in you. 7 In you they
treat father and mother with contempt.
In you they oppress immigrants and
deny the rights of orphans and wid-
ows. 8 You despise my holy things and
degrade my sabbaths. 9 In you slander-
ers show up to shed blood. In you they
eat on the mountains. In you they do
obscene things. 10 In you a father's na-
kedness is uncovered. In you menstru-
ating women are violated. 11 Every man
engages in detestable practices with
his neighbor's wife, every man defiles
his daughter-in-law with obscene acts,
and every man violates his sister, his
own father's daughter. 12 In you they
take bribes to shed blood. You collect
interest and fees, you profit by extort-
ing your neighbor, and you neglect even
me! This is what the LORD God says.

13 I now strike my hands over your
ill-gotten gain and blood that's been
shed in you. 14 Will your strength and
courage endure when I deal with you?
I am the LORD: I speak, and I act! 15 I
will scatter you among the nations
and disperse you throughout the
lands, and so I will remove your un-
cleanness from you. 16 When you are
degraded[n] like this in the sight of the
nations, then you will know that I am
the LORD.

17 The LORD's word came to me:
18 Human one, the house of Israel has
become a waste product for me. They
are all copper, tin, iron, and lead. In
the furnace, they've become the waste
product of silver. 19 So this is what the
LORD God says: Because you've all be-
come a waste product, I'm now gather-
ing you into the middle of Jerusalem.
20 Just as silver, copper, iron, lead,
and tin are collected and placed in a
furnace to fan the flames under them
and melt them down, so in my anger
and rage I will collect you, put you
in, and melt you down. 21 I will gather
you, fan the flames of my wrath under
you, and melt you down in the middle
of it. 22 As silver is melted in a furnace,
so you will be melted in it. You will
know that I, the LORD, have poured
out my rage on you.

23 The LORD's word came to me:
24 Human one, say to her, You are
an unclean land without rain on the
day of reckoning. 25 The conspiracy of
princes[o] in her is like a roaring lion rip-
ping up prey. They've piled up wealth
and precious goods and made many
widows in her. 26 Her priests have
done violence to my instructions and
made my holy things impure. They
have not clearly separated the holy
from the ordinary, and they have not
taught the difference between unclean
and clean things. They've disregarded
my sabbaths. So I've been degraded
among them. 27 The officials in her
are like wolves ripping up prey. They
shed blood and destroy lives for unjust
riches. 28 Her prophets have white-
washed everything for them, seeing
false visions and making wrong predic-
tions for them, saying, "This is what
the LORD God says," when the LORD
hasn't spoken. 29 The important people
of the land have practiced extortion
and have committed robbery. They've
oppressed the poor and mistreated the
immigrant. They've oppressed and de-
nied justice. 30 I looked for anyone to
repair the wall and stand in the gap for
me on behalf of the land, so I wouldn't

22:2 Eze 16:2, Eze 20:4, Eze 23:36, Eze 24:6, Eze 24:9
22:8 Lv 19:30; Eze 20:13, Eze 20:24, Eze 22:26, Eze 23:38
22:18 Ps 119:119; Is 1:22; Jer 6:28
22:20 Mal 3:2
22:24 Eze 24:13
22:26 Lv 10:10; Jer 2:8; Eze 22:8, Eze 44:23; Zep 3:4
22:30 Ps 106:23; Is 59:16, Is 63:5; Jer 5:1; Eze 13:5

[m] LXX, Syr; Vulg *time*; MT *until* [n] MT adds *in you.* [o] LXX; MT *prophets*

have to destroy it. But I couldn't find anyone. 31So I've poured out my anger on them. With my furious fire I've finished them off. I've held them accountable. This is what the LORD God proclaims.

Two sisters

23 The LORD's word came to me: 2Human one, there were two women, daughters of one woman. 3When they were girls in Egypt, they began to prostitute themselves by allowing their young and nubile breasts to be touched and fondled. 4The older sister was named Oholah, and the younger sister was named Oholibah. They became mine and gave birth to sons and daughters. Now Oholah is Samaria, and Oholibah is Jerusalem. 5But Oholah became unfaithful to me and lusted after her lovers the Assyrians: 6warriors dressed in fine blue cloth, governors and officers, charioteers and horsemen, all of them the most handsome of men. 7She sought them out to seduce them, all of them men of the highest rank of Assyria. She defiled herself by everyone she lusted after and also by all their idols. 8But she never gave up her promiscuities with the Egyptians, who had slept with her in her girlhood and fondled her nubile breasts, and who continued to seduce her. 9Therefore, I handed her over to her lovers, to the Assyrians for whom she lusted. 10They stripped her naked, took her sons and daughters, and killed her with the sword. And she became notorious among women for the punishments they enacted against her.

11Her sister Oholibah saw it, and she proceeded to outdo her sister in her lust and in her seductions. 12She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and officers, warriors richly clothed, charioteers and horsemen, all of them the most handsome of men. 13I saw that she too defiled herself. Both had the same tendencies, 14but she was even more promiscuous. She saw men carved in wall reliefs, images of Chaldeans outlined in vermilion, 15wearing only loincloths around their hips and flowing headbands on their heads. All of them had the appearance of warriors of the third rank, the likeness of Babylonians whose native land is Chaldea. 16Aroused just by looking at them, she sent messengers to them in Chaldea. 17The Babylonians came to her to lie down and make love with her, defiling her with their seductions. But once she had defiled herself with them, she recoiled from them in disgust. 18When her seductions became known and her nakedness exposed, I recoiled from her just as I had recoiled from her sister. 19But she added to her promiscuities, bringing to mind her youthful days when she was a prostitute in the land of Egypt. 20She lusted after their male consorts, whose sexual organs were like those of donkeys, and whose ejaculation was like that of horses. 21She relived the wicked days of her youth, when the Egyptians touched and fondled her young and nubile breasts.

22So Oholibah, the LORD God proclaims: I'm now inciting your lovers against you, all those from whom you recoiled, and I will bring them against you from all around—23Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, all the Assyrians with them, the most handsome young men, all of them governors and officers, career officers and conscripts, all of them on horseback. 24They will come against you with weapons,[P] chariots, and wagons, and with a great army, with shield, buckler, and helmet; and they will surround you. I will hand your punishment over to them, and they will judge you according to their laws. 25I will direct my passion against you, and they will deal with you in wrath. They will cut off your nose and ears, and those who are left will fall by the sword. They will seize your sons and daughters, and those who are left will be burned with fire. 26They will strip your clothing

23:3 Lv 17:7; Josh 24:14; Eze 23:8, Eze 23:19, Eze 23:21

23:4 Eze 16:46

23:5 2Ki 15:19, 2Ki 16:7; Eze 16:28; Hos 5:13, Hos 8:9

23:11 Jer 3:8; Eze 16:47, Eze 16:51

23:24 Jer 39:5, Jer 47:3; Eze 26:10; Na 2:4

23:25 Ex 34:14; Dt 29:20; Eze 20:47, Eze 23:47; Zep 1:18

[P]Heb uncertain

from you and remove your beautiful crown. [27]That's how I will put an end to your lewdness and your Egyptian-styled promiscuity. Never again will you stare at them, and you won't remember Egypt anymore. [28]The LORD God proclaims: I'm now handing you over to those whom you hate and from whom you recoil. [29]They will deal hatefully with you: They will seize your pay and leave you completely naked. Your promiscuity, betrayal, and seductions will be exposed. [30]This will be done to you because you sold yourself to the nations and became defiled by their idols. [31]You followed in your sister's path, so I have put her cup into your hand.

[32]The LORD God proclaims:
Deep and wide is your sister's cup.
Drink!
Appointed for abuse and scorn,
it overflows.
[33]You will be filled with drunken
sadness.
A cup of devastation and dismay
is the cup of your sister Samaria.
[34]Drink it, drain it dry,
break it into pieces,
and tear off your breasts,
for I have spoken.
This is what the LORD God says.

[35]So now the LORD God proclaims: Because you forgot me and turned your back on me, you alone will bear the consequences of your betrayal and promiscuities.

[36]Then the LORD said to me, Human one, judge Oholah and Oholibah, and make known their detestable practices to them. [37]They committed adultery, so now blood is on their hands. They committed adultery with their idols, and they even took their children whom they had borne to me and offered them up to be consumed for them. [38]They also did this to me: On the same day, they made my sanctuary unclean and made my sabbaths impure. [39]When they slaughtered their children for their idols, they came into my sanctuary and made it impure on that very same day. They actually did this inside my temple. [40]They even sent for men who came from a great distance. No sooner than a messenger was sent, they arrived! For these men you bathed, you painted your eyes, and you put on your jewelry. [41]You took your place on a splendid couch with a richly set table in front of it, and you set my incense and my oil on it. [42]The sound of a noisy crowd was around her. Men from the common multitude, drinkers of wine, were brought from the desert. They put bracelets on their wrists and beautiful crowns on their heads. [43]Then I thought, For a foolish woman they become adulterers! Incited by her seduction, they prostitute themselves—for her![q] [44]They come as if coming to a prostitute, first to Oholah, and then to Oholibah, those traitorous women. [45]But men who do the right thing will judge them, and they will be punished as adulterers and murderers, because they are in fact adulterers, and blood is on their hands.

[46]The LORD God proclaims: Bring up an assembly against them, and decree terror and plunder for them. [47]Let the assembly stone them! Let them carve them up with their swords, slay their sons and daughters, and burn their houses with fire! [48]So I will put an end to betrayal in the land. Taking warning, no woman will betray as you have done. [49]You will be held accountable for your betrayals, and you will bear the sins of your idols. Then you will know that I am the LORD God.

The useless pot

24 In the ninth year, on the tenth day of the tenth month, the LORD's word came to me: [2]Human one, write down today's date, because today the king of Babylon has set up camp at Jerusalem—today! [3]Compose a parable for the rebels' household and say to them, The LORD God proclaims:

Put on the pot, set it on,
and fill it with water.

23:40 2Ki 9:30; Is 3:18, Is 57:9; Jer 4:30; Eze 16:13
23:42 Eze 16:11, Eze 16:12

[q]Heb uncertain

4 Add meat to it,
every good piece.
With shoulder and thigh,
the meatiest bones, fill it up.
5 Take the flock's best animal;
arrange the wood[r] beneath it.
Bring it to a rolling boil,
and cook its bones in it.
6 The LORD God proclaims: Horror!
You bloody city, you corroded pot; pot
whose corrosion can't be removed!
Empty it piece by piece. She is rejected[s]
7 because her blood is still with her. She
didn't pour it out on the ground so
that it could be covered with dirt, but
she spread it out on a bare rock. 8 In
order to arouse wrath, to guarantee
vengeance, I will spread her blood on a
bare rock, never to be covered.
9 So now the LORD God proclaims:
Horror! You bloody city!
I myself will add fuel to the fire!
10 Pile on the wood, light the fire,
and cook the meat.
Season it well and let the bones be
charred.
11 Let the pot stand empty on its coals
until it's so hot that its copper
glows,
its impurities melt in it,
and its corrosion is consumed.
12 It's a worthless task.
Even by fire its great corrosion
isn't removed.
13 How your betrayals defile you! I
cleansed you, but you didn't come clean
from your impurities. You won't be clean
again until I have exhausted my anger
against you. 14 I, the LORD, have spoken!
It's coming, and I'll do it. I won't relent
or have any pity or compassion. Your
punishments will fit your ways and your
deeds! This is what the LORD God says.

Ezekiel's wife dies

15 The LORD's word came to me:
16 Human one, I am about to take the
delight of your eyes away from you in
a single stroke. Don't mourn or weep.
Don't even let your tears well up. 17 Sigh
inwardly; be deathly still. Don't per-

24:4 Mi 3:2, Mi 3:3
24:11 Jer 21:10; Eze 22:15, Eze 23:27
24:12 Jer 9:5
24:13 Eze 5:13, Eze 22:24
24:16 Jer 13:17, Jer 22:10; Eze 24:21
24:17 Lv 13:45; 2Sa 15:30; Jer 16:7; Eze 24:22; Hos 9:4
24:18 Eze 12:7
24:19 Eze 12:9, Eze 37:18
24:27 Eze 3:26, Eze 3:27, Eze 29:21, Eze 33:22

form mourning rites, but bind on your turban and put your shoes on your feet. And don't cover your upper lip or eat in human company.

18 I spoke with the people in the morning, and by evening my wife was dead. The next morning I did as I was commanded. 19 The people asked, "Won't you tell us what your actions mean for us?"

20 So I said to them, The LORD's word came to me: 21 Say to the house of Israel, the LORD God proclaims: I'm about to make my sanctuary impure, the pride of your strength, the delight of your eyes. Your heart's desire, the sons and daughters you left behind, will fall by the sword. 22 You will do as I have done. You will neither cover your upper lip nor eat in human company. 23 Your turbans will be on your heads, your sandals on your feet. You won't mourn or weep. You will waste away in your guilt, all of you groaning to each other. 24 Ezekiel is your sign. You will do everything that he has done. When this happens, you will know that I am the LORD God.

25 And you, human one: On the day that I take from them their proud stronghold—their crowning joy, the delight of their eyes—and their sons and daughters, whose fate weighs on them, 26 on that day, a refugee will come to you so that you yourself will hear the news. 27 On that day your mouth will be opened to the refugee, and you will speak and no longer be silent. You will be their sign, and they will know that I am the LORD.

Against the neighboring nations

25 The LORD's word came to me:
2 Human one, face the Ammonites and prophesy against them. 3 Say to the Ammonites: Hear the LORD God's word! The LORD God proclaims: You laughed when my sanctuary was degraded, when Israel's fertile land was laid waste, and when the house of Judah went into exile; 4 therefore,

[r] Or *bones* [s] Or *the lot did not fall to her*

I'm handing you over to people in
the east for them to take possession.
They will set up their encampments
against you, establish residence, de-
vour your fruit, and drink your milk.
5I'll make Rabbah into pastureland for
camels and Ammon a resting place for
flocks. Then you will know that I am
the LORD.

6The LORD God proclaims: Because
you clapped your hands and stamped
your feet when you rejoiced with utter
contempt for Israel's fertile land, 7I'm
about to overpower you. Nations will
plunder you. I will cut you off from the
peoples, remove you from the lands,
and utterly destroy you. Then you will
know that I am the LORD.

8The LORD God proclaims: Because
Moab and Seir say, "Aha! The house of
Judah has become like all the nations,"
9I'll open up the flank of Moab from
the cities at its border, the land's splen-
did cities, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon,
and Kiriathaim. 10I'll hand it over,
along with the Ammonites, to people
in the east for them to take posses-
sion. And so Ammon will no longer be
remembered among the nations. 11I'll
execute judgments in Moab, and they
will know that I am the LORD.

12The LORD God proclaims: Edom
acted with excessive force against the
house of Judah. The Judeans were
guilty, but Edom's vengeance was
excessive. 13So the LORD God now
proclaims: I'll overpower Edom, elimi-
nate all living creatures, and make it a
wasteland from Teman to Dedan. They
will fall by the sword. 14I will execute
my vengeance in Edom through my
people Israel's power. They will act in
Edom according to my anger and fury,
and they will know my vengeance. This
is what the LORD God says.

15The LORD God proclaims: When
the Philistines set out to right the
wrongs done to them, they enacted
revenge with utter contempt and old
hatreds. 16So now the LORD God pro-
claims: I will overpower the Philistines,
eliminate the Cherethites, and obliter-

25:8 Is 15:1; Jer 48:1

25:13 Gn 36:11; Jer 49:7; Eze 29:8; Am 1:12; Hab 3:3

ate all who are left along the coastline.
17I will act against them with great
vengeance and with wrathful punish-
ments. When I execute my vengeance
against them, they will know that I am
the LORD.

Against Tyre

26 In the eleventh year, on the first
day of the month, the LORD's
word came to me:

2Human one,
because Tyre laughed at Jerusalem:
"The gate of the peoples is broken,
she lies open before me,
she is destroyed, but I will succeed!"

3The LORD God now proclaims:
Tyre, I'm now against you!
Just as the sea hurls up its waves,
I will bring many nations
up against you.
4When they destroy the walls of Tyre
and throw down its towers,
I will scrape off all its dirt
and make it into a bare rock,
5a place for drying nets
in the middle of the sea.
I have spoken!
This is what the LORD God says.
It will become prey for the nations,
6and its towns around it
will be put to the sword.
Then they will know
that I am the LORD.

7The LORD God proclaims:
I'm bringing Nebuchadrezzar
against Tyre,
the king of Babylon from the north,
the greatest of all kings,
with horses, chariots, and
charioteers,
an assembly, a great army.
8The towns around you
he will destroy with the sword.
Then he will build towers against
you,
erect siege ramps against you,
and set up shields.
9He will pound his battering ram
against your walls;

with crowbars he will tear down
your towers.
10 The dust from all his horses will
cover you
when he enters your gates
as one who enters a breached city.
Your walls will quake
at the thundering of the
charioteers
and chariot wheels.
11 His horses' hooves will trample
all your courtyards;
he will cut down your people
with the sword,
and the monuments to your
strength
he will bring down[t] to the ground.
12 They will destroy your wealth,
plunder your goods,
tear down your walls,
and raze your fine houses.
Your stone, lumber, and rubble
they will dump into the sea.

13 I will bring an end
to your cacophonous songs;
the sound of your lyres
will never be heard again.
14 I will make you into a bare rock,
a place for drying nets,
and you will never be rebuilt.
I, the LORD, have spoken.
This is what the LORD God says.

A lament for Tyre

15 The LORD God proclaims to Tyre:
Won't the coastlands quake at the news
of your downfall, when the wounded
groan, and when the slaughter in your
midst goes on and on? 16 All the princes
of the sea will come down from their
thrones, remove their royal robes, and
strip off their fine garments. They will
be clothed only in terror as they sit on
the ground. They will be so terrified,
they won't stop shuddering because of
you. 17 They will sing a lament for you,
and they will say:
How you have perished, queen of the
sea,
city once praised,
who once dominated the sea,
she and her rulers,
who spread their terror abroad,
every one of them.
18 Now the wastelands tremble
on the day of your fall.
Your expulsion horrifies
the islands of the sea.
19 The LORD God proclaims: When I
turn you into ruins like uninhabitable
cities, when the deep sea washes over
you and the raging seas cover you, 20 I
will lead you down into the pit, to the
everlasting people. I will install you
in the world below,[u] in the everlast-
ing ruins, with those who go down to
the pit. And so you will neither rule
nor radiate splendor in the land of the
living. 21 I will terrify you, and you will
disappear. You will be sought but never
found again. This is what the LORD
God says.

Tyre, the ship of state

27 The LORD's word came to me:
2 You, human one, sing a lament
for Tyre. 3 Say this about Tyre, who sits
enthroned at the entrance to the sea,
the people's agent for trade through-
out the coastlands. The LORD God pro-
claims:
Tyre, you say,
"I'm perfectly beautiful!"
4 But your territory is
in the depths of the sea,
and it's your builders
who made you beautiful.
5 For you they made your deck
of cypress from Senir.
To make your mast,
they took cedar from Lebanon.
6 For your oars,
they used the oaks of Bashan.
They made your hull, inlaid with
ivory,
of boxwood from the coasts of
Cyprus.
7 Fine embroidered linen from Egypt
was your sail;
it became your emblem.
Your awning was made of blue and

26:13 Is 24:7; Jer 7:34; Rev 18:22
26:20 Ps 28:1; Eze 31:14, Eze 32:18
26:21 Eze 26:15, Eze 27:36; Rev 18:21
27:3 Is 23:3; Eze 28:12
27:5 Dt 3:9

[t] LXX; MT *it will fall* [u] Or *the land of the lowest places*

purple cloth from the coasts of
Elishah.
[8]The princes of Sidon and Arvad
were your oarsmen. Your own wise
men were in you as your helmsmen.
[9]The elders and wise men of Gebal
were in you, patching up your leaks.
Every seagoing ship and its sailors
came to do business with you. [10]Paras,
Lud, and Put were the warriors in your
army. By hanging their shields and hel-
mets on you, they made you radiant.
[11]The men of Arvad and Helech were
stationed on your walls all around; the
men of Gamad were in your towers.
They hung their weapons on your walls
all around. They were the ones who
completed your beauty.
[12]Tarshish was your procurer of
great wealth. For your wares, they
exchanged silver, iron, tin, and lead.
[13]Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were
your agents in human trafficking.
They gave you bronze vessels for these
wares of yours. [14]Beth-togarmah
traded horses, warhorses, and mules
for your wares. [15]Islanders from
Rhodes[v] were your agents. By contract
they procured ebony and ivory for you
from many coastlands. [16]Aram was
your agent for many products. They
traded turquoise, purple cloth, color-
ful brocades, linen, coral, and rubies
for your wares. [17]Judah and the land
of Israel were your agents, trading
the finest wheat,[w] millet,[x] honey, oil,
and balm for your wares. [18]For many
of your finished products, Damascus
traded out of its great wealth the wine
of Helbon and white wool. [19]Vedan and
Javan from the region of Uzal traded
with you. They exchanged wrought
iron, cinnamon, and spices for your
wares. [20]Dedan was your agent for
saddle blankets. [21]Arabia and all the
princes of Kedar traded for you. They
procured lambs, rams, and goats for
you. [22]They were your agents in Sheba
and Raamah. For your wares they ex-
changed the finest spices, every kind
of precious stone, and gold. [23]Harran,

27:15 Gn 10:7; 1Ki 10:22; Eze 25:13, Eze 27:20; Rev 18:12

27:19 Ex 30:23, Ex 30:24; Jgs 5:17; Ps 45:8; Song 4:14

27:23 Gn 10:22; 2Ki 19:12; Is 37:12; Am 1:5

27:25 Ps 48:7; Is 2:16; Eze 27:4, Eze 27:12

Canneh, and Eden were your agents,[y]
and also Assyria and Chilmad. [24]They
procured fine finished goods for you,
garments of purple and brocade, and
plush carpets rolled up and securely
tied with ropes, among your acquisi-
tions. [25]The ships of Tarshish carried
your goods.

You were filled to capacity
and heavily laden
in the middle of the sea.
[26]Your oarsmen brought you out
onto the high seas;
an east wind sank you
into the sea's depths.
[27]Your goods, your wares, your wealth,
your sailors, your helmsmen,
those patching your leaks,
your merchants, all your warriors in
you,
and all the company that is with
you—
they also sank into the sea's depth
on the day of your demise.
[28]At your helmsmen's cries for help,
the troubled waters seethe.
[29]Those entrusted with the oars
desert their posts.
All sailors and helmsmen
seek footing on the shore.
[30]Loudly they cry,
bitterly they wail,
and they put dust on their heads
and cover themselves with ashes.
[31]They cut off all their hair
and put on mourning clothes.
In despair they weep for you,
and bitterly perform
the mourning rites.
[32]In their lamentation
they raise a lament for you;
they sing lamentions over you:
"Who was like Tyre,
silenced in the middle of the sea?"

[33]When your wares came out from the
seas,
you satisfied many people.
Your abundant wealth and
merchandise
enriched the kings of the earth.

[v]Heb *Dedan* [w]Or *wheat from Minnith* [x]Heb uncertain [y]LXX; MT adds *Sheba.*

34 Now you are shattered by the seas;
your cargoes,
as well as everyone in your
company,
are sunk into the water's depths.
35 Now the inhabitants of the
coastlands
shudder on account of you.
And as for their kings,
their hair stands on end;
their faces betray their horror.
36 The merchants for the peoples
hiss because of you.
You have become a terror;
from now on you are nothing.

Prince of Tyre

28 The LORD's word came to me:
2 Human one, say to the prince
of Tyre, The LORD God proclaims: In
your arrogance, you say, "I am God,
and as God I rule the seas!" Though you
claim to have the mind of a god, you
are mortal, not divine. 3 You are cer-
tainly wiser than Daniel; no secrets are
hidden from you. 4 By your wisdom and
discernment, you made yourself rich,
and you filled your storehouses with
silver and gold. 5 Through your shrewd
trading you multiplied your riches. But
then you became proud of your riches.

6 So now the LORD God proclaims:
Because you claim to have the mind of
a god, 7 I'll bring foreigners, the most
ruthless nations, against you. They will
let loose their swords against your fine
wisdom, and they will degrade your
splendor. 8 They will hurl you to de-
struction, and you will die, murdered,
on the high seas. 9 When you face your
murderers, will you still say, "I'm God"?
In your killers' hands, you are mortal,
not divine. 10 You will die as the uncir-
cumcised do, at the hands of foreigners.
I have spoken. This is what the LORD
God has said.

11 The LORD's word came to me:
12 Human one, sing a lament for the
king of Tyre. Say to him, The LORD
God proclaims: You were full of wis-
dom and beauty, the image of perfec-
tion. 13 You were in Eden, God's garden.
You were covered with gold and every
precious stone: carnelian, topaz, and
moonstone; beryl, onyx, and jasper;
lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald.
On the day that you were created,
finely crafted pendants and engrav-
ings were prepared. 14 You, a winged
creature, were installed as a guardian.
I placed you in God's holy mountain
where you walked among the stones of
fire. 15 From the day you were created
until injustice was found in you, your
ways were assured. 16 But because of
your trade, your oppressive business
practices piled up, and you became
impure. So I expelled you from God's
mountain. I removed you, winged crea-
ture, guardian, from among the stones
of fire. 17 You exalted yourself because
of your beauty and corrupted your wis-
dom for the sake of your splendor. I will
cast you down to the earth in the sight
of kings, and I will make a spectacle of
you. 18 Because of your corrupt trade,
which surpassed your many other sins,
you made your sanctuaries impure.
Therefore, I will bring fire from your
midst. When it has consumed you, I
will turn you into dust on the earth in
the sight of all who see you. 19 Everyone
among the peoples who knows you will
be appalled because of you. You will be-
come a terror. From that time on, you
will be nothing.

Against Sidon

20 The LORD's word came to me:
21 Human one, face Sidon, prophesy
against it, 22 and say, The LORD God
proclaims: I'm against you, Sidon,
and I will manifest my glory in you.
When I've executed judgment against
it and through it have manifested my
holiness, they will know that I am the
LORD. 23 I will hurl plague against it,
and blood will run in its streets. When
the sword comes against it from all
sides, the slain will fall within it. Then
they will know that I am the LORD.
24 The house of Israel will no longer suf-
fer from the pricking thorn or painful
briar of any of its neighbors who hold

28:2 Ps 9:20; Is 14:14, Is 31:3; Eze 28:9; 2Th 2:4

28:3 Eze 14:14

28:4 Zec 9:2, Zec 9:3

28:5 Job 31:24, Job 31:25; Eze 28:2; Hos 12:8, Hos 13:6

28:6 Eze 28:2

28:7 Eze 30:11, Eze 31:12, Eze 32:12; Hab 1:6

28:8 Eze 27:27

28:9 Eze 28:2

28:10 1Sa 17:26; Eze 31:18, Eze 32:19, Eze 32:24, Eze 44:9

28:12 Eze 19:1, Eze 27:2, Eze 27:3, Eze 28:2

28:13 Gn 2:8; Is 51:3; Eze 27:16, Eze 31:8, Eze 31:9

28:14 Ex 25:17, Ex 30:26, Ex 40:9; Eze 20:40, Eze 28:16

28:15 Eze 27:3, Eze 27:4, Eze 28:3, Eze 28:12, Eze 28:17

28:16 Eze 28:14; Hab 2:17

28:17 Eze 28:2, Eze 28:5, Eze 31:10

28:18 Am 1:10; Mal 4:3

28:19 Jer 51:64; Eze 26:21, Eze 27:36

it in contempt. And they will know that I am the LORD God.

25 The LORD God proclaims: When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they've scattered, and I demonstrate my holiness through them in the sight of the nations, they will live on their fertile land, which I gave to my servant Jacob. 26 They will live on it in safety. They will build houses, plant vineyards, and live in safety. When I execute judgments against all who hold them in contempt on every side, they will know that I, the LORD, am their God.

Against Egypt

29 In the tenth year, on the twelfth day of the tenth month, the LORD's word came to me: 2 Human one, face Pharaoh, Egypt's king, and prophesy against him and against all of Egypt. 3 Speak and say, The LORD God proclaims:

I'm against you,
Pharaoh, Egypt's king,
great crocodile lurking
in the Nile's canals,
who says, "The Nile is all mine;
I made it for myself!"
4 I will set hooks in your jaws;
I will make the fish
from the Nile's canals
cling to your scales.
I will drag you out of the Nile's canals,
and also all the fish
from the Nile's canals
clinging to your scales.
5 I will fling you out into the desert,
and also all the fish
from the Nile's canals.
You will fall on the open ground,
and won't be gathered or retrieved.

I've given you to the beasts of the earth
and the birds in the sky for food.
6 Everyone living in Egypt
will know that I am the LORD.

Because they were a flimsy crutch for the house of Israel— 7 when they took you in hand, you would splinter and make their shoulders sore; when they leaned on you, you would break, bringing them to their knees— 8 now the LORD God proclaims: I'm bringing a sword against you, and I will cut off from you human and beast. 9 The land of Egypt will be turned into a wasteland and ruins. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Because you[z] said, "The Nile is mine; I made it," 10 I'm against you and against the Nile's canals. I will make the land of Egypt into an utter ruin, a wasteland, from Migdol to Syene and as far as its boundary with Cush. 11 No foot, animal or human, will walk across it, and it won't be inhabited for forty years. 12 I will make the land of Egypt the most desolate of wastelands and its cities the most devastated of ruined cities. It will be a wasteland for forty years, and the Egyptians will be scattered among the nations and dispersed throughout the lands.

13 The LORD God proclaims: At the end of forty years, I will gather the Egyptians from among the nations where they are scattered. 14 I will improve their circumstances and bring them back to the land of Pathros, the land of their origin. Egypt will be a lowly kingdom there. 15 Out of all the kingdoms, it will be the lowliest. It will never again exalt itself over the nations, and I will make it small to keep it from ruling the nations. 16 The house of Israel will never again bring guilt on itself by faithlessly turning to Egypt for help, for they will know that I am the LORD God.

17 In the twenty-seventh year, on the first day of the first month, the LORD's word came to me: 18 Human one, Babylon's King Nebuchadrezzar made his army labor very hard against Tyre. Every head was scraped bald, and every shoulder was rubbed raw, yet he got nothing from Tyre for himself or for his army for any of his efforts against it. 19 So now the LORD God proclaims: I'm going to give the land of Egypt to

28:25 Is 11:12; Jer 23:8; Eze 11:17, Eze 20:41, Eze 34:13

28:26 Lv 25:18; Is 65:21; Jer 23:6; Eze 38:8; Am 9:14

29:3 Ps 74:13; Is 27:1, Is 51:9; Eze 29:9, Eze 32:2

29:4 2Ki 19:28; Is 37:29; Eze 38:4

29:5 Jer 7:33, Jer 8:2, Jer 34:20; Eze 32:4, Eze 39:4

29:18 Jer 25:9, Jer 27:6, Jer 49:28; Eze 26:7

29:19 Jer 43:10; Eze 30:10, Eze 30:24, Eze 32:11

[z] Or *he*

Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar. He will carry off its wealth, he will plunder and loot it, and it will be the wages for his army. [20]I will give him the land of Egypt as payment for his laboring for me. This is what the LORD God says.

[21]On that day I will give new strength[a] to the house of Israel, and I will open your mouth among them. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

30 The LORD's word came to me: [2]Human one, prophesy and say, The LORD God proclaims:

Howl! Horror for the day!
[3]The day is coming,
the day of the LORD comes,
a day of clouds:
the nations' time has come.
[4]A sword will come into Egypt,
and trembling will overcome Cush,
when the slain fall in Egypt,
its wealth carried away,
and its foundations razed.
[5]Cush, Put, and Lud,
all Arabia and Cub,
and the people from
the allied country[b] with them
will fall by the sword.

[6]The LORD proclaims:
When Egypt's helpers fall,
its proud strength will decline.
From Migdol to Syene
they will fall by the sword.
This is what the LORD God says.

[7]Of all the lands laid waste, it will be the most desolate; of all cities, the most ruined. [8]They will know that I am the LORD. On the day that I set fire to Egypt and all its helpers are broken, [9]messengers in ships will go out from me to startle the complacent Cushites. Anguish will overcome them on Egypt's day. It's certainly coming.

[10]The LORD God proclaims:
I will bring an end to the hordes of Egypt
through the power
of Babylon's King Nebuchadrezzar.
[11]He and his people with him,
the most terrible of the nations,
will be brought in to destroy the land.
They will draw their swords
against Egypt
and fill the land with the slain.
[12]I will dry up the Nile canals;
I will sell the land to evildoers.
With the help of foreigners
I will lay waste to the land
and everything in it.
I, the LORD, have spoken.

[13]The LORD God proclaims:
I will destroy the idols
and bring an end to the images
in Memphis.
Never again will there be
a prince from the land of Egypt;
so I will kindle fear in the land of Egypt.
[14]I will turn Pathros into a desolation,
set fire to Zoan,
and execute judgments in Thebes.
[15]I will pour out my anger on Pelusium,
the stronghold of Egypt,
and I will cut down pompous Thebes.
[16]I will set Egypt on fire;
Pelusium will writhe in travail,
Thebes will be split open,
Memphis assaulted in broad daylight.
[17]The elite troops of On and Pi-beseth
will fall by the sword,
and the cities themselves
will go into captivity.

[18]At Tehaphnehes the day will go dark when I break Egypt's yoke and bring an end to its proud strength. A cloud will cover it, and the towns around it will go into captivity. [19]I will execute judgments in Egypt, and they will know that I am the LORD.

[20]In the eleventh year, on the first day of the seventh month, the LORD's word came to me: [21]Human one, I've broken the arm of Pharaoh, Egypt's king, and it hasn't been set so that it might heal, nor has it been braced or wrapped up so that it might be strong enough to grasp a sword.

30:9 Is 18:1, Is 18:2, Is 23:5; Eze 32:9

[a]Or *make a horn sprout* [b]Or *land of the covenant*

[22]So now the LORD God proclaims:
I'm against Pharaoh, and I will break
his arms, both the sound one and the
broken one, and I'll make the sword
fall out of his hand. [23]I will scatter
the Egyptians among the nations and
disperse them throughout the earth.
[24]I will strengthen the arms of the
king of Babylon, and I will put my
sword into his hand. When I break
the arms of Pharaoh, he will groan
like a dying man in his presence. [25]I
will strengthen the arms of the king
of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh
will fall. They will know that I am
the LORD, when I put my sword into
the hand of the king of Babylon and
he uses it against the land of Egypt.
[26]When I scatter the Egyptians
among the nations and disperse them
throughout the earth, they will know
that I am the LORD.

Egypt is not Assyria

31 In the eleventh year, on the
first day of the third month, the
LORD's word came to me: [2]Human one,
say to Pharaoh, Egypt's king, and his
troops:

With whom do you compare
in your greatness?
[3]Consider Assyria, a cedar of Lebanon:
beautiful branches, dense shade,
towering height;
indeed, its top went up
between the clouds.
[4]Waters nourished it; the deep raised
it up,
because its streams flowed around
the place where it was planted.
From there, water trickled down
to all the other trees of the field.
[5]And so it became higher than
all the trees of the field.
Its branches became abundant;
its boughs grew long.
Because of the plentiful water,
it grew freely.
[6]All the birds in the sky
made nests in its branches;
all the beasts of the field
gave birth under its boughs,
and in its shade,
every great nation lived.
[7]It became beautiful in its greatness
and in its lush foliage,
because it took root in plentiful
water.
[8]No cedar was its equal in God's
garden.
The fir trees didn't have anything
like its branches,
and the plane trees had nothing
like its boughs.
None of the trees in God's garden
could compare to it in its beauty.
[9]As for its beauty—
I made it so,
with its abundant foliage.
All the trees of Eden envied it,
all that were in God's garden.

[10]So now the LORD God proclaims:
Consider the fate
of those who tower high!
When it allowed its branches to
reach up
among the clouds,
it became arrogant.
[11]So I handed it over
to the most powerful nation,
who continually
acted treacherously against it.
I banished it!
[12]Foreigners, the worst of the nations,
cut it down
and left it to lie among the hills.
All its branches fell among the
valleys,
and its boughs were broken off
in the earth's deep ravines.
All the earth's peoples departed
from its shade and abandoned it.
[13]On its trunk roost all the birds in the
sky,
and on its boughs lie
all the beasts of the field.
[14]All this has happened so that no
other well-watered tree would tower
high or allow its branches to reach
among the clouds. Nor would their
leaders achieve the towering stature of
such well-watered trees. Certainly, all
of them are consigned to death, to the

31:1 Jer 52:5; Eze 30:20

world below,[c] among human beings who go down to the pit.

15 The Lord God proclaims: On the day that it went down to the underworld,[d] I caused mourning. I blocked off the deep sea against it. I dried up its rivers and restrained the mighty waters. I made Lebanon go into mourning for it, and all the trees of the field languished on its account. 16 When it was felled, the nations quaked at the sound. When I cast it down into the underworld, with those who go down to the pit, all the trees of Eden were comforted in the world below, the choicest and the best of Lebanon, all the trees that depended on water. 17 His allies,[e] those among the nations who lived under his shade, these also went down with him to the underworld, to those who are slain by the sword.

18 Are you like any of these in glory or greatness among Eden's trees? Then you too will go down with Eden's trees to the world below. You will lie among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and his entire horde. This is what the Lord God says.

Egypt the crocodile

32 In the twelfth year, on the first day of the twelfth month, the Lord's word came to me: 2 Human one, sing a lament for Pharaoh, Egypt's king. Say to him:

You consider yourself a young lion
among the nations,
but you are like the sea monster!
You thrash about in your rivers,
you roil the waters with your feet,
and you muddy your[f] rivers.
3 The Lord God proclaims:
In the company of many peoples
I will spread my net over you,
and I will haul you up in my
dragnet.
4 I will cast you out on the earth
and throw you on the open ground.
I will cause all the birds in the sky
to settle on you,
and all the beasts of the earth
to devour you.
5 Your flesh I will set upon the
mountains,
and I will fill the valleys with your
gore.
6 With your blood I will soak
your irrigated land,[g]
and the streambeds
will be filled with you.
7 When you are snuffed out,
I will cover the sky,
and I will darken the stars.
I will cover the sun with a cloud,
and the moon won't radiate its
light.
8 As for the shining lights of the
heavens,
I will make them dark over you,
and set darkness over your land.
This is what the Lord God says.

9 I will trouble the hearts of many
peoples
when I bring about your destruction
with nations from lands
you didn't know.
10 I will make many peoples appalled
because of you.
Their kings will shudder violently
on your account
when I brandish my sword before
them.
They will tremble for their lives
again and again
on the day of your downfall.

11 The Lord God proclaims: The sword of the king of Babylon is coming against you! 12 I will make your hordes fall by the swords of mighty men, the most terrifying of the nations, all of them. They will bring an end to Egypt's pride, and all of its hordes will be destroyed. 13 I will remove all its livestock from beside the plentiful waters so that neither human foot nor livestock's hoof will trouble it again. 14 At that time, I will allow the waters to run clear, and make its rivers flow like oil. This is what the Lord God says. 15 When I turn the land of Egypt into a wasteland and the land

32:1 Eze 30:20, Eze 31:1, Eze 32:17
32:2 Eze 19:1, Eze 29:3
32:3 Eze 12:13
32:4 Is 18:6; Eze 29:5, Eze 31:13, Eze 39:4
32:5 Eze 31:12
32:6 Is 34:3; Rev 14:20
32:7 Is 13:10, Is 34:4; Jl 2:31, Jl 3:15; Mt 24:29
32:8 Gn 1:14; Jl 2:10; Am 8:9
32:9 Rev 18:10
32:10 Eze 26:16, Eze 27:35
32:11 Jer 46:13, Jer 46:26; Eze 21:19, Eze 29:19
32:12 Eze 28:7
32:13 Eze 29:11
32:15 Ex 7:5, Ex 14:4, Ex 14:18

[c] Or *the land of the lowest places* [d] Heb *Sheol* [e] Or *his arms* [f] LXX; MT *their* [g] MT adds *to the mountains.*

is deprived of all that fills it, and when I strike down those who live there, then they will know that I am the LORD.
16 This is a lament, and it will be sung as a lament. The daughters of the nations will lament for Egypt, and they will also lament for Egypt's hordes. This is what the LORD God says.

17 In the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the first month,[h] the LORD's word came to me: 18 Human one, mourn for Egypt's hordes.

Send Egypt down
with the mighty nations subject[i] to it,
to the world below,[j]
among those who go down to the pit.
19 Whom do you surpass in beauty?
Go down and take your bed
with the uncircumcised,
20 among those who fall slain by the sword.

A sword is appointed, and all his hordes will carry him off. 21 The mighty chieftains, those who once came to his aid, will speak to him from the middle of the underworld,[k] for the uncircumcised have gone down and have lain down, slain by the sword.

Vanished glory

22 Assyria is there, and all its assembly
round about his grave,
all of them slain, fallen by the sword,
23 who were assigned graves
in the deepest region of the pit.
His assembly surrounded his grave,
all of them slain, fallen by the sword,
who caused terror
in the land of the living.

24 Elam is there, her entire horde
round about her grave,
all of them slain, fallen by the sword,
who went down uncircumcised
to the world below,[l]
who caused terror
in the land of the living.
They bore their shame
like those who go down to the pit.
25 Among the slain they made a bed
for her,
with all her hordes round about her grave,
all of them uncircumcised,
slain by the sword,
for they caused terror
in the land of the living.
They bore their shame
like those who go down to the pit;
in the midst of the slain
she[m] was placed.

26 Meshech and Tubal are there,
and all their hordes
around their graves,
all of them uncircumcised,
slain by the sword,
for they caused terror
in the land of the living.
27 They don't lie with the mighty men fallen among the uncircumcised. When they went down to the underworld[n] with their weapons of war, they put their swords under their heads and their shields[o] over their bones. The terror of the mighty men is in the land of the living.

28 But you, you will be broken among the uncircumcised, and you will lie with those who are slain by the sword.
29 Edom is there,
its kings and all its princes,
who, though strong,
were put with those slain
by the sword.
They lie with the uncircumcised,
like those who go down to the pit.

30 All the princes of the north are there,
and all the Sidonians
who went down with the slain;
in spite of the terror of their strength,
they were disgraced.
They lie uncircumcised with
those slain by the sword.

32:16 Eze 26:17, Eze 32:2
32:17 Eze 32:1
32:18 Eze 26:20, Eze 31:14, Eze 32:2, Eze 32:16
32:19 Eze 28:10, Eze 31:18, Eze 32:29
32:20 Ps 28:3
32:21 Is 14:9; Eze 32:27
32:22 Eze 31:3
32:23 Is 14:15; Eze 26:17
32:24 Gn 10:22; Jer 49:34; Eze 32:25
32:25 Ps 139:8
32:26 Is 66:19; Eze 27:13, Eze 38:2, Eze 38:3, Eze 39:1
32:27 Eze 32:21
32:28 Eze 28:10, Eze 31:18

[h] LXX; MT lacks *the first month.* [i] Or *daughter nations* [j] Or *the land of the lowest places* [k] Heb *Sheol* [l] Or *the land of the lowest places* [m] Or *he* [n] Heb *Sheol* [o] Or *sin*

They bore their shame
like those who go down to the pit.

31 When Pharaoh sees them,
he will be sorry for all his hordes
who are slain by the sword—
Pharaoh and all his army.
This is what the LORD God says,
32 Though it was I who put his terror
in the land of the living,
he will be laid out
among the uncircumcised,
with those slain by the sword,
Pharaoh and all his horde.
This is what the LORD God says.

The lookout

33 The LORD's word came to me:
2 Human one, speak to your people and say to them: Suppose I bring a sword against a country, and the people of the land take a certain person from their assembly and make him their lookout. 3 When he sees the sword coming against the land, he blows the trumpet and warns the people. 4 If they hear the sound of the trumpet but don't heed the warning, when the sword comes and they are taken away, they are responsible for their blood. 5 They heard the sound of the trumpet but didn't heed the warning, so their blood is on them. If they had paid attention to the warning, they would have saved their lives. 6 If the lookout sees the sword coming but doesn't blow the trumpet to warn the people, when the sword comes and takes away any of them, they are taken away in their sin, but I'll hold the lookout responsible for their blood.

7 You, human one, I've made you a lookout for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear me speaking, you must give them warning from me. 8 If I pronounce a death sentence on wicked people, and you don't warn them to turn from their way, they will die in their guilt, but I will hold you responsible for their blood. 9 But suppose you do warn the wicked of their ways so that they might turn from them. If they don't turn from their ways, they will die in their guilt, but you will save your life.

10 You, human one, say to the house of Israel: This is what all of you are saying: "How our transgressions and our sins weigh on us! We waste away because of them. How can we live?" 11 Say to them, This is what the LORD God says: As surely as I live, do I take pleasure in the death of the wicked? If the wicked turn from their ways, they will live. Turn, completely turn from your wicked ways! Why should you die, house of Israel?

12 You, human one, say to your people: The righteousness of the righteous doesn't rescue them when they begin to sin. Nor does the wickedness of the wicked make them stumble if they turn from their wickedness. If the righteous sin, their righteousness won't protect them. 13 Even if I've told the righteous they will live, none of their righteous deeds will be remembered if they trust in their righteousness and do wrong. They will die because of their evil deeds. 14 And even if I have pronounced a death sentence on the wicked, if they turn from sin and do what is just and right—15 if they return pledges, make restitution for robbery, and walk in life-giving regulations in order not to sin—they will live and not die. 16 None of the sins they've committed will be remembered against them. They've done what is just and right, and they will live.

17 Yet your people say, "My Lord's way doesn't measure up." Isn't it their ways that don't measure up? 18 When the righteous turn from their righteousness to do wrong, they will die because of it. 19 And when the wicked turn from their wickedness to do what is just and right, it is for that reason they will live. 20 Yet you say, "My Lord's way doesn't measure up." I judge each one of you according to your ways, house of Israel!

News from Jerusalem

21 In the twelfth year, on the fifth day of the tenth month of our exile, a

33:2 Eze 3:11, Eze 33:12, Eze 33:17, Eze 33:30, Eze 37:18

33:3 Neh 4:18; Hos 8:1; Jl 2:1; Am 3:6

33:6 Is 56:10; Eze 3:18, Eze 33:8

33:7 Is 62:6; Jer 1:17, Jer 26:2; Eze 3:17

33:8 Is 3:11; Eze 18:4, Eze 33:6, Eze 33:14

33:9 Eze 3:19

33:10 Lv 26:39; Eze 4:17, Eze 24:23, Eze 37:11

33:11 Is 55:7; Eze 18:23, Eze 18:30, Eze 18:31, Eze 18:32

33:12 2Ch 7:14; Eze 3:20, Eze 18:21, Eze 18:24, Eze 33:2

33:13 Eze 3:20, Eze 18:24; Heb 10:38; 2Pt 2:20, 2Pt 2:21

33:14 Eze 18:27

33:15 Ex 22:1; Lv 6:2; Eze 18:7; Lk 19:8

33:16 Is 1:18, Is 43:25; Eze 18:22

33:17 Eze 18:25, Eze 18:29, Eze 33:20

33:18 Eze 3:20, Eze 18:26, Eze 33:12, Eze 33:13

33:19 Eze 18:27, Eze 33:14

33:20 Eze 18:30, Eze 33:17

survivor from Jerusalem came to me and reported, "The city has fallen!" [22]The LORD's power was with me in the evening before the survivor arrived, and just before he arrived in the morning, God opened my mouth. So my mouth was opened, and I was no longer speechless.

[23]The LORD's word came to me: [24]Human one, those who live among those ruins in Israel's fertile land are saying, "Abraham was just one man, and he inherited the land. We are many, so certainly the land has been given to us as an inheritance."

[25]So say to them, The LORD God proclaims: You eat with the blood, you lift your eyes to the idols, and you shed blood. Should you inherit the land? [26]You live by the sword, you observe detestable practices, and every one of you commits adultery.[p] Should you inherit the land?

[27]Say to them, The LORD God proclaims: As surely as I live, those in the ruins will fall by the sword, those in the countryside I will give to the wild beasts to consume, and those in the strongholds and caves will die of plague. [28]I will make the land an uninhabitable waste. Its proud strength will come to an end, and Israel's highlands will become so deserted that no one will cross through them. [29]They will know that I am the LORD when I make the land an uninhabitable waste because of all their detestable practices.

A fickle audience

[30]As for you, human one, your people talk about you beside the walls and in their doorways. One by one, they say to each other, "Let's go hear what sort of message has come from the LORD." [31]So they come to you as people do, and they sit before you as my people. They listen to your words, but they refuse to do them. Though they speak of their longing[q] for me, they act out of their own interests and opinions. [32]To them you are like a singer of love songs with a lovely voice and skilled technique. They listen to your words, but no one does them. [33]When this comes—and it is certainly coming—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

34:1 Jer 23:1, Jer 23:2

34:2 Is 40:11; Jer 3:15, Jer 23:1; Eze 34:8; Mi 3:1

34:3 Prv 31:13; Is 56:11; Zec 11:5, Zec 11:16

34:4 Ex 1:13; Eze 34:16; Zec 11:15, Zec 11:16; Mt 10:6

34:5 Nm 27:17; Mt 9:36

34:6 Ps 142:4; 1Pt 2:25

34:7 Mi 3:9

34:8 Eze 16:48, Eze 34:2, Eze 34:10, Eze 34:31; Jud 1:12

34:10 Eze 34:2

34:11 Is 40:11

34:12 Jer 31:10; Eze 30:3; Jl 2:2; Zep 1:15

The good shepherd

34 [2]The LORD's word came to me: Human one, prophesy against Israel's shepherds. Prophesy and say to them, The LORD God proclaims to the shepherds: Doom to Israel's shepherds who tended themselves! Shouldn't shepherds tend the flock? [3]You drink the milk, you wear the wool, and you slaughter the fat animals, but you don't tend the flock. [4]You don't strengthen the weak, heal the sick, bind up the injured, bring back the strays, or seek out the lost; but instead you use force to rule them with injustice. [5]Without a shepherd, my flock was scattered; and when it was scattered, it became food for all the wild animals. [6]My flock strayed on all the mountains and on every high hill throughout all the earth. My flock was scattered, and there was no one to look for them or find them. [7]So now shepherds, hear the LORD's word! [8]This is what the LORD God says: As surely as I live, without a shepherd, my flock became prey. My flock became food for all the wild animals. My shepherds didn't seek out my flock. They tended themselves, but they didn't tend my flock.

[9]So, shepherds, hear the LORD's word! [10]The LORD God proclaims: I'm against the shepherds! I will hold them accountable for my flock, and I will put an end to their tending the flock. The shepherds will no longer tend them, because I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and they will no longer be their food.

[11]The LORD God proclaims: I myself will search for my flock and seek them out. [12]As a shepherd seeks out the flock when some in the flock have been scattered, so will I seek out my flock. I will rescue them from all the places

[p]Or *defiles his neighbor's wife* [q]Or *love songs*

where they were scattered during the time of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will gather and lead them out from the countries and peoples, and I will bring them to their own fertile land. I will feed them on Israel's highlands, along the riverbeds, and in all the inhabited places. 14I will feed them in good pasture, and their sheepfold will be there, on Israel's lofty highlands. On Israel's highlands, they will lie down in a secure fold and feed on green pastures. 15I myself will feed my flock and make them lie down. This is what the LORD God says. 16I will seek out the lost, bring back the strays, bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak. But the fat and the strong I will destroy, because I will tend my sheep[r] with justice.

17As for you, my flock, the LORD God proclaims: I will judge between the rams and the bucks among the sheep and the goats. 18Is feeding in good pasture or drinking clear water such a trivial thing that you should trample and muddy what is left with your feet? 19But now my flock must feed on what your feet have trampled and drink water that your feet have muddied.

20So the LORD God proclaims to them: I will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. 21You shove with shoulder and flank, and with your horns you ram all the weak sheep until you've scattered them outside. 22But I will rescue my flock so that they will never again be prey. I will even judge between the sheep! 23I will appoint for them a single shepherd, and he will feed them. My servant David will feed them. He will be their shepherd. 24I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be their prince. I, the LORD, have spoken. 25I will make a covenant of peace for them, and I will banish the wild animals from the land. Then they will safely live in the desert and sleep in the forest. 26I will give them and those around my hill a blessing by sending the rain in its season. They will be rains of blessing. 27The trees in the field will bear fruit, and the earth will yield its harvest. They will be safe on their fertile land, and they will know that I am the LORD when I break the bars of their yoke and deliver them from those who enslaved them. 28The nations will no longer prey on them, and wild animals will no longer devour them. They will live in safety, with no one to trouble them. 29I will establish for them a place famous for what it grows. No longer will they experience famine in the land, nor will they bear the disgrace of the nations. 30They will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are my people. This is what the LORD God says. 31You are my flock, the flock of my pasture. You are human, and I am your God. This is what the LORD God says.

34:13 Eze 11:17, Eze 28:25
34:14 Ps 23:2; Jn 10:9
34:15 Ps 23:1, Ps 23:2; Eze 34:23; Zep 3:13; 1Pt 5:2
34:16 Is 10:16, Is 40:11; Eze 34:4; Mi 4:6
34:17 Eze 20:38, Eze 34:20; Zec 10:3; Mt 25:32, Mt 25:33
34:18 Eze 32:2
34:20 Eze 34:10, Eze 34:17
34:21 Dt 33:17
34:22 Ps 72:12
34:23 Is 40:11; Jer 23:4, Jer 30:9; Eze 37:24, Eze 37:25
34:24 Jer 30:9; Eze 37:24, Eze 37:25
34:25 Lv 26:6; Is 11:6; Eze 37:26; Hos 2:18
34:26 Gn 12:2; Lv 26:4; Ps 68:9
34:27 Lv 26:4, Lv 26:13; Jer 30:8; Eze 36:30
34:28 Jer 30:10
34:29 Is 4:2; Eze 36:6, Eze 36:15, Eze 36:29
34:30 Ps 46:7; Eze 14:11, Eze 37:27
34:31 Ps 80:1, Ps 100:3
35:6 Gn 9:6; Is 63:2

Against Edom

35 The LORD's word came to me:
2Human one, face Mount Seir,
and prophesy against it. 3Say to it, The
LORD God proclaims:

I'm against you, Mount Seir!
I will use my power against you.
I will make you
into a desolate wasteland,
4I will turn your cities into ruins,
and you will become a desolation.
Then you will know
that I am the LORD.

5Because you nursed an ancient grudge, you handed the Israelites over to the sword in the time of their distress, during their final punishment. 6So now the LORD God proclaims: As surely as I live, I will prepare you for blood, and blood will pursue you. Because you don't hate bloodshed, bloodshed will pursue you. 7I will turn Mount Seir into a desolate wasteland, when I cut off from it both passerby and homecomer. 8I will fill its highlands—your hills and your valleys, and all your ravines—with its slain. Those

[r]Or *them*

who are slain by the sword will fall on them. 9I will turn you into an eternal desolation. Your cities won't be inhabited, and you will know that I am the LORD.

10You said, "These two nations and these two territories are mine. We will take possession of them even if the LORD is there." 11Therefore, the LORD God proclaims: As surely as I live, I will act according to the anger and zeal you displayed when you dealt with them so hatefully. When I judge you, I will make myself known to them, 12and you will know that I am the LORD. I've heard the lies and libels that you uttered against Israel's highlands when you said, "They are laid waste. They've been given to us to consume." 13With your mouths you exalted yourselves against me and spoke your words against me. I myself heard it!

14The LORD God proclaims: As the whole world rejoices, I will turn you into a desolation. 15Just as you rejoiced over the house of Israel's inheritance because it became desolate, so I will deal with you. Mount Seir, you will become a desolation, with all of Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Mountains of Israel

36 You, human one, prophesy to Israel's mountains and say, Hear the LORD's word, mountains of Israel! 2The LORD God proclaims: The enemy mocked you and said, "The ancient heights belong to us." 3Therefore, prophesy and say, The LORD God proclaims: When the surviving nations pressed in and ravaged you from all around to lay claim to you, you became an object of the people's slander and derision. 4Hear the LORD God's word, mountains of Israel! The LORD God proclaims to the mountains and the hills, the watercourses and the valleys, the desolate ruins and the abandoned cities that were contemptuously looted by the surviving nations all around you.

36:1 Eze 6:2

36:5 Dt 4:24; Eze 25:12, Eze 35:15, Eze 36:3, Eze 38:19

36:12 Nm 13:32; Jer 15:7, Jer 32:15; Eze 34:13, Eze 34:14

36:17 Jer 2:7

5So now, says the LORD God, I will speak in my fiery passion against the surviving nations and against Edom, all those who gleefully and spitefully took my land for themselves as a possession only for plunder.[s] 6Prophesy concerning Israel's fertile land, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, The LORD God proclaims: Because you endured the ridicule of the nations, my passion and fury lead me to speak. 7So now the LORD God proclaims: I myself swear that the nations round about you will themselves suffer ridicule. 8But you, mountains of Israel, will extend your branches and bear your fruit for my people Israel, because they will come home very soon. 9Look, I'm here for you, and I will turn toward you, and you will be farmed and sown. 10I will populate you with human beings, the whole house of Israel, all of them. The cities will be inhabited, the ruins rebuilt. 11When I make people and animals increase on you, they will multiply and be fruitful. I will cause you to be inhabited as you were before. I will do more good for you than in the beginning, and you will know that I am the LORD. 12I will let people walk through you, my people Israel! They will lay claim to you, you will be their inheritance, and you will no longer deprive them of anything.

13The LORD God proclaims: Because people say, "You are a devourer of human beings" and "You are depriving your nation," 14therefore, you will no longer devour human beings or deprive your nation of anything. This is what the LORD God says. 15You won't have to listen anymore to the taunts of the nations or endure the scorn of the peoples. And you will no longer deprive your nation of anything. This is what the LORD God says.

A new heart

16The LORD's word came to me: 17Human one, when the house of

[s]MT adds *to drive it out.*

Israel lived on their fertile land, they polluted it with their ways and deeds. Their ways before me were polluted like the blood of menstruation, [18]and so I poured out my fury on them for all the blood they had poured out on the land and for all the defilement of their idols. [19]When I scattered them to the nations and dispersed them into other lands, I judged them according to their ways and deeds. [20]But then when they entered the other nations, they degraded my holy name because it was said of them, "These are the LORD's people, yet they had to leave his land." [21]So I had compassion on my holy name, which the house of Israel degraded among the nations where they had gone.

[22]Therefore, say to the house of Israel, The LORD God proclaims: House of Israel, I'm not acting for your sake but for the sake of my holy name, which you degraded among the nations where you have gone. [23]I will make my great name holy, which was degraded among the nations when you dishonored it among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD. This is what the LORD God says.

When I make myself holy among you in their sight, [24]I will take you from the nations, I will gather you from all the countries, and I will bring you to your own fertile land. [25]I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be cleansed of all your pollution. I will cleanse you of all your idols. [26]I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one, [27]and I will give you my spirit so that you may walk according to my regulations and carefully observe my case laws. [28]Then you will live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, you will be my people, and I will be your God. [29]I will save you from all your uncleanness, and I will summon the grain and make it grow abundantly so that you won't endure famine. [30]I will make abundant the orchards' fruit and the fields' produce so that you will never again endure the shame of famine among the nations. [31]Then you will remember your evil ways and no-good deeds, and you will feel disgust for yourselves because of your sinful and detestable practices. [32]Not for your sake do I act. This is what the LORD God proclaims. Let that be known to you! Be ashamed and be humiliated because of all your ways, house of Israel.

[33]The LORD God proclaims: On the day that I cleanse you of all your guilt, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the ruins will be rebuilt. [34]The desolate land will be farmed, and it won't be like it was when it seemed a wasteland to all who passed by. [35]They will say, "This land, which was a desolation, has become like the garden of Eden." And the cities that were ruined, ravaged, and razed are now fortified and inhabited. [36]The surviving nations around you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt what was torn down and have planted what was made desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

[37]The LORD God proclaims: I will also allow the house of Israel to ask me to do this for them: that I increase them like a human flock. [38]Like the holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem at its festivals, the ruined cities will be filled with a human flock. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Valley of dry bones

37 The LORD's power overcame me, and while I was in the LORD's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. [2]He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry. [3]He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?"

I said, "LORD God, only you know."

[4]He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the LORD's word! [5]The

36:18 2Ch 34:21; Eze 7:8
36:19 Dt 28:64; Eze 22:15
36:20 Is 52:5; Jer 33:24; Ro 2:24
36:21 Lv 19:2; Ps 22:3, Ps 74:18; Is 12:6, Is 48:9
36:22 Dt 9:5; Eze 36:32
36:23 Eze 20:41, Eze 38:23
36:24 Is 43:5; Eze 11:17, Eze 34:13, Eze 37:21
36:25 Ps 51:7; Is 4:4; Jer 33:8; Eze 37:23; Heb 10:22
36:26 Ps 51:10; Jer 24:7; Eze 11:19, Eze 18:31; 2Co 3:3
36:27 Is 44:3; Eze 37:14, Eze 39:29; Jl 2:28, Jl 2:29
36:28 Eze 11:20, Eze 28:25, Eze 37:23, Eze 37:27
36:29 Eze 34:29; Mt 1:21
36:31 Eze 6:9, Eze 16:61, Eze 20:43
36:32 Dt 9:5; Eze 16:63, Eze 36:22
36:36 Eze 17:24, Eze 37:14
37:1 Eze 1:3, Eze 3:22, Eze 11:24, Eze 40:1; Ac 8:39
37:3 Dt 32:39; 1Sa 2:6; Jn 5:21
37:4 Jer 22:29
37:5 Gn 2:7; Ps 104:29, Ps 104:30; Eze 37:9

LORD God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. 6I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the LORD."

7I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. 8When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

9He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The LORD God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live."

10I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

11He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' 12So now, prophesy and say to them, The LORD God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. 13You will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. 14I will put my breath[t] in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the LORD. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the LORD says."

Divided kingdom united

15The LORD's word came to me: 16You, human one, take a stick, and write on it, "Belonging to Judah and to the Israelites associated with him." Take another stick and write on it, "Stick of Ephraim belonging to Joseph and everyone of the house of Israel associated with him." 17Join them to each other to make a single stick so that they become one stick in your hand. 18When your people ask you, "Why won't you tell us what these sticks mean to you?" 19say to them, The LORD God proclaims: I'm taking Joseph's stick, which has been in Ephraim's hand, and the tribes of Israel associated with him, and I'm putting it with Judah's stick, and I'm making them into a single stick so that they will be one stick in my hand. 20When the two sticks that you've written on are in your hand in their sight, 21speak to them, This is what the LORD God says: I will take the Israelites from among the nations where they've gone, I will gather them from all around, and I will bring them to their fertile land. 22I will make them into a single nation in the land on Israel's highlands. There will be just one king for all of them. They will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms. 23They will no longer defile themselves with their idols or their worthless things or with any of their rebellions. I will deliver them from all the places where they sinned, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. 24My servant David will be king over them. There will be just one shepherd for all of them. They will follow my case laws and carefully observe my regulations. 25They will live on the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where their ancestors lived. They will live on it, they and their children and their grandchildren, forever. My servant David will be their prince forever. 26I will make a covenant of peace for them. It will be their covenant forever. I will grant it to them and allow them to increase. I will set my sanctuary among them forever. 27My dwelling will be with them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. 28The nations will know that I,

37:6 Eze 37:8, Eze 38:23
37:7 1Ki 19:11; Jer 13:5
37:9 Ps 104:30; Eze 37:14, Eze 39:29
37:10 Rev 11:11
37:11 Lam 3:54
37:12 Is 26:19; Eze 37:21
37:14 Eze 36:27, Eze 37:9, Eze 39:29; Jl 2:28
37:18 Eze 12:9, Eze 17:12, Eze 24:19
37:22 Jer 3:18, Jer 50:4; Hos 1:11
37:23 Eze 36:25, Eze 36:28, Eze 36:29
37:24 Jer 30:9; Eze 34:23, Eze 34:24, Eze 37:25; Hos 3:5
37:25 Is 9:7; Eze 28:25, Eze 34:23, Eze 37:24; Lk 1:32
37:27 Lv 26:11; Eze 11:20, Eze 36:28; 2Co 6:16; Rev 21:3

[t]Or *spirit*

the LORD, make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.

Attack of Gog

38 The LORD's word came to me:
2 Human one, face Gog in the land of Magog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. Prophesy concerning him
3 and say, The LORD God proclaims: I challenge you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal!
4 I will turn you about, set hooks in your jaws, and lead you out, you and all your army, horses and riders, handsomely dressed, all of them, a great assembly, with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords.
5 Persia, Cush, and Put are with you,[u] all of them equipped with shield and helmet.
6 Gomer and all his troops, Beth-togarmah from the far north and all his troops; many peoples are with you.
7 Stand ready and be prepared, you and all your assembly. You will watch out for those who gather against you.

8 After many days you will be called out. In future years you will enter a country that has been freed from the sword, a gathering from many peoples on the mountains of Israel, which had become a perpetual ruin. This country was brought out from the peoples, and all of them live securely.
9 You will invade like a sudden storm. You and all your troops, and the many peoples with you, will be like clouds covering the earth.

10 The LORD God proclaims: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan.
11 You will say, "I will go up against the open country and come against a quiet people who all live securely without walls, bars, or doors
12 to take plunder and seize loot, to use my[v] power against the resettled waste places, against a people gathered from the nations, who are acquiring goods and cattle, and who live at the center[w] of the earth."
13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants and officials of Tarshish will say to you, "Have you come to take plunder and seize loot? Have you assembled your army to take silver and gold, to take goods and cattle, to engage in great looting?"

14 So now, prophesy, human one, and say to Gog, The LORD God proclaims: Isn't that what you will decide to do[x] on that day, when my people Israel live securely?
15 You will come up from your place from the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding horses, a great assembly, a mighty army.
16 You will go up against my people Israel like a cloud covering the earth. But when this happens in future days, I will be the one who brings you up against my land, so that the nations may know me, Gog, when through you I show my holiness in their sight!

17 The LORD God proclaims: Are you the one about whom I spoke in former times through my servants, Israel's prophets, the ones who prophesied for years in those days to bring you against them?
18 On that day, the day when Gog comes against Israel's fertile land, my wrath will be aroused. This is what the LORD God says.
19 In my jealousy and blazing anger I declare: On that day, a great quaking will come over Israel's fertile land.
20 The fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, all the creatures crawling on the ground, and every living human being will quake in my presence. Mountains will be thrown down and cliffs will crumble; every wall will fall to the ground.
21 I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains. This is what the LORD God says! The swords of the warriors will be against each other,
22 and I will enter into judgment with him, with plague and blood. I will pour out flooding rain, hailstones, fire, and sulfur on him, on all his troops, and on the many peoples with him.
23 So I will display my greatness, show my holiness, and make myself known in the sight of many nations. And they will know that I am the LORD.

38:2 Gn 10:2; Eze 27:13, Eze 32:26, Eze 39:1; Rev 20:8
38:13 Eze 25:13, Eze 27:12, Eze 27:15, Eze 27:22
38:14 Jer 23:6; Eze 38:8; Zec 2:5
38:22 Gn 19:24; Ps 11:6; Eze 13:11
38:23 Ps 9:16; Eze 36:23, Eze 37:28, Eze 38:16

[u] Cf 38:6; MT *them* [v] LXX; MT *your* [w] Or *navel* [x] Or *you will know*

39 You, human one, prophesy about Gog and say, The LORD God proclaims: I challenge you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal! [2]I will turn you about, drag you out, and bring you out of the far north, and I will bring you to Israel's mountains. [3]I will strike your bow from your left hand, and make your arrows fall from your right. [4]You will fall on Israel's mountains, you, all your troops, and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to the birds of prey, to every kind of bird and wild animal as food. [5]You will fall on the open field, for I have spoken! This is what the LORD God says! [6]I will send fire on Magog and on those who live securely in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the LORD. [7]I will make known my holy name among my people Israel. They will never again degrade my holy name, and the nations will know that I, the LORD, am holy in Israel. [8]Look, it has come! It has happened! This is what the LORD God says. This is the day that I spoke about.

[9]Those who live in Israel's cities will go out and kindle a fire with the weapons—shield and buckler, bow and arrow, spear and lance. They will burn them with fire for seven years. [10]They won't gather wood from the field or chop down trees from the forest, because they will be able to keep the fire burning with the weapons. So they will take plunder and seize loot. This is what the LORD says.

[11]On that day, I will assign Gog a place for burial in Israel in the Travelers' Valley east of the sea. It will block the travelers' way, because Gog and all of his horde will be buried there. It will be called Hamon-gog[y] Valley. [12]For seven months, the house of Israel will bury them in order to cleanse the land. [13]All the people of the land will take part in the burial, so they will make a name for themselves on the day that I glorify myself. This is what the LORD God says. [14]They will appoint people who will continually cross through the land and bury[z] the human remains that are left on the surface of the ground in order to purify it. They will begin their search at the end of seven months. [15]As the travelers cross through the land, when they see a human bone, they will set up a marker next to it until the gravediggers bury it in Hamon-gog Valley [16](the name of the city is Hamonah). So they will purify the land.

[17]And you, human one, the LORD God proclaims: Say to the birds of prey, to every kind of bird and every wild animal: Assemble and come! Come together from all around for the sacrifice that I make for you, a great sacrifice on Israel's mountains! You will eat flesh and drink blood. [18]You will eat the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the princes of the earth: rams, lambs, goats, bulls, all fattened animals from Bashan. [19]Gorge yourselves on their fat, and get drunk on their blood, from the sacrifice that I have made for you. [20]Satisfy yourselves at my table with horses and riders, mighty men and every warrior. This is what the LORD God says! [21]When I glorify myself among the nations, all the nations will understand the judgments that I executed and the power that I used among them. [22]And the house of Israel will know that I, the LORD, am their God, from that day on. [23]The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile because of their guilt. Because they rebelled against me, I hid my face from them. When I handed them over to their enemies, all of them fell by the sword. [24]I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions and hid my face from them.

[25]So the LORD God proclaims: Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob. I will have compassion on the whole house of Israel and defend my holy name. [26]They will forget their humiliation and all their rebellions against

39:10 Is 14:2, Is 33:1; Eze 39:9

39:17 Is 34:6; Jer 12:9, Jer 46:10; Zep 1:7; Rev 19:17

[y]Or *horde of Gog* [z]LXX; MT adds *the travelers.*

me when they live securely on their fertile land with no one to frighten them. [27]When I bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, I will be made holy through them in the sight of the many nations. [28]They will know that I am the LORD their God when, after I made them go into exile among the nations, I gathered them to their land. I won't leave any of them behind. [29]When I pour my Spirit upon the house of Israel, I won't hide my face from them again. This is what the LORD God says.

Vision of restoration

40 In the beginning of the twenty-fifth year of our exile, on the tenth day of the month, exactly fourteen years after the city was struck down, on that very day, the LORD's power was on me, and he took me there. [2]In God's visions, he brought me to the land of Israel and set me down on a very high mountain, where there was a city structure to the south. [3]When he brought me there, I saw a man standing in the gate. He appeared to be bronze, and he had a linen cord and a measuring rod in his hand. [4]The man spoke to me, "Human one, look and listen well, and take seriously everything I show you, because you were brought here so that these things could be revealed to you. Describe everything you see to the house of Israel."

Temple compound

[5]Now there was an outer wall that went all the way around the temple compound. The measuring rod in the man's hand was ten and a half feet[a] (based on a standard eighteen inches[b] plus three inches[c]). When he measured the wall's height and width it was ten and a half feet high and ten and a half feet wide. [6]He entered the gate facing east. He went up its steps, and he measured the plaza[d] at the gate. It was ten and a half feet wide: the plaza was ten and a half feet wide. [7]The rooms were ten and a half feet long and ten and a half feet wide, with a space of seven and a half feet between them. The plaza next to the porch at the gate opposite the temple was ten and a half feet. [8]He measured the porch of the gate opposite the temple: it was ten and a half feet. [9]Then he measured the porch of the gate: it was twelve feet,[e] and its arches were three feet. The porch of the gate was opposite the temple. [10]Inside the East Gate, there were three rooms on each side. Each was the same size, and the arches on each side were the same size also. [11]Then he measured the width of the gate opening, which was fifteen feet, and the gate's length, which was nineteen and a half feet. [12]A border running along the front of the rooms on each side was eighteen inches wide, and each of the rooms was nine feet square. [13]He measured the gate through the room openings that faced each other. From the outer ceiling edge of one room to the outer ceiling edge of the other, the gate was thirty-seven and a half feet wide. [14]Next he made out the perimeter of the hallway, defined by the arches inside the gate: it was ninety feet. [15]It was seventy-five feet from the front of the outer gate to the front of the inner porch of the gate. [16]Inside the gate, all of the rooms and their arches had closed windows; there were also niches inside the porch all the way around. The arches were decorated with palm trees.

[17]Then he brought me to the outer courtyard, which consisted of cham-

39:29 Is 32:15; Eze 37:14; Jl 2:28

40:3 Eze 1:7, Eze 47:3; Zec 2:1; Rev 11:1, Rev 21:15

[a]Heb *shesh ammoth ba'ammah* traditionally *six long cubits*, which is defined as six times a standard *ammah* of eighteen inches plus a *topha* (traditionally *handbreadth*) of three inches. So the measuring rod has six segments of twenty-one inches each, which equals ten and a half feet. It is unclear whether the measurements with the rod continue past 40:8, when standard *ammah* appear, though the longer *ammah* do continue briefly in 43:13-17 for the altar. [b]Or *a standard cubit* [c]Or *a handbreadth* [d]Or *threshold*; Heb architectural and decorative terminology in Ezek 40–48 is often uncertain. [e]Or *eight cubits*

bers and a pavement all the way around. Thirty chambers came up to the pavement, [18]and the pavement came up to the facades of the gates along their entire length. That was the lower pavement. [19]When he measured the width from the inside of the lower gate to the outer edge of the inner courtyard, it was one hundred fifty feet.

After he measured the East Gate, he measured the North Gate, [20]the one facing north at the outer courtyard. He measured its length and width, [21]its three inner rooms on each side, its arches, and its porch. Its measurements were the same as the first gate: seventy-five feet long and thirty-seven and a half feet wide. [22]The windows, porch, and palm decorations had the same measurements as those of the East Gate. Seven steps led up to the entrance, and the porch was at the other end. [23]There were also gates to the inner courtyard opposite the North and East Gates. When he measured from gate to gate, it was one hundred fifty feet.

[24]Then he had me walk toward the south, where there was a gate facing south. He measured its arches and porch using the same measurements. [25]Its windows and its porch all around were like the others, and the gate also was seventy-five feet long and thirty-seven and a half feet wide. [26]Its stairway had seven steps, and its porch was at the other end. On its arches, one on either side, were palm decorations. [27]There was a gate to the inner courtyard on the south. When he measured from gate to gate on the south side, it was one hundred fifty feet.

[28]When he brought me to the inner courtyard by way of the South Gate, he took the same measurements of the South Gate. [29]Its rooms, arches, and porch, as well as its windows and porch all the way around, measured the same as the others. It was seventy-five feet long and thirty-seven and a half feet wide. [30]There were porches all around, thirty-seven and a half feet long and seven and a half feet wide. [31]Its porch faced the outer courtyard. Palms decorated its arches, and its stairway had eight steps.

[32]Then he brought me to the inner courtyard on the east side, and again he took the same measurements of the gate. [33]Its rooms, arches, and porch measured the same as the others, as well as its windows and porch all the way around. It was seventy-five feet long and thirty-seven and a half feet wide. [34]Its porch faced the outer courtyard. Palm trees decorated its arches on both sides, and its stairway had eight steps. [35]Then he brought me to the North Gate and took the same measurements of the [36]rooms, arches, and porch, and also its windows all around. It was seventy-five feet long and thirty-seven and a half feet wide. [37]Its porch[f] faced the outer courtyard. Palm trees decorated its arches on both sides, and its stairway had eight steps.

[38]At that gate, there was a room with an entrance in the arches for washing the entirely burned offering, [39]and inside the porch on each side of the gate were two tables where the entirely burned offerings, the purification offerings, and the compensation offerings were slaughtered. [40]Outside, two pairs of tables flanked the entrance of the North Gate at both ends, at the steps on one end and the porch on the other. [41]There were four tables on each side of the gate, eight tables in all, for preparing the animal offerings. [42]The four tables that were used for the entirely burned offering as well as for the communal sacrifices were made of hewn stone. Each was twenty-seven inches square and eighteen inches high. Equipment used in the ritual slaughter was set on them. [43]Hooks,[g] three inches wide, were securely fixed all the way around. The tables were for the flesh of the offerings.

[44]Outside the inner gate there were

40:19 Eze 40:23, Eze 40:27
40:20 Eze 40:6
40:21 Eze 40:7, Eze 40:13
40:22 Eze 40:16, Eze 40:26
40:23 Eze 40:19, Eze 40:27
40:24 Eze 40:21, Eze 40:35
40:25 Eze 40:22, Eze 40:33
40:26 Eze 40:22, Eze 40:16
40:27 Eze 40:23, Eze 40:19
40:28 Eze 40:35
40:29 Eze 40:7
40:30 Eze 40:21
40:31 Eze 40:26, Eze 40:34, Eze 40:22
40:32 Eze 40:28
40:33 Eze 40:21
40:34 Eze 40:22
40:35 Eze 47:2, Eze 40:32
40:36 Eze 40:7
40:37 Eze 40:34
40:38 2Ch 4:6
40:39 Lv 1:3, Lv 4:3; Eze 40:42
40:42 Ex 20:25
40:43 Ex 25:25; 1Ki 7:26; 2Ch 4:5
40:44 1Ch 6:31

[f]LXX; MT *arches* [g]Heb uncertain

two[h] chambers in the inner courtyard. The one beside the North Gate faced south, and the one beside the East Gate faced north. [45]He spoke to me: "The chamber facing south is for the priests who keep watch over the temple, [46]and the chamber facing north is for the priests who keep watch over the altar. Of all the Levites, only the Zadokites may draw near to serve the LORD." [47]Then he measured the courtyard. It was square, one hundred fifty feet long and one hundred fifty feet wide. The altar was in front of the temple.

The temple

[48]Then he brought me to the porch of the temple and measured its arches. They were seven and a half feet on each side, and the width of the gate was four and a half feet on each side. [49]The porch was thirty feet long and eighteen feet wide. Steps led up into the porch, and there were columns for the arches, one on each side.

41 He brought me to the main hall, and he measured the arches. They were nine feet deep on both sides, so that was also the depth of the tent. [2]The entrance was fifteen feet wide, and the facades on either side of the entrance were seven and a half feet. When he measured its length, it was sixty feet, and its width was thirty feet. [3]Then he went into the inner room, and he measured the arches on both sides of the entrance; they were each three feet. The entrance was nine feet wide, and its depth was ten and a half feet. [4]When he measured the length of the inner room, it was thirty feet, and the width of the side adjoining the main hall was also thirty feet. He said to me, "This is the most holy place."

[5]When he measured the wall of the temple, it was nine feet, and the side chambers that went all the way around the temple were six feet. [6]Now these side chambers adjoined each other, thirty chambers in three stories. The side chambers had a ledge in the temple wall all the way around to serve as supports, but these supports were not inserted into the temple wall itself. [7]A wide ramp ascended stage by stage to the side chambers all the way around the temple. In this way, the ascent stage by stage all around the temple added to the temple's width. One ascended from the foundation to the top by way of the middle story. [8]Then I looked at the temple: Its roof all around rested on the side chambers. Each raised section was ten and a half feet, and the indentations between them were nine feet.[i] [9]The width of the outer wall of the side chambers was seven and a half feet. The space left free between the temple's side chambers and [10]the other chambers was thirty feet wide all the way around the temple. [11]There were two entrances from the side chambers to the free space, one facing north, the other facing south. And the width of the place that was left free was seven and a half feet all the way around. [12]The structure facing the yard on the west was one hundred five feet wide. The structure's wall was seven and a half feet wide all the way around, and its length was one hundred thirty-five feet.

[13]Then he measured the temple. It was one hundred fifty feet long. The yard, the structure, and its walls were also one hundred fifty feet. [14]The area in front of the house and the yard to the east was one hundred fifty feet also. [15]Then he measured the length of the structure along the side of the yard, including its promenades on both sides: one hundred fifty feet.

Now the interior of the main hall as well as the porches in the courtyard [16]were paneled all around, including the ceilings,[j] closed windows, and its three courses of promenades adjoined the ceiling. From the ground up to the windows was covered. [17]Above the entrance, from the interior to the exterior of the temple, and on every interior and exterior wall, [18]there were carved

40:46 2Sa 8:17; 1Ki 2:35; Eze 44:15
40:47 Eze 40:19, Eze 40:23
40:48 1Ki 6:3; 2Ch 3:4
40:49 1Ki 7:15; 2Ch 3:17
41:1 Eze 41:23
41:2 1Ki 6:17; 2Ch 3:3
41:3 Eze 40:16
41:4 Ex 26:33; 1Ki 6:20; Heb 9:3
41:5 1Ki 6:5; Eze 41:6
41:7 1Ki 6:8
41:10 Eze 40:17
41:15 Eze 42:3
41:16 1Ki 6:4, 1Ki 6:15; Eze 40:16

[h]LXX; MT *singing* [i]Heb uncertain [j]Or *thresholds*

winged creatures and palm trees. The palm trees were positioned between the winged creatures, and each winged creature had two faces. [19]A human face turned toward one palm tree, and the face of a lion turned toward another. They were carved on the temple all the way around. [20]From the ground to above the entrance, the walls of the main hall were carved with winged creatures and palm trees. [21]In the main hall itself, there were square doorposts in front of the holy place, where there was the appearance of [22]the altar. It was four and a half feet high and three feet wide. It was made of wood, and its corners, base, and sides were also wood. He said to me, "This is the table that stands before the LORD."

[23]The main hall and the holy place each had two doors, [24]and each door had two turning panels, two for one door and two for the other. [25]Like the walls, the doors of the main hall were carved with winged creatures and palm trees. A single luxuriant[k] tree stood outside, in front of the porch, [26]while closed windows and palm trees decorated both sides of the facade of the porch, the temple's side chambers, and the beams.

Chambers and promenades

42 Then he led me north to the outer courtyard and brought me into the set of chambers opposite the yard and the structure to the north. [2]The length of the facade at the north entrance was one hundred fifty feet, its depth seventy-five feet. [3]It was next to the twenty chambers that belonged to the inner courtyard and next to the pavement of the outer courtyard, and it had three courses of promenades. [4]In front of the chambers there was a passage fifteen feet wide, and to the inside, a passage eighteen inches wide. The entrance to the chambers was on the north. [5]The upper chambers were smaller, because the promenades took up more space from them than from the first and second stories. [6]This was because the promenades were arranged in three levels, but they didn't have columns like those in the courtyards. For this reason, the top story was narrower than the first and second stories. [7]A stone wall ran parallel to the chambers facing the outer courtyard. It was seventy-five feet long, [8]the same length, seventy-five feet, as the chambers facing the outer courtyard. Those facing the temple were one hundred fifty feet. [9-10]These chambers were entered from the outer courtyard at the end of the courtyard wall, because the entrance was at the end of the chambers at the east. South of the yard and the building, there were more chambers with a passage [11]in front of them. The design of the chambers resembled the ones to the north in length and width, as well as in all their exits. The arrangement of the entrances [12]to the chambers on the south side was identical as well. One entered from the east at the beginning of the corresponding wall.

[13]Then he said to me, "The north and south chambers that face the building and the yard are the holy chambers where the priests eat the offerings that have been brought to the LORD. They are most holy. Here they will place the most holy things, the grain offering, the purification offering, and the compensation offering. The place is holy. [14]When the priests enter, they won't go out of the sanctuary to the outer courtyard. There they will place the priestly vests that they wore when they were ministering, because these garments are also holy. They will put on other garments when they go out to the people's area."

[15]When he finished making the interior measurements of the temple, he led me out toward the East Gate, and he measured all the way around. [16]He used the same measuring rod on all four sides. He measured the east side, seven hundred fifty feet; [17]the north side, seven hundred fifty feet;

41:22 Ex 30:1; Lv 24:6; 1Ki 6:20; Eze 23:41
41:23 1Ki 6:31
41:24 1Ki 6:34
41:25 Eze 41:18
41:26 Eze 40:16
42:1 Eze 40:17, Eze 41:12
42:2 Eze 41:13
42:3 Eze 41:15
42:4 Eze 46:19
42:8 Eze 41:13
42:9 Eze 44:5, Eze 46:19
42:13 Ex 29:31; Lv 7:6, Lv 10:17; Nm 18:9
42:14 Lv 8:7; Eze 44:19

[k]Heb uncertain

and [18]the south side, seven hundred fifty feet. [19]He turned to the west side, seven hundred fifty feet. [20]On all four sides he measured the wall all the way around. Its length was seven hundred fifty feet, and its width seven hundred fifty feet. So he made a division between the holy and the ordinary.

Return of the divine glory

43 Then he led me to the East Gate, [2]where the glory of Israel's God was coming in from the east. Its sound was like the sound of a mighty flood, and the earth was lit up with his glory. [3]What appeared when I looked was like what I had seen when he[l] came to destroy the city, and also like what I saw at the Chebar River, and I fell on my face. [4]Then the LORD's glory came into the temple by way of the East Gate. [5]A wind picked me up and brought me to the inner courtyard, and there the LORD's glory filled the temple. [6]A man was standing next to me, but the voice that I heard came from inside the temple. [7]He said to me, Human one, this is the place for my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will dwell among the Israelites forever. The house of Israel will never again defile my holy name, neither they nor their kings, with their disloyalties[m] and with their kings' corpses at the shrines. [8]When they set their plazas[n] with mine and their doorposts next to mine, the wall was between us. They defiled my holy name with their detestable practices, so I consumed them in my anger. [9]Now let them remove their disloyalties and their kings' corpses from me, and I will dwell among them forever.

[10]You, human one, describe the temple to the house of Israel. Let them be humiliated because of their guilt when they think about its design. [11]When they feel humiliated by all that they have done, make known to them the shape of the temple and its adornment, its exits and its entrances, its entire plan and all of its regulations.[o] Write them down in their sight so that they may observe all of its entire plan and all its regulations and perform them.

[12]These are the instructions for the temple: the top of the mountain, as well as its boundaries all around, are most holy. These are the instructions for the temple.

43:1 Eze 10:19, Eze 40:6, Eze 42:15, Eze 44:1, Eze 46:1

43:2 Eze 1:24, Eze 10:4, Eze 10:19; Rev 1:15, Rev 18:1

43:13 Ex 27:1; 2Ch 4:1; Eze 40:5, Eze 41:8

43:19 1Ki 2:35; Eze 40:46, Eze 44:15, Eze 45:18

The altar

[13]These are the dimensions of the altar, according to a twenty-one-inch unit of measure.[p] The base is twenty-one inches high and twenty-one inches wide, with an outer curb measuring one and a half inches all around. This is the altar's height. [14]From the base at ground level to the lower ledge is forty-two inches; the lower ledge is twenty-one inches wide. The distance from the lower to the upper ledge is seven feet; the upper ledge is twenty-one inches wide. [15]The hearth is seven feet high, with four horns projecting upward from the hearth. [16]The hearth is twenty-one feet square; each side is equal to the others. [17]The ledge around the hearth is twenty-four and a half feet long by twenty-four and a half feet wide, a square. Its outer rim is ten and a half inches, and its base all around is twenty-one inches. Its ramp faces east.

Purification of the altar

[18]He said to me, Human one, the LORD God proclaims: These are the regulations established for the altar on the day when it is prepared for making entirely burned offerings and dashing blood on it. [19]You will provide a young bull as a purification offering to the levitical priests who are descendants of Zadok, the ones who may draw near to minster to me. This is what the LORD God says. [20]You will take some of its blood and set it on the four horns of the

[l]Vulg; MT *I* [m]Or *prostitution* [n]Or *thresholds* [o]LXX; MT adds *and all of its structures and all of its instructions.*
[p]Heb *ammah ammah*, traditionally *a long cubit*

altar and on the four sides of the ledge and on the curb all around. So you will purify it and purge it. [21]Then you will take the bull selected as the purification offering, and the priests will burn it in a designated place of the temple outside of the sanctuary. [22]On the second day, you will present a flawless male goat as a purification offering. The priests will purify the altar just as they purified the altar with the bull. [23]When you have completed the purification, you will present a flawless bull from the herd and a flawless ram from the flock. [24]You will present them to the LORD. The priests will throw salt on them and offer them as entirely burned offerings to the LORD. [25]Daily, for seven days, you will present a male goat for a purification offering. You will also present a bull from the herd and a ram from the flock, both flawless. [26]For seven days the priests will purge the altar in order to purify it and to dedicate it. [27]When the seven days are completed, the priests will offer your entirely burned offerings and your well-being sacrifices on the altar from the eighth day on, and I will accept you with pleasure. This is what the LORD God says.

The closed gate

44 He brought me back to the outer sanctuary gate that faces east. It was closed. [2]The LORD said to me, This gate remains closed. It shouldn't be opened. No one should come in through it because the LORD, Israel's God, has entered through it. It will remain closed. [3]As for the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread in the LORD's presence. He may come in and go out by way of the gate's porch.

Foreigners, Levites, Zadokites

[4]Then he brought me by way of the North Gate to the front of the temple. I looked, and suddenly the LORD's glory filled the LORD's temple, and I fell on my face. [5]Then the LORD said to me: Human one, pay close attention! Use your eyes and ears and listen to all that I say to you concerning the regulations of the LORD's temple and all its instructions. Pay close attention to the access to the temple through all the sanctuary portals.[q] [6]Speak to the rebels, to the house of Israel, The LORD God proclaims: Enough of your detestable practices, house of Israel! [7]You made my temple unclean because you brought into my sanctuary foreigners who were physically and spiritually uncircumcised. When you offered my food of fat and blood to me, you[r] broke my covenant with all your detestable practices. [8]You didn't keep charge of my holy things. On the contrary, you appointed them[s] to keep charge in my sanctuary for you.

[9]The LORD God proclaims: Foreigners who are spiritually and physically uncircumcised must not enter my sanctuary; that is, all foreigners among the Israelites. [10]But the Levites, who went far from me when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols, will bear their guilt. [11]They will keep charge in my sanctuary, and they will oversee the temple gates and keep charge of the temple. They will slaughter the entirely burned offerings and the sacrifices for the people, and they will stand before them to minister to them. [12]Because they ministered to them before their idols, they brought about the downfall of the house of Israel. For that reason I made a solemn pledge against them—this is what the LORD God says—and they will bear their guilt. [13]They won't approach me to officiate for me as priests or approach any of my holy things or the most holy place. Though they will bear their humiliation and the consequences of their detestable practices, [14]I will appoint them to keep charge of the temple, all its work, and all that is done in it.

[15]As for the priests of the levitical family of Zadok who did keep charge of my sanctuary when the Israelites strayed away from me, they will draw

44:1 Eze 40:6, Eze 43:1

44:2 Eze 43:2, Eze 43:4

44:3 Gn 31:54; Ex 24:9; Eze 34:24, Eze 46:2, Eze 46:8

44:9 Eze 44:7

44:10 Eze 48:11

44:11 Nm 16:9; 1Ch 26:1; 2Ch 29:34

44:12 Eze 14:3, Eze 14:4

44:13 Nm 18:3; 2Ki 23:9

44:15 Eze 40:46, Eze 43:19, Eze 44:7

[q]Or *exits* [r]LXX, Syr, Vulg; MT *they* [s]Heb lacks *them*.

near to me to serve me. They will stand in my presence to present fat and blood to me. This is what the LORD God says. [16]They will come into my sanctuary, and they will approach my table to minister to me. They will keep my charge. [17]When they come through the gates to the inner courtyard, they will wear linen garments. They won't wear any wool when they minister at the gates of the inner courtyard or in the temple. [18]They will have linen turbans on their heads and linen undergarments around their waists. They won't wear anything that makes them sweat. [19]When they go out to the outer courtyard to the people, they will remove the garments in which they were ministering. They will lay them aside in the holy chambers and wear other clothing. They must not transfer holiness to the people through their clothing. [20]They must neither shave their heads nor let their hair grow long, but they will trim the hair on their heads. [21]None of the priests should drink wine when they come into the inner courtyard. [22]They must not marry widows or divorced women, but only Israelite virgins. Priests may, however, marry the widows of other priests. [23]They must teach my people the difference between the holy and the ordinary, and show them the difference between clean and unclean. [24]They must execute judgments according to my case laws in cases of civil conflict. They must observe my instructions and my regulations regarding all my festivals. They must keep my sabbaths holy. [25]In order to avoid uncleanness, they must not approach the dead. They may, however, become unclean for their father or mother, son or daughter, brother or unmarried sister. [26]Once the priest is clean again, he must count off seven days. [27]On the day that he comes into the holy place, the inner courtyard, to minister in the holy place, he will present his purification offering. This is what the LORD God says. [28]As for their inheritance, I am their inheritance. They won't be given family property in Israel; I am their family property. [29]They will eat the grain offerings, the purification offerings, and the compensation offerings. Every dedicated thing in Israel belongs to them. [30]The best of the early produce of every kind, and every contribution, all of them, belong to the priests. You will give the best of your bread dough to the priest so that a blessing may come to rest on your household. [31]The priests must not eat any bird or animal that dies naturally or is torn apart by prey.

44:16 Eze 41:22
44:20 Lv 21:5; Nm 6:5
44:22 Lv 21:7, Lv 21:13, Lv 21:14
44:27 Lv 4:3; Eze 44:17
45:1 Nm 34:13; Eze 47:21, Eze 47:22, Eze 48:8, Eze 48:29

The holy portion

45 When you distribute the land as an inheritance, you will set aside a holy portion of land for the LORD. It will be 7.1 miles long and 5.68 miles[t] wide. It will be holy throughout the entire area. [2]Out of this portion, an area seven hundred fifty feet by seven hundred fifty feet square will be for the sanctuary. All around it will be an open space seventy-five feet wide. [3]Beginning with this measurement, you will measure out an area 7.1 miles long and 2.84 miles wide. The sanctuary, the most holy place, will lie on it. [4]It is holy, set apart from the land, and it belongs to the priests who draw near to minister in the LORD's sanctuary. It will be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. [5]The area 7.1 miles long and 2.84 miles wide will be for the Levites who minister in the temple. Twenty chambers are theirs as their property. [6]As the property for the city, you will set aside an area 1.42 miles wide and 7.1 miles long next to the holy portion. It will be for the whole house of Israel. [7]The territory for the prince will be on both sides of the holy portion and the city property, alongside the holy portion and alongside the city property, from their western boundaries westward and from their eastern boundaries eastward. Its length will equal one tribal portion, from the western border to the eastern border. [8]The land will be his property in Israel, and my princes

[t]LXX *twenty thousand* (*pechon*, standard cubit); MT *ten thousand* (*ammah*); see note at Ezek 40:5.

will no longer oppress my people. They will give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9The LORD God proclaims: Enough, princes of Israel! Turn aside from violence and oppression. Establish justice and righteousness. Cease your evictions of my people! This is what the LORD God says: 10You must use fair scales, a fair ephah,[u] and a fair bath.[v] 11The ephah and the bath must be the same size. Both should be calibrated to the homer: each will contain one-tenth of a homer. 12The shekel must weigh twenty gerahs. Twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels will equal one maneh for you.

Sacrificial offerings and gifts

13These are your prescribed contributions: one-sixth of an ephah for each homer of wheat, and one-sixth of an ephah for each homer of barley; 14a regular amount of oil,[w] one-tenth of a bath for each kor[x] (each kor[y] contains ten baths); 15and one sheep from the flock for every two hundred from Israel's pastureland, for grain offerings, for entirely burned offerings, and for well-being sacrifices to make reconciliation for them. This is what the LORD God says. 16All the people will make this contribution on behalf of the prince in Israel. 17The prince will be responsible for the entirely burned offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings for the festivals, new moons, and sabbaths, all the appointed festivals of the house of Israel. He will offer the purification offering, the grain offering, the entirely burned offering, and the well-being sacrifice to make reconciliation on behalf of the house of Israel.

Festivals

18The LORD God proclaims: On the first day of the first month,[z] you will take a flawless young bull from the herd, and you will purify the sanctuary. 19The priest will take some of the blood from the purification offering, and he will set it on the doorposts of the temple and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar and on the doorposts of the gate to the inner courtyard. 20You will do the same on the seventh day of the month for anyone who sins through inadvertence or ignorance. So you will purge the temple. 21Your Passover will be on the fourteenth day of the first month. Unleavened bread will be eaten during the seven days of the festival. 22On that day, the prince will provide a young bull as the purification offering for himself and for the people of the land. 23For the seven days of the festival, he will provide seven flawless bulls and seven flawless rams, one for each day of the festival, as the entirely burned offering for the LORD, and, for the purification offering, one male goat for each day. 24He will also provide the grain offerings, one ephah[a] for each bull, and one ephah for each ram, with one hin[b] of oil for each ephah. 25For the festival that begins on the fifteenth day of the seventh month,[c] he will make the same provisions for the purification offerings, entirely burned offerings, grain offerings, and oil, for all seven days of the festival.

Sabbaths and gift offerings

46 The LORD God proclaims: The east-facing gate of the inner courtyard will remain closed for the six days of the workweek. But on the Sabbath and on the day of the new moon it will be opened, 2and the prince will come in from outside by way of the porch of the gate and stand at the gate's doorposts. The priests will present the prince's entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices, and then he will bow down on the threshold of the gate and go out. The gate won't be

45:9 Ps 12:5; Jer 22:3; Eze 44:6
45:10 Lv 19:36; Prv 11:1; Mic 6:11
45:12 Ex 30:13; Lv 27:25; Nm 3:47
45:15 Lv 1:4, Lv 6:30; Eze 45:17; Dan 9:24
45:17 1Ki 8:63; 2Ch 31:3; Is 66:23; Eze 46:4
45:18 Ex 12:2; Lv 16:16
45:19 Lv 16:18; Eze 43:20
45:21 Lv 23:5
45:23 Lv 23:8; Nm 23:1; Job 42:8
45:24 Nm 28:12; Eze 46:5
45:25 Lv 23:34; Nm 29:12
46:1 Ex 20:9; Is 66:23

[u]One ephah is approximately twenty quarts of grain. [v]One bath is approximately twenty quarts of liquid. [w]Syr, Tg; MT adds *a bath of oil*. [x]MT adds *each homer contains ten baths*. [y]Vulg; MT *homer* [z]March–April, Nisan [a]One ephah is approximately twenty quarts of grain. [b]One hin is approximately equal to one pint. [c]September–October, Tishrei

closed until evening [3]so that the people of the land may bow in the presence of the LORD on sabbaths and new moons at the opening of that gate. [4]On the Sabbath day, the prince will offer to the LORD an entirely burned offering of six flawless lambs and a flawless ram, [5]a grain offering of one ephah for the ram, and a grain offering at his discretion for the lambs, with one hin of oil for each ephah. [6]For the day of the new moon, the offering will be a flawless young bull from the herd, six lambs, and a flawless ram, [7]and he will provide a grain offering of one ephah each for the bull and the ram, and for the lambs as much as he likes, with one hin of oil for each ephah.

[8]When the prince enters, he comes in by way of the porch of the gate and goes out in the same direction. [9]When the people of the land come into the LORD's presence for the festivals, those who enter through the North Gate to worship should go out through the south, and those who come in through the South Gate should go out through the North Gate. They shouldn't turn around and go out the same way they came in. Instead, they should go out the opposite gate. [10]The prince should accompany them: when they come in, he comes in, and when they go out, he goes out. [11]At the festivals and appointed gatherings, the grain offering is one ephah for each bull, one ephah for each ram, and whatever one is able to give for each lamb, with one hin of oil for each ephah.

[12]Whenever the prince makes a spontaneous gift to the LORD, whether it is an entirely burned offering or a well-being sacrifice, the gate facing east will be opened for him, and he will present his entirely burned offering and well-being sacrifices, just as he does on the Sabbath day. When he leaves, the gate will be closed after he has gone out.

Daily offerings

[13]As a daily entirely burned offering for the LORD, you will provide a flawless year-old lamb. You will make the offering every morning. [14]You will provide a grain offering along with it every morning, one-sixth of an ephah along with one-third of a hin of oil to moisten the choice flour. This is a permanent and perpetual regulation for the grain offering to the LORD. [15]So the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil are provided every morning as a perpetual entirely burned offering.

Royal land grants

[16]The LORD God proclaims: When the prince gives a gift to each of his sons, it becomes their inheritance. It becomes their family property as an inheritance. [17]And if he gives one of his servants a gift from his inheritance, it will belong to the servant only until the year of release, and then it will revert to the prince. It is his children's inheritance; it belongs to them. [18]The prince won't take the people's inheritance by evicting them from their family property. He will bequeath only his own property to his sons, lest any of my people be deprived of their rightful property.

Kitchens

[19]Then he brought me through the passage beside the gate next to the priests' quarters, the holy chambers facing north. There was a place hidden away on the western side. [20]He said to me, "Rather than taking these offerings out into the outer courtyard and transferring holiness to the people, this is the place where the priests will boil the compensation offerings and the purification offerings, and where they will bake the grain offerings."

[21]Then he took me to the outer courtyard, and he had me pass through its four corners, and I saw that there were additional courtyards in each of the corners. [22]In all four corners of the courtyard, these courtyards were constructed to handle smoke. All four were the same size, sixty feet long by forty-five feet wide. [23]All four had stone ma-

46:3 Is 66:23
46:4 Nm 28:9; Eze 45:17
46:9 Ex 23:14; Dt 16:16
46:12 Lv 7:16
46:13 Ex 29:38; Nm 28:3
46:14 Nm 28:5
46:17 Lv 25:10
46:20 2Ch 35:13; Eze 44:19

sonry all the way around, and hearths were built under this masonry all the way around. [24]He said to me, "These are the kitchens where those who minister in the temple cook the people's sacrifices."

The river

47 When he brought me back to the temple's entrance, I noticed that water was flowing toward the east from under the temple's threshold (the temple faced east). The water was going out from under the temple's facade toward the south, south of the altar. [2]He led me out through the North Gate and around the outside to the outer East Gate, where the water flowed out under the facade on the south side. [3]With the line in his hand, the man went out toward the east. When he measured off fifteen hundred feet, he made me cross the water; it was ankle-deep. [4]He measured off another fifteen hundred feet and made me cross the water; it was knee-deep. He measured off another fifteen hundred feet and made me cross the water, and it was waist-high. [5]When he measured off another fifteen hundred feet, it had become a river that I couldn't cross. The water was high, deep enough for swimming but too high to cross. [6]He said to me, "Human one, do you see?" Then he led me back to the edge of the river. [7]When I went back, I saw very many trees on both banks of the river. [8]He said to me, "These waters go out to the eastern region, flow down the steep slopes,[d] and go into the Dead Sea.[e] When the flowing waters enter the sea, its water becomes fresh. [9]Wherever the river flows, every living thing that moves will thrive. There will be great schools of fish, because when these waters enter the sea, it will be fresh. Wherever the river flows, everything will live. [10]People will stand fishing beside it, from En-gedi to En-eglayim, and it will become a place for spreading nets. It will be like the Mediterranean Sea,[f] having all kinds of fish in it. [11]Its marshes and swamps won't be made fresh (they are left for salt), [12]but on both banks of the river will grow up all kinds of fruit-bearing trees. Their leaves won't wither, and their fruitfulness won't wane. They will produce fruit in every month, because their water comes from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for eating, their leaves for healing."

47:1 Ps 46:4; Is 55:1; Jl 3:18; Zec 14:8; Rev 22:1

47:8 Dt 1:1, Dt 3:17; Josh 3:16

47:10 Nm 34:6; Eze 26:5, Eze 48:28

47:12 Gn 2:9; Ps 1:3; Jer 17:8; Eze 47:7; Rev 22:2

[13]The LORD God proclaims: These[g] are the boundaries of the portions of land that will be distributed as an inheritance to the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph will receive two portions. [14]What I swore to give to your ancestors, you will distribute as an inheritance equally. This land is given to you as an inheritance. [15]This is the boundary of the land. The northern limit begins at the Mediterranean Sea and goes in the direction of Hethlon toward Lebo-hamath, Zedad,[h] [16]Berothah, Sibraim (which is between the boundary of Damascus and the boundary of Hamath), and Hazer-hatticon (that is on the boundary of Hauran). [17]So the boundary from the Mediterranean Sea[i] to Hazar-enon will run north of the boundary of Damascus, with the boundary of Hamath to the north. This is the northern limit. [18]For the eastern limit, you will measure continuously between Hauran and Damascus and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan River as far as the Dead Sea.[j] This is the eastern limit. [19]The southern limit runs from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh and from there along the border[k] of Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea. This is the southern limit. [20]For the western limit, the Mediterranean Sea is the boundary up to Lebo-hamath. This is the western limit. [21]You will apportion this land among yourselves according to the

[d]Or *Arabah* [e]Or *sea* [f]Or *great sea* [g]LXX, Tg, Vulg; Heb uncertain [h]LXX; MT transposes *Hamath* and *Zedad*. [i]Or *the sea* [j]Or *eastern sea* [k]Or *Wadi*; traditionally *Brook*

tribes of Israel. 22When you distribute the land as an inheritance, the immigrants who reside with you and raise families among you are considered full citizens along with the Israelites. They will receive an inheritance along with you among the tribes of Israel. 23You will assign the immigrants' inheritance with the tribe with whom they reside. This is what the LORD God says.

48 These are the tribes' names: Beginning at the north, along the Hethlon road from Lebo-hamath to Hazar-enon, the boundary of Damascus with Hamath to the north, from the eastern border to the western border: Dan, one portion. 2Along the boundary of Dan from the eastern border to the western border: Asher, one portion. 3Along the boundary of Asher from the eastern border to the western border: Naphtali, one portion. 4Along the boundary of Naphtali from the eastern border to the western border: Manasseh, one portion. 5Along the boundary of Manasseh from the eastern border to the western border: Ephraim, one portion. 6Along the boundary of Ephraim from the eastern border to the western border: Reuben, one portion. 7Along the boundary of Reuben from the eastern border to the western border: Judah, one portion.

8Along the boundary of Judah from the eastern border to the western border will be the portion that you will set aside, 7.1 miles wide and the length of a tribal portion from the eastern border to the western border. The sanctuary is in its center. 9The portion that you will set aside for the LORD will be 7.1 miles long and 5.68 miles[1] wide. 10These measurements define the holy portion for the priests: along the north, a length of 7.1 miles; along the west, a width of 2.84 miles; along the east, a width of 2.84 miles; and along the south, a length of 7.1 miles. The LORD's sanctuary is in its center. 11This holy area is for the Zadokite priests who kept my charge and didn't stray as the Levites did when the house of Israel strayed away from me. 12It belongs to them as a most special portion of the land, a most holy place, up to the border of the Levites. 13The Levites' allotment is next to the boundary of the priests, a length of 7.1 miles and a width of 2.84 miles. The entire length is 7.1 miles and the width 2.84 miles. 14None of it will be sold, exchanged, or transferred. It is the choicest land, because it is holy to the LORD. 15The remaining area, 1.42 miles wide and 7.1 miles long, is for ordinary use for the city, for residences, and for pastures. The city will be in the middle of it. 16It measures 1.28 miles on its northern border, 1.28 miles on its southern border, 1.28 miles on its eastern border, and 1.28 miles on its western border. 17There will be pastures for the city, three hundred seventy-five feet on the north side, three hundred seventy-five feet on the south side, three hundred seventy-five feet on the east side, and three hundred seventy-five feet on the west side. 18The remaining area alongside the holy portion is 2.84 miles on the east and 2.84 miles on the west. These areas that adjoin the holy portion will produce the food for the city's workers. 19The city's workers from every tribe of Israel will farm it. 20The entire portion that you will set aside is 7.1 miles by 7.1 miles, a square; it includes the holy portion in addition to the city property. 21What is left on both sides of the holy portion and the city property belongs to the prince. The land from the edge of the portion of 7.1 miles, to the eastern boundary, and on the western edge of the 7.1 miles to the western boundary, belongs to the prince. It corresponds to one tribal portion. The holy portion and the temple sanctuary are in the middle of it, 22but what belongs to the prince is separate from both the levitical property and the city property. The prince's territory will be between the boundary of Judah and the boundary of Benjamin.

47:22 Is 14:1
48:2 Josh 19:24-31
48:3 Josh 19:32-39
48:4 Josh 17:1-11
48:5 Josh 16:5-9
48:6 Josh 13:15-21
48:7 Josh 15:1-63
48:11 2Sa 8:17
48:13 Eze 45:5
48:16 Rev 21:16

[1]Cf LXX and Ezek 45:1; MT *ten thousand ammah* equals 2.84 miles.

[23]Now for the rest of the tribes: From the eastern border to the western border: Benjamin, one portion. [24]Along the boundary of Benjamin from the eastern border to the western border: Simeon, one portion. [25]Along the boundary of Simeon from the eastern border to the western border: Issachar, one portion. [26]Along the boundary of Issachar from the eastern border to the western border: Zebulon, one portion. [27]Along the boundary of Zebulon from the eastern border to the western border: Gad, one portion. [28]Along the boundary of Gad to the southern border, the boundary will run from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh and from there to the border of Egypt[m] and to the Mediterranean Sea.[n] [29]This is the land that you will distribute as an inheritance for the tribes of Israel. These are their portions. This is what the LORD God says.

48:26 Josh 19:10

48:27 Josh 13:24

48:30 Eze 48:16, Eze 48:32

48:31 Rev 21:12, Rev 21:13

48:35 Jer 3:17; Jl 3:21; Rev 21:3

[30]These are the city exits. The north side is measured at 1.28 miles. [31]The gates of the city go by the names of the tribes of Israel. There are three gates on the north side: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi. [32]There are three gates on the east side along its 1.28 miles: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan. [33]There are three gates on the south side measuring 1.28 miles: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulon. [34]There are three gates on the west side along its 1.28 miles: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali. [35]The circumference of the city is 5.1 miles. As of today, the name of the city is The LORD Is There.

DANIEL

Jerusalem taken by the Babylonians

1 In the third year of the rule of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem and attacked it. [2]The Lord handed Judah's King Jehoiakim over to Nebuchadnezzar, along with some of the equipment from God's house. Nebuchadnezzar took these to Shinar, to his own god's temple, putting them in his god's treasury.

Training for royal service

[3]Nebuchadnezzar instructed his highest official Ashpenaz to choose royal descendants and members of the ruling class from the Israelites— [4]good-looking young men without defects, skilled in all wisdom, possessing knowledge, conversant with learning, and capable of serving in the king's palace. Ashpenaz was to teach them the Chaldean language and its literature. [5]The king assigned these young men daily allotments from his own food and from the royal wine. Ashpenaz was to teach them for three years so that at the end of that time they could serve before the king. [6]Among these young men from the Judeans were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. [7]But the chief official gave them new names. He named Daniel "Belteshazzar," Hananiah "Shadrach," Mishael "Meshach," and Azariah "Abednego."

1:1 2Ki 24:1; 2Ch 36:6

1:3 2Ki 20:18; Is 39:7

1:4 2Sa 14:25; Dn 1:17

1:8 Eze 4:13; Dn 1:5; Hos 9:3

1:9 Gn 39:21; 1Ki 8:50; Ps 106:46; Prv 16:7

Test

[8]Daniel decided that he wouldn't pollute himself with the king's rations or the royal wine, and he appealed to the chief official in hopes that he wouldn't have to do so. [9]Now God had established faithful loyalty between Daniel and the chief official; [10]but the chief official said to Daniel, "I'm afraid

[m]Or *Wadi*; traditionally *Brook*, MT lacks *of Egypt*. [n]Or *Great Sea*

of my master, the king, who has mandated what you are to eat and drink. What will happen if he sees your faces looking thinner than the other young men in your group? The king will have my head because of you!"

[11]So Daniel spoke to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: [12]"Why not test your servants for ten days? You could give us a diet of vegetables to eat and water to drink. [13]Then compare our appearance to the appearance of the young men who eat the king's food. Then deal with your servants according to what you see."

[14]The guard decided to go along with their plan and tested them for ten days. [15]At the end of ten days they looked better and healthier than all the young men who were eating the king's food. [16]So the guard kept taking away their rations and the wine they were supposed to drink and gave them vegetables instead. [17]And God gave knowledge, mastery of all literature, and wisdom to these four men. Daniel himself gained understanding of every type of vision and dream.

Result of the training

[18]When the time came to review the young men as the king had ordered, the chief official brought them before Nebuchadnezzar. [19]When the king spoke with them, he found no one as good as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they took their place in the king's service. [20]Whenever the king consulted them about any aspect of wisdom and understanding, he found them head and shoulders above all the dream interpreters and enchanters in his entire kingdom. [21]And Daniel stayed in the king's service until the first year of King Cyrus.

An impossible challenge

2 In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's rule, he had many dreams. The dreams made him anxious, but he kept sleeping. [2]The king summoned the dream interpreters, enchanters, diviners, and Chaldeans to explain his dreams to him. They came and stood before the king.

[3]Then the king said to them: "I had a dream, and I'm anxious to know its meaning."

[4]The Chaldeans answered the king in Aramaic:[a] "Long live the king! Tell your servants the dream, and we will explain its meaning."

[5]The king answered the Chaldeans: "My decision is final: If you can't tell me the dream and its meaning, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into trash dumps. [6]But if you do explain the dream and its meaning, you'll receive generous gifts and glorious honor from me. So explain to me the dream as well as its meaning."

[7]They answered him again: "The king must tell his servants the dream. We will then explain the meaning."

[8]The king replied: "Now I definitely know you are stalling for time, because you see that my decision is final [9]and that if you can't tell me the dream, your fate is certain. You've conspired to make false and lying speeches before me until the situation changes. Tell me the dream now! Then I'll know you can explain its meaning to me."

[10]The Chaldeans answered the king: "No one on earth can do what the king is asking! No king or ruler, no matter how great, has ever asked such a thing of any dream interpreter, enchanter, or Chaldean. [11]What the king is asking is impossible! No one could declare the dream to the king but the gods, who don't live among mere humans."

[12]At this, the king exploded in a furious rage and ordered that all Babylon's sages be wiped out. [13]So the command went out: The sages were to be killed. Daniel and his friends too were hunted down; they were to be killed as well.

God reveals the mystery

[14]Then Daniel, with wisdom and sound judgment, responded to Arioch

1:11 Dn 1:6, Dn 1:7
1:12 Dn 1:16
1:15 Ex 23:25
1:16 Dn 1:12
2:1 Gn 41:1, Gn 41:8; Est 6:1; Dn 1:1, Dn 4:5
2:4 Ezr 4:7; Dn 3:9, Dn 5:10, Dn 6:6, Dn 6:21
2:8 Eph 5:16; Col 4:5
2:12 Dn 3:13, Dn 3:19
2:13 Dn 1:19, Dn 1:20

[a]The book switches into Aramaic at this point, returning to Hebrew in 8:1.

the king's chief executioner, who had gone out to kill Babylon's sages. 15He said to Arioch the king's royal officer, "Why is the king's command so unreasonable?" After Arioch explained the situation to Daniel, 16Daniel went and asked the king to give him some time so he could explain the dream's meaning to him. 17Then Daniel went to his house and explained the situation to his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah 18so that they would ask the God of heaven for help about this mystery, in hopes that Daniel and his friends wouldn't die with the rest of Babylon's sages. 19Then, in a vision by night, the mystery was revealed to Daniel! Daniel praised the God of heaven:

20 God's name be praised
from age to eternal age!
Wisdom and might are his!
21 God is the one who changes
times and eras,
who dethrones one king,
only to establish another,
who grants wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those with
insight.
22 God is the one who uncovers
what lies deeply hidden;
he knows what hides in darkness;
light lives with him!
23 I acknowledge and praise you,
my fathers' God!
You've given me wisdom and might,
and now you've made known to
me what we asked of you:
you've made known to us
the king's demand.

Daniel recounts the dream

24 So Daniel went to Arioch, the man the king had appointed to wipe out Babylon's sages. Daniel said to him, "Don't wipe out the sages of Babylon! Bring me before the king, and I will explain the dream's meaning to him." 25 Wasting no time, Arioch brought Daniel before the king, telling him, "I have found someone from the Judean exiles who will tell the dream's meaning to the king."

2:15 Dn 2:14, Dn 2:24, Dn 2:25

2:17 Dn 1:6, Dn 1:7, Dn 2:18, Dn 2:49, Dn 3:12

2:18 Dn 2:17

2:19 Nm 12:6; Job 33:15; Dn 1:17

2:20 1Ch 29:12; Job 12:13; Ps 113:2, Ps 115:18, Ps 145:1

2:21 Ps 75:6, Ps 75:7; Dn 2:9, Dn 4:17; Jas 1:5

2:22 Job 12:22, Job 26:6; Jer 23:24; Heb 4:13; Jas 1:17

2:24 Dn 2:12, Dn 2:13, Dn 2:14, Dn 2:15

2:26 Dn 1:7, Dn 4:8, Dn 5:12

2:27 Dn 2:2, Dn 2:10, Dn 5:7

2:28 Gn 40:8; Dn 4:5, Dn 10:14

2:30 Gn 41:16; Ac 3:12

2:31 Hab 1:7

2:32 Dn 2:38, Dn 2:39

2:33 Dn 2:40

2:34 Dn 2:44, Dn 2:45, Dn 8:25

2:35 Ps 1:4; Is 2:2, Is 17:13; Mi 4:1

2:37 Ezr 7:12; Eze 26:7; Dn 5:18

26 In reply the king said to Daniel (whose name was Belteshazzar), "Can you really tell me the dream that I saw, as well as its meaning?"

27 Daniel answered the king, "Sages, enchanters, dream interpreters, and diviners can't explain to the king the mystery he seeks. 28But there is a God in heaven, a revealer of mysteries, who has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the days to come! Now this was your dream—this was the vision in your head as you lay in your bed:

29 "As you lay in bed, Your Majesty, your thoughts turned to what will happen in the future. The revealer of mysteries has revealed to you what will happen. 30Now this mystery was revealed to me, not because I have more wisdom than any other living person but so that the dream's meaning might be made known to the king, and so that you might know the thoughts of your own mind.

31 "Your Majesty, you were looking, and there, rising before you, was a single, massive statue. This statue was huge, shining with dazzling light, and was awesome to see. 32The statue's head was made of pure gold; its chest and arms were made from silver; its abdomen and hips were made of bronze. 33Its legs were of iron, and its feet were a mixture of iron and clay. 34You observed this until a stone was cut, but not by hands; and it smashed the statue's feet of iron and clay and shattered them. 35Then all the parts shattered simultaneously—iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. They became like chaff, left on summer threshing floors. The wind lifted them away until no trace of them remained. But the stone that smashed the statue became a mighty mountain, and it filled the entire earth.

The dream's meaning: four future rulers

36 "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its meaning: 37You, Your

Majesty, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given kingship, power, might, and glory to you! [38]God has delivered into your care human beings, wild creatures, and birds in the sky—wherever they live—and has made you ruler of all of them. You are the gold head. [39]But in your place, another kingdom will arise, one inferior to yours, and then a third, bronze kingdom will rule over all the earth. [40]Then will come a fourth kingdom, mighty like iron. Just as iron shatters and crushes everything; so like an iron that smashes, it will shatter and crush all these others. [41]As for the feet and toes that you saw, which were a mixture of potter's clay and iron, that signifies a divided kingdom; but it will possess some of the unyielding strength of iron. Even so, you saw the iron mixed with earthy clay [42]so that the toes were made from a mixture of iron and clay. Part of the kingdom will be mighty, but part of it will be fragile. [43]Just as you saw the iron mixed with earthy clay, they will join together by intermarrying, but they will not bond to each other, just as iron does not fuse with clay.

[44]"But in the days of those kings, the God of heaven will raise up an everlasting kingdom that will be indestructible. Its rule will never pass to another people. It will shatter other kingdoms. It will put an end to all of them. It will stand firm forever, [45]just like you saw when the stone, which was cut from the mountain, but not by hands, shattered the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. A great God has revealed to the king what will happen in the future. The dream is certain. Its meaning can be trusted."

Nebuchadnezzar honors Daniel

[46]Then King Nebuchadnezzar bowed low and honored Daniel. The king ordered that grain and incense offerings be made to Daniel. [47]The king declared to Daniel, "No doubt about it: your God is God of gods, Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries because you were able to reveal this mystery!" [48]Then the king exalted Daniel and lavished gifts on him, making him ruler over all the province of Babylon and chief minister over all Babylon's sages. [49]At Daniel's urging, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to administer the province of Babylon, but Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

2:38 Jer 27:6; Dn 2:32, Dn 4:21, Dn 4:22
2:39 Dn 2:32, Dn 7:5
2:40 Dn 7:7, Dn 7:23
2:41 Dn 2:33, Dn 7:7, Dn 7:24
2:44 Dn 4:34, Dn 6:26, Dn 7:14, Dn 7:27; Lk 1:33
2:45 Gn 41:28; Dn 2:34; Mal 1:11
2:46 Ezr 6:10; Dn 3:5; Ac 10:25, Ac 14:13
2:47 Dt 10:17; Dn 11:36; 1Ti 6:15
2:48 Dn 2:6, Dn 4:9, Dn 5:11, Dn 5:29, Dn 6:2
2:49 Dn 1:7, Dn 2:17, Dn 3:12
3:1 Is 46:6
3:2 Dn 3:3, Dn 3:27, Dn 6:7
3:3 Dn 3:2
3:4 Dn 3:7, Dn 4:1, Dn 6:25
3:5 Dn 3:7, Dn 3:10, Dn 3:15
3:6 Jer 29:22
3:7 Dn 3:5
3:8 Dn 2:2, Dn 6:12

Gold statue

3 King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue. It was ninety feet high and nine feet wide. He set it up in the Dura Valley in the province of Babylon. [2]King Nebuchadnezzar then ordered the chief administrators, ministers, governors, counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the provincial officials to assemble and come for the dedication of the statue that he had set up. [3]So the chief administrators, ministers, governors, counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. They stood in front of the statue the king had set up. [4]The herald proclaimed loudly: "Peoples, nations, and languages! This is what you must do: [5]When you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, lyre, harp, flute, and every kind of instrument, you must bow down and worship the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. [6]Anyone who will not bow down and worship will be immediately thrown into a furnace of flaming fire." [7]So because of this order as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, lyre, harp, flute,[b] and every kind of instrument, all the peoples, nations, and languages bowed down and worshipped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Plot against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

[8]At that moment some Chaldeans came forward, seizing a chance to at-

[b]Identification of the instruments is not certain; several of the Aramaic terms are Greek loanwords.

tack the Jews. [9]They said to King Nebuchadnezzar:

"Long live the king! [10]Your Majesty, you gave a command that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, lyre, harp, flute, and every kind of instrument should bow down and worship the gold statue. [11]Anyone who wouldn't bow and worship would be thrown into a furnace of flaming fire. [12]Now there are some Jews, ones you appointed to administer the province of Babylon—specifically, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—who have ignored your command. They don't serve your gods, and they don't worship the gold statue you've set up."

[13]In a violent rage Nebuchadnezzar ordered them to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They were brought before the king.

[14]Nebuchadnezzar said to them: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Is it true that you don't serve my gods or worship the gold statue I've set up? [15]If you are now ready to do so, bow down and worship the gold statue I've made when you hear the sound of horn, pipe, zither, lyre, harp, flute, and every kind of instrument. But if you won't worship it, you will be thrown straight into the furnace of flaming fire. Then what god will rescue you from my power?"

[16]Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar: "We don't need to answer your question. [17]If our God—the one we serve—is able to rescue us from the furnace of flaming fire and from your power, Your Majesty, then let him rescue us.[c] [18]But if he doesn't, know this for certain, Your Majesty: we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you've set up."

Inside the furnace

[19]Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and his face twisted beyond recognition because of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. In response he commanded that the furnace be heated to seven times its normal heat. [20]He told some of the strongest men in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the furnace of flaming fire. [21]So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were bound, still dressed in all their clothes, and thrown into the furnace of flaming fire. ([22]Now the king's command had been rash, and the furnace was heated to such an extreme that the fire's flame killed the very men who carried Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to it.) [23]So these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell, bound, into the furnace of flaming fire.

[24]Then King Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in shock and said to his associates, "Didn't we throw three men, bound, into the fire?"

They answered the king, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

[25]He replied, "Look! I see four men, unbound, walking around inside the fire, and they aren't hurt! And the fourth one looks like one of the gods." [26]Nebuchadnezzar went near the opening of the furnace of flaming fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire. [27]The chief administrators, ministers, governors, and the king's associates crowded around to look at them. The fire hadn't done anything to them: their hair wasn't singed; their garments looked the same as before; they didn't even smell like fire!

Nebuchadnezzar praises God

[28]Nebuchadnezzar declared: "May the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be praised! He sent his messenger[d] to rescue his servants who trusted him. They ignored the king's order, sacrificing their bodies, because they wouldn't serve or worship any god but their God. [29]I now issue a decree to every people, nation, and language: whoever speaks disrespectfully about

3:9 Dn 2:4, Dn 5:10, Dn 6:6
3:10 Dn 3:4, Dn 3:5, Dn 3:7, Dn 3:15, Dn 6:12
3:12 Dn 1:7, Dn 2:49, Dn 6:13
3:13 Dn 2:12, Dn 3:19
3:14 Is 46:1; Jer 50:2; Dn 3:1
3:15 Ex 5:2; 2Ch 32:15; Dn 3:5, Dn 3:10
3:16 Dn 1:7, Dn 3:12
3:17 1Sa 17:37; Ps 27:1
3:18 Ex 20:3
3:19 Dn 3:13
3:20 Dn 1:7
3:21 Ex 28:40
3:22 Dn 1:7
3:23 Dn 1:7, Dn 2:49, Dn 3:12, Dn 3:20, Dn 3:30
3:24 Dn 3:2, Dn 3:3, Dn 3:9, Dn 4:36, Dn 5:18
3:25 Is 43:2; Dn 3:28
3:26 Ezr 5:11; Dn 4:2, Dn 6:20
3:27 Is 43:2; Dn 3:2; Lk 21:18
3:28 Ps 34:7; Dn 2:47, Dn 3:25, Dn 6:22; Ac 5:19
3:29 Dn 2:5, Dn 3:4, Dn 3:28, Dn 6:26, Dn 6:27

[c] *Or he will deliver us* [d] *Or angel*

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's God will be torn limb from limb and their house made a trash heap, because there is no other god who can rescue like this."

30 Then the king made Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego prosperous in the province of Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar's testimony

4 [e] King Nebuchadnezzar's message to all the peoples, nations, and languages inhabiting the entire earth: "I wish you much peace. 2 I'm delighted to share the signs and miracles that the Most High God has worked in my life.

3 His signs are superb!
His miracles so powerful!
His kingdom is everlasting.
His rule is for all time.

4 [f] "While I, Nebuchadnezzar, was safe in my house, content in my palace, 5 I had a terrifying dream. My thoughts while I was lying in bed and the vision in my mind overwhelmed me. 6 I ordered all Babylon's sages to come before me, so they might tell me the dream's meaning. 7 So the dream interpreters, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners came. I told them the dream, but they couldn't interpret it for me. 8 Daniel, who is called Belteshazzar after the name of my god, was the last to come before me. In him is the breath [g] of the holy gods! I told Daniel the dream:

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

9 "Belteshazzar, chief of the dream interpreters, I know the breath of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Tell me the meaning of the visions I had in my dream. 10 In my mind, as I lay in bed, I saw a vision:

At the center of the earth
was a towering tree.
11 The tree grew in size and strength;
it was as high as the sky;
it could be seen
from every corner of the earth.
12 Its leaves were beautiful,
its fruit abundant;
it had enough food for everyone.
Wild animals took shade under it;
birds nested in its branches.
All living things lived off that tree.

13 "In my mind, as I lay in bed, I saw another vision: A holy watcher came down from heaven. 14 He proclaimed loudly:

'Cut down the tree
and shear off its branches!
Strip its leaves and scatter its fruit!
The creatures should flee
from its shelter;
the birds should take flight
from its branches.
15 But leave its deepest root in the earth,
bound with iron and bronze
in the field grass.
Dew from heaven is to wash it,
and it must live with the animals
in the earth's vegetation.
16 Its [h] human mind is to be changed:
it will be given the mind of an animal.
Seven periods of time will pass over it.
17 This sentence is by the watchers' decree;
this decision is the holy ones' word
so that all who live might know
that the Most High
dominates human kingship.
The Most High gives kingship
to anyone he wants
and sets over it the lowest of people.'

18 "This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. So now Belteshazzar, tell me the meaning because all the sages in my kingdom were unable to interpret it for me. But you are able to do it because the breath of the holy gods is in you."

3:30 Dn 2:49, Dn 3:12

4:1 Dn 3:4, Dn 6:25

4:2 Dn 3:26

4:3 Dn 2:44, Dn 4:34, Dn 6:26

4:8 Dn 1:7, Dn 4:9, Dn 4:18, Dn 5:11

4:9 Dn 2:48, Dn 4:8, Dn 5:11

4:10 Eze 31:3; Dn 4:5

4:11 Dt 9:1; Dn 4:22

4:12 Eze 17:23, Eze 31:6, Eze 31:7; Mt 13:32; Lk 13:19

4:13 Dt 33:2; Dn 7:1, Dn 8:13

4:16 Dn 4:23, Dn 4:32

4:17 Ps 83:18; Jer 27:5; Dn 2:21, Dn 4:25, Dn 5:18

[e] 3:31 in Aram [f] 4:1 in Aram [g] Or *spirit*; also in 4:9, 18 [h] Throughout 4:15-16 and later in this chap, *it* and *its* could also be translated *he* and *his*.

Daniel interprets the visions

19 Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar, was shocked for a bit. What he thought about frightened him.

The king declared, "Don't let the dream and its meaning scare you, Belteshazzar."

Then Belteshazzar answered, "Sir, I wish the dream to be for those who hate you and its meaning to be for your enemies! 20 The tree you saw that grew in size and strength, that was as high as the sky, that could be seen from every corner of the earth, 21 with its beautiful leaves and its abundant fruit, and that had enough food for everyone, with wild animals living under it and birds nesting in its branches— 22 Your Majesty, that tree is you! You have grown large and become powerful. Your greatness is as high as the sky; your rule extends to the edge of the earth!

23 "Your Majesty, the holy watcher you saw coming down from heaven, who said, 'Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave its deepest root in the earth, bound with iron and bronze in the field grass, dew from heaven is to wash it, and it must live with the wild animals until seven periods of time pass over it'— 24 Your Majesty, this is the dream's meaning: It is the sentence of the Most High, delivered to my master the king. 25 You will be driven away from other humans and will live with the wild animals. You will eat grass like cattle and will be washed by dew from heaven. Seven periods of time will pass over you, until you acknowledge that the Most High dominates human kingship, giving it to anyone he wants. 26 And when he said to leave the deepest root of the tree—that means your kingship will again be yours, once you acknowledge that heaven rules all. 27 Therefore, Your Majesty, please accept my advice: remove your sins by doing what is right; remove your wrongdoing by showing mercy to the poor. Then your safety will be long lasting."

4:19 Dn 7:15, Dn 7:28, Dn 8:27

4:22 2Sa 12:7; Jer 27:6; Dn 2:37, Dn 2:38, Dn 5:18

4:23 Dn 4:13, Dn 4:15, Dn 4:16

4:24 Job 40:12; Ps 107:40

4:25 Ps 83:18, Ps 106:20; Jer 27:5; Dn 4:17, Dn 5:21

4:27 Prv 28:13; Is 55:6, Is 58:10; Ac 8:22, Ac 26:20

4:28 Nm 23:19

4:30 Dn 5:20; Hab 2:4

4:32 Dn 4:17, Dn 4:25, Dn 5:21

4:33 Dn 4:25, Dn 4:32

4:34 Ps 145:13; Dn 2:44, Dn 4:3, Dn 6:26, Dn 12:7

4:35 Job 9:12; Ps 115:3, Ps 135:6; Is 14:27, Is 45:9

4:36 Prv 22:4; Dn 4:34

4:37 Dt 32:4; Ps 33:4, Ps 145:17; Dn 4:34, Dn 5:20

Visions come true

28 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 Twelve months later, he was walking on the roof of the royal palace in Babylon. 30 The king declared, "Isn't this Babylon, the magnificent city that I built as the royal house by my own mighty strength and for my own majestic glory?"

31 These words hadn't even left the king's mouth when a voice came from heaven: "You, King Nebuchadnezzar, are now informed: Kingship is taken away from you. 32 You will be driven away from other humans and will live with the wild animals. You will eat grass like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you acknowledge that the Most High dominates human kingship, giving it to anyone he wants."

33 Nebuchadnezzar's sentence was immediately carried out. He was driven away from other humans and ate grass like cattle. Dew from heaven washed his body until he grew hair like eagles' feathers and claws like a bird.

Nebuchadnezzar is restored

34 "At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes to heaven. My reason returned to me, and I praised the Most High. I worshipped and glorified the one who lives forever because his rule is everlasting; his kingdom is for all time. 35 All of earth's inhabitants are nothing in comparison. The Most High does whatever he wants with the heaven's forces and with earth's inhabitants. No one can contain his power or say to him, 'What do you think you are doing?' 36 So at that moment my reason returned to me. My honor and splendor came back to me for the glory of my kingdom. My associates and my princes wanted to be with me again. Not only was I reinstated over my kingdom, I received more power than ever before.

37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, worship, magnify, and glorify the king of heaven. All his works are truth, all his

paths are justice, and he is able to humble all who walk in pride."

Belshazzar's party

5 King Belshazzar threw a huge party for a thousand of his princes, and he drank a lot of wine in front of them. [2]While he was under the wine's influence, Belshazzar commanded that the gold and silver equipment that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem's temple be brought to the party so that the king, his princes, his consorts, and his secondary wives could drink wine out of them. [3]So the gold[i] equipment that had been carried out of the temple, God's house in Jerusalem, was brought in; and the king, his princes, his consorts, and his secondary wives drank out of it. [4]They drank a lot of wine; and they praised the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Writing on the wall

[5]Right then the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the king's palace wall in the light of the lamp. The king saw the hand that wrote. [6]The king's mood changed immediately, and he was deeply disturbed. He felt weak, and his knees were shaking. [7]The king yelled, calling for the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners.

The king told these sages of Babylon: "Anyone who can read this writing and tell me its meaning will wear royal robes, will have a gold chain around his neck, and will rule the kingdom as third in command."

[8]Then all the king's sages arrived, but they couldn't read the writing or interpret it for the king. [9]At that point King Belshazzar was really frightened. All the color drained from his face, and his princes were also very worried.

[10]Upon hearing the commotion coming from the king and his princes, the queen entered the banqueting hall and declared, "Long live the king! Don't be so disturbed. Don't be so frightened. [11]There is a man in your kingdom who has the breath[j] of holy gods in him! When your father was alive, this man was shown to possess illumination, insight, and wisdom like the very wisdom of the gods.[k] Your father King Nebuchadnezzar appointed this man as chief over the dream interpreters, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners. Yes, your father did this [12]because this man—Daniel, the one the king named Belteshazzar—possesses an extraordinary spirit, knowledge, and insight into the meaning of dreams. He can explain ambiguities and resolve mysteries. Now in light of all that, summon Daniel! He will explain the meaning of this thing."

[13]So Daniel was brought before the king. The king said to him, "So you are Daniel, the Daniel from the exiles that my father the king brought from Judah? [14]I have heard that the breath of the gods is in you and that you possess illumination, insight, and extraordinary wisdom. [15]Now, the sages and the dream interpreters were brought before me to read this writing and interpret it for me, but they couldn't explain its meaning. [16]But I've heard that you can explain meanings and solve mysteries. So if you can read this writing and interpret it for me, you will wear royal robes, have a gold chain around your neck, and will rule the kingdom as third in command."

Daniel interprets the writing

[17]Daniel answered the king: "Keep your gifts. Give the rewards to someone else. But I will still read the writing to the king and interpret it for him. [18]Listen, Your Majesty: The Most High God gave kingship, power, glory, and majesty to your father Nebuchadnezzar. [19]Because of the power God gave Nebuchadnezzar, all peoples, nations, and languages were terrified of him. He did whatever he wanted, whenever

5:1 Est 1:3; Dn 5:30, Dn 7:1, Dn 8:1
5:2 Ezr 1:7; Dn 1:2
5:3 Dn 5:2
5:7 Gn 41:42; Dn 2:2, Dn 4:6, Dn 4:7, Dn 5:16
5:11 Dn 2:47, Dn 2:48, Dn 4:8, Dn 4:9, Dn 4:18
5:12 Dn 1:7, Dn 1:17, Dn 4:8, Dn 5:14, Dn 6:3
5:14 Dn 5:11
5:16 Dn 5:7, Dn 5:29
5:17 2Ki 5:16; Dn 6:10

[i]Vulg, Theodotion add *silver.* [j]Or *spirit*; also in 5:14 [k]Or *wisdom of God*

he wanted: killing or sparing, exalting or humbling. [20]But when he became arrogant, acting in stubborn pride, he was pulled off his royal throne and the glory was taken from him. [21]He was driven away from other humans, and his mind became like an animal's. He lived with wild donkeys, he ate grass like cattle, and dew from heaven washed his body until he realized that the Most High God dominates human kingship and sets over it anyone he wants.

[22]"But you who are his son, Belshazzar, you haven't submitted, even though you've known all this. [23]Instead, you've set yourself up against the Lord of heaven! The equipment of God's house was brought to you; and you, your princes, your consorts, and your secondary wives drank wine out of it, all the while praising the gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone—gods who can't see, hear, or know anything. But you didn't glorify the true God who holds your very breath in his hand and who owns every road you take.

[24]"That's why this hand was sent from God and why this message was written down. [25]This is what was written down:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN.[l]

[26]"This is the meaning of the word MENE: God has numbered[m] the days of your rule. It's over! [27]TEKEL means that you've been weighed[n] on the scales, and you don't measure up. [28]PERES[o] means your kingship is divided[p] and given to the Medes and the Persians."[q]

[29]Then Belshazzar commanded that Daniel be dressed in a purple robe, have a gold chain around his neck, and be officially appointed as third in command in the kingdom.

[30]That very same night, Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. [31]Darius the Mede received the kingdom at the age of 62.

5:28 Is 13:17, Is 21:2; Dn 5:31, Dn 6:28, Dn 9:1

5:29 Gn 41:42; Dn 2:48, Dn 5:7, Dn 5:16, Dn 6:2

5:31 Dn 6:1, Dn 9:1, Dn 11:1

6:1 Est 1:1; Dn 5:31, Dn 9:1

6:3 Est 10:3; Dn 5:12

6:5 Ac 24:13

6:10 1Ki 8:48; Ps 55:17, Ps 95:6

Plot against Daniel

6 Darius decided to appoint one hundred twenty chief administrators throughout the kingdom, [2]and to set over them three main officers to whom they would report so that the king wouldn't have to be bothered with too much.[r] One of these main officers was Daniel. [3]Because of his extraordinary spirit, Daniel soon surpassed the other officers and the chief administrators—so much so that the king had plans to set him over the entire kingdom. [4]As a result, the other officers and the chief administrators tried to find some problem with Daniel's work for the kingdom. But they couldn't find any problem or corruption at all because Daniel was trustworthy. He wasn't guilty of any negligence or corruption.

[5]So these men said, "We won't find any fault in Daniel, unless we can find something to use against him from his religious practice."[s]

[6]So these officers and chief administrators ganged together and went to the king. They said to him, "Long live King Darius! [7]All the officers of the kingdom, the ministers, the chief administrators, the royal associates, and the governors advise the king to issue an edict and enforce a law, that for thirty days anyone who says prayers to any god or human being except you, Your Majesty, will be thrown into a pit of lions. [8]Now, Your Majesty, issue the law and sign the document so that it cannot be changed, as per the law of Media and Persia, which cannot be annulled." [9]Because of this, King Darius signed the document containing the law.

Daniel prays

[10]When Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. Now his upper room had open windows that faced Jerusalem.

[l]Aram *Upharsin* [m]Aram *menah*, which is a wordplay with *Mene* [n]Aram *teqal*, which is a wordplay with *Tekel* [o]The singular form of the plural *Parsin* in 5:25 [p]Aram *peras*, which is a wordplay with *Parsin* [q]Aram *Paras*, another wordplay with *Parsin* [r]Aram uncertain [s]Or *in the Instruction of his God*

Daniel knelt down, prayed, and praised his God three times that day, just like he always did. [11]Just then these men, all ganged together, came upon Daniel praying and seeking mercy from his God. [12]They then went and talked to the king about the law: "Your Majesty! Didn't you sign a law, that for thirty days any person who prays to any god or human being besides you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into a pit of lions?"

The king replied, "The decision is absolutely firm in accordance with the law of Media and Persia, which cannot be annulled."

[13]So they said to the king, "One of the Judean exiles, Daniel, has ignored you, Your Majesty, as well as the law you signed. He says his prayers three times a day!"

[14]When the king heard this report, he was very unhappy. He decided to rescue Daniel and did everything he could do to save Daniel before the sun went down. [15]But these men, all ganged together, came and said to the king, "You must realize, Your Majesty, that the law of Media and Persia, including every law and edict the king has issued, cannot be changed."

Daniel in the lions' pit

[16]So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and hurled him into the pit of lions.

The king said to Daniel: "Your God—the one you serve so consistently—will rescue you."[t]

[17]A single stone was brought and placed over the entrance to the pit. The king sealed it with his own ring and with those of his princes so that Daniel's situation couldn't be changed. [18]The king then went home to his palace and fasted through the night. No pleasures[u] were brought to him, and he couldn't sleep. [19]At dawn, at the first sign of light, the king rose and rushed to the lions' pit.

[20]As he approached it, he called out to Daniel, worried: "Daniel, servant of the living God! Was your God—the one you serve so consistently—able to rescue you from the lions?"

[21]Then Daniel answered the king: "Long live the king! [22]My God sent his messenger, who shut the lions' mouths. They haven't touched me because I was judged innocent before my God. I haven't done anything wrong to you either, Your Majesty."

[23]The king was thrilled. He commanded that Daniel be brought up out of the pit, and Daniel was lifted out. Not a scratch was found on him, because he trusted in his God. [24]The king then ordered that the men who had accused Daniel be brought and thrown into the lions' pit—including their wives and children. They hadn't even reached the bottom of the pit before the lions overpowered them, crushing all their bones.

New decree

[25]Then King Darius wrote the following decree:

To all the peoples, nations, and languages inhabiting the entire earth: I wish you much peace. [26]I now issue this command: In every region of my kingdom, all people must fear and revere Daniel's God because:
He is the living God.
God stands firm forever.
His kingship is indestructible.
God's rule will last until the end of time.
[27]He is rescuer and savior;
God performs signs and miracles in heaven and on earth.
Here's the proof:
He rescued Daniel from the lions' power.

[28]And so Daniel was made prosperous during the rule of Darius and during the rule of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel's vision: four beasts

7 In the first year of Babylon's King Belshazzar, Daniel had a dream—a vision in his head as he lay on his bed.

6:11 Ps 37:32, Ps 37:33; Dn 6:6
6:13 Est 3:8; Dn 1:6, Dn 2:25, Dn 3:12, Dn 5:13
6:14 Mk 6:26
6:16 Job 5:19; Ps 37:39; Dn 3:17, Dn 6:7, Dn 6:20
6:22 Nm 20:16; Ps 91:11; Is 63:9; Dn 3:28; 2Ti 4:17
6:23 1Ch 5:20; Dn 3:25, Dn 3:27
6:24 Dt 19:18, Dt 19:19, Dt 24:16; 2Ki 14:6
6:25 Dn 3:4, Dn 4:1
6:26 Ps 99:1; Dn 2:44, Dn 3:29, Dn 4:3, Dn 4:34
6:27 Dn 3:29, Dn 4:2, Dn 4:3
6:28 2Ch 36:22, 2Ch 36:23; Ezr 1:2; Is 44:28; Dn 1:21
7:1 Dn 1:17, Dn 4:5, Dn 5:1

[t]Or *May your God—the one you serve so consistently—rescue you.* [u]Aram uncertain

He wrote the dream down. Here is the beginning of the account:

[2]I am Daniel. In the vision I had during the night I saw the four winds of heaven churning the great sea. [3]Four giant beasts emerged from the sea, each different from the others. [4]The first was like a lion with eagle's wings. I observed it until its wings were pulled off, and it was lifted up from the ground. It was then set on two feet, like a human being, and it received a human mind. [5]Then I saw another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told: "Get up! Devour much flesh!" [6]I kept watching, and suddenly there was another beast, this one like a leopard. On its back it had four wings like bird wings. This beast had four heads. Authority was given to it.

[7]After this, as I continued to watch this night vision, I saw a fourth beast, terrifying and hideous, with extraordinary power and with massive iron teeth. As it ate and crushed, its feet smashed whatever was left over. It was different from all the other beasts before it, and it had ten horns. [8]I was staring at the horns when, suddenly, another small horn came up between them. Three of the earlier horns were ripped out to make room for it. On this new horn were eyes like human eyes and a mouth that bragged and bragged.

Throne of fire and the human figure

[9]As I was watching,
thrones were raised up.
The ancient one took his seat.
His clothes were white like snow;
his hair was like a lamb's wool.
His throne was made of flame;
its wheels were blazing fire.
[10]A river of fire flowed out
from his presence;
thousands upon thousands served him;
ten thousand times ten thousand
stood ready to serve him!
The court sat in session;
the scrolls were opened.

[11]I kept watching. I watched from the moment the horn started bragging until the beast was killed and its body was destroyed, handed over to be burned with fire. [12]Then the authority of the remaining beasts was brought to an end, but they were given an extension among the living for a set time and season.

[13]As I continued to watch this night vision of mine, I suddenly saw
one like a human being[v]
coming with the heavenly clouds.
He came to the ancient one
and was presented before him.
[14]Rule, glory, and kingship
were given to him;
all peoples, nations, and languages
will serve him.
His rule is an everlasting one—
it will never pass away!—
his kingship is indestructible.

Beasts interpreted

[15]Now this caused me, Daniel, to worry.[w] My visions disturbed me greatly. [16]So I went to one of the servants who was standing ready nearby. I asked him for the truth about all this.

He spoke to me and explained to me the meaning of these things. [17]"These four giant beasts are four kings that will rise up from the earth, [18]but the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingship. They will hold the kingship securely forever and always."

[19]Next I wanted greater clarity about the fourth beast, the one that was different from all the others and utterly terrifying with its iron teeth and bronze claws. As it ate and crushed, its feet smashed whatever was left over. [20]I wanted greater clarity about the ten horns on its head, and the other horn that came up, along

7:2 Rev 7:1
7:3 Dn 7:17; Rev 13:1
7:4 Jer 4:7; Eze 17:3
7:5 Dn 2:39
7:6 Rev 13:2
7:7 Dn 2:40, Dn 7:19, Dn 7:23; Rev 12:3, Rev 13:1
7:8 Dn 7:20, Dn 8:9; Rev 13:5, Rev 13:6
7:9 Eze 10:2; Dn 7:22; Mk 9:3; Rev 1:14
7:10 Ps 50:3, Ps 68:17; Is 30:27; Rev 5:11, Rev 20:12
7:11 Rev 19:20, Rev 20:10
7:13 Mt 26:64; Mk 14:62; Rev 1:7, Rev 1:13, Rev 14:14
7:14 Is 9:7; Dn 2:44, Dn 7:27; Lk 1:33; Rev 11:15
7:15 Dn 4:19, Dn 7:1, Dn 7:28
7:16 Dn 8:16
7:17 Dn 7:3, Dn 7:11, Dn 8:4; Rev 13:1
7:18 Is 60:12; Dn 7:22, Dn 7:27; Rev 2:26, Rev 20:4
7:19 Dn 7:7
7:20 Dn 7:8

[v]Aram *kebar enash* (*like a son of man*) is an idiom that means *like a human being;* cf also 8:17; 10:16, 18 for Heb approximations. [w]Or *my spirit was distressed in its sheath;* Aram uncertain

with the three that fell out to make room for it—but especially about the horn that had eyes and a mouth that bragged, and that seemed more important than the others. 21As I watched, this same horn waged war against the holy ones and defeated them, 22until the Ancient One came. Then judgment was given in favor of the holy ones of the Most High. The set time arrived, and the holy ones held the kingship securely.

23This is what he said:
"The fourth beast means
that there will be a fourth kingship
on the earth.
It will be different
from all the other kingships.
It will devour the entire earth,
trample it, crush it.
24The ten horns mean
that from this kingship
will rise ten kings,
and after them will rise yet
another.
He will be different
from the previous ones.
He will defeat three kings.
25He will say things against the Most
High
and will exhaust the holy ones
of the Most High.
He will try to change times set by
law.
And for a period of time,
periods of time,
and half a period of time,
they will be delivered into his
power.
26Then the court will sit in session.
His rule will be taken away—
ruined and wiped out for all time.
27The kingship, authority, and power
of all kingdoms under heaven
will be given to the people,
the holy ones of the Most High.
Their kingship is an everlasting one;
every authority will serve them
and obey."
28The account ends here.

Now as for how I, Daniel, felt about this: My thoughts disturbed me greatly. My mood darkened considerably, and I kept thinking about this matter.

7:21 Rev 13:7
7:22 Dn 7:9, Dn 7:13, Dn 7:18; 1Co 6:2; Rev 20:4
7:24 Dn 7:7; Rev 17:12
7:25 Dn 2:21, Dn 11:36, Dn 12:7
7:26 Dn 7:10
7:27 Ps 22:27, Ps 86:9; Dn 2:44; Lk 1:33; Rev 11:15
7:28 Dn 4:19, Dn 7:15, Dn 8:27, Dn 10:8; Lk 2:19
8:1 Dn 5:1, Dn 7:1
8:2 Neh 1:1; Est 1:2
8:3 Dn 8:20
8:4 Dn 7:17, Dn 11:3, Dn 11:16
8:5 Dn 8:21
8:7 Dn 11:11
8:8 2Ch 26:16; Dn 5:20, Dn 7:2, Dn 8:22; Rev 7:1
8:10 Is 14:13; Dn 7:7, Dn 8:7; Rev 12:4

Vision of a ram and a goat

8In the third year of King Belshazzar's rule, a vision came to me, Daniel, some time after the earlier vision I had. 2I saw this vision, and as I experienced it I was in the walled city of Susa in the province of Elam,[x] by the Ulai canal. 3When I lifted my eyes, I suddenly saw a ram with two horns standing in front of the canal. Both horns were high, but one was higher than the other. The higher one came up after the other one. 4I saw the ram goring west, north, and south. No animal could resist the ram, and no one could stop it, rescuing others from its power. The ram did whatever it pleased. It became powerful.

5I was trying to understand this when suddenly a he-goat came from the west, crossing the entire earth but not touching the ground. Between this goat's eyes was a horn that was a sight to see. 6The he-goat came to the ram that had two horns, the one I'd seen standing in front of the canal. The he-goat charged the ram in powerful anger. 7I saw the he-goat approach the ram. It was enraged at the ram and attacked it, shattering the ram's two horns. The ram couldn't resist the he-goat. The he-goat threw the ram on the ground and trampled on it. No one could rescue the ram from the he-goat's power.

8The he-goat became even greater, but at the height of its power, its large horn snapped. In its place, four horns, each a sight to see, came up toward the four winds of heaven. 9A single, very small horn came out of one of the four horns. It grew bigger and bigger, stretching toward the south, the east, and the beautiful country. 10It grew as high as the heavenly forces, until it finally threw some of them and some

[x]Some LXX sources; MT repeats *I had this vision before I was by the Ulai canal.*

of the stars down to the earth. Then it trampled on them. [11]It grew as high as the very leader of those forces, taking the daily sacrifice away from him[y] and overturning his holy place. [12]In an act of rebellion, another force will take control of the daily sacrifice. It will throw truth to the ground and will succeed in everything it does.[z]

How long?

[13]I then heard a certain holy one speaking. A second holy one said to the first one: "How long will this vision last—the one concerning the daily sacrifice, the desolating rebellion, and the handing over of the sanctuary and its forces to be trampled?"

[14]He said to me, "For two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be restored."

Vision interpreted

[15]Now I, Daniel, needed help understanding the vision I saw. Suddenly standing in front of me was someone who looked like a man. [16]I then heard a human voice coming out of the center of the Ulai canal. It called out: "Gabriel, help this person understand what he has seen."

[17]Gabriel approached me, and I was terrified when he came. I fell with my face to the ground. Gabriel said to me, "Know this, human one: the vision is for the end time." [18]As soon as he said this to me, I fell into a trance. My face was still on the ground. Then Gabriel touched me and set me up on my feet.

[19]He said, "Now, I am going to tell you what will happen during the time of doom that is coming, because at the appointed time there will be an end. [20]The two-horned ram you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. [21]The long-haired he-goat is the king of Greece, and the big horn between its eyes is the first king. [22]The horn that snapped so that four came up in its place means that four kingdoms will come from one nation, but these four won't have the strength of the first one.

[23]When their kingship nears its end
and their sins[a] are almost complete,
a king will step forward.
He will be stern
and a master of deception.
[24]At the height of his power,[b]
he will wreak unbelievable
destructions.
He will succeed in all he does.
He will destroy both the mighty
and the people of the holy ones.
[25]Along with his cunning,
he will succeed by using deceit.
In his own mind, he will be great.
In a time of peace,
he will bring destruction on many,
opposing even the supreme leader.
But he will be broken—
and not by a human hand.

[26]Now this vision of evening and morning, which has been announced, is true. But you must seal it up, because it is for days far in the future."

[27]Then I, Daniel, was overwhelmed and felt sick for days. When I finally got up and went about the king's business, I remained troubled by the vision and couldn't understand it.

Daniel's prayer

9 In the first year of Darius' rule—Darius, who was Ahasuerus' son, a Median by birth and who ruled the Chaldean kingdom—[2]I, Daniel, pondered the scrolls, specifically the number of years that it would take to complete Jerusalem's desolation according to the LORD's word to the prophet Jeremiah. It was seventy years. [3]I then turned my face to my Lord God, asking for an answer with prayer and pleading, and with fasting, mourning clothes, and ashes. [4]As I prayed to the LORD my God, I made this confession:

8:12 Is 59:14; Dn 11:28
8:13 Dn 4:13, Dn 11:31, Dn 12:6
8:14 Dn 7:25, Dn 12:11; Rev 11:3
8:15 Dn 10:16
8:16 Dn 8:2, Dn 9:21, Dn 12:5; Lk 1:19, Lk 1:26
8:17 Eze 1:28; Dn 8:19, Dn 11:35; Rev 1:17
8:20 Dn 8:3
8:21 Dn 8:5, Dn 10:20, Dn 11:3
8:23 Dt 28:50; Dn 8:25, Dn 11:21
8:24 Dn 8:12, Dn 11:36
8:25 Dn 2:34, Dn 8:11
9:1 Dn 5:31, Dn 6:1, Dn 11:1
9:3 Neh 1:4
9:4 Dt 7:9; 1Ki 8:23; Neh 1:5, Neh 9:32

[y]Or *the daily sacrifice was taken away from him.* [z]Heb uncertain [a]LXX; MT *rebels* [b]LXX sources; MT *His power will grow strong, but not by his own power,* perhaps influenced by 8:22.

Please, my Lord—you are the great and awesome God, the one who keeps the covenant, and truly faithful to all who love him and keep his commands: [5]We have sinned and done wrong. We have brought guilt on ourselves and rebelled, ignoring your commands and your laws. [6]We haven't listened to your servants, the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, our parents, and to all the land's people. [7]Righteousness belongs to you, my Lord! But we are ashamed this day—we, the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, all Israel whether near or far, in whatever country where you've driven them because of their unfaithfulness when they broke faith with you. [8]LORD, we are ashamed—we, our kings, our leaders, and our parents who sinned against you. [9]Compassion and deep forgiveness belong to my Lord, our God, because we rebelled against him. [10]We didn't listen to the voice of the LORD our God by following the teachings he gave us through his servants, the prophets. [11]All Israel broke your Instruction and turned away, ignoring your voice. Then the curse that was sworn long ago—the one written in the Instruction from Moses, God's servant—swept over us because we sinned against God. [12]God confirmed the words he spoke against us and against our rulers, bringing great trouble on us. What happened in Jerusalem hasn't happened anywhere else in the entire world! [13]All this trouble came upon us, exactly as it was written in the Instruction of Moses, but we didn't try to reconcile with the LORD our God by turning from our wrongdoing or by finding wisdom in your faithfulness. [14]So the LORD oversaw the great trouble and brought it on us, because the LORD our God has been right in every move he's made, but we haven't listened to his voice.

[15]"But now, my Lord, our God—you who brought your people out of Egypt with a strong hand, making a name for yourself even to this day: We have sinned and done the wrong thing. [16]My Lord, please! In line with your many righteous acts, please turn your raging anger from Jerusalem, which is your city, your own holy mountain. Because of our sins and the wrongdoing of our parents, both Jerusalem and your people have become a disgrace to all our neighbors.

[17]"But now, our God, listen to your servant's prayer and pleas for help. Shine your face on your ruined sanctuary, for your own sake, my Lord. [18]Open your ears, my God, and listen! Open your eyes and look at our devastation. Look at the city called by your name! We pray our prayers for help to you, not because of any righteous acts of ours but because of your great compassion. [19]My Lord, listen! My Lord, forgive! My Lord, pay attention and act! Don't delay! My God, do all this for your own sake, because your city and your people are called by your name.

Seventy weeks

[20]While I was still speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sins of my people Israel—while I was still praying my prayer for help to the LORD my God about my God's holy mountain—[21]while I was still speaking this prayer, the man Gabriel approached me at the time of the evening offering. This was the same Gabriel I had seen in my earlier vision. He was weary with exhaustion.[c]

[22]He explained as he spoke with me: "Daniel, here's why I've come: to

9:5 Neh 9:33; Ps 106:6; Jer 8:14, Jer 14:7; Lam 1:20

9:6 2Ch 36:15, 2Ch 36:16; Jer 44:5

9:7 Am 9:9

9:8 Jer 14:20

9:9 Ex 34:7; Neh 9:17; Ps 130:4

9:10 2Ki 17:13, 2Ki 18:12

9:11 Dt 28:15; Is 1:4

9:12 Is 44:26; Eze 5:9

9:13 Is 9:13; Jer 2:30; Dn 9:11

9:14 Neh 9:33; Jer 31:28, Jer 44:27; Dn 9:7, Dn 9:10

9:15 Ex 32:11; Neh 9:10; Jer 32:20; Dn 9:5

9:16 Dn 9:20; Zec 8:3

9:17 Nm 6:25; Ps 80:3, Ps 80:19; Lam 5:18

9:18 2Ki 19:16; Ps 80:14; Is 37:17; Jer 7:10, Jer 25:29

9:19 Ps 44:23

9:20 Ps 145:18; Is 58:9; Dn 9:16

9:21 1Ki 18:36; Dn 8:16; Lk 1:19; Ac 3:1

[c]Or *approached me in swift flight at the time of the evening offering;* Heb uncertain

give you insight and understanding.
23When you began making your requests, a word went out, and I've come to tell it to you because you are greatly treasured. So now understand this word and grasp the meaning of this vision! 24Seventy weeks are appointed for your people and for your holy city to complete the rebellion, to end sins, to cover over wrongdoing, to bring eternal righteousness, to seal up prophetic vision, and to anoint the most holy place.

25"So you must know and gain wisdom about this: There will be seven weeks from the moment the word went out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until a leader is anointed. And for sixty-two weeks the city will be rebuilt with a courtyard and a moat. But in difficult times, 26after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one will be eliminated. No one will support him.[d] The army of a future leader will destroy the city and the sanctuary. His[e] end will come in a flood, but devastations will be decreed until the end of the war.[f]
27For one week, he will make a strong covenant with many people. For a half-week, he will stop both sacrifices and offerings. In their place[g] will be the desolating monstrosities until the decreed destruction sweeps over the devastator."

Vision of a man

10 In the third year of Persia's King Cyrus, a message was revealed to Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar. The message was true: there would be a great conflict. Daniel understood the message, having discerned the meaning of the vision.

2During that time, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three weeks. 3I didn't eat any rich foods. Neither meat nor wine passed my lips, and I didn't clean up at all until the three weeks were up. 4Then, on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was on the bank of the great Tigris River, 5I looked up and suddenly saw a man clothed in linen in front of me. He had a brilliant gold belt around his waist, 6and his body was like topaz. His face was like a flash of lightning, and his eyes were like burning torches. His arms and feet looked like polished bronze. When he spoke, it sounded like the roar of a crowd. 7Only I, Daniel, saw this vision. The other people who were with me didn't see it. Despite that, they were terrified and ran away to hide.

8So I was left alone to see this great vision all by myself. All my strength left me. My energy was sapped, and I couldn't stay strong. 9Then I heard the sound of the man's words. When I heard it, I fell into a trance with my face on the ground. 10But then a hand touched me, lifting me up to my hands and knees.

11The man said to me, "Daniel, you are greatly treasured. Now grasp the meaning of what I'm saying to you. And stand up, because I've been sent to you."

As he said this to me, I stood up, shaking.

12Then the man said to me, "Don't be afraid, Daniel, because from the day you first set your mind to understand things and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard. I've come because of your words! 13For twenty-one days the leader of the Persian kingdom blocked my way. But then Michael, one of the highest leaders, came to help me. I left Michael there with the leader of the Persian kingdom.[h] 14But I've come to help you understand what will happen to your people in the future, because there is another vision concerning that time."

15While he said this to me, I turned my face to the ground and kept quiet.

9:23 Dn 10:11, Dn 10:12, Dn 10:19; Mt 24:15

9:24 Ps 45:7; Is 56:1, Is 61:1; Jer 23:5, Jer 23:6

9:25 Ezr 4:24; Jn 1:41, Jn 4:25

9:26 Is 53:8; Dn 11:10; Na 1:8; Mt 24:2; Lk 19:43

9:27 Dn 11:31; Mt 24:15; Mk 13:14

10:1 Dn 1:7, Dn 1:17, Dn 1:21, Dn 6:28, Dn 8:26

10:2 Ezr 9:4

10:3 2Sa 14:2; Dn 6:18; Mt 6:17

10:5 Jer 10:9; Eze 9:2; Dn 12:6; Rev 1:13, Rev 15:6

10:6 Rev 1:15

10:8 Gn 32:24; Dn 7:28, Dn 8:27; Hab 3:16

10:9 Gn 15:12; Dn 8:18

10:11 Eze 2:1; Dn 8:16, Dn 8:17, Dn 9:23

10:12 Rev 1:17

10:13 Dn 10:21, Dn 12:1; Jud 1:9; Rev 12:7

10:14 Dn 2:28, Dn 8:26, Dn 9:22; Hab 2:3

[d] Or *and will have nothing* or *and will disappear;* Heb uncertain [e] Or *Its* (the army's) [f] Heb uncertain [g] Correction *on the wing;* Heb uncertain [h] LXX; Heb *after I was detained there with the kings of Persia*

16 But then someone who looked like a
human being[i] touched my lips. Then
I opened my mouth and spoke, say-
ing to the person standing in front of
me: "My lord, the vision bothered me
deeply, and I couldn't stay strong dur-
ing it. 17 So how can I, my lord's servant,
speak with you, my lord? Even now
there's no strength in me, and I can
barely breathe."

18 The one who looked like a human
being touched me again and gave me
strength. 19 He said, "Don't be afraid.
You are greatly treasured. All will be
well with you. Be strong!"

As he spoke to me, I suddenly felt
strong. Then I said: "My lord can go on,
because you've made me strong."

20 Then he said: "Do you know why I
have come to you? Now I must go back
to fight the leader of Persia. As I leave,
the leader of Greece will come! 21 But
I will tell you what is written in the
Scroll of Truth. No one stands strong
with me against these leaders except
your leader Michael.

A vast empire divided

11 "In the first year of Darius the
Mede's rule, I took my stand to
strengthen and protect him. 2 I will
now tell you the truth. Persia will have
three more kings, but the fourth will
be richer than all of them. Once he has
become strong through his great riches,
he will disturb everyone, including the
Greek kingdom. 3 Then a warrior-king
will come forward, ruling over a vast
empire and doing whatever he wants.
4 But even as he takes control, his king-
dom will be broken, divided to the four
winds of heaven. It won't pass to his de-
scendants. No one will rule like he did
because his kingdom will be uprooted.
It will belong to others, not to these.

South and north

5 "Then the southern king will gain
power, but one of his princes will over-
power him, ruling in his place. His
empire will be vast. 6 After some years,
they will make an agreement together.
The southern king's daughter will go to
the northern king to finalize the agree-
ment, but she won't retain her great
power. Neither will his power remain in
place. In those times she will be handed
over, along with her escort, the one who
fathered her, and the one who strength-
ened her.[j]

7 "A branch from her roots will rise
up in his place. Attacking the army,
he will enter the walled fortress of
the northern king. He will fight with
them, and he will conquer. 8 He will
even carry off their gods to Egypt,
along with their statues and their sil-
ver and gold equipment. For years he
will avoid the northern king. 9 Then the
northern king will attack the kingdom
of the southern king, but will return to
his own land. 10 His sons will get ready
for war, gathering massive forces.
Their attack will be like an overwhelm-
ing flood. And they will attack again,
taking the battle as far as his walled
fortress.

11 "The southern king, in a bitter
rage, will come out to battle the north-
ern king. He will muster a huge army,
but the army will be handed over to
his enemy. 12 When the army is carried
off, he will become confident. He will
kill tens of thousands, but he will not
stand strong. 13 The northern king will
then muster another army—this one
bigger than the first. After some years
have passed, he will attack with a large
and well-equipped army. 14 In those
times, many will oppose the southern
king. Violent persons from among
your people also will rise up to support
the vision, but they will fail.

15 "When the northern king attacks,
he will throw up a siege ramp and oc-
cupy a walled city. The southern forces
will not be able to resist—not even
its elite forces. No one will be strong
enough to resist. 16 The one who comes
to attack will do whatever he wants;
no one will be able to oppose him.
He will take his place in the beauti-

10:16 Is 6:7; Jer 1:9; Dn 8:15
10:17 Dn 10:8
10:18 Dn 8:18, Dn 10:16
10:19 Dn 10:12
10:20 Dn 8:21, Dn 10:13, Dn 11:2
10:21 Dn 10:13, Dn 12:1, Dn 12:4; Jud 1:9; Rev 12:7

[i] Heb *bene adam* (*a son of a man*) is an idiom that means *human being*; cf 7:13. [j] Heb uncertain

ful country, and he will hand out destruction. 17He will decide to occupy his entire kingdom by force. He will make an agreement with him and will give him a wife, intending to destroy him,[k] but it won't succeed and it won't happen.[l] 18He will turn his face to the coastlands, capturing many people. A commander will put an end to his disgrace,[m] even though he won't repay that disgrace. 19Then he will turn his attention to the walled fortresses of his own country but will stumble, fall, and disappear.

20"In his place one will arise who will send his agent to exact a kingdom's glory, but in a few days he will be broken, though not by anger and not by war. 21A worthless person will arise in his place. Royal majesty will not have been given to him, but he will come in a time of security and seize the kingdom by deceitful means. 22Forces will be completely swept away and broken before him. The same is true for the leader of the covenant. 23From the moment they make an agreement with him, he will act deceitfully. He will gain power at the expense of a small nation. 24He will come into a province's richest places untroubled and will do what his fathers and grandfathers never could. He will hand out plunder, spoil, and wealth to them. He will make plans against fortresses, but only for a time.

25"Then with a large army he will gather his strength and courage against the southern king. The southern king, with a large and super powerful army, will prepare for war, but he won't endure because they will make plans against him. 26Those who eat the king's provisions will destroy him. His army will be overrun. Many will die.

27"These two kings, with their minds set on evil, will sit at one table, telling lies, but with no success because the end will come at the set time. 28He will return to his country with great wealth and set his mind against a holy covenant. He will do what he wants and then return to his country. 29At the set time he will again battle against the south, but the second time will be different from the first. 30Kittim ships will fight against him, and he will retreat in fear. He will rage against a holy covenant and will do what he wants. Then he will pay special attention to those who violate a holy covenant. 31His forces will come and make the sanctuary fortress impure. They will stop the daily sacrifice and set up a desolating monstrosity. 32By deceitful means he will corrupt those who violate a covenant, but the people who acknowledge their God will stand strong and will act.

33"The people's teachers will help many understand, but for a time they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder. 34When they fall, they will receive a little help, but many will join them with deceitful plans. 35Some of the teachers too will fall in order that they might be refined, purified, and cleansed—until an end time, because it is still not yet the set time.

An end to the arrogant king

36"The king will do whatever he wants. He will exalt himself, making himself greater than any god. He will say unbelievable things against the God of gods. He will succeed until the doom is completed, because what is decreed must take place. 37He will give no thought to the gods of his fathers, nor to the god cherished by women. He will give no thought to any god, because he will make himself greater than all of them. 38In their place, he will worship a god of walled fortresses. With gold and silver, rare stones and precious things, he will worship a god his fathers did not acknowledge. 39He will deal with walled fortresses with the help of a foreign god. He will heap rewards on those who support him,

11:31 Dn 8:11, Dn 8:13, Dn 9:27, Dn 12:11; Mt 24:15

11:33 Dn 12:3, Dn 12:10; Mal 2:7; Mt 24:9; Jn 16:2

11:37 2Th 2:4

[k] DSS; MT *her* or *it* (the kingdom) [l] Heb adds *for him.* [m] Heb adds *for him.*

making them rule over many and dividing up the land for a price. 40At the end time, the southern king will attack him. The northern king will storm against him with chariots and horses and many ships. He will invade countries, sweeping over them like a flood. 41He will invade the beautiful country, and tens of thousands will die. But Edom, Moab, and the best of the Ammonites will escape from his hand. 42He will extend his power into other countries. Even Egypt won't escape. 43He will take control of Egypt's hidden treasures of gold, silver, and all its precious things. Libyans and Cushites will follow at his feet. 44But reports from the east and north will alarm him, and in a great rage he will set off to devastate and destroy many. 45He will pitch his royal tents between the sea and the beautiful holy mountain. But he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Eternal life or eternal disgrace

12 "At that time, Michael the great leader who guards your people will take his stand. It will be a difficult time—nothing like it has ever happened since nations first appeared. But at that time every one of your people who is found written in the scroll will be rescued. 2Many of those who sleep in the dusty land[n] will wake up—some to eternal life, others to shame and eternal disgrace. 3Those skilled in wisdom[o] will shine like the sky. Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and always. 4But you, Daniel, must keep these words secret! Seal the scroll until the end time! Many will stray far, but knowledge will increase."

11:41 Is 11:14; Jer 9:26, Jer 48:47, Jer 49:6; Dn 11:16

11:45 Is 2:2; Dn 7:26, Dn 8:25, Dn 9:16, Dn 9:20

12:1 Jer 30:7; Dn 10:13, Dn 10:21; Mt 24:21; Lk 10:20

12:2 Is 26:19; Mt 25:46; Jn 5:28, Jn 5:29; Ac 24:15

12:3 Dn 11:33, Dn 11:35; Mt 13:43; Jn 5:35

12:4 Is 8:16; Dn 8:26, Dn 12:9; Rev 10:4, Rev 22:10

12:5 Dn 10:4

12:6 Eze 9:2; Dn 8:13, Dn 8:16, Dn 10:5

12:7 Dn 4:34, Dn 7:25, Dn 8:24; Rev 10:5, Rev 10:6

12:9 Dn 12:4

12:10 Dn 11:35; Hos 14:9; Rev 22:11

12:11 Dn 9:27, Dn 11:31; Mt 24:15; Mk 13:14

12:12 Is 30:18; Dn 8:14

12:13 Is 57:2; 2Co 5:1; Rev 14:13

Waiting for the end time

5I, Daniel, looked and suddenly saw two other figures—one standing on each side of the stream. 6One said to the man clothed in white linen, who was farther upstream: "When will these astonishing things be over?"

7I heard the man clothed in white linen, who was farther upstream, swear by the one who lives forever as he raised both hands to heaven: "For one set time, two set times, and half a set time. When the breaking of the holy people's power is over, all these things will be over."

8I heard it, but I didn't understand it. "My lord," I said, "what will happen after all this?"

9He said, "Get going now, Daniel, because these words must remain secret and sealed up until the end time. 10Many will purify, cleanse, and refine themselves, but the wicked will act wickedly. None of the wicked will understand, but those skilled in wisdom will understand. 11There will be one thousand two hundred ninety days from the time the daily sacrifice is stopped to the setting up of the desolating monstrosity. 12Happy is the one who waits and reaches one thousand three hundred thirty-five days. 13Now as for you, go on to the end. You will rest and will stand to receive your reward at the end of days."

[n]Or *earthy soil* or *dust of the earth* [o]See 1:4; or *The teachers;* see 11:33, 35; also in 12:10.

HOSEA

1 The LORD's word that came to Hosea, Beeri's son, in the days of Judah's Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, and in the days of Israel's King Jeroboam, Joash's son.

God commands Hosea to marry

2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to him, "Go, marry a prostitute and have children of prostitution, for the people of the land commit great prostitution by deserting the LORD." 3 So Hosea went and took Gomer, Diblaim's daughter, and she became pregnant and bore him a son. 4 The LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will destroy the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Jezreel Valley." 6 Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Name her No Compassion, because I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel or forgive them. 7 But I will have compassion on the house of Judah. I, the LORD their God, will save them; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." 8 When Gomer finished nursing No Compassion, she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. 9 Then the LORD said, "Name him Not My People because you are not my people, and I am not your God."[a]

Hope for the future

10[b] Yet the number of the people of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it will be said to them, "Children of the living God." 11 The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be gathered together, and they will choose one head. They will become fruitful in the land.[c] The day will be a wonderful one for Jezreel.

1:1 2Ki 13:13, 2Ki 18:1; Is 1:1; Am 1:1; Mi 1:1
1:2 Jer 3:1; Hos 3:1
1:3 Hos 1:6
1:4 2Ki 10:1, 2Ki 10:11; Hos 1:6
1:6 2Ki 17:6, 2Ki 17:23; Hos 1:4, Hos 1:9, Hos 2:4
1:7 Zec 4:6, Zec 9:10
1:9 Hos 1:4, Hos 1:6
1:10 Gn 22:17; Ro 9:26
1:11 Is 11:12; Jer 3:18, Jer 50:4; Eze 37:16; Hos 3:5
2:1 Hos 1:6, Hos 1:9
2:5 Jer 44:17; Hos 2:8
2:6 Job 3:23, Job 19:8; Lam 3:7, Lam 3:9
2:7 Dt 4:30; Jer 2:2, Jer 3:1; Hos 5:13; Lk 15:17

Proclamation of wrongdoing

2 [d] Say to your brother, My People,
and to your sister, Compassion:
2 Level a charge against your mother;
plead with her!
She is not my wife,
and I am not her husband.
Let her remove prostitution
from her presence,
and adultery from between
her breasts,
3 or else I will strip her naked
and expose her
as on the day she was born.
I will make her like a desert,
and turn her into a dry land,
and make her die of thirst.
4 I will also have no compassion
on her children
because they are
children of prostitution.
5 Their mother has played
the prostitute;
she who conceived them
has behaved shamefully.
She said, "I will seek out my lovers;
they give me my bread
and my water,
my wool and my linen cloth,
my oil and my drink."

Divine correction

6 Therefore, I will line her path
with thorns;
and I will build a wall against her,
so that she can't find her paths.
7 She will go after her lovers,
but she won't catch up with them;
she will seek them,
but she won't find them.
Then she will say,
"I will return to my first husband,
for I had it better then than now."

[a] Or *I am not yours.* [b] 1:10-11=Heb 2:12 [c] Or *They will go up from the land.* [d] 2:1-23=Heb 2:3-25

8 She didn't know that I gave her
the corn, the new wine,
and the fresh oil,
and that I gave her much silver,
and gold that they used for Baal.
9 So now I will take back
my corn in its time,
and my wine in its season;
and I will take away my wool
and my linen cloth,
which were to cover her nakedness.
10 Now I will uncover her nakedness
in plain view of her lovers,
and no one will rescue her from me.
11 I will end all her religious celebrations,
her festivals, her new moons,
her Sabbath days,
and all her sacred seasons.
12 I will destroy her vines
and her fig trees,
of which she said,
"These are my pay,
which my lovers have given to me."
I will change them into a forest,
and the wild animals will eat them.
13 I will punish her for the days
dedicated to the Baals,
when she offered sweet-smelling
sacrifices to them
and dressed herself up
with rings and jewelry,
and went after her lovers,
and forgot me, says the LORD.

Promises:
restoration and covenant love

14 Therefore, I will charm her,
and bring her into the desert,
and speak tenderly to her heart.
15 From there I will give her vineyards,
and make the Achor Valley
a door of hope.
There she will respond to me
as in the days of her youth,
like the time when she came out
of the land of Egypt.

16 On that day, says the LORD, you
will call me, "My husband," and no longer will you call me, "My Lord." 17 I will
take away the names of the Baals from
her mouth, and they will not be mentioned by name anymore. 18 On that
day, I will make a covenant for them
with the wild animals, the birds in the
sky, and the creeping creatures of
the fertile ground. I will do away with
the bow, the sword, and war from the
land; I will make you lie down in safety.

19 I will take you for my wife forever;
I will take you for my wife
in righteousness and in justice,
in devoted love, and in mercy.
20 I will take you for my wife
in faithfulness;
and you will know the LORD.

21 On that day I will answer,
says the LORD.
I will answer the heavens
and they will answer the earth.
22 The earth will answer the corn,
the new wine, and the fresh oil,
and they will answer Jezreel;
23 I will sow him for myself in the land;
and I will have compassion on
No Compassion,
and I will say to Not My People,
"You are my people";
and he will say,
"You are my God."

The lesson of infidelity

3 Then the LORD said to me again,
"Go, make love to a woman who
has a lover and is involved in adultery,
just as the LORD loves the people of
Israel, though they turn to other gods
and love raisin cakes." 2 So I bought
her for fifteen pieces of silver, a large
amount of barley, and a portion of
wine.[e] 3 I said to her, "You must stay
with me for many days; you won't act
like a prostitute; you won't have sex
with a man, nor I with you." 4 Similarly,
the Israelites will remain many days
without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred standing stone, without
a priestly vest or household divine images. 5 Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and

2:8 Is 1:3; Hos 8:4
2:9 Jl 1:10
2:11 Is 1:13, Is 1:14; Jer 7:34, Jer 16:9; Am 8:10
2:13 Eze 23:40; Hos 4:6, Hos 11:2
2:17 Ex 23:13; Josh 23:7; Ps 16:4; Zec 13:2
2:19 Is 54:5; Jer 3:14
2:20 Jer 31:34; Hos 2:19
2:23 Hos 1:6, Hos 1:10; Zec 13:9; Ro 9:25; 1Pt 2:10
3:1 2Sa 6:19; Hos 1:2
3:2 Gn 34:12; Lv 27:16; Eze 45:11
3:3 Dt 21:13
3:4 Gn 31:19; Jgs 8:27, Jgs 17:5; Hos 10:1, Hos 10:3
3:5 Jer 30:9, Jer 50:4; Eze 34:23, Eze 34:24; Hos 5:15

[e] LXX

David their king; they will come trembling to the LORD and to the LORD's goodness in the latter days.

Israel's sins and coming punishment

4 Hear the LORD's word,
people of Israel;
for the LORD has a dispute
with the inhabitants of the land.
There's no faithful love or loyalty,
and no knowledge of God
in the land.
2 Swearing, lying, murder,
together with stealing and
adultery are common;
bloody crime followed
by bloody crime.
3 Therefore, the earth itself
becomes sick,
and all who live on it grow weak;
together with the wild animals
and the birds in the sky,
even the fish of the sea are dying.
4 Yet let no one protest,
and let no one complain.

Listen, priest,
I am angry with your people.[f]
5 You will stumble by day;
and at nighttime
so will your prophet,
and I will destroy your mother.
6 My people are destroyed
from lack of knowledge.
Since you have rejected knowledge,
so I will reject you
from serving me as a priest.
Since you have forgotten
the Instruction of your God,
so also I will forget your children.
7 The more they increased,
the more they sinned against me;
they exchanged their glory
for shame.
8 They feed on the sin of my people;
they set their hearts on evil things.
9 The priest will be just like
the people;
I will punish them for their ways,
and judge them for their deeds.
10 They will eat but not be satisfied;

4:1 Is 1:3; Jer 4:22; Hos 12:2; Mi 6:2
4:2 Hos 6:9
4:3 Is 24:4; Jer 4:28; Eze 38:20; Zep 1:3
4:4 Dt 17:12
4:5 Hos 2:2
4:6 Is 5:13; Hos 2:13, Hos 4:1; Mal 2:7, Mal 2:8
4:8 Is 56:11; Mi 3:11
4:9 Is 24:2; Jer 5:31; Hos 12:2
4:12 Jer 2:27; Hos 5:4; Hab 2:19
4:13 Dt 12:2; Is 1:29, Is 57:5; Jer 3:6; Eze 6:13
4:14 Gn 38:21; Dt 23:17; 2Ki 23:7; Hos 4:1, Hos 4:6
4:16 Ex 17:7, Ex 32:8; 2Ki 18:1; Is 5:17; Jer 3:11

they will have sex like prostitutes,
but they will not have children,
because they have rejected
the LORD
to devote themselves
to [11]false religious practices.

Description of Israel's idolatry

Wine and new wine
destroy understanding.
12 My people take advice
from a piece of wood,
and their divining rod
gives them predictions.
A spirit of prostitution
has led them astray;
they have left God
to follow other gods.
13 They offer sacrifices
on mountaintops,
and make entirely burned offerings
on hills;
they offer sacrifices
under various green trees,
because their shade is pleasant.
Therefore, your daughters
act like prostitutes,
and your daughters-in-law
commit adultery.
14 I will not punish your daughters
because they act like prostitutes,
nor your daughters-in-law
because they commit adultery;
for the men themselves
visit prostitutes,
and offer sacrifices
with consecrated workers
at temples;
so now the people without sense
must come to ruin.
15 Israel, even though you act
like a prostitute,
don't let Judah become guilty.
Don't enter into Gilgal,
or go up to Beth-aven,
and don't swear,
"As the LORD lives."
16 Like a stubborn cow
Israel is stubborn.
Now the LORD will tend them,[g]
as the LORD tends a lamb
in a pasture.

[f] Heb uncertain [g] Or *her*

17 Ephraim is associated with idols—
let him alone!
18 Though they have stopped drinking,
they continue to behave
like prostitutes;
indeed, they "love";
shame is their pride.
19 The wind has wrapped her
in its wings;
they will be ashamed
of their sacrifices.

Judgment on Israel and Judah

5 Hear this, priests!
Pay attention, house of Israel!
Listen, house of the king!
The judgment concerns you
because you have been a trap
at Mizpah,
and a net spread out
upon Tabor.
2 In their wicked condition,
they have sunk deep
into corruption;
I will correct them
through judgment.
3 I know Ephraim;
Israel doesn't escape my eye;
for now Ephraim
you have acted like a prostitute;
Israel is defiled.
4 Their deeds don't allow them
to return to their God,
because the spirit of prostitution
is within them,
and they don't know the LORD.
5 Israel's pride is a witness against him;
both Israel and Ephraim stagger
because of their guilt;
Judah staggers with them.
6 With their sheep and their cattle
they will go
to seek the LORD,
but they will not find him;
he has withdrawn from them.
7 They have acted faithlessly
against the LORD;
for their children have produced
illegitimate children.
Now the new moon will devour
them[h] along with their fields.

5:1 Jgs 4:6; Jer 46:18; Hos 4:1, Hos 6:9, Hos 9:8

5:2 Is 29:15; Hos 9:15

5:7 Jer 3:20; Hos 6:7

5:8 Josh 7:2; Hos 4:15, Hos 8:1, Hos 9:9, Hos 10:5

5:11 Dt 28:33; Mi 6:16

5:13 Hos 7:11, Hos 8:9, Hos 10:6, Hos 12:1

5:15 Lv 26:40; Ps 50:15, Ps 78:34; Jer 2:27

6:1 Jer 3:22, Jer 50:4

6:2 Ps 71:20; 1Co 15:4

8 Blow a horn in Gibeah;
blow a trumpet in Ramah.
Sound the warning at Beth-aven:
"Look behind you, Benjamin!"
9 Ephraim will become
a horrible place
on the Judgment Day.
Against the tribes of Israel
I will certainly announce
what is to take place.
10 The princes of Judah act like raiders
who steal the land;
I will pour out my anger
like water upon them.
11 Ephraim is under pressure
from its enemies;
Ephraim's rights aren't protected.
This is because Ephraim chose
to pursue worthless things.
12 Therefore, I am like a moth
to Ephraim,
and like decay to the house
of Judah.
13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and Ephraim sent
for the great king.
But he could not heal them;
nor could he cure their wound.
14 I am like a lion to Ephraim,
like a young lion
to the house of Judah.
I am the one who tears the prey
and goes forth;
no one can snatch it from me.
15 I will leave so that I can return
to my place
until they pay for their deeds,
until they seek me.
In their distress,
they will beg for my favor:

6 "Come, let's return to the LORD;
for it is he who has injured us
and will heal us;
he has struck us down,
but he will bind us up.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day
he will raise us up,
so that we may live before him.

[h] Heb uncertain

[3] Let's know, let's press on
to know the LORD;
whose appearing
is as certain as the dawn;
who will come to us
like the showers,
like the spring rains
that give drink to the earth."

Infidelity and divine retribution

[4] Ephraim, what will I do with you?
Judah, what will I do with you?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew
that vanishes quickly.
[5] Therefore, I have attacked them
by the prophets,
I have killed them
by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth
like a light.
[6] I desire faithful love
and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God instead
of entirely burned offerings.
[7] But like Adam[i]
they broke the covenant;
then they acted in bad faith
against me.
[8] Gilead is a city of wicked people,
tracked with blood.
[9] As robbers lie in wait for someone,
so the priests are in league
with each other;
they murder on the road
to Shechem;
they have done evil things.
[10] In the house of Israel
I have seen something horrible;
Ephraim acts like a prostitute;
Israel is defiled.
[11] For you also, Judah,
a harvest is appointed,
when I would improve
the circumstances of my people.

7 When I would heal Israel,
the evil acts of Ephraim
are exposed,
and the wicked deeds
of Samaria;
for they deceive and steal,
a thief breaks in;

6:3 Ps 72:6; Hos 10:12, Hos 14:5; Jl 2:23
6:4 Hos 11:8, Hos 13:3
6:5 Jer 5:14, Jer 23:29; Heb 4:12
6:6 1Sa 15:22; Is 1:11; Mt 9:13, Mt 12:7
7:2 Ps 90:8; Jer 14:10
7:4 Jer 7:18, Jer 9:2
7:6 Ps 21:9
7:7 Is 64:7
7:9 Hos 8:7
7:11 Hos 5:13, Hos 8:9, Hos 9:3, Hos 12:1

a group of bandits raid outside.
[2] But they don't consider
within their hearts
that I remember all
their wickedness.
Now their deeds show who they are,
right in front of my face.
[3] By their wickedness
they make the king glad,
and give joy to the officials
with their lies.
[4] They all act like adulterers;
they are like a heated oven,
whose baker doesn't need
to stoke the fire,
from the kneading of the
dough until it is leavened.
[5] On the day of our king,
the officials became sick
with the heat of wine;
he stretched out his hand
to those who mocked him.
[6] They approach like a hot oven,
their hearts burning.
Throughout the night,
their anger smolders;
in the morning, it continues
to burn like a flaming fire.
[7] All of them are hot as an oven;
they devour their rulers.
All their kings have fallen;
none of them call upon me.
[8] Ephraim mixes himself
among the people;
Ephraim is like flatbread
that is cooked on only one side.
[9] Strangers have eaten up
his strength,
yet he doesn't know it;
gray hairs are sprinkled
here and there upon him,
yet he doesn't know it.
[10] Israel's pride is a witness
against him;
yet they don't return
to the LORD their God,
or seek him because of all this.

Foolishness and God's wrath

[11] Ephraim has become like a dove,
silly and without common sense;

[i] Or *at Adam*

they call upon Egypt;
they go to Assyria.
12 As they go, I will spread my net
over them;
like birds in the sky,
I will bring them down;
I will judge them according to the
report made to their assembly.
13 Doom to them,
for they have strayed from me;
destruction will be their lot
because they have rebelled
against me.
I would redeem them,
but they speak lies against me.
14 They don't cry to me from the heart,
but they sob upon their beds;
they fight[j] over grain and wine;
they resist me.
15 It was I who gave them their strength,
yet they plot evil against me.
16 They return,
but not to the Most High;[k]
they have become
like a worthless bow;
their officials will fall by the sword
because of the rage
of their tongues;
in Egypt they will make fun
of them.[l]

Divine proclamation about Israel's idolatry

8 Put a trumpet to your lips!
It's as if a bird of prey has flown
over the LORD's house,
because they have broken
my covenant,
and have not kept my Instruction.
2 Israel cries to me,
"My God, we know you!"
3 Israel has turned away
from the good;
the enemy will pursue him.
4 They set up kings,
but not through me;
they chose princes,
but without my knowledge.
With silver and gold
they crafted idols
for their own destruction.

7:12 Lv 26:14; Dt 28:15; Eze 12:13, Eze 32:3
7:13 Jer 14:10; Hos 9:12
7:15 Ps 2:1; Hos 11:3; Na 1:9
8:3 Ps 81:11; Is 48:1, Is 48:2; Jer 3:11; Eze 14:4
8:4 Hos 2:8, Hos 13:2
8:6 Hos 8:5
8:7 Job 4:8; Prv 22:8; Hos 10:12, Hos 10:13; Ga 6:8
8:10 Eze 16:37
8:11 Hos 10:1
8:14 Dt 32:18; Is 17:10; Jer 17:27; Am 2:5

5 Your calf is rejected, Samaria.
My anger burns against them.
How long will they remain guilty?
6 The calf is from Israel,
a person made it;
it is not God.
The calf of Samaria will be smashed.
7 Because they sow the wind,
they will get the whirlwind.
Standing grain,
but no fresh growth;
it will yield no meal;
if it were to yield,
strangers would devour it.

Bargains, apostasy, and coming punishment

8 Israel is swallowed up;
among the nations,
they are now
like a useless jar.
9 They have gone up to Assyria,
a wild ass wandering alone;
Ephraim has hired lovers.
10 Though they have bargained
with the nations,
I will now gather them up.
They will soon be diminished
due to the burden
of kings and princes.
11 When Ephraim added more altars
to take away sin,
they became altars to him
for sinning.
12 Even though I write out for him
a large number of my instructions,
they are regarded as strange.
13 Though they offer choice sacrifices,[m]
though they eat flesh,
the LORD doesn't accept them.
Now he will remember
their wickedness
and punish their sins;
they will return to Egypt.
14 Israel has forgotten his maker,
and built palaces;
and Judah has multiplied
walled cities;
but I will send a fire
upon his cities,
and it will devour his fortresses.

[j] Or *cut themselves* [k] Heb uncertain [l] Or *they will be scorned in the land of Egypt.* [m] Correction; Heb uncertain

Arrival of divine judgment

9 Don't rejoice, Israel!
Don't celebrate as other nations do;
for as whores you have gone away
from your God.
You have loved a prostitute's pay
on all threshing floors of grain.
2 Threshing floor and wine vat
won't feed them;
the new wine will fail them.
3 They won't remain
in the land of the LORD;
but Ephraim will return to Egypt,
and in Assyria
they will eat unclean food.
4 They won't pour wine
as an offering to the LORD;
their sacrifices won't please him.
Such sacrifices will be like food
for those who touch the dead;
all who eat of it will be unclean;
their bread will be
for their hunger alone;
it will not come
to the LORD's house.
5 What will you do
on the day of appointed festival;
on the day of the LORD's festival?
6 Even if they escape destruction,
Egypt will gather them,
Memphis will bury them.
Briars will possess
their precious things of silver;[n]
thorns will be in their tents.
7 The days of punishment have come;
the days of judgment have arrived;
Israel cries,
"The prophet is a fool,
the spiritual man is mad!"
Because of your great wickedness,
your rejection of me is great.

Tragic consequences

8 The prophet is God's watchman
looking over Ephraim,
yet a hunter's trap is set,
covering all his ways,
and rejection is in his God's house.
9 They have corrupted
themselves terribly
as in the days of Gibeah;
he will remember their wickedness;
he will punish their sins.

10 Like grapes in the wilderness,
I found Israel.
In its first season,
like the first fruit on the fig tree,
I saw your ancestors.
But they came to Baal-peor,
and worshipped a thing of shame;
they became detestable
like the thing they loved.[o]
11 Ephraim's glory will fly away
like a bird—
no birth, no pregnancy,
no conception!
12 Though they bring up children,
I will make them childless
until no one is left.
Doom to them indeed
when I leave them!
13 When I looked toward Tyre,
Ephraim was planted
in a lovely meadow;
but now Ephraim must lead out
his children for slaughter.
14 Give them, LORD—
what will you give them?
Give them a womb that miscarries
and breasts that are dried up.
15 Every wickedness of theirs
began at Gilgal;
there I came to hate them.
Because of the wickedness
of their deeds
I will drive them out of my house.
I will love them no more;
all their officials are rebels.
16 Ephraim is sick,
their root is dried up,
they will bear no fruit.
Even though they give birth,
I will put to death
their much-loved little ones.
17 Because they haven't listened to him,
my God will reject them;
they will wander
among the nations.

The folly of Israel's idolatry

10 Israel is a growing vine
that yields its fruit.

9:4 Dt 26:14; Jer 6:20; Hos 8:13; Jl 1:13; Hg 2:13
9:5 Is 10:3; Jer 5:31; Hos 2:11
9:7 Is 10:3; Jer 10:15, Jer 29:26; Eze 14:9; Mi 7:4
9:8 Eze 3:17; Hos 5:1
9:10 Nm 25:3; Dt 32:10; Ps 106:28
9:11 Hos 4:7, Hos 10:5
9:12 Dt 31:17; Hos 7:13, Hos 9:16
9:14 Lk 23:29
10:1 Is 5:1; Hos 3:4, Hos 8:11, Hos 12:11

[n] Or *the proud glory pertaining to their silver;* Heb uncertain [o] Heb uncertain

The more his fruit increased,
the more altars he built;
the richer his land became,
the more he set up
sacred standing stones.
2 Their heart is false;
now they must bear their guilt.
The LORD will break down
their altars
and destroy their standing stones.
3 For now they will say:
"We have no king,
because we don't love the LORD.
What then could a king do for us?"
4 They have spoken empty words,
swearing falsely
when making covenants;
so judgment springs up
like poisonous weeds
in the furrows of the field.
5 The inhabitants of Samaria shake
because of the calf of Beth-aven.
Its people will mourn over it,
just as its idolatrous priests
who rejoiced over its glory
that is now gone.

Shame and punishment

6 To Assyria it will be carried
as a gift for the great king.
Ephraim will be put to shame;
Israel will be ashamed
of his own idol.
7 Samaria will be cut off;
her king is like a chip of wood
on the surface of the water.
8 The sin of Israel, the shrines of Aven
will be torn down.
Thorn and thistle will sprout up
on their altars.
They will say to the mountains,
"Cover us,"
to the hills, "Fall on us."
9 Since the days of Gibeah,
you have sinned, Israel;
there they have continued.
Will not war overtake them
in Gibeah?
10 I will come and punish them;
nations will be gathered
against them
when they are punished
for their double crime.
11 Ephraim was a trained cow
that loved to pull a plow;
I spared her fair neck;
but I will make Ephraim
break through the ground;
Judah will plow;
Jacob will turn the soil
for himself.
12 Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap faithful love;
break up your unplanted ground,
for it is time to seek the LORD,
that he may come
and rain righteousness upon you.
13 You have plowed wickedness,
you have reaped depravity,
you have eaten the fruit of lies,
because you have trusted
in your way
and in your many warriors.
14 Therefore, the noise of war
will rise against your people;
all your fortresses
will be destroyed,
as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel
on the day of battle,
when mothers were dashed
into pieces with their children.
15 It will indeed happen to you, Bethel,
because of your great wickedness.
At dawn, the king of Israel
will be cut off completely.

Divine love

11 When Israel was a child,
I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
2 The more I called them,
the further they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and they burned incense to idols.
3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim
to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know
that I healed them.
4 I led them
with bands of human kindness,
with cords of love.
I treated them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks;
I bent down to them and fed them.

10:6 Jer 48:13; Hos 5:13
10:11 Dt 25:4; Hos 4:16
10:12 Prv 11:18; Is 45:8, Is 55:6; Jer 4:3; Hos 6:3
10:13 Job 4:8; Ps 33:16; Prv 22:8; Hos 8:7; Ga 6:7
11:1 Ex 4:22; Dt 7:8; Hos 2:15; Mt 2:15
11:2 Hos 2:13, Hos 11:7, Hos 13:1
11:4 Lv 26:13; Jer 31:3; Jn 6:44, Jn 12:32

Divine frustration

5 They will return to the land
of Egypt,
and Assyria will be their king,
because they have refused
to return to me.
6 The sword will strike wildly
in their cities;
it will consume the bars
of their gates
and will take everything
because of their schemes.
7 My people are bent on turning
away from me;
and though they cry out
to the Most High,[p]
he will not raise them up.

Divine compassion

8 How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart winces within me;
my compassion
grows warm and tender.

Israel's and Judah's responses

9 I won't act on the heat of my anger;
I won't return
to destroy Ephraim;
for I am God
and not a human being,
the holy one in your midst;
I won't come in harsh judgment.
10 They will walk after the LORD,
who roars like a lion.
When he roars,
his children will come trembling
from the west.
11 They will come trembling like a bird,
and like a dove
from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their
homes, says the LORD.
12 [q]Ephraim has surrounded me
with lies,
the house of Israel
with faithless acts;
but Judah still walks with God,
and is faithful to the holy one.

11:8 Gn 14:8; Dt 29:23; Jer 31:20; Hos 6:4

11:9 Nm 23:19; Is 12:6; Jer 30:11

11:10 Is 31:4; Jer 25:30; Hos 3:5; Jl 3:16; Am 1:2

12:1 Hos 5:13, Hos 7:11

12:4 Gn 28:10, Gn 28:11, Gn 28:12, Gn 28:13, Gn 28:19

12:6 Ps 27:14; Hos 14:1; Mi 6:8

12:10 2Ki 17:13; Jer 7:25

God's charge against Judah

12 [r]Ephraim herds the wind,
and pursues the east wind
all day long;
they multiply lies and violence;
they make a treaty with Assyria,
and oil is carried to Egypt.
2 The LORD has a charge against Judah,
and will punish Jacob
according to his ways,
and respond to him
according to his deeds.
3 From the womb he tried to be
the oldest of twin brothers;
as an adult he struggled with God.
4 He struggled with the messenger
and survived;
he wept and sought his favor;
he met him at Bethel,
and there he spoke with him.
5 The LORD God of heavenly forces,
the LORD is his name!
6 But you! Return to your God
with faithful love and justice,
and wait continually for your God.

7 He is a merchant;
the means to cheat
are in his hands;
he loves to take advantage
of others.
8 Ephraim has said,
"I'm rich,
I've gained wealth for myself;
in all of my gain
no offense has been found in me
that would be sin."
9 I am the LORD your God
from the land of Egypt;
I will make you live in tents again,
as in former days.
10 I spoke to the prophets;
and I multiplied visions,
and through them
I uttered parables.
11 In Gilead there is wickedness;
they will surely come to nothing.
In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls,
so their altars will be
like piles of stones
on the rows of the field.

[p]Heb uncertain [q]12:1 in Heb [r]12:2 in Heb

12 Jacob fled to the land of Aram;
there Israel served for a wife,
and for a wife he kept watch
over livestock.
13 By a prophet the LORD
brought Israel up from Egypt,
and by a prophet
he was guarded.
14 Ephraim has given bitter offense;
so the LORD will bring his crimes
down on him
and pay him back
for his wrongdoing.

Infidelity despite divine goodness

13 When Ephraim spoke,
there was excitement;
he was praised in Israel;
but he became guilty through
Baal and died.
2 And now they keep on sinning;
they have made metal images,
idols of silver,
as a result of their skill,
all of them the work
of craftsmen.
"Sacrifice to these," they say.
People are kissing calves!
3 Therefore, they will be
like the morning mist,
like the dew
that passes away early,
like husks that swirl
from the threshing floor,
or like smoke from a window.
4 Yet I have been the LORD your God
ever since the land of Egypt;
and you will know no other gods
but me;
there is no savior besides me.
5 I knew you in the wilderness,
in the land of no rain.
6 When I fed them,
they were satisfied;
and their hearts became proud;
therefore, they forgot me.

Consequences of infidelity

7 So I will become like a lion to them;
like a leopard I will lurk
beside the road.
8 I will fall upon them
like a bear robbed of her cubs,
and I will tear open
the covering of their hearts.
I will devour them like a lion,
as a wild animal would eat them.
9 I will destroy you, Israel;
for you didn't realize
that I could help you.
10 Where is your king now,
so that he can save you?
Where in all your cities
are your judges,
of whom you said,
"Give me a king and rulers"?
11 I gave you a king in my anger,
and I took him away in my wrath.
12 Ephraim's wickedness is bound up;
his sin is kept in store.
13 The pangs of a woman in childbirth
come for him,
but he is not aware
of the time to be born;
for at the proper time
he doesn't present himself
at the mouth of the womb.
14 Will I ransom them
from the power of the grave[s]?
Will I redeem them
from death's hold?
Death, where are your diseases?
Grave,[t] where is your
destruction?
Compassion is hidden
from my eyes.
15 Although he may flourish
among rushes,
the east wind will come—
the breath of God
rising from the wilderness;
and his spring will dry up;
his fountain will be dried up.
It will strip his household
of every cherished possession.
16 [u]Samaria will be desolate,
because she has rebelled
against her God;
by the sword they will fall—
their babies will be dashed,
and their pregnant women
ripped open.

12:12 Gn 28:1, Gn 28:5, Gn 29:15, Gn 29:18, Gn 29:20
13:2 1Ki 19:18; Is 46:6; Hos 8:4
13:3 Ps 1:4, Ps 68:2; Is 17:13; Dn 2:35; Hos 6:4
13:4 Ex 20:3; Is 43:11, Is 45:21, Is 45:22; Hos 12:9
13:7 Jer 5:6; Hos 5:14
13:8 2Sa 17:8; Prv 17:12; Hos 2:12
13:11 1Sa 8:7, 1Sa 15:23; 1Ki 14:7; Is 13:13; Hos 10:7
13:13 2Ki 19:3; Is 13:8; Mi 4:9
13:14 Ps 16:10, Ps 49:15; Is 25:8, Is 26:19; 1Co 15:55
13:15 Job 27:21; Jer 4:11, Jer 20:5; Eze 17:10, Eze 19:12
13:16 2Ki 8:12, 2Ki 15:16; Is 13:16; Hos 10:14; Am 1:13

[s] Heb *Sheol* [t] Heb *Sheol* [u] 14:1 in Heb

A plea: Return to God

14 [v]Return, Israel, to the LORD
your God;
you have stumbled
because of your wickedness.
2 Prepare to speak
and return to the LORD;
say to the LORD,
"Forgive all wickedness;
and receive the good.
Instead of bulls,
let us offer what we can say:
3 Assyria won't save us;
we won't ride upon horses;
we will no longer say, 'Our God,'
to the work of our hands.
In you the orphan finds
compassion."

Divine promise of healing

4 I will heal their faithlessness;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned
from them.
5 I will be like the dew to Israel;
he will blossom like the lily;
he will cast out his roots
like the forests of Lebanon.[w]
6 His branches will spread out;
his beauty will be like
the olive tree,
and his fragrance
like that of Lebanon.
7 They will again live
beneath my shadow,
they will flourish like a garden;
they will blossom like the vine,
their fragrance will be
like the wine of Lebanon.
8 Ephraim, what do idols
have to do with me?
It is I who answer
and look after you.
I am like a green cypress tree;
your fruit comes from me.

Be careful

9 Whoever is wise
understands these things.
Whoever observes
carefully knows them.
Truly, the LORD's ways are right,
and the righteous
will walk in them,
but evildoers will
stumble in them.

14:2 Heb 13:15
14:3 Ps 10:14, Ps 33:17, Ps 68:5; Is 31:1; Hos 5:13
14:5 Ps 92:12; Song 2:1; Is 35:2; Mt 6:28
14:9 Ps 107:43; Prv 10:29; Dn 12:10

JOEL

Song of lament

1 The LORD's word that came to Joel,
Pethuel's son:
2 Hear this, elders,
pay attention,
everyone in the land!
Has anything like this ever
happened in your days,
or in the days
of your ancestors?[a]
3 Tell it to your children,
and have your children
tell their children,
and their children tell
their children.
4 What the cutting locust left,
the swarming locust has eaten.
What the swarming locust left,
the hopping locust has eaten.
And what the hopping locust left,
the devouring locust has eaten.[b]
5 Wake up, you who drink too much,
and weep.
Scream over the sweet wine,
all you wine drinkers,
because it is snatched
from your mouth;
6 because a nation,
powerful and beyond number,
has invaded my land.

1:2 Hos 5:1; Jl 2:2
1:3 Ex 10:2
1:4 Dt 28:38; Ps 78:46; Jl 2:25; Am 4:9; Na 3:15
1:5 Jl 3:3
1:6 Jl 2:2, Jl 2:25; Rev 9:8

[v]14:2 in Heb [w]Or *like Lebanon* [a]Or *your fathers* [b]The Heb uses several different words for *locust*; none of the meanings are identical.

Its teeth are like lions' teeth;
its fangs are like those
of a lioness.
7 It has destroyed my vines,
splintered my fig trees,
stripped off their bark
and thrown it down;
their branches have turned white.
8 Lament like a woman
dressed in funeral clothing,
one who has lost
the husband of her youth.
9 The grain offering and
the drink offering are gone
from the LORD's temple.
The priests
and the LORD's ministers mourn.
10 The fields are devastated,
the ground mourns;
for the grain is destroyed,
the new wine dries up,
the olive oil fails.
11 Be shocked, you farmers;
howl, you vinedressers,
over the wheat and the barley,
for the crops of the field
are destroyed.
12 The grapevine is dried up;
the fig tree withers.
Pomegranate, palm, and apple—
all the trees of the field
are dried up.
Joy fades away from the people.[c]

Call to mourn

13 Dress for a funeral and grieve,
you priests;
lament, ministers of the altar.
Come, spend the night in funeral
clothing, servants of my God,
because the grain offering
and the drink offering
have gone from the temple
of your God.
14 Demand a fast,
request a special assembly.
Gather the elders
and all the land's people
to the temple of the LORD
your God,
and cry out to the LORD.

1:7 Is 5:6; Jer 8:13; Hos 2:12; Jl 1:12; Am 4:9

1:10 Is 24:4

1:13 1Ki 21:27; Jer 4:8; Jl 1:9, Jl 2:17; Jon 3:5

1:14 2Ch 20:3; Jl 2:12, Jl 2:15, Jl 2:16; Jon 3:8

1:17 Is 17:10, Is 17:11; Mal 2:3

1:19 Ps 50:15; Jer 9:10; Am 7:4

2:3 Gn 2:8; Is 51:3; Eze 28:13, Eze 31:9, Eze 36:35

Time of suffering

15 What a terrible day!
The day of the LORD is near;
it comes like chaos
from the Almighty.[d]
16 Isn't the food cut off
right before our eyes?
Aren't joy and gladness
also gone from our God's house?
17 The grain shrivels under the shovels;[e]
the barns are empty.
The granaries are in ruin
because the grain has dried up.
18 How the animals groan!
Herds of cattle are in distress
because there is no pasture
for them;
even the flocks of sheep pant.

The prophet's prayer

19 To you, LORD, I cry,
for fire has completely destroyed
the pastures of the wilderness;
and flames have burned
all the trees of the field.
20 Even the field's wild animals
cry to you
because the streams
have dried up;
the fire has completely destroyed
the meadows of the wilderness.

Announcement of alarm and peril

2 Blow the horn in Zion;
give a shout
on my holy mountain!
Let all the people
of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming.
It is near—
2 a day of darkness and no light,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread out
upon the mountains,
a great and powerful army[f] comes,
unlike any that has ever come
before them,
or will come after them
in centuries ahead.
3 In front of them a fire consumes;
and behind them a flame burns.

[c] Or *from the sons of men*; cf 2:1 Heb *the people of the land* [d] Heb *Shaddai* [e] Heb uncertain [f] Or *a great and strong people*

Land ahead of them
is like Eden's garden,
but they leave behind them
a barren wasteland;
nothing escapes them.
4 They resemble horses,
and like warhorses they charge,
5 like the rumbling of chariots.
They leap on the mountaintops—
like the crackling of a fire's flame,
devouring the stubble;
like a powerful army
ready for battle.
6 In their presence,
peoples shake with fear;
all faces turn red with worry.
7 Like warriors they charge;
like soldiers they climb the wall.
Each keeps to their own path;
they didn't change their course.
8 They don't crowd each other;
each keeps to their own path.
Even if they fall among the weapons,
they won't stop.
9 They rush upon the city;
they run upon the walls.
They climb into the houses;
they enter through the windows
like thieves.
10 The earth quakes before them;
the heavens shake.
The sun and the moon are darkened;
the stars have stopped shining,
11 because the LORD utters his voice
at the head of his army.
How numerous are his troops!
Mighty are those
who obey his word.
The day of the LORD is great;
it stirs up great fear—
who can endure it?

Change your hearts

12 Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your hearts,
with fasting, with weeping,
and with sorrow;
13 tear your hearts
and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is merciful and
compassionate,
very patient, full of faithful love,
and ready to forgive.
14 Who knows whether he will have
a change of heart
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering
and a drink offering
for the LORD your God?
15 Blow the horn in Zion;
demand a fast;
request a special assembly.
16 Gather the people;
prepare a holy meeting;
assemble the elders;
gather the children,
even nursing infants.
Let the groom leave his room
and the bride her chamber.
17 Between the porch and the altar
let the priests,
the LORD's ministers, weep.
Let them say, "Have mercy, LORD,
on your people,
and don't make your inheritance
a disgrace,
an example of failure
among the nations.
Why should they say among
the peoples,
'Where is their God?' "

Words of compassion and promise

18 Then the LORD became passionate
about this land,[g] and had pity on his
people.
19 The LORD responded to the people:
See, I am sending you
the corn, new wine, and fresh oil,
and you will be fully satisfied by it;
and I will no longer make you
a disgrace among the nations.
20 I will remove the northern army
far from you
and drive it into a dried-up
and desolate land,
its front into the eastern sea,
and its rear into the western sea.
Its stench will rise up;
its stink will come to the surface.
The LORD is about to do great things!
21 Don't fear, fertile land;

2:5 Is 5:24; Na 1:10, Na 3:2; Rev 9:9

2:10 Is 13:10; Eze 32:7; Jl 2:31, Jl 3:15; Mt 24:29

2:11 Jl 2:25, Jl 2:31, Jl 3:16; Mal 3:2; Rev 6:17

2:12 Dt 4:30; 1Sa 7:3; Is 22:12; Hos 12:6; Jl 1:14

2:13 Ex 34:6; Ps 34:18, Ps 51:17; Is 57:15; Jon 4:2

2:14 Jl 1:9, Jl 1:13; Am 5:15; Jon 3:9; Hg 2:19

2:15 Nm 10:3; Jl 1:14, Jl 2:1

2:16 Ps 19:5; Jl 1:14

2:17 Ps 79:10, Ps 115:2; Eze 8:16

2:21 Ps 126:3; Is 54:4; Zep 3:16, Zep 3:17

[g] Or *then the* LORD *became jealous for his land*

rejoice and be glad,
for the LORD is
about to do great things!
22 Don't be afraid, animals of the field,
for the meadows of the
wilderness will turn green;
the tree will bear its fruit;
the fig tree and grapevine
will give their full yield.
23 Children of Zion,
rejoice and be glad
in the LORD your God,
because he will give you the early
rain as a sign of righteousness;
he will pour down abundant rain
for you,
the early and the late rain,
as before.[h]
24 The threshing floors will be full
of grain;
the vats will overflow with new
wine and fresh oil.
25 I will repay you for the years
that the cutting locust,
the swarming locust, the hopping
locust, and the devouring locust
have eaten—
my great army,
which I sent against you.
26 You will eat abundantly
and be satisfied,
and you will praise the name
of the LORD your God,
who has done wonders for you;
and my people will never again
be put to shame.
27 You will know
that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the LORD your God—
no other exists;
never again will my people
be put to shame.
28 After that I will pour out my spirit
upon everyone;
your sons and your daughters
will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men
will see visions.
29 In those days, I will also pour out my
spirit on the male
and female slaves.

[h] Or *at the first*

2:22 Ps 65:12; Jl 1:18; Zec 8:12
2:23 Lv 26:4; Ps 149:2; Hab 3:18; Zec 10:1, Zec 10:7
2:25 Jl 1:4; Am 4:9
2:26 Is 62:9
2:28 Is 32:15, Is 44:3; Eze 39:29; Zec 12:10; Ac 2:17
2:29 1Co 12:13; Ga 3:28
2:30 Mt 24:29; Mk 13:24; Lk 21:11, Lk 21:25; Ac 2:19
2:31 Is 13:10; Jl 2:10; Mal 4:1; Mt 24:29; Rev 6:12
2:32 Is 46:13; Obad 1:17; Mi 4:7; Ro 9:27, Ro 10:13
3:1 Jer 16:15, Jer 30:3; Am 9:14
3:2 Jl 3:12, Jl 3:14; Zep 3:8; Zec 14:2
3:9 Is 8:9; Jer 46:4

30 I will give signs in the heavens
and on the earth—blood and fire and
columns of smoke. 31 The sun will be
turned to darkness, and the moon to
blood before the great and dreadful
day of the LORD comes. 32 But every-
one who calls on the LORD's name
will be saved; for on Mount Zion and
in Jerusalem there will be security, as
the LORD has promised; and in Jerusa-
lem, the LORD will summon those who
survive.

Judgment on the nations

3 Truly, in those days and in that
time, I will bring back to Judah and
Jerusalem those who were sent away.
2 I will gather all the nations, and I will
bring them to the Jehoshaphat Valley.
There I will enter into judgment with
them in support of my people and my
possession, Israel, which they have
scattered among the nations. They
have divided my land, 3 and have cast
lots for my people. They have traded
boys for prostitutes, and sold girls for
wine, which they drank down. 4 What
are you to me, Tyre and Sidon, and all
the regions of Philistia? Are you pay-
ing me back for something? If you are
paying me back, then in a flash I will
turn your deeds back upon your own
heads. 5 You have taken my silver and
my gold, and have carried my rich trea-
sures into your temples. 6 You have sold
the people of Judah and Jerusalem to
the Greeks, removing them far from
their own border. 7 But now I am calling
them from the places where you have
sold them, and I will repay you for your
deeds. 8 I will sell your sons and your
daughters as a possession of the peo-
ple of Judah, and they will sell them to
the Sabeans, to a nation far away; for
the LORD has spoken.

Declaration of war

9 Announce this among the nations:
Prepare a holy war,
wake up the warriors;
let all the soldiers draw near,

let them come up!
10 Beat the iron tips of your plows
into swords
and your pruning tools
into spears;
let the weakling say, "I am mighty."
11 Come quickly,
all you surrounding nations;
gather yourselves there,
bring your mighty ones, LORD.
12 Let the nations prepare themselves,
and come up
to the Jehoshaphat Valley;
for there I will sit to judge
all the surrounding nations.
13 Cut with the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.
Go and crush grapes,
for the winepress is full.
The jars overflow with wine,
for their wickedness is great.
14 Crowd after crowd
fills the valley of judgment,
for the day of the LORD is near
in the valley of judgment.
15 The sun and the moon are darkened;
the stars have ceased shining.

Salvation for God's people

16 The LORD roars from Zion,
and utters his voice
from Jerusalem;
the heavens and the earth quake.
But the LORD is a refuge
for his people,
a shelter for the people of Israel.
17 So you will know
that I am the LORD your God,
settle down in Zion,
my holy mountain.
Jerusalem will be holy,
and never again
will strangers pass through it.
18 In that day
the mountains will drip
sweet wine,
the hills will flow with milk,
and all the streambeds
of Judah
will flow with water;
a spring will come forth
from the LORD's house
and water the Shittim Valley.
19 Egypt will become desolate
and Edom a desolate wilderness.
This is because of the violence
done to the people of Judah,
in whose land they have shed
innocent blood.
20 But Judah will be
inhabited forever,
and Jerusalem
for all generations.
21 I will forgive their bloodguilt,
which I had not forgiven.
I will act on their account;
I will not pardon the guilty.

The LORD dwells in Zion.

3:10 Is 2:4, Is 18:5; Mi 4:3; Zec 12:8
3:11 Is 13:3; Eze 38:15
3:12 Ps 96:13, Ps 98:9; Is 2:4, Is 3:13; Jl 3:2
3:13 Is 63:3; Jer 51:33; Hos 6:11; Mt 13:39; Rev 14:15
3:14 Is 34:2; Jl 1:15, Jl 2:1, Jl 3:2
3:15 Is 13:10; Eze 32:7; Jl 2:10, Jl 2:31; Mt 24:29
3:16 Ps 46:1; Jer 25:30; Eze 38:19; Hos 11:10; Am 1:2
3:18 Is 30:25; Eze 47:1; Am 9:13; Rev 22:1

AMOS

Introduction

1 These are the words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa. He perceived these things concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, in the days of Judah's King Uzziah and in the days of Israel's King Jeroboam, Joash's son.

Proclamation of divine judgment

2 He said:
The LORD roars from Zion.
He shouts from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the
shepherds wither,
and the top of Carmel dries up.

A word to Damascus

3 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of Damascus,
and for four,
I won't hold back the punishment,
because they have
harvested Gilead

1:1 2Ki 14:23; 2Ch 26:1; Hos 1:1; Am 7:14; Zec 14:5
1:2 Jer 12:4; Jl 3:16
1:3 Is 8:4, Is 17:1; Jer 49:23; Am 2:6; Zec 9:1

with sharp iron tools.
4 I will send down fire
on the house of Hazael;
it will devour the palaces
of Ben-hadad.
5 I will break the fortified
gates of Damascus,
and eliminate the people
from the Aven Valley,
including the one who rules
from Beth-eden;
the people of Aram will be forced
to live in Kir,
says the LORD.

A word to Gaza

6 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of Gaza,
and for four,
I won't hold back the
punishment,
because they rounded up
entire communities,
to hand them over to Edom.
7 I will send down a fire
on the wall of Gaza;
it will devour Gaza's palaces.

A word to Ashdod

8 I will eliminate the people
from Ashdod,
the one who rules
from Ashkelon.
I will turn my hand against Ekron,
and the Philistines who remain
will perish,
says the LORD God.

A word to Tyre

9 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of Tyre,
and for four,
I won't hold back
the punishment,
because they have delivered up
entire communities over
to Edom,
and neglected
their covenantal obligations.
10 So I will send a fire
on the wall of Tyre;
it will devour their palaces.

1:12 Gn 36:11; Is 63:1; Jer 49:7; Eze 25:13; Obad 1:9

1:13 Jer 49:1; Eze 21:28; Hos 13:16; Zep 2:8

A word to Edom

11 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of Edom,
and for four,
I won't hold back
the punishment,
because he chased after his
brother with the sword,
denied all compassion,
kept his anger alive,
and fueled his wrath forever.
12 So I will send a fire on Teman;
it will devour the fortresses
of Bozrah.

A word to Ammon

13 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of the Ammonites,
and for four,
I won't hold back
the punishment,
because they have ripped open
pregnant women in Gilead
in order to possess more land.
14 So I will start a fire
at the wall of Rabbah;
the fire will devour its palaces,
with a war cry on the day
of battle,
with strong wind
on the day of the storm.
15 Then their king will be taken away,
he and his officials together,
says the LORD.

A word to Moab

2 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of Moab,
and for four,
I won't hold back
the punishment,
because he burned to lime
the bones of the king of Edom.
2 So I will send down a fire on Moab;
it will devour the palaces
of Kerioth.
Moab will die in a great uproar,
with a war cry,
with the sound
of the ram's horn.
3 I will remove their judge
from them

and slay all their officials
with him,
says the LORD.

A word to Judah

4 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of Judah,
and for four,
I won't hold back the
punishment,
because they have rejected
the Instruction of the LORD,
and haven't kept his laws.
They have been led off the right
path by the same lies
after which their ancestors walked.
5 So I will send a fire on Judah,
and it will devour the palaces
of Jerusalem.

A word to Israel

6 The LORD proclaims:
For three crimes of Israel,
and for four,
I won't hold back
the punishment,
because they have sold
the innocent for silver,
and those in need
for a pair of sandals.
7 They crush the head of the poor
into the dust of the earth,
and push the afflicted
out of the way.
Father and son have intercourse
with the same young woman,
degrading my holy name.
8 They stretch out beside every altar
on garments taken in loan;
in the house of their god
they drink
wine bought with fines
they imposed.
9 Yet I destroyed the Amorite
before them,
whose height was as tall
as cedar trees,
and whose strength
was as strong as oak trees.
I destroyed his fruit above
and his roots below.

2:6 Jl 3:3; Am 5:11, Am 8:6
2:7 Am 5:12, Am 8:4
2:8 Ex 22:26; Am 6:6
2:11 Nm 6:2; Jgs 13:5; Jer 7:25; Lam 4:7
2:12 Is 30:10; Jer 11:21; Am 7:13, Am 7:16; Mi 2:6
3:1 Am 2:10
3:2 Dt 7:6; Lk 12:47
3:3 2Co 6:14

10 Also I brought you up
out of the land of Egypt,
and led you forty years
in the wilderness,
to lay claim
to the land of the Amorite.
11 I raised up some of your children
to be prophets
and some of your youth
to be nazirites.
Isn't this so, people of Israel?
says the LORD.

12 But you made the nazirites
drink wine,
and commanded the prophets,
saying, "You won't prophesy."
13 So now I will oppress you,
just like a cart is weighed down[a]
when it is full of harvested grain.
14 Fast runners will find no refuge;
the strong will lose their strength;
the mighty will be unable
to save their lives.
15 Those who shoot the bow
won't survive.
Fast runners won't escape;
those who ride horses
won't save themselves.
16 The bravest warrior
will flee away naked in that day,
says the LORD.

Words of doom for Israel

3 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought out of the land of Egypt:
2 You only have I loved so deeply
of all the families of the earth.
Therefore, I will punish you
for all your wrongdoing.
3 Will two people walk together
unless they have agreed to do so?[b]
4 Does a lion roar in the forest,
when it has no prey?
Does a young lion cry out
from its den
if it has caught nothing?
5 Will a bird fall into a trap
on the ground

[a] Heb uncertain [b] Or *Will two walk together unless they have agreed?*

when there is no bait for it?
Will a trap spring up from
the ground
when it has taken nothing?
6 If a ram's horn is blown in a city,
won't people tremble?
If disaster falls on a city,
is it the LORD who has done it?
7 Surely the LORD God does nothing
without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.

8 A lion has roared;
who will not fear?
The LORD God has spoken;
who can but prophesy?
9 Proclaim it to the palaces
of Ashdod
and to the palaces
in the land of Egypt.
Say, "Gather yourselves
on Mount Samaria,
and see the great turmoil
in the city,
and what violent deeds
are inside it."
10 They don't know how to do right,
says the LORD—
those who store up violence and
robbery in their palaces.
11 Therefore, the LORD
my God proclaims:
An enemy will surround the land;
he will bring you down
from your protected places,
and your palaces will be robbed.

12 The LORD proclaims:
Just as the shepherd rescues two legs or the piece of an ear from the mouth of the lion, so will the people of Israel be rescued. Those who live in Samaria will escape with the corner of a bed, and those in Damascus with a piece of a couch.[c]
13 Hear this and speak
against the house of Jacob,
says the LORD God,
the God of heavenly forces:
14 On the day I punish the crimes
of Israel,
I will also visit the altars of Bethel;
the horns of the altar
will be cut off
and will fall to the ground.
15 I will tear down the winter house
as well as the summer house;
the houses of ivory will perish;
the great houses
will be swept away,
says the LORD.

Judgment on Israel's elite

4 Hear this word,
you cows of Bashan,
who are on Mount Samaria,
who cheat the weak,
who crush the needy,
who say to their husbands,
"Bring drinks,
so we can get drunk!"
2 The LORD God has solemnly
promised by his holiness:
The days are surely coming
upon you,
when they will take you away
with hooks,
even the last one of you
with fishhooks.
3 You will go out through
the broken wall,
each one after another;
and you will be flung out
into Harmon,
says the LORD.

A divine taunt

4 Come to Bethel—
and commit a crime;
multiply crimes at Gilgal.
Bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tenth-part gifts
every three days.
5 Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice
of leavened bread,
and publicize your gifts
to the LORD;
for so you love to do,
people of Israel!
says the LORD God.

Israel's stubbornness

6 I have sent a famine in all your cities,
and not provided enough bread
in all your places,

3:6 Is 45:7
3:8 Jer 20:9; Am 1:2; Jon 1:1, Jon 3:1; Ac 4:20
3:12 1Sa 17:34; Am 6:4
4:1 Ps 22:12; Eze 39:18; Am 2:8, Am 3:9, Am 6:1
4:5 Lv 7:13, Lv 22:18; Hos 9:10

[c] Heb uncertain

yet you didn't return to me,
says the LORD.
7 I also withheld rain from you
when there were still
three months to the harvest.
I allowed no rain to fall on one city,
no rain to fall on another city.
One field was rained on,
and the field dried up
where it didn't rain.
8 So two or three thirsty towns went
to one city to drink water,
and weren't satisfied;
yet you didn't return to me,
says the LORD.

9 I struck you with disease
and mildew.
I destroyed your gardens
and your vineyards.
The locust devoured your fig trees
and your olive trees;
yet you didn't return to me,
says the LORD.

10 I sent a plague against you
like the one in Egypt.
I killed your young men
with the sword.
I carried away your horses.
I made the stink of your camp
go up into your nostrils;
yet you didn't return to me,
says the LORD.

11 I destroyed some of you,
as when God destroyed
Sodom and Gomorrah.
You were like a burning coal
plucked out of the fire;
yet you didn't return to me,
says the LORD.
12 Truly, Israel,
I will act in this way toward you;
therefore, I will do this to you.
Prepare to meet your God, Israel!

13 The one who forms the mountains,
creates the wind,
makes known his thoughts
to humankind,
makes the morning darkness,

4:7 Ex 9:26; Dt 11:17; 2Ch 7:13; Jer 3:3

4:9 Dt 28:22; Jl 1:4, Jl 2:25; Hg 2:17

4:11 Gn 19:24; Is 13:19; Zec 3:2

4:12 1Ki 8:33; 2Ch 30:6; Is 31:6; Jer 3:12, Jer 4:1

4:13 Ps 65:6; Jer 10:13; Am 5:8, Am 9:6; Mi 1:3

5:1 Jer 7:29; Eze 19:1; Am 3:1

5:2 Jer 14:17, Jer 50:32; Am 8:14

5:4 Dt 4:29; Is 55:6; Jer 29:13; Zep 2:3

5:6 Am 5:4

5:8 Job 9:9, Job 38:31; Ps 104:6; Am 4:13, Am 9:6

and moves over the heights
of the earth—
the LORD, the God of heavenly
forces is his name!

A song of lament

5 Hear this word—a funeral song—
that I am lifting up against you,
house of Israel:
2 Fallen, no more to rise,
is virgin Israel,
deserted on her land,
with no one to raise her up.
3 The LORD God proclaims:
The city that marched out
one thousand people
will have one hundred left,
and the city that marched out
one hundred will have ten left
in the house of Israel.

Words of encouragement

4 The LORD proclaims
to the house of Israel:
Seek me and live.
5 But don't seek Bethel,
don't enter into Gilgal,
or cross over to Beer-sheba;
for Gilgal will go into exile,
and Bethel will come to nothing.
6 Seek the LORD and live,
or else God might rush like a fire
against the house of Joseph.
The fire will burn up Bethel,
with no one to put it out.

Words of doom

7 Doom to you who turn justice
into poison,
and throw righteousness
to the ground!

8 The one who made
the Pleiades and Orion,
and turns deep darkness
into the morning,
and darkens the day into night;
who summons the waters
of the sea,
and pours them out
on the surface of the earth—
this one's name is the LORD—

9 who causes destruction to flash out
against the strong,
so that destruction comes
upon the fortress.

10 They hate the one who judges
at the city gate,
and they reject the one
who speaks the truth.
11 Truly, because you crush the weak,
and because you tax their grain,
you have built houses
of carved stone,
but you won't live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you won't drink their wine.
12 I know how many are your crimes,
and how numerous are your sins—
afflicting the righteous,
taking money on the side,
turning away the poor
who seek help.
13 Therefore, the one who is wise
will keep silent in that time;
it is an evil time.

Words of inspiration

14 Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD,
the God of heavenly forces,
will be with you
just as you have said.
15 Hate evil, love good,
and establish justice
at the city gate.
Perhaps the LORD God
of heavenly forces
will be gracious
to what is left of Joseph.

Divine wrath anticipated

16 Truly, the LORD proclaims,
the God of heavenly forces,
the Lord:
Crying will be heard
in all the squares.
In all the streets they will say,
"Oh no! Oh no!"
They will call upon the farmers
to wail,
and those skilled in mourning
to lament.

5:10 1Ki 22:8; Is 29:21

5:11 Dt 28:30, Dt 28:39; Am 3:15; Mi 6:15; Zep 1:13

5:12 Ps 26:10; Is 1:23, Is 5:23; Am 2:6

5:13 Ecc 3:7; Mi 2:3

5:16 Jer 9:17, Jer 9:18; Jl 1:11

5:18 Is 5:19; Jl 1:15, Jl 2:1, Jl 2:2

5:19 Job 20:24; Ecc 10:8; Is 24:17, Is 24:18; Jer 48:44

5:21 Lv 26:31; Is 1:11, Is 1:14, Is 66:3; Jer 6:20

5:23 Is 5:12, Is 14:11; Am 6:5

5:25 Dt 32:17; Ac 7:42, Ac 7:43

5:26 Ac 7:43

5:27 Am 4:13

6:1 Is 32:9; Am 4:1; Zep 1:12; Lk 6:24

17 In all the vineyards
there will be bitter crying because
I will pass through your midst,
says the LORD.

A statement of divine disgust

18 Doom to those who desire
the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day
of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or sought refuge in a house,
rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Isn't the day of the LORD darkness,
not light;
all dark with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I reject your festivals;
I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies.
22 If you bring me your entirely burned
offerings and gifts of food—
I won't be pleased;
I won't even look at your offerings
of well-fed animals.

23 Take away the noise of your songs;
I won't listen to the melody
of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness
like an ever-flowing stream.

25 Did you bring me sacrifices
and offerings
during the forty years in the
wilderness, house of Israel?
26 You will take up Sakkuth your king,
and Kaiwan your star-god,
your images,
which you made for yourselves.
27 Therefore, I will take you away
beyond Damascus, says the LORD,
whose name is
the God of heavenly forces.

Warnings to the self-satisfied

6 Doom to those resting
comfortably in Zion
and those trusting
in Mount Samaria,

the chiefs of the nations,
to whom the house
of Israel comes!
2 Cross over to Calneh and see;
from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath
of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is your territory greater
than their territory?

3 Doom to those who ignore
the evil day
and make violent rule draw near:
4 who lie on beds of ivory,
stretch out on their couches,
eat lambs from the flock,
and bull calves from the stall;
5 who sing idle songs
to the sound of the harp,
and, like David, compose tunes
on musical instruments;
6 who drink bowls of wine,
put the best of oils on themselves,
but who aren't grieved
over the ruin of Joseph!
7 Therefore, they will now
be the first to be taken away,
and the feast of those who lounged
at the table will pass away.

8 The LORD God
has solemnly sworn,
says the LORD,
the God of heavenly forces:
I reject the pride of Jacob.
I hate his fortresses.
I will hand over the city
and all that is in it.
9 If ten people remain in one house,
then they will die.
10 If a relative,
someone who burns the dead,
picks up the body to bring it out
of the house,
and says to someone
inside the house,
"Is anyone else with you?"
the answer will be, "No."
Then the relative will say,
"Hush! We mustn't mention
the name of the LORD."

6:2 Gn 10:10; 2Ki 18:34; 2Ch 26:6; Is 10:9; Na 3:8

6:3 Is 56:12; Eze 12:27; Am 9:10

6:4 Est 1:6; Am 3:12

6:5 1Ch 15:16, 1Ch 23:5; Is 5:12; Am 5:23

6:6 Am 2:8

6:7 Am 7:11

6:11 Is 55:11; Am 3:15

6:12 Hos 10:4; Am 5:7

6:13 Is 28:14, Is 28:15; Lk 12:19, Lk 12:20

6:14 1Ki 8:65; 2Ki 14:25; Jer 5:15

7:1 Ps 129:7; Jl 1:4; Am 4:9, Am 8:1

7:7 Zec 4:10

11 Look, the LORD is giving an order;
he will shatter the great house
into bits
and the little house into pieces.
12 Do horses run on rocks?
Does one plow the sea with oxen?
But you have turned justice
into poison
and the fruit of righteousness
into bitterness—
13 you who rejoice in Lo-debar,
who say, "Haven't we
by our own strength
taken Karnaim for ourselves?"
14 Indeed, I will raise up against you
a nation, house of Israel,
says the LORD God
of heavenly forces,
and they will oppress you from
Lebo-hamath to the desert ravine.

A vision of locusts

7 This is what the LORD God showed me: The LORD God was forming locusts at the time the late grass began to sprout. (It was the late grass after the king's harvest.) 2 When they had finished eating the green plants of the land, I said,

"LORD God, please forgive!
How can Jacob survive?
He is so small!"

3 The LORD relented concerning this:
"It won't take place,"
says the LORD.

A vision of fire

4 This is what the LORD God showed me: The LORD God was calling for judgment with fire, and it devoured the great deep and was eating up part of the land. 5 Then I said,

"LORD God, I beg you, stop!
How can Jacob survive?
He is so small!"

6 The LORD relented concerning this:
"This also won't take place,"
says the LORD God.

A vision of a plumb line

7 This is what the LORD showed me: The LORD was standing by a wall, with

a plumb line in his hand. 8 The LORD
said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"
"A plumb line," I said.
Then the LORD said,
"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the middle of my people Israel.
I will never again forgive them.
9 The shrines of Isaac
will be made desolate,
and the holy places of Israel
will be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house
of Jeroboam with the sword."

Exchange between Amaziah, Jeroboam, and Amos

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of
Bethel, reported to Israel's King Jeroboam, "Amos has plotted against you within the house of Israel. The land isn't able to cope with everything that he is saying. 11 Amos has said, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will be forced out of its land.'"

12 Amaziah said to Amos, "You who see things, go, run away to the land of Judah, eat your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's holy place and his royal house."

14 Amos answered Amaziah, "I am[d] not a prophet, nor am I a prophet's son; but I am a shepherd, and a trimmer of sycamore trees. 15 But the LORD took me from shepherding the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

16 "Now then hear the LORD's word.
You say,
'Don't prophesy against Israel,
and don't preach
against the house of Isaac.'
17 "Therefore, the LORD proclaims:
'Your wife will become a prostitute
in the city,
and your sons and your daughters
will fall by the sword,
and your land will be measured
and divided up;
you yourself will die
in an unclean land,
and Israel will surely be taken
away from its land.'"

7:12 1Sa 9:9; Mt 8:34
7:13 1Ki 12:29; Am 2:12; Ac 4:18
7:14 1Ki 10:27; Am 1:1
7:15 Eze 2:3
8:1 2Sa 16:1; Am 7:1, Am 7:4
8:3 Am 5:23, Am 6:9, Am 6:10; Na 3:3
8:5 2Ki 4:23; Neh 13:15; Eze 45:10; Hos 12:7; Mi 6:11
8:9 Is 13:10; Jer 15:9; Am 4:13, Am 5:8; Mi 3:6

A vision of summer fruit

8 This is what the LORD God showed
me: a basket of summer fruit. 2 He
said, "Amos, what do you see?"
I said, "A basket of summer fruit."
Then the LORD said to me,
"The end has come upon
my people Israel;
I will never again forgive them.
3 On that day, the people
will wail the temple songs,"
says the LORD God;
"there will be many corpses,
thrown about everywhere.[e]
Silence."

Judgment on oppressors and hypocrites

4 Hear this, you who trample
on the needy and destroy
the poor of the land, 5 saying,
"When will the new moon
be over so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath
so that we may offer wheat
for sale,
make the ephah smaller,
enlarge the shekel,
and deceive with false balances,
6 in order to buy the needy
for silver
and the helpless for sandals,
and sell garbage as grain?"

7 The LORD has sworn
by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget
what they have done.
8 Will not the land tremble
on this account,
and all who live in it mourn,
as it rises and overflows
like the Nile,
and then falls again,
like the River of Egypt?[f]

9 On that day, says the LORD God,
I will make the sun go down
at noon,

[d] Or *was*; the verb is implied. [e] Heb uncertain [f] Heb uncertain

and I will darken the earth
in broad daylight.
10 I will turn your feasts into sad affairs
and all your singing
into a funeral song;
I will make people
wear mourning clothes
and shave their heads;
I will make it like the loss
of an only child,
and the end of it like a bitter day.
11 The days are surely coming,
says the LORD God,
when I will send hunger
and thirst on the land;
neither a hunger for bread,
nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the LORD's words.
12 They will wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they will roam all around,
seeking the LORD's word,
but they won't find it.
13 On that day the beautiful young
women and the young men
will faint with thirst.
14 Those who swear by the guilt
of Samaria,
and say, "As your god lives, Dan,"
and, "As the way
of Beer-sheba lives"—
even they will fall
and never rise again.

Description of Israel's fate

9 I saw the Lord standing beside the
altar, and the Lord said:
Strike the pillars
until the foundations shake,
shatter them on the heads
of all the people.
With the sword,
I will kill the last of them;
not one of them will flee,
not one of them will escape.
2 If they dig through
into the underworld,[g]
from there my hand will take them.
If they climb up to the heavens,
from there I will bring them down.
3 If they hide themselves
on the top of Carmel,
I will search for them there
and remove them.
If they hide from my sight
at the bottom of the sea,
I will give an order to the sea
serpent, and it will bite them.
4 If they are forced from their homes
before their enemies,
there I will give an order to the
sword, and it will kill them.
I will fix my eyes on them
for harm and not for good.

A divine confession

5 The LORD, God of heavenly forces,
touches the earth and it melts,
and all who live in it are sick
to death.
All of it[h] rises up like the Nile
and sinks again,
like the Nile of Egypt.
6 It is the LORD who builds
his upper rooms in the heavens
and establishes his residence
upon the earth;
who summons the waters of the sea,
and pours them out
upon the face of the earth—
the LORD is his name.

Divine address to the Israelites

7 Aren't you like the Cushites to me,
people of Israel?
says the LORD.
Haven't I brought Israel up
from the land of Egypt,
and the Philistines from Caphtor
and the Arameans from Kir?
8 Look, the LORD God is eyeing
the sinful kingdom,
and I will destroy it
from the face of the earth.
However, I won't destroy fully
the house of Jacob,
says the LORD.

Warning to the house of Israel

9 Look, I am giving orders,
and I will shake the house of
Israel among all the nations
as one sifts dirt with a screen,

8:10 Jer 6:26; Eze 7:18; Hos 2:11; Zec 12:10
8:11 1Sa 3:1; 2Ch 15:3; Ps 74:9; Eze 7:26
8:13 Is 41:17; Hos 2:3
9:3 Ps 68:22; Is 27:1; Jer 16:16; Am 1:2
9:6 Ps 104:3, Ps 104:5, Ps 104:13; Am 4:13, Am 5:8
9:7 Dt 2:23; 2Ki 16:9; Is 43:3; Jer 47:4; Am 1:5

[g] Heb *Sheol* [h] Or *the earth*

but no pebble will fall
to the ground.
10 All the sinners of my people
will die by the sword,
those who say,
"Evil won't overtake or meet us."

Divine promise of restoration

11 On that day I will raise up
the meeting tent of David
that has fallen,
and repair its broken places.
I will raise up its ruins,
and I will rebuild it
like a long time ago;
12 so that they may possess
what is left of Edom,
as well as all the nations
who are called by my name,
says the LORD who will do this.
13 The days are surely coming,
says the LORD,
when the one who plows
will overtake the one who
gathers,
when the one who crushes grapes
will overtake the one
who sows the seed.
The mountains will drip wine,
and all the hills will flow with it.
14 I will improve the circumstances
of my people Israel;
they will rebuild the ruined cities
and inhabit them.
They will plant vineyards
and drink their wine;
and they will make gardens
and eat their fruit.
15 I will plant them upon their land,
and they will never again
be plucked up
out of the land
that I have given them,
says the LORD your God.

9:11 Ac 15:16
9:12 Nm 24:18; Is 11:14

OBADIAH

Edom falls

1 The vision of Obadiah.
The LORD God proclaims
concerning Edom:
We have heard a message
from the LORD—
a messenger has been sent
among the nations:
"Rise up! Let us rise against her
for battle!"
2 Look now, I will make you of little
importance among the nations;
you will be totally despised.
3 Your proud heart has tricked you—
you who live in the cracks of
the rock,
whose dwelling is high above.
You who say in your heart,
"Who will bring me
down to the ground?"
4 Though you soar like the eagle,
though your nest is set
among the stars,
I will bring you down from there,
says the LORD.

Edom is robbed

5 If thieves approach you,
if robbers by night—
how you've been devastated!—
wouldn't they steal
only what they wanted?
If those who gather grapes came
to you,
wouldn't they leave some grapes?
6 How Esau has been looted,
his treasures taken away!
7 All those who were your allies
have driven you to the border.
Those who were on your side
tricked you
and triumphed over you.
They are setting your own bread
as a trap under you,[a]
but you don't see it coming.
8 Won't I on that day, says the LORD,

1:4 Job 20:6; Prv 17:19; Is 14:12; Jer 49:16; Eze 31:10

[a] Heb uncertain

destroy the wise from Edom
and understanding from
Mount Esau?
9 Your warriors will be shattered, Teman,
and everyone from Mount Esau
will be eliminated.

Edom's misdeeds

10 Because of the slaughter and
violence done to your brother Jacob,
shame will cover you,
and you will be destroyed forever.
11 You stood nearby,
strangers carried off his wealth,
and foreigners entered his gates
and cast lots for Jerusalem;
you too were like one of them.
12 But you should have taken no
pleasure over your brother
on the day of his misery;
you shouldn't have rejoiced
over the people of Judah
on the day of their devastation;
you shouldn't have bragged
on their day of hardship.
13 You shouldn't have entered
the gate of my people
on the day of their defeat;
you shouldn't have even looked
on his suffering
on the day of his disaster;
you shouldn't have stolen
his possessions
on the day of his distress.
14 You shouldn't have waited on
the roads
to destroy his escapees;
you shouldn't have handed over
his survivors
on the day of defeat.
15 The day of the LORD is near
against all the nations.
As you have done,
so it will be done to you;
your actions will make you suffer!
16 Just as you have drunk
on my holy mountain,
so will all the nations
around you drink;
they will drink
and swallow quickly,
and they will be like they've never
been before.

Edom's punishers

17 But on Mount Zion
there will be those who escape,
and it will be holy;
and the house of Jacob will drive
out those who drove them out.
18 The house of Jacob will be a fire,
the house of Joseph a flame,
and the house of Esau straw;
they will burn them up completely,
and there will be no one left
of the house of Esau,
for the LORD has spoken.
19 Those of the arid southern plain
will possess Mount Esau,
and those of the western foothills,
the land of the Philistines;
they will possess the land of
Ephraim and the land of Samaria,
and Benjamin will possess Gilead.
20 Those who remain of the Israelites
will possess the land of the
Canaanites as far as Zarephath;
and those left from Jerusalem
and who are now living in Sepharad
will possess the cities
of the arid southern plain.
21 The deliverers will go up to
Mount Zion
to rule Mount Esau,
and the kingdom will be
the LORD's.

1:9 Gn 36:11; Eze 25:13; Am 1:12

1:12 Job 31:29; Prv 17:5, Prv 24:17; Eze 35:15; Mi 4:11

1:17 Is 14:1; Jl 2:32; Am 9:11

1:21 Ps 22:28; Zec 14:9; Rev 11:15

JONAH

Commissioning of a reluctant prophet

1 The LORD's word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: 2"Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their evil has come to my attention."

3So Jonah got up—to flee to Tarshish from the LORD! He went down to Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went aboard to go with them to Tarshish, away from the LORD. 4But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, so that there was a great storm on the sea; the ship looked like it might be broken to pieces. 5The sailors were terrified, and each one cried out to his god. They hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to make it lighter.

Now Jonah had gone down into the hold of the vessel to lie down and was deep in sleep. 6The ship's officer came and said to him, "How can you possibly be sleeping so deeply? Get up! Call on your god! Perhaps the god will give some thought to us so that we won't perish."

7Meanwhile, the sailors said to each other, "Come on, let's cast lots so that we might learn who is to blame for this evil that's happening to us." They cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8So they said to him, "Tell us, since you're the cause of this evil happening to us: What do you do and where are you from? What's your country and of what people are you?"

9He said to them, "I'm a Hebrew. I worship the LORD, the God of heaven—who made the sea and the dry land."

10Then the men were terrified and said to him, "What have you done?" (The men knew that Jonah was fleeing from the LORD, because he had told them.)

11They said to him, "What will we do about you so that the sea will become calm around us?" (The sea was continuing to rage.)

12He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea! Then the sea will become calm around you. I know it's my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

13The men rowed to reach dry land, but they couldn't manage it because the sea continued to rage against them. 14So they called on the LORD, saying, "Please, LORD, don't let us perish on account of this man's life, and don't blame us for innocent blood! You are the LORD: whatever you want, you can do." 15Then they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased its raging. 16The men worshipped the LORD with a profound reverence; they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made solemn promises.

No escape for the prophet

17[a]Meanwhile, the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

2 Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish:

2"I called out to the LORD in my
distress, and he answered me.
From the belly of the underworld[b]
I cried out for help;
you have heard my voice.
3You had cast me into the depths
in the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounds me.
All your strong waves and rushing
water passed over me.
4So I said, 'I have been driven
away from your sight.
Will I ever again look
on your holy temple?
5Waters have grasped me
to the point of death;
the deep surrounds me.
Seaweed is wrapped around my head
6at the base
of the undersea[c] mountains.
I have sunk down to the underworld;

1:1 2Ki 14:25; Jon 3:1; Mt 12:39, Mt 16:4; Lk 11:29

1:2 Gn 10:11; 2Ki 19:36; Is 58:1; Jon 3:2; Na 1:1

1:3 Josh 19:46; Ps 139:7; Ac 9:36

1:5 Ac 27:18

1:6 Ps 107:28; Jon 3:9

1:7 Nm 32:23; 1Sa 14:41, 1Sa 14:42; Prv 16:33

1:9 Neh 9:6; Ps 95:5, Ps 146:6

1:12 2Sa 24:17; 1Ch 21:17

1:14 Dt 21:8; Ps 107:28, Ps 115:3; Dn 4:35; Jon 1:16

1:17 Jon 4:6; Mt 12:40, Mt 16:4; Lk 11:30

2:1 2Ki 14:25; Job 13:15; Ps 130:1; Jon 1:1, Jon 3:1

2:2 Ps 18:6, Ps 86:13, Ps 120:1

2:3 Ps 42:7, Ps 69:1, Ps 88:6

2:4 1Ki 8:38, 1Ki 8:48; Ps 5:7, Ps 31:22; Jer 7:15

2:5 Ps 69:1, Ps 69:2; Lam 3:54

2:6 Ps 16:10, Ps 30:3; Is 38:17

[a]2:1 in Heb [b]Heb *Sheol* [c]Heb lacks *undersea.*

its bars held me
with no end in sight.
But you brought me out of the pit.'
7When my endurance[d] was weakening,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
to your holy temple.
8Those deceived by worthless things
lose their chance for mercy.[e]
9But me, I will offer a sacrifice to you
with a voice of thanks.
That which I have promised,
I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the LORD!"
10Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto the dry land.

Nineveh hears God's word

3 The LORD's word came to Jonah a second time: 2"Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." 3And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)

4Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" 5And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

6When word of it reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, stripped himself of his robe, covered himself with mourning clothes, and sat in ashes. 7Then he announced, "In Nineveh, by decree of the king and his officials: Neither human nor animal, cattle nor flock, will taste anything! No grazing and no drinking water! 8Let humans and animals alike put on mourning clothes, and let them call upon God forcefully! And let all persons stop their evil behavior and the violence that's under their control!" 9He thought, Who knows? God may see this and turn from his wrath, so that we might not perish.[f]

2:7 2Ch 30:27; Ps 11:4, Ps 18:6, Ps 65:4, Ps 77:11
2:8 2Ki 17:15; Ps 31:6; Jer 10:8
2:10 Jon 1:17
3:1 Jon 1:1, Jon 1:2, Jon 2:1
3:4 Ex 3:18; 1Ki 19:4; Jer 18:7; Jon 1:5, Jon 3:1
3:5 2Ch 20:3; Jer 36:9; Jl 1:14; Mt 12:41; Lk 11:32
3:6 Est 4:1; Job 2:8; Jer 6:26
3:7 2Ch 20:3
3:8 Ps 130:1; Is 55:6, Is 55:7; Jer 18:11, Jer 36:3
3:9 2Sa 12:22; Ps 106:45; Jer 18:8; Jl 2:13, Jl 2:14
3:10 Ex 32:14; Jer 18:8, Jer 31:18; Am 7:3, Am 7:6
4:2 Ex 34:6; Nm 14:18; Ps 86:5, Ps 86:15; Jl 2:13
4:6 Jon 1:17
4:8 Ps 121:6; Jon 4:3, Jon 4:9
4:9 Jon 4:1, Jon 4:4, Jon 4:8
4:10 Ex 34:6, Ex 34:7; Neh 9:17; Ps 62:12; Jon 4:2
4:11 Ex 34:6, Ex 34:7; Ps 36:6; Jon 1:2, Jon 3:10

10God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

Jonah balks at God's mercy

4 But Jonah thought this was utterly wrong, and he became angry. 2He prayed to the LORD, "Come on, LORD! Wasn't this precisely my point when I was back in my own land? This is why I fled to Tarshish earlier! I know that you are a merciful and compassionate God, very patient, full of faithful love, and willing not to destroy. 3At this point, LORD, you may as well take my life from me, because it would be better for me to die than to live."

4The LORD responded, "Is your anger a good thing?" 5But Jonah went out from the city and sat down east of the city. There he made himself a hut and sat under it, in the shade, to see what would happen to the city.

6Then the LORD God provided a shrub,[g] and it grew up over Jonah, providing shade for his head and saving him from his misery. Jonah was very happy about the shrub. 7But God provided a worm the next day at dawn, and it attacked the shrub so that it died. 8Then as the sun rose God provided a dry east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint. He begged that he might die, saying, "It's better for me to die than to live."

9God said to Jonah, "Is your anger about the shrub a good thing?"

Jonah said, "Yes, my anger is good—even to the point of death!"

10But the LORD said, "You 'pitied' the shrub, for which you didn't work and which you didn't raise; it grew in a night and perished in a night. 11Yet for my part, can't I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who can't tell their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

[d] *Endurance* here renders the same Heb word as *life* in 1:14 and *death* in 2:5. [e] Heb uncertain [f] Heb lacks *For he thought*. [g] Botanists disagree about whether Heb *qiqayon* refers to a climbing gourd plant, a castor bean plant, or some other shrub.

MICAH

The LORD is coming!

1 The LORD's word that came to Micah
of Moresheth in the days of Judah's
Kings Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah,
which he saw concerning Samaria and
Jerusalem:

2 Listen, all you peoples!
Pay attention, earth,
and all that fills it!
May the LORD God
be a witness against you,
the Lord from his holy temple.
3 Look! The LORD is coming out
from his place;
he will go down and tread
on the shrines of the earth.
4 Then the mountains will melt
under him;
the valleys will split apart,
like wax yielding to the fire,
like waters poured down a slope.
5 All this is for the crime of Jacob
and the sins of the house of Israel.
Who is responsible
for the crime of Jacob?[a]
Isn't it Samaria?
Who is responsible
for[b] the shrines of Judah?
Isn't it Jerusalem?
6 So I will make Samaria
a pile of rubble in the open field,
a place for planting vineyards.
I will pour her stones into the valley;
her foundations I will lay bare.
7 All her images will be beaten to pieces;
all her wages will be burned;
I will make all her idols worthless.
Since she gathered them
from the wages of a prostitute,
they will again become
wages of a prostitute.
8 On account of this, I will cry out
and howl;
I will go about barefoot
and stripped.
I will cry out like the jackals,
and mourn like the ostriches.

1:1 2Ch 27:1; Is 1:1; Jer 26:18; Hos 1:1; Mi 1:14

1:2 Ps 11:4

1:3 Ps 115:3; Is 26:21; Am 4:13

1:8 Job 30:29; Is 13:21, Is 20:2, Is 22:4

1:11 Josh 15:37; Is 20:4, Is 47:3; Eze 23:29

1:12 Jer 14:19; Am 3:6

1:13 Josh 10:3, Josh 10:31; 1Ki 14:16; 2Ki 18:14; Mi 1:5

1:14 Josh 15:44; 2Ki 16:8; Mi 1:1

Destruction looms

9 Indeed, Zion has been weakened
by her wounds!
It has come as far as Judah;
he has struck as far as the gate
of my people,
as far as Jerusalem.
10 In Gath tell it not; no need to
weep there![c]
In Beth-le-aphrah,
roll yourself in the dust!
11 Pass by (for your sake),[d]
inhabitants of Shaphir!
In nakedness and shame
she will not go out,
inhabitants of Zaanan.
The cry of Beth-ezel
will take away from you[e]
anyplace to stand.
12 How she longs for good,
inhabitants of Maroth!
Calamity has come down from the
LORD to the gate of Jerusalem.
13 Harness the horses to the chariot,
inhabitants of Lachish!
It was the beginning of sin
for Daughter Zion;
the crimes of Israel
have been found in you.
14 Therefore, you will give good-bye
gifts to Moresheth-gath;
the houses of Achzib have
become a deception for the
kings of Israel.
15 Again I will bring to you
the one who conquers,
inhabitants of Mareshah;
the glory of Israel
will come as far as Adullam.
16 Make yourself bald and cut off
your hair
because of your
cherished children!
Make yourself as bald as
the vulture,
for they have gone from you
into exile.

[a]Heb lacks *responsible for.* [b]Heb lacks *responsible for.* [c]Heb lacks *there.* [d]*You* (plural) [e]*You* (feminine singular)

Oppressors will themselves be ruined

2 Doom to those who
devise wickedness,
to those who plan evil
when they are in bed.
By the light of morning they do it,
for they are very powerful.
[2] They covet fields and seize them,
houses and take them away.
They oppress a householder
and those in his house,
a man and his estate.
[3] Therefore, the LORD proclaims:
I myself am devising an evil
against this family
from which you will not be able
to remove your necks!
You will no longer be able
to go about arrogantly,
for it will be an evil time.
[4] On that day, a taunt will be raised
against you;
someone will wail bitterly:
"We are utterly destroyed!
He exchanges the portion
of my people;
he removes what belongs to me;
he gives away our fields to
a rebel."
[5] Therefore, you will have no one
to set boundary lines
by lot in the LORD's assembly.

Leaders unwilling to hear God's word

[6] "They mustn't preach!" so they preach.
"They mustn't preach of
such things!
Disgrace won't overtake us."
[7] (Should this be said, house of Jacob?)
"Is the LORD's patience cut short?
Are these his deeds?"
Don't my words help
the one who
behaves righteously?
[8] But yesterday, my people,
the LORD rose up as an enemy.[f]
You strip off the glorious clothes[g]
from trusting passersby,
those who reject war.
[9] You drive out the women of
my people,
each from her cherished house;
from their young children
you take away my
splendor forever.
[10] Rise up and go! This can't be
the resting place;
because of its uncleanness,
it destroys and the destruction
is horrific.
[11] If someone were to go about
inspired and say deceitfully:
"I will preach to you
for wine and liquor,"
such a one would be
the preacher for this people!

The false prophet's "peace" will be destruction

[12] I'll surely gather Jacob—all of you!
I'll surely assemble you,
those who are left of Israel!
I'll put them together
like sheep in Bozrah,[h]
like a flock in its pen,
noisy with people.
[13] The one who breaks out
will go before them;
they will break out
and pass through the gate;
they will leave by it.
They will pass on,
their king before them,
the LORD at their head.

Micah justifies the coming destruction

3 But I said:
Hear, leaders of Jacob,
rulers of the house of Israel!
Isn't it your job to know justice?—
[2] you who hate good and love evil,
who tear the skin off them,
and the flesh off their bones,
[3] who devour the flesh of my people,
tear off their skin,
break their bones in pieces,
and spread them out as if in
a pot,
like meat in a kettle.

2:3 Is 2:11; Jer 18:11; Am 3:1, Am 3:2, Am 5:13
2:7 Ps 15:2, Ps 19:7, Ps 84:11, Ps 119:65; Jer 15:16
2:8 2Ch 28:8; Ps 120:6, Ps 120:7
2:11 Is 30:10; Jer 5:31
3:1 Jer 5:5; Mi 3:9

[f] Heb lacks *the LORD*. [g] Heb uncertain [h] See Isa 34:6; 63:1.

4 Then they will cry out to the LORD,
but he won't answer them.
He will hide his face from them
at that time,
because of their evil deeds.
5 The LORD proclaims
concerning the prophets,
those who lead my people astray,
those who chew with their teeth
and then proclaim "Peace!"
but stir up war against the one
who puts nothing in
their mouths:
6 Therefore, it will become night
for you,
without vision, only darkness
without divination!
The sun will set on the prophets;
the day will be dark upon them.
7 Those seeing visions will
be ashamed,
and the diviners disgraced;
they will all cover their upper lips,[i]
for there will be no answer
from God.
8 But me! I am filled with power,
with the spirit of the LORD,
with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his
wrongdoing and to Israel his sin!
9 Hear this, leaders of the house
of Jacob,
rulers of the house of Israel,
you who reject justice
and make crooked all that
is straight,
10 who build Zion with bloodshed
and Jerusalem with injustice!
11 Her officials give justice for a bribe,
and her priests teach for hire.
Her prophets offer divination
for silver,
yet they rely on the LORD, saying,
"Isn't the LORD in our midst?
Evil won't come upon us!"
12 Therefore, because of you,
Zion will be plowed like a field,
Jerusalem will become piles
of rubble,
and the temple mount will
become an overgrown mound.

3:5 Is 3:12; Jer 6:14
3:6 Is 29:10; Eze 13:23; Am 8:9
3:7 Lv 13:45; Is 44:25; Zec 13:4
3:8 Is 58:1
3:10 Jer 22:13, Jer 22:17; Hab 2:12
3:11 Is 1:23; Jer 6:13, Jer 7:4; Am 9:10; Mi 7:3
3:12 Ps 79:1; Jer 9:11, Jer 26:18; Mi 1:6
4:1 Ps 22:27, Ps 86:9; Is 2:2; Jer 3:17; Dn 2:28
4:2 Ps 25:8; Is 2:3, Is 54:13; Jer 31:6
4:3 Ps 46:9; Is 2:4; Jl 3:10; Zec 9:10
4:4 Lv 26:6; 1Ki 4:25; Is 1:20, Is 40:5; Zec 3:10

A peaceable world

4 But in the days to come,
the mountain of the LORD's house
will be the highest of the
mountains;
it will be lifted above the hills;
peoples will stream to it.
2 Many nations will go and say:
"Come, let's go up
to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of Jacob's God,
so that he may teach us his ways
and we may walk in God's paths!"
Instruction will come from Zion
and the LORD's word
from Jerusalem.
3 God will judge between the nations
and settle disputes of
mighty nations,
which are far away.
They will beat their swords
into iron plows
and their spears
into pruning tools.
Nation will not take up sword
against nation;
they will no longer learn
how to make war.
4 All will sit underneath
their own grapevines,
under their own fig trees.
There will be no one to terrify them;
for the mouth of the LORD of
heavenly forces has spoken.

An assertion of enduring loyalty

5 Each of the peoples walks
in the name of their own god;
but as for us, we will walk
in the name of the LORD our God
forever and always.

Dominion in Zion

6 On that day, says the LORD,
I will gather the lame;
I will assemble those
who were driven away
and those whom I have harmed.
7 I will make the lame into survivors,
those driven away
into a mighty nation.

[i] Or *mustache* or *beard*

The LORD will rule over them
on Mount Zion
from now on and forever.
8 As for you, Tower of Eder,[j]
hill of Daughter Zion,
as for you it will come,
the former dominion will come,
the royal power
belonging to Daughter Zion.

God is in control

9 Now why do you cry out so loudly?
Isn't the king in you?
Or has your counselor perished,
so that pain has seized you
like that of a woman in labor?
10 Writhe and scream, Daughter Zion,
like a woman in labor!
Now you will leave the city
and dwell in the open field;
you will go to Babylon.
There you will be rescued;
there the LORD will redeem you
from the power of your enemies.
11 Now many nations
may gather against you;
they say, "Let her be defiled,"
or "Let our eyes look with desire
at Zion."
12 But they don't know
the plans of the LORD;
they can't understand his scheme,
namely, that he will bring them
like grain to the threshing floor!
13 Arise and thresh, Daughter Zion,
for I will make your horn out
of iron;
your hooves I will make out
of bronze.
You will crush many peoples;
you will dedicate their ill-gotten
gains to the LORD,
their wealth to the LORD
of all the earth.

Call to arms; the future is secure

5 [k]Now muster your troops,
Daughter Troop![l]
They have laid siege against us;
with a rod they will strike the cheek
of the judge of Israel.

4:8 Gn 35:21; Ps 48:12; Is 1:26; Zec 9:10; Mt 21:33

5:1 1Ki 22:24; Lam 3:30; Mt 26:67; Jn 18:22

5:2 Gn 48:7; Ru 4:11; Prv 8:22; Mt 2:6; Jn 7:42

5:3 1Ki 14:16; Is 4:2, Is 10:20; Mi 2:12, Mi 4:10

5:4 Ps 72:8; Is 40:11; Mi 7:14; Lk 1:32

5:5 Is 8:7, Is 9:6; Lk 2:14; Eph 2:14

5:6 Gn 10:8; Na 2:11

5:7 Ps 72:6; Hos 14:5; Mi 5:3

5:8 Gn 49:9; Ps 50:22; Hos 5:14; Mi 4:13; Zec 10:5

5:9 Is 26:11

2 As for you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
though you are the least significant
of Judah's forces,
one who is to be a ruler in Israel
on my behalf
will come out from you.
His origin is from remote times,
from ancient days.
3 Therefore, he will give them up
until the time when
she who is in labor gives birth.
The rest of his kin will return
to the people of Israel.
4 He will stand and shepherd his flock[m]
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name
of the LORD his God.
They will dwell secure,
because he will surely become
great throughout the earth;
5 [n]he will become one of peace.
When Assyria invades our land
and treads down our fortresses,
then we will raise up against him
seven shepherds and
eight human princes.
6 They will shepherd the land of
Assyria with the sword,
the land of Nimrod
with the drawn sword.
He will rescue us from Assyria
when he invades our land
and treads within our territory.
7 Then the few remaining in Jacob
will be amid many peoples
like dew from the LORD,
like spring showers upon the grass,
which does not hope for humans
or wait for human ones.
8 Then the few remaining in Jacob
will be among the nations,
amid many peoples,
like a lion among the creatures
of the forest,
like a young lion among flocks
of sheep, which when it passes by,
tramples and tears to pieces
with no one to deliver.
9 Your hand will be lifted over
your foes;
all your enemies will be cut off.

[j] Or *tower of the flock* [k] 4:14 in Heb [l] Heb uncertain [m] Heb lacks *his flock.* [n] Or *this will ensure peace.*

Doom for Israel's enemies

10 On that day—says the LORD—
I will cut down your horses
in your midst;
I will destroy your chariots!
11 I will cut down the cities of your land;
I will tear down your defenses!
12 I will demolish the sorceries
you perform;
you will have no more diviners!
13 I will cut down your images
and your sacred pillars in
your midst.
You will no longer bow down
to the works of your hands!
14 I will tear down your sacred poles[o]
in your midst;
I will destroy your cities!
15 I will exact vengeance in anger
and in wrath
on the nations that don't obey!

God's dispute with Israel

6 Hear what the LORD is saying:
Arise, lay out the lawsuit
before the mountains;
let the hills hear your voice!
2 Hear, mountains, the lawsuit
of the LORD!
Hear, eternal foundations
of the earth!
The LORD has a lawsuit
against his people;
with Israel he will argue.
3 "My people, what did I ever do to you?
How have I wearied you?
Answer me!
4 I brought you up out of the land
of Egypt;
I redeemed you
from the house of slavery.
I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam
before you.
5 My people, remember what
Moab's King Balak had planned,
and how Balaam, Beor's son,
answered him!
Remember everything[p]
from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you might learn to recognize
the righteous acts of the LORD!"

6:1 Ps 50:1; Mi 1:2
6:2 Is 1:18; Hos 4:1
6:3 Is 43:22, Is 43:23; Jer 2:5, Jer 2:31
6:4 Ex 12:51, Ex 15:20; Nm 12:1; Dt 7:8; Ps 77:20
6:5 Nm 22:1, Nm 22:5, Nm 25:1
6:6 Ps 40:6, Ps 51:16
6:7 Lv 18:21; 2Ki 3:27, 2Ki 16:3
6:8 Dt 10:12; Is 57:15; Hos 6:6, Hos 12:6; Zec 7:9
6:9 Job 5:17

What does the LORD require?

6 With what should I approach
the LORD
and bow down before God on high?
Should I come before him
with entirely burned offerings,
with year-old calves?
7 Will the LORD be pleased
with thousands of rams,
with many torrents of oil?
Should I give my oldest child
for my crime;
the fruit of my body
for the sin of my spirit?
8 He has told you, human one,
what is good and
what the LORD requires from you:
to do justice, embrace
faithful love,
and walk humbly with your God.

Punishment is near

9 The voice of the LORD
calls out to the city;
wisdom appears
when one fears your name.[q]
Hear, tribe, and who
appointed her![r]
10 Are the treasures of wickedness
still in the house of wickedness,
while the shorted basket[s]
is denounced?[t]
11 Can I approve wicked scales
and a bag of false weights
12 in a city[u] whose wealthy
are full of violence
and whose inhabitants
speak falsehood
with lying tongues in
their mouths?
13 So I have made you sick by
striking you!
I have struck you because of
your sins.
14 You devour, but you aren't satisfied;
a gnawing emptiness is within you.

[o]Heb *asherim* [p]Heb lacks *everything.* [q]Heb uncertain [r]Heb uncertain [s]Or *ephah*, approximately twenty quarts of grain [t]Heb uncertain [u]Heb lacks *in a city.*

You put something aside,
but you don't keep it safe.
That which you do try to keep safe,
I will give to the sword.
15 You sow, but you don't gather.
You tread down olives,
but you don't anoint with oil;
you tread grapes, but don't
drink wine.
16 Yet you[v] have kept the policies
of Omri,
all the practices of the house
of Ahab;
you have followed their counsels.
Therefore, I will make you
a sign of destruction,
your[w] inhabitants an object
of hissing!
You must bear the reproach of
my people.

The prophet laments

7 I'm doomed!
I've become like one who,
even after the summer fruit
has been gathered,
after the ripened fruits
have been collected,
has no cluster of grapes to eat,
no ripe fig that I might desire.
2 Faithful ones have perished from
the land;
there is no righteous one
among humanity.
All of them lie in wait for bloodshed;
they hunt each other with nets.
3 Their hands are skilled at doing evil.
Official and judge alike ask for
a bribe;
the powerful speak however
they like;
this is how they conspire.
4 The good among them are like
a briar;
those who do the right thing are
like a thorny thicket.
(A day for your lookouts![x]
Your punishment has arrived.
The confusion of the wicked[y]
is nearby.)
5 Don't rely on a friend;
put no trust in a companion;
guard the doors of your mouth
from her who lies in
your embrace.
6 Son disrespects father;
a daughter rises up against
her mother,
a daughter-in-law against
her mother-in-law;
the enemies of a man
are those of his own household.
7 But me! I will keep watch
for the LORD;
I will wait for the God of
my salvation;
my God will hear me.

Zion speaks

8 Do not rejoice[z] over me, my enemy,
because when I fall, I will rise;
if I sit in darkness,
the LORD is my light.
9 I must bear the raging of the LORD,
for I have sinned against him,
until he decides my case
and provides justice for me.
He will bring me out into the light;
I will see by means of
his righteousness.
10 Then my enemy will see;
shame will cover her who said
to me:
"Where is the LORD your God?"
My eyes will see her ruin;[a]
now she will become something
to be trampled,
like mud in the streets.

Micah responds to Zion

11 A day for the building of your walls!
On that day, the boundary
will be distant.
12 On that day, they will come to you
from Assyria and the cities
of Egypt,
from Egypt to the River,
from sea to sea,
and from mountain to mountain.
13 And the earth will become desolate
because of her inhabitants,
because of the fruit of their actions.

7:1 Is 17:6, Is 24:13, Is 28:4; Jer 48:32; Hos 9:10
7:2 Ps 12:1, Ps 14:1, Ps 14:3; Is 57:1; Jer 5:1
7:3 Mi 3:11
7:4 2Sa 23:6; Is 10:3, Is 22:5; Eze 2:6; Hos 9:7
7:5 Jer 9:4
7:6 Eze 22:7; Mt 10:21, Mt 10:35, Mt 10:36
7:8 Ps 27:1; Is 9:2
7:9 Lam 3:39
7:10 2Sa 22:43; Ps 42:3; Is 51:23; Jl 2:17; Zec 10:5

[v] Or *he* [w] Or *her* [x] Heb uncertain [y] Heb lacks *the wicked.* [z] *Rejoice* (feminine singular) [a] Heb lacks *ruin.*

Micah intercedes for the people

14 Shepherd your people with
your staff,
the sheep of your inheritance,
those dwelling alone in a forest
in the midst of Carmel.
Let them graze in Bashan and
Gilead, as a long time ago.

God agrees

15 As in the days when you came
out of the land of Egypt,
I will show Israel wonderful things.

The prophet continues

16 Nations will see and be ashamed
of all their strength;
they will cover their mouths;
their ears will be deaf.
17 They will lick dust like the snake,
like things that crawl on
the ground.
They will come trembling
from their strongholds
to the LORD our God;
they will dread and fear you!
18 Who is a God like you,
pardoning iniquity,
overlooking the sin of the few
remaining for his inheritance?
He doesn't hold on to his
anger forever;
he delights in faithful love.
19 He will once again have compassion
on us;
he will tread down
our iniquities.
You will hurl all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
20 You will provide faithfulness to
Jacob, faithful love to Abraham,
as you swore to our ancestors
a long time ago.

7:14 Ps 23:4, Ps 28:9, Ps 95:7; Jer 50:19; Mi 5:4
7:15 Ps 78:12
7:16 Is 26:11
7:17 Gn 3:14; Ps 18:45, Ps 72:9; Is 2:19, Is 49:23
7:18 Ex 34:7; Ps 103:9; Is 43:25; Jer 50:20
7:19 Is 38:17
7:20 Jer 33:26

NAHUM

1 An oracle about Nineveh: the scroll containing the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

Power of the creator

2 The LORD is a jealous and
vengeful God;
the LORD is vengeful
and strong in wrath.
The LORD is vengeful against his foes;
he rages against his enemies.
3 The LORD is very patient
but great in power;
the LORD punishes.
His way is in whirlwind and storm;
clouds are the dust of his feet.
4 He can blast the sea and make it
dry up;
he can dry up all the rivers.
Bashan and Carmel wither;
the bud of Lebanon withers.
5 The mountains quake because of him;
the hills melt away.
The earth heaves before him—
the world and all who dwell in it.
6 Who can stand before
his indignation?
Who can confront the heat of
his fury?
His wrath pours out like fire;
the rocks are shattered
because of him.
7 The LORD is good,
a haven in a day of distress.
He acknowledges those
who take refuge in him.
8 With a rushing flood,
he will utterly destroy her[a] place
and pursue his enemies
into darkness.

A challenge to God's enemies

9 What are you plotting against
the LORD?
He is one who can annihilate!
Distress will not arise twice.

1:1 Is 13:1; Jer 23:33; Jon 1:2
1:2 Ex 20:5; Josh 24:19; Ps 94:1
1:3 Ex 34:6, Ex 34:7; Neh 9:17; Ps 103:8, Ps 104:3
1:4 Ps 106:9; Is 33:9, Is 50:2
1:5 Mi 1:4
1:6 Ps 76:7; Jer 10:10
1:7 Ps 1:6, Ps 25:8, Ps 100:5; Is 25:4; Jer 33:11
1:9 Ps 2:1; Na 1:11

[a] *her;* likely Nineveh

10 They are tangled up like thorns,
like drunkards in their cups.
They are consumed like stubble
that is entirely dried up.
11 From you[b] goes out
one who plots evil against
the LORD—
a worthless counselor!

Reassurance for God's people

12 The LORD proclaims:
Though once they were a healthy
and numerous force,
they have been cut off
and have disappeared.
I have afflicted you;
I won't afflict you further, Zion.[c]
13 Now I will break off his yoke
from you
and tear off your chains.

Assyrian king's future doom

14 The LORD has commanded
concerning you:
You will have no children
to carry on your name.
I will remove carved idol and cast
image from the house of
your gods;
I will make your grave,
for you are worthless.
15 [d]Look, on the mountains: the
feet of a messenger who
announces peace!
Celebrate your festivals, Judah!
Fulfill your solemn promises!
The worthless one
will never again invade you;
he has been completely cut off.

A city under attack

2 A scatterer has come up against you.
Guard the ramparts, watch
the road,
protect your groin,
save your[e] strength!
2 The LORD will restore the pride
of Jacob,
indeed, the pride of Israel,
because ravagers have destroyed
them and spoiled their branches.
3 The shields of his warriors are red;
his soldiers are dressed
in crimson.
The ironwork of the chariots
flashes like fire
on the day he has prepared;
the horses quiver.
4 The chariots race wildly
through the streets;
they rush back and forth
through the squares.
They look like flaming torches;
they dart like bolts of lightning.
5 He musters his officers;
they stumble as they
press forward.
They hurry to the city wall,
and the portable shield is set up.
6 The gates of the rivers are opened;
the palace melts.
7 It is decreed:[f]
She is sent into exile, carried away,
while her female servants moan
like doves, beating their breasts.
8 Nineveh has been like a pool
of water.
Such are its waters,[g]
and others are fleeing.
"Stop, stop!"—but no one
can turn them back.
9 Plunder silver! Plunder gold!
There is no end to the supplies,
an abundance of precious objects!
10 Destruction and devastation;
the city is laid waste!
The heart grows faint and
knees buckle;
there is anguish in every groin;
all the faces grow pale.

Cruel Nineveh will be destroyed

11 Where is the lions' den,
the meadow of the young lions,
where lion, lioness, even lion cub
go about with no one to
terrify them?
12 The lion has torn enough prey

1:14 Ps 109:13
1:15 Is 40:9, Is 52:7; Ro 10:15
2:1 Jer 51:20; Na 3:14
2:6 Is 45:1
2:10 Ps 22:14; Is 13:7, Is 21:3; Jl 2:6

[b] *you* (feminine singular); likely Nineveh [c] Heb lacks *Zion.* [d] 2:1 in Heb [e] Heb lacks *your.* [f] Heb uncertain
[g] Heb uncertain

for his cubs and strangled
enough for his lionesses;
he has filled his lairs with prey,
his dens with torn flesh.
13 Look! I am against you, proclaims
the LORD of heavenly forces.
I will burn your[h] chariots
in smoke;
the sword will devour
your young lions;
I will cut off your prey from the earth,
the voice of your messengers
will never again be heard!

3 Doom, city of bloodshed—all deceit,
full of plunder:
prey cannot get away.
2 Cracking whip and rumbling wheel,
galloping horse and
careening chariot!
3 Charging cavalry, flashing sword,
and glittering spear;
countless slain, masses of corpses,
endless dead bodies—they
stumble over their dead bodies!
4 Because of the many whorings
of the whore,
the lovely graces
of the mistress of sorceries,
the one who sells nations
by means of her whorings
and peoples by means of
her sorceries:
5 Look! I am against you, proclaims
the LORD of heavenly forces.
I will lift your skirts over your face;
I will show nations your nakedness
and kingdoms your dishonor.
6 I will throw disgusting things at you;
I will treat you with contempt
and make you a spectacle.
7 Then all who look at you
will recoil from you and say,
"Nineveh has been devastated!
Who will lament for her?"
Where could I possibly
seek comforters for you?
8 Are you better than Thebes,
situated by the Nile,
waters surrounding her,
whose fortress is sea
and whose city wall is waters?

3:1 Eze 24:6, Eze 24:9; Hos 4:2
3:4 Is 47:9, Is 47:12; Rev 18:3

9 Cush[i] and Egypt constituted
her strength, without limit;
Put and the Libyans were her[j] help.
10 Yet even she was destined for exile;
she went into captivity.
Indeed, her infants were dashed
to pieces at the head of every street.
They cast lots for her officials;
all of her powerful citizens
were bound in chains.
11 Yes, even you will become drunk;
you will have to hide!
Even you will have to seek refuge
from the enemy!
12 All your fortifications
are fig trees with ripe fruit;
when the trees are shaken, the
fruit falls into the mouth of
the eater.
13 Look, your people are women
in your midst.
The gates of your land have been
flung wide open to your enemies.
Fire consumes the bars of
your gates.
14 Draw water for yourself
to prepare for siege!
Strengthen your fortifications!
Tread the clay, trample the
mortar, grab the brick mold!
15 Fire will consume you there;
the sword will cut you down;
like the locust it will
consume you.
Multiply like the locust;
multiply like the grasshopper!
16 You boasted more traders
than the heavens have stars.
The locust sheds its skin
and flies away.
17 Your guards are like grasshoppers,
your marshals like swarms
of cicadas
that encamp on stone fences
on a chilly day;
when the sun rises, they take flight;
no one knows
where they have gone.
18 Your shepherds have fallen asleep,
king of Assyria!
Your officials are lying down.

[h] Or *her* [i] Traditionally *Ethiopia* [j] LXX; MT *your*

Your people are scattered
across the mountains;
there is no one to gather them.
19 There is no remedy
for your injury;
your wound is grievous.
All who hear the news about you
clap their hands over you.
Who has not suffered
from your continual cruelty?

HABAKKUK

1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

1:2 Ps 13:1, Ps 22:1; Jer 14:9
1:5 Is 29:14; Ac 13:41
1:8 Jer 4:13, Jer 5:6; Zep 3:3
1:9 Hab 2:5
1:10 2Ch 36:6

The prophet complains

2 LORD, how long will I call for help
and you not listen?
I cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you don't deliver us.
3 Why do you show me injustice
and look at anguish
so that devastation and violence
are before me?
There is strife, and conflict abounds.
4 The Instruction is ineffective;
justice does not endure
because the wicked
surround the righteous.
Justice becomes warped.

The LORD responds

5 Look among the nations and watch!
Be astonished and stare
because something is happening
in your days
that you wouldn't believe even
if told.
6 I am about to rouse the Chaldeans,
that bitter and impetuous nation,
which travels throughout the
earth to possess dwelling places
it does not own.
7 The Chaldean is dreadful
and fearful.
He makes his own justice
and dignity.[a]
8 His horses are faster than leopards;
they are quicker than
wolves of the evening.
His horsemen charge forward;
his horsemen come from far away.
They fly in to devour, swiftly,
like an eagle.[b]
9 They come for violence,
the horde with all their faces
set toward the desert.[c]
He takes captives like sand.
10 He makes fun of kings;
rulers are ridiculous to him.
He laughs at every fortress,
then he piles up dirt and takes it.
11 He passes through like the wind
and invades;
but he will be held guilty,
the one whose strength is his god.

The prophet questions the LORD

12 LORD, aren't you ancient,
my God, my holy one?
Don't let us die.[d]
LORD, you put the Chaldean here
for judgment.
Rock, you established him as
a rebuke.
13 Your eyes are too pure to look
on evil;
you are unable to look at disaster.
Why would you look at
the treacherous
or keep silent when the wicked
swallows one who is
more righteous?
14 You made humans like the fish of
the sea,
like creeping things
with no one to rule over them.
15 The Chaldean brings all of them up
with a fishhook.
He drags them away with a net;
he collects them in his fishing net,
then he rejoices and celebrates.

[a] Or *his justice and dignity come from him* [b] Or *vulture* [c] Heb uncertain [d] Heb uncertain

16 Therefore, he sacrifices to his net;
he burns incense to his
fishing nets,
because due to them
his portion grows fat
and his food becomes luxurious.
17 Should he continue to empty his net
and continue to slay nations
without sparing them?

2 I will take my post;
I will position myself on
the fortress.
I will keep watch to see
what the Lord says to me
and how he[e] will respond
to my complaint.

The LORD responds

2 Then the LORD answered me and said,
Write a vision,
and make it plain upon a tablet
so that a runner can read it.[f]
3 There is still a vision
for the appointed time;
it testifies to the end;
it does not deceive.[g]
If it delays, wait for it;
for it is surely coming;
it will not be late.
4 Some people's desires
are truly audacious;[h]
they don't do the right thing.
But the righteous person
will live honestly.
5 Moreover, wine betrays
an arrogant man.
He doesn't rest.
He opens his jaws[i] like the grave;[j]
like death, he is never satisfied.
He gathers all nations to himself
and collects all peoples for himself.
6 Won't everyone tell parables
about him
or mocking poems concerning him?
They will say:
Doom to the one who multiplies
what doesn't belong to him
and who increases his own burden.
How long?
7 Won't they suddenly rise up to
bite you?
Those who frighten you
will awaken;
you will become plunder for them.
8 Since you yourself
have plundered many nations,
all the rest of the peoples
will plunder you
because of the human bloodshed
and the violence done to
the earth,
to every village,
and to all its inhabitants.

9 Doom to the one making evil gain
for his own house,
for putting his own nest up high,
for delivering himself
from the grasp of calamity.
10 You plan shame for your own house,
cutting off many peoples
and sinning against your own life.
11 A stone will cry out from a
village wall,
and a tree branch will respond.

12 Pity the one building a city
with bloodshed
and founding a village
with injustice.
13 Look, isn't this from the LORD of
heavenly forces?
Peoples grow weary from making
just enough fire;
nations become tired for nothing.[k]
14 But the land will be full of the
knowledge of the LORD's glory,
just as water covers the sea.

15 Doom to the one
who makes his companions drunk,
pouring out your wrath
in order to see them naked.[l]
16 You have drunk your fill of dishonor
rather than glory.
So drink and stagger.[m]
The cup of the LORD's strong hand
will come around to you;
disgrace will engulf you.

1:16 Is 22:13; Hab 1:11
2:1 Ps 85:8; Is 21:8
2:2 Dt 27:8; Is 8:1, Is 30:8; Rev 1:19
2:3 Ps 27:14; Is 8:17; Dn 8:19, Dn 10:14
2:4 Ro 1:17; Ga 3:11; Heb 10:38
2:5 2Ki 14:10; Prv 20:1, Prv 27:20
2:6 Is 5:8, Is 14:4; Mi 2:4
2:9 Jer 22:13, Jer 49:16
2:11 Josh 24:27; Lk 19:40
2:14 Ps 22:27, Ps 72:19; Is 11:9; Zec 14:9
2:15 Gn 9:22; Dt 21:20; Prv 20:1, Prv 23:20, Prv 23:29
2:16 Ps 16:5, Ps 75:8; Jer 25:15; Lam 4:21; Na 3:6

[e] Syr *he*; MT *I* [f] Or *a reader can run with it* [g] Heb uncertain; antecedants to pronouns in 2:3-6 are uncertain.
[h] Heb uncertain [i] Or *throat* [j] Heb *Sheol* [k] Heb uncertain [l] Heb uncertain [m] DSS, LXX; MT *uncircumcised*

17 Because of the violence done to
Lebanon, he will overwhelm you;
the destruction of animals
will terrify you,
as will human bloodshed and
violence throughout the land,
the villages,
and all their inhabitants.[n]

18 Of what value is an idol,
when its potter carves it,
or a cast image that has
been shaped?
It is a teacher of lies,
for the potter trusts the pottery,
though it is incapable of speaking.
19 Doom to the one saying to the tree,
"Wake up!"
or "Get up" to the silent stone.
Does it teach?
Look, it is overlaid with gold
and silver,
but there is no breath within it.
20 But the LORD is in his holy temple.
Let all the earth be silent before him.

The LORD's victory

3 The prayer of Habakkuk the prophet,
according to Shigionoth:
2 LORD, I have heard your reputation.
I have seen your work.
Over time, revive it.
Over time, make it known.
Though angry,
remember compassion.
3 God comes from Teman
and the holy one
from the mountain of Paran.
Selah
His majesty covers the heavens
and his praise fills the earth.
4 His radiance is like the sunlight,
with rays flashing from his hand.
That is the hiding place of his
power.
5 Pestilence walks in front of him.
Plague marches at his feet.
6 He stops and measures the earth.
He looks and sets out
against the nations.
The everlasting mountains collapse;
the eternal hills bow down;
the eternal paths belong to him.
7 I saw the tents of Cushan
under duress.
The curtains of the land of
Midian were quaking.

8 Was the LORD raging against
the rivers?
Or was your anger directed
against the rivers?
Or was your fury directed
against the sea
when you rode on your horses
or rode your chariots to victory?
9 You raise up your empty bow,
uttering curses for the
arrows.[o] *Selah*
With rivers you split open the earth.
10 The mountains see you and writhe.
A flood of water rushes through.
The deep utters its voice;
it raises its hands aloft.[p]
11 Sun and moon stand still
high above.
With the light, your arrows shoot,
your spear at the flash
of lightning.
12 In fury, you stride the earth;
in anger you tread the nations.
13 You go out to save your people.
For the salvation of your anointed
you smashed the head
of the house of wickedness,
laying bare the foundation
up to the neck. *Selah*
14 You pierce the head of his warrior
with his own spear.
His warriors are driven off,
those who take delight
in oppressing us,[q]
those who take pleasure
in secretly devouring the poor.
15 You make your horses tread on
the sea;
turbulent waters foam.

The prophet responds

16 I hear and my insides tremble.
My lips quiver at the sound.
Rottenness enters my bones.

2:18 Ps 115:4; Is 42:17, Is 44:9; Jer 10:8; Zec 10:2
2:19 1Ki 18:26; Ps 135:17
2:20 Ps 11:4; Mi 1:2; Zep 1:7; Zec 2:13
3:1 Ps 7:1; Hab 1:1
3:2 Ps 85:6; Hab 3:16
3:3 Gn 36:11; Dt 33:2; Jer 49:7; Am 1:12
3:4 Is 60:19
3:5 Ex 12:29, Ex 12:30
3:6 Gn 49:26
3:8 Dt 33:26; Ps 68:17, Ps 104:3; Is 66:15
3:9 Ps 7:12, Ps 78:16
3:10 Jgs 5:5; Ps 77:16, Ps 93:3, Ps 98:7
3:11 Josh 10:12, Josh 10:13; Ps 144:6
3:12 Jer 51:33; Mi 4:13
3:13 Ps 68:21, Ps 110:6
3:14 Ps 10:8
3:16 Jer 23:9; Eze 3:14; Dn 10:8; Hab 3:2

[n] Heb uncertain [o] Heb uncertain [p] Heb uncertain [q] Or *me*

I tremble while I stand,[r]
while I wait for the day of distress
to come against the people
who attack us.
17 Though the fig tree doesn't bloom,
and there's no produce on
the vine;
though the olive crop withers,
and the fields don't provide food;
though the sheep is cut off
from the pen,
and there is no cattle
in the stalls;
18 I will rejoice in the LORD.
I will rejoice in the God
of my deliverance.
19 The LORD God is my strength.
He will set my feet like the deer.
He will let me walk upon
the heights.[s]

To the director, with stringed instruments

3:17 Jer 5:17; Jl 1:10

ZEPHANIAH

1 The LORD's word that came to Zephaniah, Cushi's son, Gedaliah's grandson, Amariah's great-grandson, and Hezekiah's great-great-grandson in the days of Judah's King Josiah, Amon's son.

Judgment on the world and Judah

2 I will wipe out everything
from the earth, says the LORD.
3 I will destroy humanity and
the beasts;
I will destroy the birds in the sky
and the fish in the sea.
I will make the wicked
into a heap of ruins;
I will eliminate humanity
from the earth, says the LORD.

4 I will stretch out my hand
against Judah
and against all the inhabitants
of Jerusalem.
I will eliminate what's left of Baal
from this place
and the names of the priests
of foreign gods,[a]
5 those bowing down to the
forces of heaven on
the rooftops,
those swearing by the LORD
along with those swearing
by Milcom,
6 those turning away from the
LORD,
those who don't seek the LORD
and don't pursue him.

The day of the LORD

7 Hush before the LORD God,
for the day of the LORD is near!
The LORD has established
a sacrifice;
he has made holy those
he has summoned.
8 On the day of the LORD's sacrifice,
I will punish the princes,
the king's sons,
and all those wearing
foreign clothes.
9 I will punish the one leaping
on the threshold on that day,
those filling the house of their
master with violence and deceit.
10 On that day—says the LORD—
an outcry will resound
from the Fish Gate,
wailing from the second quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 The ones who grind the grain[b]
will wail;
all the merchants will be silenced.
I will eliminate all those
weighing out silver.
12 At that time,
I will search Jerusalem with lamps;

1:2 Gn 6:7; 2Ki 22:16, 2Ki 22:17; Eze 33:27
1:3 Eze 7:19, Eze 14:3; Hos 4:3
1:7 1Sa 16:5; Is 34:6; Jer 46:10; Eze 39:17; Zep 1:14
1:10 2Ch 33:14; Neh 3:3
1:11 Jas 5:1
1:12 Jer 48:11; Eze 8:12; Am 6:1, Am 9:1

[r] Or *I tremble beneath me.* [s] Or *my heights* [a] Or *the name of the priests of foreign gods along with the priests*
[b] Or *keeper of the mortar*

I will punish the men growing fat
on the sediment in their wine,
those saying to themselves,
The LORD won't do good or evil.
13 Their wealth will be looted
and their houses destroyed.
They will rebuild houses,
but not live in them;
they will plant vineyards,
but not drink the wine.
14 The great day of the LORD is near;
it is near and coming very quickly.
The sound of the day of the LORD
is bitter.
A warrior screams there.
15 That day is a day of fury,
a day of distress and anxiety,
a day of desolation
and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloominess,
a day of clouds and
deep darkness,
16 a day for blowing the trumpet
and alarm
against their invincible cities
and against their high towers.
17 I will make humanity suffer;
they will walk like the blind
because they sinned
against the LORD.
Their blood will be
poured out like dust
and their intestines like manure.
18 Moreover, their silver and their gold
won't be able to deliver them
on the day of the LORD's fury.
His jealousy will devour
the entire land with fire;
he will make an end,
a truly horrible one,
for all the inhabitants of the land.

2 Gather together and assemble
yourselves, shameless nation,
2 before the decision is made—
the day vanishes like chaff[c]—
before the burning anger
of the LORD comes against you,
before the day of the LORD's
anger comes against you.
3 Seek the LORD, all you humble
of the land who practice his justice;
seek righteousness;
seek humility.
Maybe you will be hidden
on the day of the LORD's anger.

Oracles against foreign nations

4 Gaza will certainly be abandoned;
and Ashkelon destroyed.
Ashdod will be driven out at noon;
Ekron will be uprooted.
5 Doom, inhabitants of the seacoast,
nation of Cretans.
The LORD's word is against you,
Canaan, land of the Philistines.
I will exterminate you,
leaving no inhabitant.
6 The seacoast will become pastureland,
with wells for shepherds
and pens for the flocks.
7 The coast will belong to the
survivors from the house of Judah;
they will pasture beside the sea;[d]
in the houses of Ashkelon
they will lie down in the evening.
The LORD their God will visit
them and restore
their possessions.

8 I have heard the taunting of Moab
and the defamation
of the Ammonites;
they taunted my people
and enlarged their borders.
9 Therefore, as I live—
says the LORD of heavenly forces,
the God of Israel—
Moab will become like Sodom
and the Ammonites
like Gomorrah:
a plot of weeds, salt pits,
and devastation forever.
The few remaining from my people
will plunder them;
the rest of my nation will
possess them.
10 This will happen on account of
their pride,
because they taunted and boasted
over the people
of the LORD of heavenly forces.
11 The LORD will terrify them;

1:13 Dt 28:30, Dt 28:39; Jer 15:13; Am 5:11; Mi 6:15
1:14 Eze 7:7; Zep 1:7
1:15 Is 8:22, Is 22:5; Jl 2:2; Am 5:18
1:16 Is 2:15; Jer 4:19; Am 2:2
1:18 Dt 29:20; Prv 11:4; Eze 7:19; Zep 3:8
2:1 2 Ch 20:4; Jer 6:15; Jl 1:14
2:11 Ps 22:27; Zep 3:9

[c] Heb uncertain [d] Or *they will pasture by them.*

he will make all the gods
of the earth disappear.
All the coastlands of the nations
will bow down to the LORD,
each one in its own place.

12 Moreover, you too, Cushites,
will be pierced by my sword.
13 He will stretch out his hand
against the north
and will cause Assyria to perish.
Let him make Nineveh a desolation,
a desolate place like the wilderness.
14 Flocks will lie down in its midst,
every living thing of the nation.
Moreover, the owl and the
porcupine will spend the night on
its columns.
A bird's call will resound
from the window.
Desolation will be on the sill,
for the cedar will be stripped bare.
15 This is the jubilant city,
the one dwelling securely,
the one saying in her heart,
I, and no one else, will
endure forever.
How she has become a desolation,
a resting place for the wild animals.
All those who pass through her
hiss and shake their fist.

Judgment against Jerusalem

3 Doom, obstinate one,
the defiled one,
the violent city.
2 She listened to no voice;
she accepted no discipline.
She didn't trust in the LORD,
nor did she draw near to her God.
3 The princes in her midst are
roaring lions.
Her judges are wolves of
the evening;
they leave nothing for
the morning.
4 Her prophets are reckless,
men of treachery.
Her priests pollute that which
is holy;
they do violence to the Instruction.

3:1 Jer 6:6

3:2 Ps 73:28, Ps 78:22; Jer 2:30, Jer 5:3

3:3 Jer 5:6; Eze 22:27; Mi 3:9, Mi 7:3; Hab 1:8

3:4 Eze 22:26; Hos 9:7

3:7 Hos 9:9

3:8 Ps 27:14; Eze 36:5, Eze 38:19; Jl 3:2; Zep 1:18

3:9 Ps 22:27, Ps 86:9; Is 19:18; Hab 2:14; Zep 2:11

3:10 Ps 68:31; Is 11:11, Is 18:1, Is 18:7, Is 60:4

3:11 Is 54:4; Jl 2:26

5 The LORD is righteous in her midst.
He does nothing unjust.
Morning by morning
he renders justice,
but the unrighteous one
knows no shame.
6 I will cut off nations;
their towers will be destroyed;
I will devastate their streets.
No one will pass through.
Their cities will be laid waste.
There will be no person,
no inhabitant left.
7 I said, "Surely, she will fear me;
she will take instruction
so that her habitation won't be
cut off[e]
because of everything I did
to her."
However, they rose early
to corrupt their deeds.
8 Therefore, wait for me, says
the LORD,
wait for the day
when I rise up as a witness,[f]
when I decide to gather nations,
to collect kingdoms,
to pour out my indignation
upon them,
all the heat of my anger.
In the fire of my jealousy,
all the earth will be devoured.

Restoration of the nations and Jerusalem

9 Then I will change the speech
of the peoples into pure speech,
that all of them will call on
the name of the LORD
and will serve him as one.[g]
10 From beyond the rivers of Cush,
my daughter, my dispersed ones,
will bring me offerings.
11 On that day, you won't be ashamed
of all your deeds
with which you sinned against me;
then I will remove from your
midst those boasting
with pride.
No longer will you be haughty
on my holy mountain,

[e]Heb uncertain [f]LXX; MT *it* [g]Or *with one shoulder*

12 but I will cause a humble and
powerless people to remain in
your midst;
they will seek refuge
in the name of the LORD.
13 The few remaining from Israel
won't commit injustice;
they won't tell lies;
a deceitful tongue
won't be found on their lips.
They will graze and lie down;
no one will make them afraid.

14 Rejoice, Daughter Zion! Shout, Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your
heart, Daughter Jerusalem.
15 The LORD has removed
your judgment;
he has turned away your enemy.
The LORD, the king of Israel,
is in your midst;
you will no longer fear evil.
16 On that day, it will be said
to Jerusalem:
Don't fear, Zion.
Don't let your hands fall.
17 The LORD your God is in
your midst—
a warrior bringing victory.
He will create calm with his love;
he will rejoice over you
with singing.

18 I will remove from you those
worried about the
appointed feasts.[h]
They have been a burden for her,
a reproach.
19 Watch what I am about to do
to all your oppressors at that time.
I will deliver the lame;
I will gather the outcast.
I will change their shame into
praise and fame throughout
the earth.
20 At that time, I will bring all of
you back,
at the time when I gather you.
I will give you fame and praise
among all the
neighboring peoples
when I restore your possessions
and you can see them[i]—says
the LORD.

3:12 Is 14:32
3:13 Zep 2:7; Rev 14:5
3:14 Is 12:6; Zec 2:10, Zec 9:9
3:15 Is 54:14; Eze 37:26; Jn 1:49
3:19 Is 60:14; Eze 34:16; Mi 4:6

HAGGAI

The challenge to rebuild

1 The LORD's word came through Haggai the prophet in the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month on the first day of the month, to Judah's Governor Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son, and to the High Priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son:
2 This is what the LORD
of heavenly forces says:
These people say, "The time
hasn't come,
the time to rebuild the
LORD's house."
3 Then the LORD's word came through Haggai the prophet:
4 Is it time for you to dwell
in your own paneled houses
while this house lies in ruins?
5 So now, this is what
the LORD of heavenly
forces says:
Take your ways to heart.
6 You have sown much,
but it has brought little.
You eat, but there's not enough
to satisfy.
You drink, but not enough to
get drunk.
There is clothing, but not enough
to keep warm.
Anyone earning wages puts those
wages into a bag with holes.

7 This is what the LORD
of heavenly forces says:
Take your ways to heart.

1:1 Ezr 3:2, Ezr 5:1, Ezr 6:14; Hg 2:1; Zec 1:1
1:6 Is 5:10; Hos 8:7; Hg 1:9, Hg 2:16; Zec 8:10

[h] Heb uncertain [i] Or *before your eyes*

8 Go up to the highlands
and bring back wood.
Rebuild the temple so that I may
enjoy it
and that I may be honored,
says the LORD.
9 You expect a surplus,
but look how it shrinks.
You bring it home, and I blow it
away, says the LORD of
heavenly forces,
because my house lies in ruins.
But all of you hurry to your
own houses.
10 Therefore, the skies above you
have withheld the dew,
and the earth has withheld
its produce because of you.
11 I have called for drought on
the earth,
on the mountains, on the grain,
on the wine, on the olive oil,
on that which comes forth
from the fertile ground,
on humanity, on beasts,
and upon everything that
handles produce.

12 Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son, and the High Priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son, along with all who remained among the people, listened to the voice of the LORD God and to the words of Haggai the prophet because the LORD their God sent him. Then the people feared the LORD.

13 Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave the LORD's message to the people:

I am with you, says the LORD.

14 The LORD moved the spirit of Judah's Governor Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son, and the spirit of the High Priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son, and the spirit of all the rest of the people. Then they came and did work on the house of the LORD of heavenly forces, their God, 15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king.

Encouraging the people

2 On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the LORD's word came through Haggai the prophet: 2 Say to Judah's Governor Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son, and to the Chief Priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son, and to the rest of the people:

3 Who among you is left who saw
this house in its former glory?
How does it look to you now?
Doesn't it appear as nothing to you?
4 So now, be strong, Zerubbabel,
says the LORD.
Be strong, High Priest Joshua,
Jehozadak's son,
and be strong, all you people
of the land, says the LORD.
Work, for I am with you,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
5 As with our agreement
when you came out of Egypt,
my spirit stands in your midst.
Don't fear.
6 This is what the LORD
of heavenly forces says:
In just a little while,
I will make the heavens, the earth,
the sea, and the dry land quake.
7 I will make all the nations quake.
The wealth of all the nations
will come.
I will fill this house with glory,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
8 The silver and the gold belong to me,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
9 This house will be more glorious
than its predecessor,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
I will provide prosperity in this
place, says the LORD of
heavenly forces.

Cleansing the work

10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month in the second year of Darius, the LORD's word came to Haggai the prophet:

11 This is what the LORD
of heavenly forces says:
Go ahead and ask the priests for
a ruling:
12 "If someone lifts holy meat
into the hem of one's garment
and that hem touches bread,

1:9 Is 40:7; Hg 1:4, Hg 1:6
1:12 Ezr 5:2; Is 50:10; Hg 1:1, Hg 1:14, Hg 2:2
1:13 Is 41:10; Hg 2:4; Mal 3:1
2:2 Hg 1:1, Hg 1:12
2:4 Hg 1:13; Zec 8:9; Eph 6:10
2:5 Neh 9:20; Zec 8:13
2:6 Is 10:25; Hg 2:21; Heb 12:26
2:7 Is 60:7; Dn 2:44; Mal 3:1
2:8 1Ch 29:14; Ps 24:1, Ps 50:10; Is 60:17
2:9 Is 9:6; Eph 2:14
2:10 Hg 1:1, Hg 1:15, Hg 2:1, Hg 2:20
2:11 Lv 10:10; Mal 2:7
2:12 Lv 6:27; Mt 23:19

stew, wine, oil, or any kind of
food, will it be made holy?"
And the priests responded, "No."
13 Haggai said,
"If an unclean person touches any
of these things,
will it become unclean?"
And the priests responded,
"It will be unclean."
14 Then Haggai responded:
Thus has this people and this
nation become to me, says
the LORD,
and everything that they do
with their hands.
Whatever they offer is unclean.
15 So now, take it to heart
from this day forward.
Before stone was placed on stone
in the LORD's temple,
16 when one came to the granary
for twenty measures,
there were only ten;
and when one came to the wine vat
for fifty measures,
there were only twenty.
17 I struck you—
everything you do with
your hands—
with blight and mildew and hail;
but you didn't return to me.[a]
18 So take it to heart
from this day forward,
from the twenty-fourth day
of the ninth month.
Take it to heart from the day
when the foundation for the
LORD's temple was laid.
19 Is the seed yet in the granary—
or the vine, the fig tree,
or the pomegranate—
or has the olive tree not
borne fruit?
From this day forward, I will
bless you.

2:13 Lv 22:4; Nm 19:11
2:17 Dt 28:22; 1Kj 8:37; Is 9:13; Jer 2:30; Am 4:6
2:19 Prv 3:10; Mal 3:10
2:21 Ezr 5:2; Hg 1:1; Zec 4:6
2:22 Jdg 7:22; Mic 5:10; Dn 2:44
2:23 Ezr 3:2; Neh 12:1; Jer 22:24

Royal expectations

20 And the LORD's word came to
Haggai a second time on the twenty-
fourth of the month, saying:
21 Speak to Judah's Governor
Zerubbabel:
I am about to make the heavens
and the earth quake.
22 I will overthrow the thrones
of the kingdoms;
I will destroy the strength
of the nations.[b]
I will overthrow chariot and rider;
horses and riders will fall.
Each one will fall
by the sword of his companion.
23 On that day,
says the LORD of heavenly forces:
I will take you,
Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son,
my servant,
says the LORD;
I will make you like a signet ring
because I have chosen you,
says the LORD of heavenly
forces.

ZECHARIAH

The people change

1 In the eighth month in the second
year of Darius, the LORD's word came
to Zechariah the prophet, Berechiah's
son and Iddo's grandson:
2 The LORD was terribly angry
with your ancestors.
3 But you must say to the people,
The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims: Return to me,
says the LORD of heavenly forces,
and I will return to you,
says the LORD of
heavenly forces.
4 Don't be like your ancestors to whom
the former prophets preached:

1:3 Is 31:6; Mal 3:7

[a] Or *but you weren't with me.* [b] Or *of the kingdoms of the nations*

The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims:
Turn from your evil ways
and your evil deeds.
But they didn't listen;
they didn't draw near to me.
5 So where are your ancestors?
Do the prophets live forever?
6 In fact, didn't my words and laws,
which I gave to my servants,
the prophets,
pursue your ancestors?
And then the people changed
their hearts,
and they said,
The LORD of heavenly forces
has treated us according to
what we have done,[a]
exactly as he planned.

First night vision

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month (the month of Shebat[b]) in the second year of Darius, the LORD's word came to Zechariah the prophet, Berechiah's son and Iddo's grandson:

8 Tonight I looked and saw a man
riding on a red horse,
which was standing
among the myrtle trees in
the valley;
and behind him were red, sorrel,
and white horses.
9 I said, "What are these, sir?"
The messenger speaking with
me said,
"I will show you what they are."
10 The man standing
among the myrtles responded,
"These are the ones the LORD sent
to patrol the earth."
11 Then they responded
to the LORD's messenger,
who was standing among
the myrtles,
"We have patrolled the earth.
The whole earth
is peaceful and quiet."
12 Then the LORD's messenger, who
was speaking with me, said:
"LORD of heavenly forces,
how long will you withhold
compassion from Jerusalem
and the cities of Judah,
with whom you have been
angry these seventy years?"
13 The LORD responded to the
messenger who was speaking
with me
with kind and compassionate words.
14 The messenger speaking with me
called out,
"This is what
the LORD of heavenly forces says:
I care passionately
about Jerusalem and Zion.
15 And I am exceedingly angry
with those carefree nations.
Though I was somewhat angry,
they added to the violence."
16 Therefore, this is what the
LORD says:
I have returned to Jerusalem
with compassion.
My house will be built in it,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
Let a measuring line
be stretched over Jerusalem.
17 Call out again,
The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
My cities will again
overflow with prosperity.
The LORD will again
show compassion to Zion
and will again
choose Jerusalem."

Second night vision

18 [c]Then I looked up and saw four horns.
19 I said to the messenger speaking
with me,
"What are these?"
He said to me,
"These are the horns that
scattered Judah, Israel,
and Jerusalem."
20 Then the LORD showed me
four metalworkers.
21 I said,
"What are they coming to do?"

1:6 Jer 23:20; Lam 2:17
1:9 Zec 1:19, Zec 2:3, Zec 4:4, Zec 5:5
1:12 Ps 6:3; Jer 25:11, Jer 29:10; Dn 9:2; Zec 7:5
1:14 Jl 2:18; Zec 1:9, Zec 1:17, Zec 8:2
1:15 Is 47:6; Jer 48:11; Zec 1:2

[a] Or *our ways and our actions* [b] January–February [c] 2:1 in Heb

And he said,
"These are the horns that scattered
Judah so that no one could raise
his head.
The metalworkers have come to
terrify them and to destroy the
horns of the nations, those who
were attacking the land of Judah
with[d] their horns to scatter it."

Third night vision

2 [e]Then I looked up and saw a man.
In his hand was a measuring line.
[2] I said, "Where are you going?"
He said to me,
"To measure Jerusalem to see how
wide and long it will be."
[3] As I watched, the messenger
speaking with me went ahead
and another messenger came to
meet him.
[4] He said to him,
"Run! Say to this young man:
Jerusalem will be inhabited
like open fields
because of the throngs
of people and cattle inside it.
[5] But I will be a wall of fire around
it, says the LORD,
and I will be glorious inside it.
[6] Look out; look out!
Flee from the land of the north,
says the LORD,
for I will scatter you like the four
winds of heaven, says the LORD.
[7] Look out, Zion.
Flee, you who dwell
with Daughter Babylon!
[8] The LORD of heavenly forces
proclaims (after his glory sent me)[f]
concerning the nations
plundering you:
Those who strike you
strike the pupil of my eye.
[9] But look, I am about to raise my
hand against them;
they will become prey
to their own slaves,
so you will know that the LORD
of heavenly forces sent me.
[10] Rejoice and be glad, Daughter Zion,
because I am about to come and
dwell among you, says the LORD.
[11] Many nations will be joined
to the LORD on that day.
They will become my people,
and I will dwell among you
so you will know that the LORD of
heavenly forces sent me to you."
[12] The LORD will possess Judah as his
inheritance upon the holy land;
he will again choose Jerusalem.
[13] Be silent, everyone, in the LORD's
presence, because he has moved
from his holy habitation!

Fourth night vision

3 Then the LORD showed me the
High Priest Joshua, standing before
the messenger from the LORD,
and the Adversary[g] was standing
by his right side to accuse him.
[2] And the LORD said to the Adversary:
"The LORD rebukes you, Adversary.
The LORD, the one choosing
Jerusalem, rebukes you.
Is this one not a log
snatched from the fire?"
[3] Joshua was wearing filthy clothes
and standing before the messenger.
[4] He responded
to those standing before him,
"Take off his filthy clothes."
And he said to Joshua,
"Look, I have removed your guilt
from you.
Put on priestly robes."
[5] He[h] said, "Put a clean turban
upon his head."
So they put the clean turban
upon his head,
and they dressed him in
garments while the LORD's
messenger stood by.
[6] Then the LORD's messenger
admonished Joshua:
[7] "The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
If you will walk in my paths,
if you will keep my charge,
then you will lead my house
and guard my courts,

2:5 Is 4:5, Is 26:1
2:8 Dt 32:10
2:9 Is 11:15, Is 14:2, Is 19:16; Zec 4:9, Zec 6:15
2:10 Lv 26:12; Zep 3:14; Zec 8:3, Zec 9:9; 2Co 6:16
2:11 Is 2:2; Mi 4:2; Zec 6:15, Zec 8:20; Mal 1:11
2:12 Dt 32:9; Ps 33:12; Jer 10:16; Zec 1:17
2:13 Dt 26:15; Is 51:9; Hab 2:20; Zep 1:7
3:1 1Ch 21:1; Job 1:6; Ps 109:6; Hg 1:1; Zec 6:11
3:2 Am 4:11; Jud 1:9; Rev 12:9
3:3 Ezr 9:15; Is 64:6; Zec 3:1
3:4 Is 61:10
3:5 Ex 29:6; Zec 6:11
3:6 Zec 3:1
3:7 Gn 26:5; Ex 19:5; Lv 8:35; 1Ki 3:14; Jer 15:19

[d] Or *those lifting their horns toward Judah* [e] 2:5 in Heb [f] Heb uncertain [g] Heb *hassatan*; cf Job 1:6 [h] Or *I*

and I will allow you to walk
among those standing here.
[8] Now listen, High Priest Joshua,
you and your companions
sitting before you—
for these men are a sign—
look, I am about to bring
my servant, Branch.
[9] See this stone
that I have put before Joshua.
Upon one stone,
there are seven facets.
I am about to engrave
an inscription on it,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
I will remove the guilt of that land
in one day.
[10] On that day,
says the LORD of heavenly forces,
everyone will invite their neighbors
to sit beneath their vines
and the fig trees."

Fifth night vision

4 The messenger speaking with me returned and woke me like one who awakens someone who is asleep.
[2] Then he said to me,
"What do you see?"
I said, "I see a lampstand
made entirely of gold.
It has a bowl on top.
The bowl has seven lamps on top
and seven metal pipes
for those lamps.
[3] It has two olive trees
beside the lampstand,
one to the right of its bowl
and one to the left."
[4] I responded to the messenger
speaking with me,
"What are these, sir?"
[5] The messenger responded to me:
"Don't you know what these are?"
I said, "No, sir. I don't."
[6] He answered me:
"This is the LORD's word
to Zerubbabel:
Neither by power, nor by strength,
but by my spirit,
says the LORD of heavenly forces."

3:8 Is 11:1, Is 42:1; Jer 23:5, Jer 33:15; Zec 6:12
3:9 Jer 50:20; Zec 4:10
4:1 Jer 31:26; Dn 8:18; Zec 1:9
4:2 Ex 25:31, Ex 25:37; Zec 5:2; Rev 1:12, Rev 4:5
4:3 Zec 4:11; Ro 11:17; Rev 11:4
4:7 Is 40:4; Jer 51:25
4:10 2Ch 16:9; Prv 15:3; Hg 2:3; Zec 3:9; Rev 5:6
4:14 Ex 29:7, Ex 40:15; Dn 9:24; Mi 4:13; Zec 6:5
5:1 Jer 36:2; Eze 2:9; Rev 5:1
5:2 Zec 4:2
5:3 Ex 20:15; Is 24:6; Zec 5:4

[7] Who are you, great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel
you will become a plain.
He will present the capstone
to shouts of great gratitude.

[8] The LORD's word came to me:
[9] The hands of Zerubbabel laid the
foundation of this house,
and his hands will finish it
so that you will know that the
LORD of heavenly forces
has sent me to you.
[10] Those who despise a time
of little things will rejoice
when they see the plumb line[i]
in Zerubbabel's hand.
These are the seven eyes of the
LORD, surveying the
entire earth.
[11] I responded to him,
"What are these two olive trees
on the right and left sides
of the lampstand?"
[12] Then I responded a second time,
"What are these two olive
branches that empty out
golden oil
through the two gold pipes?"
[13] He said to me,
"Don't you know what these are?"
I said, "No, sir."
[14] He said,
"These are the two anointed ones[j]
standing beside the LORD
of all the earth."

Sixth night vision

5 I looked up again and saw a flying scroll.
[2] And he said to me, "What do
you see?"
I said, "I see a flying scroll, thirty
feet long and fifteen feet wide."
[3] He said to me,
"This is the curse
going out across all the land.
Anyone stealing will be purged
according to what's on one side
of the scroll,[k]
and anyone swearing lies[l]

[i] Or *stone, tin* [j] Or *sons of oil* [k] Heb lacks *of the scroll.* [l] Heb lacks *lies.*

will be purged according to
what's on the other side.
4 I sent it out,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
It will come to the house of the
thief and the one swearing lies in
my name.
It will lodge in their house and
destroy the wood and stones
of that house."

Seventh night vision

5 Then the messenger speaking with
me came forward and said,
"Look up and see what's
approaching."
6 I said, "What's this?"
He said, "This is the basket[m]
that is going out.
This is how it appears[n]
throughout the entire land."[o]
7 Then a lead cover was lifted,
showing a woman sitting
in the middle of the basket.
8 He said, "This is wickedness."
He shoved her back into
the basket,
and he put the lead stone
over its opening.
9 I looked up again and saw two
women going out.
There was a wind in their wings;
their wings were like
the wings of a stork.
They carried the basket
between the earth and the sky.
10 I said to the messenger
speaking with me,
"Where are they taking the basket?"
11 He said to me,
"To build a house for it
in the land of Shinar.
It will be firmly placed there
on its base."

Eighth night vision

6 I looked up again
and saw four chariots coming out
from between two mountains;
the mountains were made
of bronze.
2 The first chariot had red horses,
and the second chariot
had black horses.
3 The third chariot had
white horses,
and the fourth chariot
had horses that were
heavily spotted.
4 I responded and said to the
messenger speaking with me,
"What are these, sir?"
5 The messenger answered and said
to me,
"These are the four winds of
heaven that are going out
after presenting themselves
to the LORD of all the earth.
6 The one with the black horses
is going to the north country;
the white ones are going to
the west;[p]
and the spotted ones are
going south."
7 Then the powerful ones approached,
intent on going to patrol
the earth.
He said, "Go! Patrol the earth!"
So they patrolled the earth.
8 Then he called out and said to me,
"Look, the ones going north
have provided rest for my spirit
in the north."

9 The LORD's word came to me:
10 Take silver and gold[q] from the
exiles who came from Babylon,
from Heldai, from Tobijah,
and from Jedaiah.
As for you, go that same day to
the house of Josiah son
of Zephaniah.
11 Take silver and gold and make
a crown.[r]
Place it on the head of the
High Priest Joshua,
Jehozadok's son.
12 Say to him,

5:4 Mal 3:5
5:7 Rev 17:1
5:8 Mi 6:11; Zec 5:7
6:1 Dn 2:39, Dn 7:3, Dn 8:22; Zec 1:18, Zec 6:5
6:2 Zec 1:8; Rev 6:4, Rev 6:5
6:3 Zec 1:8; Rev 6:2, Rev 6:8
6:11 Ezr 3:2; Ps 21:3; Hg 1:1; Zec 3:1
6:12 Is 4:2, Is 11:1; Jer 23:5, Jer 33:15; Zec 3:8

[m] Heb *ephah*, a basket measuring approximately twenty quarts [n] Or *their eye* [o] Heb uncertain [p] Or *after them*
[q] Heb lacks *silver and gold*; cf 6:11. [r] LXX; Heb *crowns*, so also 6:14

"The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
Here is a man.
His name is Branch, and he will
branch out from his place;
he will build the LORD's temple.
13 He will build the LORD's temple.
He will be majestic;
he will sit and rule on
his throne.
There will be a priest on
his throne,
and the two of them
will share a peaceable plan.
14 The crown will be a memorial
in the LORD's temple
for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah,
and for Hen, Zephaniah's son.
15 People from far away will come
and build the LORD's temple
so you might know that
the LORD of heavenly forces
has sent me to you.
It will happen if you truly obey
the voice of the LORD
your God."

Answering the Bethel delegation

7 In the fourth year of Darius the king, the LORD's word came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, Kislev.[s] 2 The people of[t] Bethel sent Sharezer and Regem-Melech,[u] along with his men, to seek the LORD's favor, 3 saying to the priests who were in the house of the LORD of heavenly forces and to the prophets: "Should I weep in the fifth month and abstain as I have done for a number of years?"

4 Then the word of the LORD of heavenly forces came to me: 5 Say to all the land's people and to the priests: When you fasted and lamented in the fifth month and the seventh month for these past seventy years, did you fast for me? 6 When you ate and drank, weren't you the ones eating and drinking? 7 Weren't these the words that the LORD proclaimed through the former prophets when Jerusalem was dwelling quietly along with the surrounding cities, and when the arid southern plain and the western foothills were inhabited?

8 The LORD's word came to Zechariah:
9 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
Make just and faithful decisions;
show kindness and compassion
to each other! 10 Don't oppress the
widow, the orphan, the stranger, and
the poor; don't plan evil against each
other! 11 But they refused to pay attention. They turned a cold shoulder and
stopped listening.
12 They steeled their hearts against
hearing the Instruction and the words
that the LORD of heavenly forces sent
by his spirit through the earlier prophets. As a result, the LORD of heavenly
forces became enraged.
13 So just as he called and they didn't
listen, when they called, I didn't listen,
says the LORD of heavenly forces. 14 I
scattered them throughout the nations whom they didn't know. The land
was devastated behind them, with no
one leaving or returning. They turned a
delightful land into a wasteland.

8 The word from the LORD of
heavenly forces came to me:[v]
2 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
I care passionately about Zion; I
burn with passion for her. 3 The LORD
proclaims: I have returned to Zion; I
will settle in Jerusalem. Jerusalem will
be called the city of truth; the mountain of the LORD of heavenly forces
will be the holy mountain.
4 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
Old men and old women will again
dwell in the plazas of Jerusalem. Each of
them will have a staff in their hand because of their great age. 5 The city will be
full of boys and girls playing in its plazas.
6 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:

7:5 Is 1:11, Is 58:5; Zec 1:12
7:6 Hos 8:13
7:9 Mi 6:8; Zec 8:16
7:10 Ex 22:21, Ex 22:22; Dt 24:14; Is 1:23; Jer 7:6
7:11 1Sa 8:19; Jer 44:16
7:13 Prv 1:24; Is 1:15; Jer 11:11, Jer 14:12; Mi 3:4
8:2 Zec 1:14
8:3 Is 1:26, Is 2:3; Zec 1:16, Zec 2:10
8:4 Is 65:20
8:5 Jer 30:20; Mt 11:16, Mt 11:17
8:6 Ps 118:23; Jer 32:17, Jer 32:27

[s] November–December [t] Heb lacks *the people of.* [u] Heb uncertain [v] Heb lacks *to me.*

Even though it may seem to be a miracle for the few remaining among this people in these days, should it seem to be a miracle for me? says the LORD of heavenly forces.

7 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
I'm about to deliver my people from the land of the east and the land of the west. 8 I'll bring them back so they will dwell in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be their God—in truth and in righteousness.

9 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
Be strong, you who are now hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets spoken on the day when the foundations for the house of the LORD of heavenly forces were laid. 10 Before this time, there were no wages for people or animals; there was no relief from distress about going out or coming in, because I set everyone against their own neighbor. 11 But now, unlike those earlier days, I'll be with the few remaining among this people, says the LORD of heavenly forces.

12 The seed is healthy:
the vine will give its fruit.
The land will give its produce;
the heavens will give its dew.
I will give the remnant of
this people all these things.
13 Just as you were a curse
among the nations,
house of Judah and house
of Israel,
so now I will deliver you;
you will be a blessing.
Don't fear, but be strong.

14 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
Just as I planned evil against you when your ancestors angered me, says the LORD of heavenly forces, and did not relent, 15 so now I have changed course and again plan to do good to Jerusalem and the house of Judah. Don't be afraid.

16 These are the things you should do: Speak the truth to each other; make truthful, just, and peaceable decisions within your gates. 17 Don't plan evil for each other. Don't adore swearing falsely, for all of these are things that I hate, says the LORD.

18 The word of the LORD of heavenly
forces came to me:
19 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months will become times of joy and gladness, pleasant feasts for the house of Judah. Love truth and peace!

20 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
Peoples will still come, the inhabitants of many cities. 21 The inhabitants of one city will go to another saying, "Let's go and seek the favor of the LORD, and look for the LORD of heavenly forces. I'm going too." 22 Many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of heavenly forces in Jerusalem and to seek the favor of the LORD.

23 The LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
In those days ten men from nations with entirely different languages will grab hold of a Judean's clothes and say, "Let's go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

Fate of the nations

9 A pronouncement. The LORD's
word is against the land
of Hadrach,
and Damascus is its resting place,
for the city of Aram[w] and all the
tribes of Israel belong to
the LORD.
2 Hamath also borders on it.
Tyre and Sidon, indeed,
each is exceedingly wise.
3 Tyre built a fortress for herself.
She piled up silver like dust
and gold like mud in the streets,
4 but the LORD will take
her possessions away
and knock her wealth into the sea.
She will be devoured with fire.

8:7 Ps 107:3; Is 11:11, Is 43:5
8:8 Zec 13:9
8:9 Ezr 5:1; Is 35:4; Hg 2:4
8:10 2Ch 15:5; Is 19:2; Am 3:6; Hg 1:6, Hg 2:15
8:11 Is 12:1
8:12 Gn 27:28; Hos 2:21; Jl 2:22
8:13 Gn 12:2; Zec 8:9
8:14 Jer 31:28; Eze 24:14
8:15 Jer 29:11; Mi 7:18; Zec 8:13
8:16 Ps 15:2; Zec 7:9; Eph 4:25
8:17 Prv 3:29, Prv 6:16; Zec 5:4, Zec 7:10
8:19 Jer 39:2; Zec 7:3, Zec 7:5, Zec 8:16

[w] Or *eyes of humanity*

5 Ashkelon will look and be afraid.
Gaza will writhe in agony,
and also Ekron,
because her hope has dried up.
The king will perish from Gaza;
Ashkelon won't be inhabited.
6 An illegitimate child will dwell in
Ashdod;
I will eliminate
the pride of the Philistines.
7 I will remove bloody food from
his mouth
and pieces of unclean food
from between his teeth.
He will be a survivor
who belongs to our God.
He will be like a chieftain
in Judah;
Ekron will be like a Jebusite.
8 I will encamp before my house as
a guard
against anyone departing
or returning.
A slave driver will no longer
pass through against them,
for I have seen you[x] with my eyes.

Joy and protection for Judah and Ephraim

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion.
Sing aloud, Daughter Jerusalem.
Look, your king will come to you.
He is righteous and victorious.
He is humble and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the offspring of
a donkey.
10 He[y] will cut off the chariot
from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem.
The bow used in battle will be cut off;
he will speak peace to the nations.
His rule will stretch from sea to sea,
and from the river
to the ends of the earth.
11 Moreover,[z] by the blood of
your covenant,
I will release your prisoners
from the waterless pit.
12 Return to the stronghold,
prisoners of hope.
Moreover, declare today
that I will return double to you.
13 Indeed, I myself will bend Judah as
a bow;
I will fill it with Ephraim.
Zion, I will rouse your sons
against your sons.
Greece, I will make you
like a warrior's sword.
14 The LORD will appear above them;
his arrow will go forth
like lightning.
The LORD God will blow the horn;
he will march forth on the stormy
winds of the south.
15 The LORD of heavenly forces
will protect them.
They will devour and subdue
like sling stones.[a]
They will drink,
mumbling like one having wine.
They will be filled like a bowl,
like the corners of the altar.
16 The LORD their God will deliver
them on that day as the flock of
his people;
they will be the jewels
in a crown dotting his land.
17 What is his goodness,
and what is his beauty?
Grain will make his young
men flourish;
so too wine his young women.

Fate of Judah and Ephraim

10 Ask the LORD for rain when it is
time for the spring rain.
The LORD is the one
who makes the thunderstorms.
He gives them rain showers.
He gives vegetation in the field
to each of them.[b]
2 The household divine images
speak idolatry, and diviners
see lies.
They interpret dreams falsely
and provide empty comfort.
Therefore, they wander like sheep,
but they are oppressed
because there is no shepherd.

9:9 Jer 23:5; Zep 3:14; Zec 2:10; Mt 11:29, Mt 21:5

9:10 Ps 72:8; Hos 1:7, Hos 2:18; Mi 5:10

9:11 Ex 24:8; Is 42:7, Is 51:14; Jer 38:6; Mt 26:28

9:12 Is 61:7; Hos 2:15; Jl 3:16; Heb 6:18

9:15 Ex 27:2; Is 37:35; Zec 10:7, Zec 12:6, Zec 12:8

9:16 Is 62:3

9:17 Jgs 11:34, Jgs 21:21; Ps 27:4; Is 62:9; Hos 2:22

10:1 Is 30:23; Jer 10:13; Jl 2:23

10:2 Jer 23:25, Jer 27:9; Eze 34:5; Hos 3:4; Hab 2:18

[x] Heb lacks *you.* [y] LXX; MT *I* [z] Heb uncertain [a] Heb uncertain [b] Heb lacks *of them.*

3 My anger burns hot
against the shepherds;
I will punish the goats.
The LORD of heavenly forces
will take care of his splendor,
the house of Judah.
He will make them
like his majestic horse in battle.
4 The cornerstone, the tent peg,
and the bow used in battle
will come from Judah.
Every oppressor
will leave Judah simultaneously.
5 Judah will be like warriors,
trampling through the muddy
streets during battle.
They will do battle
because the LORD is with them.
All the cavalry will be ashamed.
6 I will strengthen the house
of Judah
and deliver the house of Joseph.
I will bring them back[c] because I
have compassion on them.
They will be as though
I hadn't rejected them,
for I am the LORD their God;
I will respond to them.

7 Ephraim will be like a warrior.
They will be as glad
as if they were drinking wine.
Their children will watch and
be glad.
Their hearts will rejoice
in the LORD.
8 I will whistle for them and
gather them,
because I have ransomed them.
They will be as numerous
as they were previously.
9 Though I sowed them among
the peoples,
they will remember me
in the distant places
where they are living with
their children until they return.
10 I will bring them back
from the land of Egypt;
I will collect them from Assyria.
I will bring them to the land
of Gilead and Lebanon
until there is no more room
for them.
11 They[d] will pass through
the sea of distress
and strike the sea with waves.[e]
All the depths of the river will
dry up.
The pride of Assyria
will be brought down;
the scepter of Egypt will
turn away.
12 I will strengthen them in the LORD,
and they will walk in his name,
says the LORD.

11 Open your doors, Lebanon,
so that fire will devour
your cedars.
2 Scream, cypress, for the cedar
has fallen;
those majestic ones
have been devastated.
Scream, oaks of Bashan,
for the deep forest has fallen.
3 The sound of screaming
appears among the shepherds
because their majesty
has been devastated.
The sound of roaring can be heard
among the young lions
because the pride of the Jordan
has been devastated.

The shepherd's two staffs
4 This is what the LORD my God says:
Shepherd the flock
intended for slaughter.
5 Those who buy them will
kill them,
but they will go unpunished.
Those who sell them will say,
"Blessed is the LORD,
for I have become rich."
And their own shepherds
won't spare them.
6 In fact, I will no longer spare
the inhabitants of the land,
says the LORD.

10:3 Song 1:9; Jer 23:1, Jer 23:2; Zep 2:7; Zec 11:17
10:9 Eze 6:9
10:11 Is 51:10; Eze 30:13; Zep 2:13
10:12 Mi 4:5; Zec 10:6
11:1 Eze 31:3
11:2 Is 2:13
11:3 Jer 25:34, Jer 50:44
11:5 Jer 50:7; Eze 34:2, Eze 34:3; Hos 12:8
11:6 Is 9:19; Jer 13:14; Mi 5:8, Mi 7:2; Zec 14:13

[c] Or *I will restore them* [d] LXX; MT *he* [e] Heb uncertain

But look what I am about to bring
upon humanity,
upon each of them by their
neighbor's hand and by the
hand of their king:
They will beat the land to pieces,
but I won't rescue anyone
from their hand.
7 So I shepherded the flock
intended for slaughter,
the afflicted of the flock.[f]
I took two staffs for myself.
I named one Delight;
the other I named Harmony.
I shepherded the flock.
8 I removed three shepherds in
one month
when I grew impatient
with them.
Moreover, they detested me.
9 Then I said, "I won't shepherd you.
Let the dying die,
and let what is to be removed
be removed.
Let those who are left
devour the flesh of
their neighbor."

10 Then I took the staff Delight,
and I chopped it up
in order to break my covenant
that I had made with all
the peoples.
11 It was broken on that day.
As a result, the afflicted[g] of
the flock knew that it was the
LORD's word.
12 And I said to them,
"If it appears good to you,
give me my wages;
but if not, then stop."
So they weighed out my wages,
thirty shekels of silver.
13 The LORD said to me,
"Put it in the treasury.[h]
They value me
at too magnificent a price."
So I took the thirty shekels[i]
of silver
and put them in the treasury
of the LORD's house.

11:9 Jer 15:2
11:12 Mt 26:15
11:13 Mt 27:3, Mt 27:9, Mt 27:10; Ac 1:18
11:15 Is 6:10
11:16 Jer 23:2; Eze 34:4
11:17 Jer 23:1
12:1 Ps 102:25; Is 42:5, Is 57:16; Jer 51:15; Zec 9:1
12:3 Zec 14:2
12:4 Dt 28:28

14 Then I chopped up
my second staff Harmony,
to break the alliance
between Judah and Israel.
15 Then the LORD said to me,
"Take for yourself again the
equipment of a foolish shepherd,
16 because I am about to appoint
a shepherd in the land.
He won't tend to those
who have been removed.
He won't seek the young
or heal the broken.
He won't sustain the
one standing.
Instead, he will devour the flesh
of the fat ones,
even tearing off their hooves.
17 Doom, foolish shepherd
who forsakes the flock.
A sword will strike[j] his arm
and his right eye.
His arm will wither completely;
his right eye will
become blind."

Jerusalem on that day

12 A pronouncement.
The LORD's word against Israel,
an utterance of the LORD
who stretches out the heavens,
who establishes the earth,
and who fashions the spirit
of humanity within it:
2 I am about to make Jerusalem a cup
that will stagger all the
surrounding nations.
There will be a siege against
Judah and against Jerusalem.

3 On that day I will make Jerusalem
into a heavy stone[k] for all
the peoples.
All who carry it will
hurt themselves;
nevertheless, the nations of the
earth will conspire against it.

4 On that day, says the LORD, I will
strike every horse with confusion
and its rider with madness.

[f]Heb uncertain [g]Cf Zech 11:7 [h]Syr; MT *to the potter* [i]Heb lacks *shekels.* [j]Heb lacks *will strike.* [k]Heb uncertain

I will keep my eyes open
for the house of Judah;
I will strike blind
every horse of the peoples.
5 The chieftains of Judah will say to
themselves, We are strong;
the inhabitants of Jerusalem
will say,
The LORD their God of heavenly
forces is strong.[l]

6 On that day I will place
the chieftains of Judah like a pot
on a wood fire and like a burning
torch among the bundles
of grain.
They will devour all the
surrounding nations to the right
and the left.
Jerusalem will dwell again in its
place, in Jerusalem.
7 The LORD will first deliver the tents
of Judah so that the splendor of
David's house
and the splendor of
Jerusalem's inhabitants
won't overshadow Judah.

8 On that day the LORD will protect
the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Anyone among them who stumbles
on that day will become like David,
and David's house will become
like God,
like the LORD's messenger
in front of them.

9 On that day I intend to destroy
all the nations who come
against Jerusalem,
10 but I will pour out a spirit of grace
and mercy on David's house
and on the inhabitants
of Jerusalem.
They will look to me concerning
the one whom they pierced;
they will mourn over him
like the mourning for an
only child.
They will mourn bitterly over him
like the bitter mourning
over the death of[m] an
oldest child.

11 On that day, the mourning
in Jerusalem
will be as great
as the mourning of
Hadad-Rimmon
in the Megiddo Valley.
12 The land will mourn,
each of the clans by itself:
the clan of David's house by
themselves, and their women
by themselves;
the clan of Nathan's house
by themselves,
and their women by themselves;
13 the clan of Levi's house
by themselves,
and their women by themselves;
and the Shimeites' clan
by themselves,
and their women by themselves;
14 and all the remaining clans,
each clan by itself,
and their women by themselves.

13 On that day, a fountain
will open
to cleanse[n] the sin and impurity
of David's house
and the inhabitants
of Jerusalem.

2 On that day,
says the LORD of heavenly forces,
I will eliminate the names of the
idols from the land;
they will no longer
be remembered.
Moreover, I will remove the
prophets and the sinful spirit from
the land.
3 If anyone again prophesies,
then that person's
birth father and mother will say,
"You won't live, for you have told a
lie in the name of the LORD."
That person's own birth father and
mother will stab him
when he prophesies.

12:5 Zec 10:12
12:6 Is 10:17; Obad 1:18; Zec 2:4, Zec 14:10, Zec 14:11
12:7 Jer 30:18; Am 9:11
12:8 Jl 3:16; Zec 9:15
12:9 Hg 2:22; Zec 14:2
12:10 Eze 39:29; Jl 2:28; Am 8:10; Jn 19:37; Rev 1:7
12:11 2Ki 23:29; 2Ch 35:24
12:12 2Sa 5:14, 2Sa 12:1; Lk 3:31
12:13 Ex 6:16; Nm 3:18; 1Ch 23:7, 1Ch 23:10; Mal 2:4
13:1 Ps 51:2; Eze 36:25; Jn 1:29; Heb 9:14; 1Jn 1:7
13:2 Jer 23:14; Eze 36:25; Hos 2:17

[l] Heb uncertain [m] Heb lacks *the death of.* [n] Heb lacks *to cleanse.*

4 On that day each of the prophets
will be ashamed of his vision
when he prophesies
and won't put on a shaggy coat
in order to deceive.
5 Each will say, "I'm not a prophet.
I'm a man who works the
ground, for the soil has been my
occupation since I was young."
6 Someone will say to him,
"What are these wounds
between your hands?"
And he will say, "These happened
when I was hit in my
friends' home."

7 Sword, arise against my shepherd,
against the man responsible for[o]
my community,
says the LORD of heavenly forces!
Strike the shepherd
in order to scatter the flock!
I will turn my hand
against the little ones.
8 Throughout all the land,
says the LORD,
two-thirds will be cut off and die;
but one-third will be left in it.
9 I will put the third part into
the fire.
I will refine them like one
refines silver;
I will test them like one
tests gold.
They will call on my name,
and I will respond to them.
I will say, "They are my people."
And they will say,
"The LORD is our God."

The day of the LORD

14 A day is coming
that belongs to the LORD,
when that which has been
plundered from you will be
divided among you.
2 I will gather all the nations to
Jerusalem for the battle,
the city will be captured,
the houses will be plundered,
and the women will be raped.

13:7 Is 40:11, Is 53:4; Jer 47:6; Mt 26:31; Mk 14:27
13:8 Is 6:13; Eze 5:2, Eze 5:12; Zec 14:2
13:9 Ps 66:10; Is 48:10; Zec 10:6; Mal 3:2, Mal 3:3
14:4 Eze 11:23; Mi 1:4
14:5 Am 1:1; Mt 25:31
14:6 Is 13:10; Jer 4:23
14:7 Is 30:26; Mt 24:36; Rev 22:5
14:9 Dt 6:4; Rev 11:15

Half of the city will go forth
into exile,
but what is left of the people
won't be eliminated from
the city.
3 The LORD will go out and fight
against those nations
as when he fights on a day
of battle.
4 On that day he will stand upon
the Mount of Olives,
to the east of Jerusalem.
The Mount of Olives will be split
in half by a very large valley
running from east to west.
Half of the mountain will
move north,
and the other half will
move south.
5 You will flee
through the valley of
my mountain,
because the valley of the
mountains will reach to Azal.
You will flee just as you fled
from the earthquake in the days
of Judah's King Uzziah.
The LORD my God will come,
and all the holy ones with him.[p]
6 On that day, there will be no light.
Splendid things will disappear.[q]
7 On one day known to the LORD,
there will be neither day nor night,
but at evening time there will
be light.
8 On that day, running water will
flow out from Jerusalem,
half of it to the Dead Sea[r]
and half of it to the
Mediterranean;[s]
this will happen
during the summer and the fall.
9 The LORD will become king
over all the land.
On that day the LORD will be one,
and the LORD's name will
be one.
10 The entire land will become
like the desert[t]
from Geba to Rimmon,
south of Jerusalem.

[o] Heb lacks *responsible for.* [p] Or *you* [q] Heb uncertain [r] Or *eastern sea* [s] Or *western sea* [t] Heb *Arabah*

Jerusalem will be high up
and firmly in place
from the Benjamin Gate
to the place of the former gate,
to the Corner Gate, and from the
Hananel Tower to the king's
wine vats.
11 People will dwell in it;
it will never again be destroyed.
Jerusalem will dwell securely.
12 This will be the plague with which
the LORD will strike all the peoples
who swarmed against Jerusalem:
their flesh will rot,
even while standing on
their feet;
their eyes will rot in their sockets;
and their tongues will rot
in their mouths.
13 On that day, a great panic brought on
by the LORD will fall upon them;
they will all grasp at the hand
of their neighbors;
neighbors will attack each other.
14 Even Judah will fight in Jerusalem.
The wealth of all the surrounding
nations will be collected:
gold, silver, and a great
abundance of garments.
15 This[u] plague will also affect the
horses, mules, camels, donkeys,
and any cattle in those camps
during this plague.
16 All those left from all the nations
who attacked Jerusalem will go up annually to pay homage to the king, the LORD
of heavenly forces, and to celebrate the
Festival of Booths.
17 Whoever among the families of
the earth doesn't go up to Jerusalem
to pay homage to the king, the LORD
of heavenly forces, upon them no rain
will fall.
18 And if the family of Egypt doesn't
go up and doesn't present itself, then
no rain[v] will fall on them. There will[w]
be a plague like the one with which the
LORD struck the nations that didn't go
up to celebrate the Festival of Booths.
19 This would be the sin of Egypt and
the sin of all the nations who don't go
up to celebrate the Festival of Booths.
20 On that day, *Holy to the LORD* will be
inscribed[x] on the bells of
the horses,
and the pots in the LORD's house
will be holy[y] like the bowls
before the altar.
21 Every pot in Jerusalem and in
Judah will be holy to the LORD of
heavenly forces.
All those who sacrifice will come.
They will take some of the pots
and cook with them.
There will no longer be any
merchants[z] in the house of the
LORD of heavenly forces on
that day.

14:14 Is 23:18; Zec 12:2
14:20 Ex 28:36, Ex 39:30

MALACHI

1 A pronouncement. The LORD'S
word to Israel through Malachi.[a]

Love of Jacob

2 I have loved you, says the LORD;
but you say, "How have you
loved us?"
Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?
says the LORD.
I loved Jacob, 3 but I rejected Esau.
I turned Esau's mountains
into desolation,
his inheritance into a wilderness
for jackals.
4 Edom may say, "We are beaten down,
but we will rebuild the ruins";
but the LORD of heavenly
forces proclaims:
They may build,
but I will tear them down.

1:1 Is 13:1; Zec 9:1, Zec 12:1
1:2 Is 41:8; Jer 31:3; Mal 2:17, Mal 3:7; Ro 9:13
1:3 Is 34:13; Jer 9:11

[u] Heb lacks *this*, cf 14:12. [v] Heb lacks *rain*. [w] Or *will not*. [x] Heb lacks *inscribed*. [y] Heb lacks *holy*. [z] Heb *Canaanite*
[a] Or *my messenger*

They will call themselves
a wicked territory,
the people against whom
the LORD rages forever.
5 Your eyes will see it and you will say,
"May the LORD be great
beyond the borders of Israel."

Honoring the LORD

6 A son honors a father,
and a servant honors his master.
But if I'm a father, where is
my honor?
Or if I'm a master, where is
my respect?
says the LORD of heavenly forces
to you priests who despise
my name.
So you say,
"How have we despised
your name?"
7 By approaching my altar
with polluted food.
But you say,
"How have we polluted it[b]?"
When you say,
"The table of the LORD can
be despised."
8 If you bring a blind animal to
sacrifice, isn't that evil?
If you bring a lame or sick one,
isn't that evil?
Would you bring it to your governor?
Would he be pleased with it
or accept you?
says the LORD of heavenly forces.

9 So now ask God to be gracious to us.
After what you have done,
will he accept you?
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
10 Who among you will shut
the doors of the temple[c]
so that you don't burn something
on my altar in vain?
I take no delight in you,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
I won't accept a grain offering
from your hand.

1:5 Ps 35:27; Mi 5:4
1:6 Ex 20:12; Is 1:2; Lk 6:46
1:7 Lv 21:6; Mal 1:8, Mal 1:12
1:10 Is 1:11; Am 5:21
1:11 Ps 113:3; Is 45:6
1:12 Mal 1:7
1:13 Is 43:22; Mal 1:8, Mal 1:10
1:14 Zec 14:9
2:1 Mal 1:6
2:2 Dt 28:15; Mal 3:9

11 Nevertheless, from sunrise to sunset,
my name will be great
among the nations.
Incense and a pure grain offering
will be offered everywhere in
my name,
because my name is great
among the nations,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
12 But you make my name impure
when you say,
"The table of the LORD is polluted.
Its fruit, its food, is despised."
13 But you say, "How tedious!"
And you groan about it,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
You permit what is stolen, lame, or
sick to be brought for a sacrifice,[d]
and you bring the grain offering.
Should I accept such from
your hands?
says the LORD.
14 I will curse the cheater
who has a healthy[e] male in
his flock,
but who promises and sacrifices
to the LORD that which
is corrupt.
I am truly a great king,
says the LORD of heavenly forces,
and my name is feared
among the nations.

2 But now, this command is for you,
priests:
2 If you don't listen,
or don't intend to glorify
my name,
says the LORD of heavenly forces,
then I will send a curse
among you.
I will curse your blessings,
and I mean really curse them,
because none of you intend to
do it.
3 I am about to denounce
your offspring;
I will scatter feces on your faces,
the feces of your festivals.
Then I will lift you up to me,[f]

[b] Gk; Heb *you* [c] Heb lacks *of the temple.* [d] Heb lacks *for a sacrifice.* [e] Heb lacks *healthy.*
[f] Heb uncertain; MT *He will carry you to it.*

4 and you will know that I have sent
this command to you
so that my covenant with Levi
can continue to exist,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
5 My covenant with him involved
life and peace, which I gave him,
and also fear so that he
honored me.
He was in awe of my name.
6 True Instruction was in his mouth;
injustice wasn't found on his lips.
He walked with me in peace
and did the right thing;
he made many turn
from iniquity.
7 The lips of the priest
should guard knowledge;
everyone[g] should seek Instruction
from his mouth,
for he is the messenger from
the LORD of heavenly forces.
8 But you have turned from the path.
You have caused many to stumble
by your instruction.
You have corrupted
the covenant of Levi,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
9 Moreover, I have made you despised
and humiliated in the view
of all the people,
since none of you keep my ways
or show respect for Instruction.

Judah's dishonesty

10 Isn't there one father for all of us,
one God who created us?
Why does everyone cheat each other
to make the covenant
of our ancestors impure?
11 Judah cheated—
a detestable thing was done
in Israel and Jerusalem.
Judah made the LORD's
holy place impure, which
God loved,
and married the daughter
of a foreign god.
12 May the LORD eliminate anyone
who does so from the tents
of Jacob,
anyone awaking, testifying,[h]
and making an offering
to the LORD of heavenly forces.
13 You should do this as well:
cover the altar of the LORD
with tears, weeping, and groaning
because there is still no divine
favor for your offering
or favorable regard
for anything from your hand.
14 But you say, "Why?"
Because the LORD testifies
about you
and the wife of your youth
against whom you cheated.
She is your partner,
the wife of your covenant.
15 Didn't he make her[i] the one[j]
and the remnant of his spirit?[k]
What is the one?
The one seeking godly offspring.
You should guard your own spirit.
Don't cheat on the wife of your
youth 16 because he hates divorce,
says the LORD God of Israel,
and he also hates the one
covering his garment
with violence,[l]
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
Guard your own life, and
don't cheat.

Purifying judgment

17 You have made the LORD tired
with your words.
You say,
"How have we made him tired?"
When you say:
"Anyone doing evil is good in the
LORD's eyes,"
or "He delights in those
doing evil,"[m]
or "Where is the God of justice?"
3 Look, I am sending my messenger
who will clear the path before me;
suddenly the LORD whom you are
seeking will come to his temple.

2:5 Nm 25:12; Is 54:10; Eze 34:25
2:6 Gn 5:22; Dt 33:10; Jer 23:22; Jas 5:19; Rev 14:5
2:7 Lv 10:11
2:10 Is 43:1, Is 64:8; 1Co 8:6; Eph 4:6
2:11 Ezr 9:1, Ezr 9:2
2:12 Nm 24:5
2:13 Prv 15:8, Prv 21:27; Is 1:11, Is 58:2; Jer 6:20
2:14 Is 54:6; Mal 2:15, Mal 3:5
2:15 Gn 2:24; Mal 2:14; Mt 19:4, Mt 19:5; Ti 1:6
2:16 Dt 24:1; Mt 5:31
2:17 Is 5:20, Is 43:24; 2Pt 3:4
3:1 Is 40:3; Mt 11:10; Mk 1:2; Lk 1:76, Lk 7:27

[g] Or *they* [h] Heb uncertain [i] Heb lacks *her.* [j] Heb uncertain; *her* refers to the *wife* in Mal 2:14. [k] Heb uncertain [l] Heb uncertain [m] Or *them*

The messenger of the covenant
in whom you take delight
is coming,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
2 Who can endure the day of
his coming?
Who can withstand
his appearance?
He is like the refiner's fire
or the cleaner's soap.
3 He will sit as a refiner
and a purifier of silver.
He will purify the Levites
and refine them like gold
and silver.
They will belong to the LORD,
presenting a righteous offering.
4 The offering of Judah and Jerusalem
will be pleasing to the LORD
as in ancient days
and in former years.
5 I will draw near to you for judgment.
I will be quick to testify
against the sorcerers,
the adulterers, those
swearing falsely,
against those who cheat the day
laborers out of their wages
as well as oppress the widow
and the orphan,
and against those who brush
aside the foreigner and do not
revere me,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
6 I am the LORD, and I do not change;
and you, children of Jacob,
have not perished.

Return to the LORD

7 Ever since the time of your ancestors,
you have deviated from my laws
and have not kept them.
Return to me and I will return to you,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
But you say,
"How should we return?"
8 Should a person deceive God?
Yet you deceive me.
But you say,
"How have we deceived you?"
With your tenth-part gifts
and offerings.
9 You are being cursed with a curse,
and you, the entire nation,
are robbing me.
10 Bring the whole tenth-part to the
storage house so there might be
food in my house.
Please test me in this,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
See whether I do not open all the
windows of the heavens for you
and empty out a blessing
until there is enough.[n]
11 I will threaten the one
who wants to devour you
so that it doesn't spoil the fruit
of your fertile land,
and so that the vine doesn't
abort its fruit in your field,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
12 All the nations
will consider you fortunate,
for you will be a desirable land,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.

13 You have spoken harshly about me,
says the LORD;
but you say,
"What have we spoken
about you?"
14 You said,
"Serving God is useless.
What do we gain
by keeping his obligation
or by walking around
as mourners
before the LORD of
heavenly forces?
15 So now we consider the
arrogant fortunate.
Moreover, those doing evil are
built up;
they test God and escape."

The scroll of remembrance

16 Then those revering the LORD,
each and every one,
spoke among themselves.
The LORD paid attention
and listened to them.

3:2 Is 4:4; Zec 13:9; Rev 6:17
3:3 Is 1:25, Is 48:10; Dn 12:10; Zec 13:9; 1Pt 1:7
3:4 2Ch 7:1; Eze 20:40
3:5 Lv 19:13; Jer 7:9; Zec 5:4; Jas 5:4
3:6 Nm 23:19; Jas 1:17
3:7 Zec 1:3
3:8 Neh 13:10
3:10 Lv 27:30; Neh 13:12; 2Co 9:6
3:13 Ex 5:2; Job 34:7; Ps 10:11; Is 3:8; Mal 2:17
3:14 Job 21:15, Job 34:9; Is 58:3; Zep 1:12
3:15 Mal 4:1
3:16 Ps 33:18, Ps 34:15, Ps 56:8, Ps 119:63, Ps 147:11

[n] Or *Until what is required is lacking.*

Then a scroll of remembrance
was written before the LORD
about those revering the LORD,
the ones meditating on his name.
17 On the day that I am preparing,
says the LORD
of heavenly forces,
they will be my special possession.
I will spare them just as parents
spare a child who serves them.
18 You will again distinguish
between the righteous and
the wicked,
between those serving God
and those not serving him.

The day of the LORD

4 °Look, the day is coming,
burning like an oven.
All the arrogant ones and all those
doing evil will become straw.
The coming day will burn them,
says the LORD of heavenly forces,
leaving them neither root
nor branch.

3:17 Ex 19:5; Dt 7:6; 1Pt 2:9
3:18 Gn 18:25
4:1 Ps 21:9; Is 5:24, Is 47:14; Jl 2:31; Na 1:10
4:2 Is 30:26; Lk 1:78
4:3 Job 40:12; Eze 28:18; Mal 3:17
4:4 Ex 3:1; Dt 4:10; 1Ki 8:9; Ps 147:19
4:5 Mt 11:14; Mk 9:11; Lk 1:17
4:6 Lk 1:17

2 But the sun of righteousness will rise
on those revering my name;
healing will be in its wings
so that you will go forth and
jump about like calves in
the stall.
3 You will crush the wicked;
they will be like dust
beneath the soles of your feet
on the day that I am preparing,
says the LORD of heavenly forces.
4 Remember the Instruction from
Moses, my servant,
to whom I gave Instruction
and rules for all Israel at Horeb.
5 Look, I am sending
Elijah the prophet to you,
before the great and terrifying
day of the LORD arrives.
6 Turn the hearts of the parents
to the children
and the hearts of the children
to their parents.
Otherwise, I will come and
strike the land with a curse.

°3:19 in Heb

NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW

Genealogy of Jesus

1 A record of the ancestors of Jesus
Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:
2 Abraham was the father of Isaac.
Isaac was the father of Jacob.
Jacob was the father of Judah and
his brothers.
3 Judah was the father of Perez
and Zerah, whose mother was
Tamar.
Perez was the father of Hezron.
Hezron was the father of Aram.
4 Aram was the father of Amminadab.
Amminadab was the father of
Nahshon.
Nahshon was the father of Salmon.
5 Salmon was the father of Boaz,
whose mother was Rahab.
Boaz was the father of Obed,
whose mother was Ruth.
Obed was the father of Jesse.
6 Jesse was the father of David
the king.
David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been the
wife of Uriah.
7 Solomon was the father of Re-
hoboam.
Rehoboam was the father of
Abijah.
Abijah was the father of Asaph.
8 Asaph was the father of Je-
hoshaphat.
Jehoshaphat was the father of
Joram.
Joram was the father of Uzziah.
9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham.
Jotham was the father of Ahaz.
Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.
10 Hezekiah was the father of
Manasseh.
Manasseh was the father of
Amos.
Amos was the father of Josiah.
11 Josiah was the father of Jecho-
niah and his brothers.
This was at the time of the exile
to Babylon.
12 After the exile to Babylon:
Jechoniah was the father of
Shealtiel.
Shealtiel was the father of
Zerubbabel.
13 Zerubbabel was the father of
Abiud.
Abiud was the father of Eliakim.
Eliakim was the father of Azor.
14 Azor was the father of Zadok.
Zadok was the father of Achim.
Achim was the father of Eliud.
15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar.
Eleazar was the father of
Matthan.
Matthan was the father of Jacob.
16 Jacob was the father of Joseph,
the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus
was born, who is called the Christ.
17 So there were fourteen genera-
tions from Abraham to David, fourteen
generations from David to the exile to
Babylon, and fourteen generations
from the exile to Babylon to the Christ.

Birth of Jesus

18 This is how the birth of Jesus
Christ took place. When Mary his
mother was engaged to Joseph, before
they were married, she became preg-
nant by the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph her
husband was a righteous man. Because
he didn't want to humiliate her, he de-
cided to call off their engagement qui-
etly. 20 As he was thinking about this,
an angel from the Lord appeared to
him in a dream and said, "Joseph son
of David, don't be afraid to take Mary
as your wife, because the child she car-
ries was conceived by the Holy Spirit.
21 She will give birth to a son, and you
will call him Jesus, because he will save
his people from their sins." 22 Now all
of this took place so that what the Lord
had spoken through the prophet would
be fulfilled:
23 *Look! A virgin will become pregnant*
and give birth to a son,

1:1 Lk 1:32; Jn 7:42; Ro 1:3; Ga 3:16; Rev 22:16
1:2 Gn 25:26
1:3 Ru 4:18; 1Ch 2:4; Lk 3:33
1:4 Lk 3:32
1:5 Ru 4:17; 1Ch 2:12; Lk 3:32
1:6 1Sa 16:1, 1Sa 17:12; 2Sa 12:24
1:7 1Ki 15:8; 1Ch 3:10; 2Ch 14:1
1:8 1Ki 15:24; 1Ch 3:10, 1Ch 3:11
1:9 2Ki 16:20, 2Ki 18:1; 1Ch 3:13; 2Ch 27:1, 2Ch 27:9
1:10 1Ch 3:14
1:11 1Ch 3:15; Jer 27:20
1:12 1Ch 3:17; Ezr 3:2; Lk 3:27
1:13 Mt 1:14
1:14 Mt 1:13; Mt 1:15
1:15 Mt 1:14
1:16 Mt 27:17; Lk 1:27, Lk 2:5, Lk 2:11, Lk 3:23
1:17 Mt 2:4, Mt 11:2, Mt 16:16, Mt 22:42, Mt 23:10
1:18 Lk 1:27, Lk 1:35
1:19 Dt 24:1
1:20 Mt 2:12, Mt 2:13, Mt 2:19, Mt 2:22
1:21 Lk 1:31, Lk 2:11; Jn 1:29; Ac 4:12, Ac 5:31
1:22 Mt 2:15, Mt 2:23; Lk 24:44
1:23 Is 7:14, Is 8:8, Is 8:10, Is 9:6, Is 9:7

And they will call him, Emmanuel.[a]
(*Emmanuel* means "God with us.")
[24]When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. [25]But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

Coming of the magi

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. [2]They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

[3]When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. [4]He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. [5]They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

[6]*You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,*
by no means are you least
among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come
one who governs,
who will shepherd my people
Israel."[b]

[7]Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. [8]He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." [9]When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. [10]When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. [11]They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

1:24 Gn 6:22; Mt 1:20, Mt 2:13, Mt 2:19; Ac 5:19
1:25 Mt 1:21; Lk 2:7, Lk 2:21
2:1 Mi 5:2; Lk 1:5, Lk 2:4; Jn 7:42
2:2 Nm 24:17; Jer 23:5; Zec 9:9; Mt 27:11; Jn 1:49
2:3 Mt 2:1, Mt 2:7, Mt 2:16; Lk 1:5
2:4 Mt 1:17; Mk 12:35; Ac 6:12
2:5 Mt 2:1; Jn 7:42
2:6 2Sa 5:2; Mi 5:2
2:7 Mt 2:1, Mt 2:3, Mt 2:16; Lk 1:5
2:9 Mt 2:2
2:10 Lk 2:10
2:11 Ps 72:10; Mt 14:33; Lk 2:16
2:12 Mt 1:20, Mt 2:13, Mt 2:19, Mt 2:22, Mt 27:19
2:13 Mt 1:20, Mt 2:12, Mt 2:19, Mt 2:20; Ac 5:19
2:14 Mt 1:24
2:15 Hos 11:1; Mt 1:22
2:16 Ex 1:16; Mt 2:1, Mt 2:7
2:17 Mt 1:22
2:18 Gn 35:19; Jer 31:15
2:19 Mt 1:20, Mt 2:12, Mt 2:13, Mt 2:22
2:20 Ex 4:19; Mt 2:13
2:21 1Sa 13:19; Mt 2:20
2:22 Mt 1:20, Mt 2:12, Mt 2:13, Mt 2:19; Lk 2:39

Escape to Egypt

[13]When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him." [14]Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. [15]He stayed there until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I have called my son out of Egypt.*[c]

Murder of the Bethlehem children

[16]When Herod knew the magi had fooled him, he grew very angry. He sent soldiers to kill all the male children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding territory who were two years old and younger, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. [17]This fulfilled the word spoken through Jeremiah the prophet:

[18]*A voice was heard in Ramah,*
weeping and much grieving.
Rachel weeping for her children,
and she did not want to be
comforted,
because they were no more.[d]

Return from Egypt

[19]After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. [20]"Get up," the angel said, "and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead." [21]Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. [22]But when he heard that Archelaus ruled over Judea in place of his father Herod, Joseph was afraid to go there. Having been warned

[a]Isa 7:14 [b]Mic 5:2; 2 Sam 5:2 [c]Hos 11:1 [d]Jer 31:15

in a dream, he went to the area of Galilee. 23He settled in a city called Nazareth so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

Ministry of John the Baptist

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, 2"Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" 3He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting
in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight."[e]

4John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

5People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. 6As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. 7Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? 8Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. 9And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. 10The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. 11I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I'm not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out."

2:23 Mt 1:22; Lk 1:26, Lk 2:39; Jn 1:45, Jn 1:46
3:1 Mt 11:7, Mt 11:11, Mt 16:14; Lk 3:2; Jn 1:6
3:2 Mt 4:17, Mt 6:10, Mt 10:7; Mk 1:15
3:3 Is 40:3; Lk 1:17, Lk 1:76; Jn 1:23
3:4 Lv 11:22; 2Ki 1:8; Zec 13:4; Mk 1:6
3:5 Mk 1:5; Jn 3:23
3:6 Mk 1:5; Jn 3:23; Ac 2:38
3:7 Mt 12:34, Mt 22:23, Mt 23:33; Ro 1:18; 1Th 1:10
3:8 Ac 26:20; Phi 1:11
3:9 Lk 3:8; Jn 8:33, Jn 8:39; Ac 13:26; Ro 4:1
3:10 Mt 7:19; Lk 3:9, Lk 13:6; Jn 15:2, Jn 15:6
3:11 Is 4:4; Mk 1:4, Mk 1:8; Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5
3:12 Job 21:18; Ps 1:4; Is 30:24; Mt 13:30; Mk 9:43
3:13 Mk 1:9; Lk 3:21
3:14 Jn 13:6; Ac 1:5
3:15 Jn 4:34
3:16 Is 11:2, Is 42:1; Jn 1:32; Ac 7:56, Ac 10:38
3:17 Ps 2:7; Is 42:1; Mt 12:18, Mt 17:5; Jn 12:28
4:1 Mk 1:12, Mk 1:13; Lk 4:1; Heb 4:15
4:2 Ex 34:28; 1Ki 19:8; Mt 21:18; Mk 11:12
4:3 Mt 14:33; Mk 3:11; Lk 1:35; Jn 1:34; 1Th 3:5
4:4 Dt 8:3; Mt 4:7, Mt 4:10; Eph 6:17
4:5 Neh 11:1, Neh 11:18; Is 48:2; Mt 27:53; Lk 4:9
4:6 Ps 91:11, Ps 91:12; Mt 4:3
4:7 Dt 6:16; Mt 4:4, Mt 4:10
4:8 Mt 16:26; Lk 4:5; 1Jn 2:15, 1Jn 2:16
4:9 1Co 10:20, 1Co 10:21
4:10 Dt 6:13, Dt 10:20; 1Sa 7:3; 1Ch 21:1; Job 1:6
4:11 Mt 26:53; Lk 22:43; Heb 1:14

Baptism of Jesus

13At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. 14John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

15Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness."

So John agreed to baptize Jesus. 16When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. 17A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Temptation of Jesus

4 Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. 2After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. 3The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

4Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*"[f]

5After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, 6"Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, *I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"[g]

7Jesus replied, "Again it's written, *Don't test the Lord your God.*"[h]

8Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

10Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*"[i]

11The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

[e]Isa 40:3 [f]Deut 8:3 [g]Ps 91:11-12 [h]Deut 6:16 [i]Deut 6:13

Move to Galilee

12 Now when Jesus heard that John
was arrested, he went to Galilee. 13 He
left Nazareth and settled in Caper-
naum, which lies alongside the sea
in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali.
14 This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet
said:

15 *Land of Zebulun and land of*
Naphtali,
alongside the sea, across the
Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,
16 *the people who lived in the dark*
have seen a great light,
and a light has come upon those
who lived in the region
and in shadow of death.[j]

17 From that time Jesus began to an-
nounce, "Change your hearts and lives!
Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

Calling of the first disciples

18 As Jesus walked alongside the
Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and An-
drew, throwing fishing nets into the
sea, because they were fishermen.
19 "Come, follow me," he said, "and
I'll show you how to fish for people."
20 Right away, they left their nets and
followed him. 21 Continuing on, he
saw another set of brothers, James
the son of Zebedee and his brother
John. They were in a boat with Zebe-
dee their father repairing their nets.
Jesus called them and 22 immediately
they left the boat and their father and
followed him.

Ministry to the crowds

23 Jesus traveled throughout Gali-
lee, teaching in their synagogues. He
announced the good news of the king-
dom and healed every disease and sick-
ness among the people. 24 News about
him spread throughout Syria. People
brought to him all those who had vari-
ous kinds of diseases, those inpain,
those possessed by demons, those
with epilepsy, and those who were par-

4:12 Mt 14:3; Mk 1:14; Lk 3:20, Lk 4:14
4:13 Mt 11:23; Mk 1:21; Lk 4:31; Jn 2:12
4:14 Mt 1:22, Mt 8:17, Mt 12:17
4:15 Is 9:1, Is 9:2
4:16 Is 9:2; Lk 1:79, Lk 2:32
4:17 Mt 3:2, Mt 10:7; Mk 1:14, Mk 1:15
4:18 Mt 10:2; Mk 1:16; Lk 5:2; Jn 1:40, Jn 6:1
4:19 Mt 8:22, Mt 9:9; Mk 1:17; Lk 5:10; Jn 1:43
4:20 Mt 9:9
4:21 Mt 10:2, Mt 17:1, Mt 20:20, Mt 26:37; Mk 1:19
4:22 Mk 1:20
4:23 Mt 9:35, Mt 13:54, Mt 15:30; Mk 1:39; Ac 10:38
4:24 Mt 8:6, Mt 8:16, Mt 9:2, Mt 17:14; Lk 2:2
4:25 Mt 19:2; Mk 3:7, Mk 3:8, Mk 5:20; Lk 6:17
5:1 Mt 15:29; Mk 3:13, Mk 4:1; Lk 4:20, Lk 6:20
5:2 Ps 78:2; Mt 13:35; Ac 8:35
5:3 Is 61:1; Mt 5:10, Mt 19:14; Lk 6:20
5:4 Is 61:2, Is 61:3; Jn 16:20
5:5 Ps 37:11; Is 29:19
5:6 Is 55:1, Is 55:2; Jn 4:14, Jn 7:37
5:7 Prv 11:17, Prv 14:21; Mt 6:14; Jas 2:13
5:8 Ps 24:3, Ps 24:4, Ps 73:1; Heb 12:14; 1Pt 1:22
5:9 Mt 5:45; Ro 8:14
5:10 Mt 5:3; 1Pt 3:14
5:11 Mt 5:12; Lk 6:22; Jn 15:21; 1Pt 4:14
5:12 2Ch 36:16; Lk 6:23; Ac 5:41; Col 1:24; 1Pt 4:13
5:13 Mk 9:50; Lk 14:34, Lk 14:35
5:14 Jn 8:12, Jn 12:36; Eph 5:8; Phi 2:15; 1Th 5:5
5:15 Mk 4:21; Lk 8:16, Lk 11:33

alyzed, and he healed them. 25 Large
crowds followed him from Galilee, the
Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from
the areas beyond the Jordan River.

5 1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up a mountain. He sat
down and his disciples came to him.
2 He taught them, saying:

Happy people

3 "Happy are people who are hope-
less, because the kingdom of heaven
is theirs.
4 "Happy are people who grieve, be-
cause they will be made glad.
5 "Happy are people who are humble,
because they will inherit the earth.
6 "Happy are people who are hun-
gry and thirsty for righteousness,
because they will be fed until they
are full.
7 "Happy are people who show mercy,
because they will receive mercy.
8 "Happy are people who have pure
hearts, because they will see God.
9 "Happy are people who make peace,
because they will be called God's
children.
10 "Happy are people whose lives are
harassed because they are righteous,
because the kingdom of heaven is
theirs.
11 "Happy are you when people insult
you and harass you and speak all kinds
of bad and false things about you, all
because of me. 12 Be full of joy and be
glad, because you have a great reward in
heaven. In the same way, people harassed
the prophets who came before you.

Salt and light

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But
if salt loses its saltiness, how will it be-
come salty again? It's good for nothing
except to be thrown away and tram-
pled under people's feet. 14 You are the
light of the world. A city on top of a hill
can't be hidden. 15 Neither do people
light a lamp and put it under a basket.
Instead, they put it on top of a lamp-

[j] Isa 9:1-2

stand, and it shines on all who are in the house. [16]In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Jesus and the Law

[17]"Don't even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven't come to do away with them but to fulfill them. [18]I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. [19]Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20]I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Law of murder

[21]"You have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago, *Don't commit murder,*[k] and all who commit murder will be in danger of judgment. [22]But I say to you that everyone who is angry with their brother or sister will be in danger of judgment. If they say to their brother or sister, 'You idiot,' they will be in danger of being condemned by the governing council. And if they say, 'You fool,' they will be in danger of fiery hell. [23]Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, [24]leave your gift at the altar and go. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift. [25]Be sure to make friends quickly with your opponents while you are with them on the way to court. Otherwise, they will haul you before the judge, the judge will turn you over to the officer of the court, and you will be thrown into prison. [26]I say to you in all seriousness that you won't get out of there until you've paid the very last penny.

5:16 Mt 9:8; 1Pt 2:12
5:17 Ro 3:31
5:18 Mt 24:35; Lk 16:17
5:19 Mt 11:11; Jas 2:10
5:20 Hos 10:12; Mt 5:10, Mt 18:3; Jn 3:5; Rev 21:27
5:21 Ex 20:13; Dt 5:17; Mt 5:27, Mt 5:33
5:22 Ps 37:8; Ecc 7:9; Mt 10:28, Mt 18:9; 1Jn 3:15
5:23 Mt 5:24
5:24 Mt 5:23, Mt 18:15; Ro 12:17, Ro 12:18
5:25 Prv 25:8; Lk 12:58, Lk 12:59
5:26 Mt 18:34; Lk 12:59
5:27 Ex 20:14; Dt 5:18; Mt 5:21
5:28 2Sa 11:2; Job 31:1; Prv 6:25; Jas 1:15; 2Pt 2:14
5:29 Mt 5:22, Mt 10:28, Mt 18:8, Mt 18:9; Mk 9:43
5:30 Mt 5:29, Mt 18:8; Mk 9:43
5:31 Dt 24:1; Jer 3:1; Mt 19:3, Mt 19:7
5:32 Mt 19:9; Lk 16:18; 1Co 7:10
5:33 Lv 19:12; Nm 30:2; Dt 23:21
5:34 Is 66:1; Mt 23:22; Jas 5:12
5:35 Ps 48:2, Ps 99:5; Is 66:1; Ac 7:49
5:36 Mt 6:27
5:37 Mt 13:19; Col 4:6; Jas 5:12

Law of adultery

[27]"You have heard that it was said, *Don't commit adultery.*[l] [28]But I say to you that every man who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery in his heart. [29]And if your right eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out and throw it away. It's better that you lose a part of your body than that your whole body be thrown into hell. [30]And if your right hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off and throw it away. It's better that you lose a part of your body than that your whole body go into hell.

Law of divorce

[31]"It was said, 'Whoever divorces his wife must *give her a divorce certificate.*'[m] [32]But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife except for sexual unfaithfulness forces her to commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Making solemn pledges

[33]"Again you have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago: *Don't make a false solemn pledge, but you should follow through on what you have pledged to the Lord.*[n] [34]But I say to you that you must not pledge at all. You must not pledge by heaven, because it's God's throne. [35]You must not pledge by the earth, because it's God's footstool. You must not pledge by Jerusalem, because it's the city of the great king. [36]And you must not pledge by your head, because you can't turn one hair white or black. [37]Let your *yes* mean yes, and your *no* mean no. Anything more than this comes from the evil one.

[k]Exod 20:13 [l]Exod 20:14; Deut 5:18 [m]Deut 24:1 [n]Lev 19:12; Num 30:2; Deut 23:21

Law of retaliation

38 "You have heard that it was said,
An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.[o]
39 But I say to you that you must not
oppose those who want to hurt you. If
people slap you on your right cheek,
you must turn the left cheek to them
as well. 40 When they wish to haul you
to court and take your shirt, let them
have your coat too. 41 When they force
you to go one mile, go with them two.
42 Give to those who ask, and don't re-
fuse those who wish to borrow from
you.

Law of love

43 "You have heard that it was said,
You must love your neighbor[p] and hate
your enemy. 44 But I say to you, love
your enemies and pray for those who
harass you 45 so that you will be act-
ing as children of your Father who is
in heaven. He makes the sun rise on
both the evil and the good and sends
rain on both the righteous and the
unrighteous. 46 If you love only those
who love you, what reward do you
have? Don't even the tax collectors do
the same? 47 And if you greet only your
brothers and sisters, what more are
you doing? Don't even the Gentiles
do the same? 48 Therefore, just as your
heavenly Father is complete in show-
ing love to everyone, so also you must
be complete.

Showy religion

6 "Be careful that you don't practice
your religion in front of people to
draw their attention. If you do, you will
have no reward from your Father who
is in heaven.

2 "Whenever you give to the poor,
don't blow your trumpet as the hypo-
crites do in the synagogues and in the
streets so that they may get praise
from people. I assure you, that's the
only reward they'll get. 3 But when
you give to the poor, don't let your
left hand know what your right hand
is doing 4 so that you may give to the
poor in secret. Your Father who sees
what you do in secret will reward you.

Showy prayer

5 "When you pray, don't be like hyp-
ocrites. They love to pray standing in
the synagogues and on the street cor-
ners so that people will see them. I as-
sure you, that's the only reward they'll
get. 6 But when you pray, go to your
room, shut the door, and pray to your
Father who is present in that secret
place. Your Father who sees what you
do in secret will reward you.

Proper prayer

7 "When you pray, don't pour out a
flood of empty words, as the Gentiles
do. They think that by saying many
words they'll be heard. 8 Don't be like
them, because your Father knows
what you need before you ask. 9 Pray
like this:

Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your
name.
10 Bring in your kingdom
so that your will is done on
earth
as it's done in heaven.
11 Give us the bread we need for
today.
12 Forgive us for the ways
we have wronged you,
just as we also forgive those
who have wronged us.
13 And don't lead us into
temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.

14 "If you forgive others their sins,
your heavenly Father will also forgive
you. 15 But if you don't forgive others,
neither will your Father forgive your
sins.

Showy fasting

16 "And when you fast, don't put on
a sad face like the hypocrites. They
distort their faces so people will know

5:38 Ex 21:24; Lv 24:20; Dt 19:21; Mt 5:27
5:39 Prv 24:29; Lk 6:29; Ro 12:17; 1Pt 3:9
5:40 Lk 6:29
5:41 Mt 27:32
5:42 Dt 15:7, Dt 15:8; Ps 37:21, Ps 37:26, Ps 112:5
5:43 Lv 19:18; Mt 19:19, Mt 22:39; Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8
5:44 Ex 23:4; Lk 6:27, Lk 23:34; Ac 7:60; Ro 12:20
5:45 Mt 5:9; Lk 6:35; Ac 14:17; Eph 5:1
5:46 Mt 18:17, Mt 21:31; Lk 6:32
5:47 Mt 5:46
5:48 Gn 17:1; Lv 19:2; Dt 18:13; 2Co 7:1; Col 1:28
6:1 Mt 6:16, Mt 23:5
6:2 Mt 6:5, Mt 6:16
6:4 Jer 17:10; Mt 6:6, Mt 6:18; Heb 4:13
6:5 Mt 6:2, Mt 6:16; Mk 11:25; Lk 18:11
6:6 2Ki 4:33
6:7 1Ki 18:26; Ecc 5:2; Mt 6:32
6:8 Ps 38:9; Mt 6:32
6:9 Is 29:23, Is 63:16; Eze 36:23; Mt 7:11; Lk 11:2
6:10 Mt 3:2, Mt 12:50, Mt 26:39, Mt 26:42; Ac 21:14
6:11 Gn 28:20; Prv 30:8; Is 33:16
6:12 Mt 18:21
6:13 Mt 26:41; Jn 17:15
6:14 Mk 11:25; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13
6:15 Mt 18:35; Jas 2:13
6:16 Mt 6:2, Mt 6:5; Lk 18:12

[o] Exod 21:24; Lev 24:20; Deut 19:21 [p] Lev 19:18

they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. 17When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. 18Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Earthly and heavenly treasures

19"Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. 20Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. 21Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Seeing and serving

22"The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how terrible that darkness will be! 24No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Worry about necessities

25"Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? 26Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? 27Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? 28And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. 29But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. 30If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? 31Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' 32Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

6:17 Ru 3:3; 2Sa 12:20; Ecc 9:8
6:18 Mt 6:4, Mt 6:6
6:19 Prv 23:4; Lk 12:21, Lk 12:33; Heb 13:5; Jas 5:2
6:20 Mt 6:19, Mt 19:21; Lk 12:33, Lk 18:22; 1Ti 6:19
6:21 Lk 12:34
6:22 Lk 11:34, Lk 11:35
6:23 Mt 6:22, Mt 20:15; Jn 3:19; Eph 4:18, Eph 5:8
6:24 1Ki 18:21; Lk 16:9, Lk 16:11, Lk 16:13; Jas 4:4
6:25 Mt 6:31; Lk 10:41, Lk 12:22; Phi 4:6; 1Pt 5:7
6:26 Job 38:41; Ps 104:27, Ps 145:15, Ps 147:9; Lk 12:24
6:27 Lk 12:25
6:28 Lk 12:27
6:29 1Ki 10:4; 2Ch 9:20
6:30 Mt 8:26, Mt 14:31, Mt 16:8; Lk 12:28; Jas 1:10
6:31 Mt 6:25, Mt 6:32; 1Pt 5:7
6:32 Mt 6:8
6:33 Ex 23:25; Lv 26:4; Dt 4:29; Mt 5:6; 1Ti 4:8
6:34 Mt 6:25

Judging

7 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. 2You'll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you. 3Why do you see the splinter that's in your brother's or sister's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye? 4How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when there's a log in your eye? 5You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's or sister's eye. 6Don't give holy things to dogs, and don't throw your pearls in front of pigs. They will stomp on the pearls, then turn around and attack you.

Asking, seeking, knocking

7"Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door is opened. 9Who among you will give your children a stone when they ask for bread? 10Or give them a snake when they ask for fish? 11If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more

7:1 Lk 6:37; Ro 2:1, Ro 14:10, Ro 14:13; 1Co 4:5
7:2 Mk 4:24; Lk 6:38
7:3 Lk 6:41, Lk 6:42
7:5 Mt 6:2, Mt 22:18
7:6 Prv 9:7, Prv 9:8, Prv 23:9; Mt 15:26; 2Pt 2:22
7:7 Mt 21:22; Lk 11:9; Jn 14:13, Jn 16:24; 1Jn 3:22
7:8 Ps 81:10; Prv 8:17; Jer 29:13; Mt 21:22; Jn 14:13
7:10 Lk 24:42
7:11 Gn 6:5, Gn 8:21; Ps 84:11; Mt 6:9; Jas 1:17

will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. 12Therefore, you should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you; this is the Law and the Prophets.

Narrow gate

13"Go in through the narrow gate. The gate that leads to destruction is broad and the road wide, so many people enter through it. 14But the gate that leads to life is narrow and the road difficult, so few people find it.

Tree and fruit

15"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you dressed like sheep, but inside they are vicious wolves. 16You will know them by their fruit. Do people get bunches of grapes from thorny weeds, or do they get figs from thistles? 17In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, and every rotten tree produces bad fruit. 18A good tree can't produce bad fruit. And a rotten tree can't produce good fruit. 19Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. 20Therefore, you will know them by their fruit.

Entrance requirements

21"Not everybody who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter. 22On the Judgment Day, many people will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name and expel demons in your name and do lots of miracles in your name?' 23Then I'll tell them, 'I've never known you. Get away from me, you people who do wrong.'

Two foundations

24"Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. 25The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. 26But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. 27The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed."

7:12 Mt 22:39, Mt 22:40; Lk 6:31; Ro 13:8; Ga 5:14
7:13 Lk 13:24
7:14 Mt 22:14
7:15 Mt 24:11, Mt 24:24; Ac 20:29; 2Pt 2:1; 1Jn 4:1
7:16 Mt 7:20, Mt 12:33; Lk 6:43, Lk 6:44; Jas 3:12
7:17 Mt 12:33
7:18 Mt 7:17
7:19 Mt 3:10; Lk 3:9; Jn 15:2
7:20 Mt 7:16
7:21 Hos 8:2; Mt 12:50; Lk 6:46; Ro 2:13; Jas 1:22
7:22 Mt 10:15
7:23 Ps 6:8; Mt 7:22, Mt 25:12, Mt 25:41; Lk 13:27
7:24 Lk 6:47, Lk 11:28; Jas 1:22
7:25 Col 2:7
7:26 Lk 6:49
7:27 Jer 13:16; Eze 13:10, Eze 13:11; Mt 7:26
7:28 Mt 13:54, Mt 19:1, Mt 22:33; Mk 1:22; Lk 4:32
7:29 Mt 28:18
8:1 Mt 4:25
8:2 Mt 9:18, Mt 15:25; Mk 1:40; Lk 5:12; Jn 9:38
8:3 Mt 20:34; Lk 5:13
8:4 Mt 9:30, Mt 12:16, Mt 17:9; Mk 5:43; Lk 17:14
8:5 Mt 27:54; Lk 7:1
8:6 Mt 4:24, Mt 9:2
8:7 Mt 9:19; Mk 5:24; Lk 7:6
8:8 Ps 107:20; Jn 1:27
8:9 Mt 8:8; Eph 6:5; Col 3:22; Ti 2:9
8:10 Mt 9:2, Mt 15:28; Mk 6:6

Crowd's response

28When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching 29because he was teaching them like someone with authority and not like their legal experts.

A man with a skin disease

8 Now when Jesus had come down from the mountain, large crowds followed him. 2A man with a skin disease came, kneeled before him, and said, "Lord, if you want, you can make me clean."

3Jesus reached out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do want to. Become clean." Instantly his skin disease was cleansed. 4Jesus said to him, "Don't say anything to anyone. Instead, go and show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded. This will be a testimony to them."

Healing of the centurion's servant

5When Jesus went to Capernaum, a centurion approached, 6pleading with him, "Lord, my servant is flat on his back at home, paralyzed, and his suffering is awful."

7Jesus responded, "I'll come and heal him."

8But the centurion replied, "Lord, I don't deserve to have you come under my roof. Just say the word and my servant will be healed. 9I'm a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and the servant does it."

10When Jesus heard this, he was impressed and said to the people fol-

lowing him, "I say to you with all seriousness that even in Israel I haven't found faith like this. [11]I say to you that there are many who will come from east and west and sit down to eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. [12]But the children of the kingdom will be thrown outside into the darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth." [13]Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it will be done for you just as you have believed." And his servant was healed that very moment.

Healing of many people

[14]Jesus went home with Peter and saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. [15]He touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up and served them. [16]That evening people brought to Jesus many who were demon-possessed. He threw the spirits out with just a word. He healed everyone who was sick. [17]This happened so that what Isaiah the prophet said would be fulfilled: *He is the one who took our illnesses and carried away our diseases.*[q]

Discussions about following

[18]Now when Jesus saw the crowd, he ordered his disciples to go over to the other side of the lake. [19]A legal expert came and said to him, "Teacher, I'll follow you wherever you go."

[20]Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens, and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One[r] has no place to lay his head."

[21]Another man, one of his disciples, said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

[22]But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Calming a storm

[23]When Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. [24]A huge storm arose on the lake so that waves were sloshing over the boat. But Jesus was asleep. [25]They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, rescue us! We're going to drown!"

[26]He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you people of weak faith?" Then he got up and gave orders to the winds and the lake, and there was a great calm.

[27]The people were amazed and said, "What kind of person is this? Even the winds and the lake obey him!"

Jesus frees demon-possessed men

[28]When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake in the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed came from among the tombs to meet him. They were so violent that nobody could travel on that road. [29]They cried out, "What are you going to do with us, Son of God? Have you come to torture us before the time of judgment?" [30]Far off in the distance a large herd of pigs was feeding. [31]The demons pleaded with him, "If you throw us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

[32]Then he said to the demons, "Go away," and they came out and went into the pigs. The whole herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned. [33]Those who tended the pigs ran into the city and told everything that had happened to the demon-possessed men. [34]Then the whole city came out and met Jesus. When they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

Healing of a man who was paralyzed

9 Boarding a boat, Jesus crossed to the other side of the lake and went to his own city. [2]People brought to him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a cot. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man who was paralyzed, "Be encouraged, my child, your sins are forgiven."

[3]Some legal experts said among

8:11 Is 59:19; Mal 1:11; Lk 13:29
8:12 Mt 13:42, Mt 13:50, Mt 22:13, Mt 24:51, Mt 25:30
8:13 Mt 9:22, Mt 9:29, Mt 15:28, Mt 17:20; Mk 9:23
8:14 Mk 1:29; Lk 4:38; 1Co 9:5
8:15 Mt 8:3, Mt 8:14; Lk 4:38, Lk 4:39
8:16 Mt 4:23, Mt 4:24
8:17 Is 53:4; Mt 1:22
8:18 Mt 14:22; Mk 4:35; Lk 8:22; Jn 6:15
8:19 Lk 9:57
8:20 Mt 16:13
8:21 Mt 8:22; Lk 9:59
8:22 Mt 4:17, Mt 4:18, Mt 4:19, Mt 9:9; Jn 1:43
8:23 Mk 4:36; Lk 8:22
8:24 Jon 1:5; Mk 4:38
8:25 Mt 14:30
8:26 Ps 65:7, Ps 89:9; Mt 6:30, Mt 14:31, Mt 16:8
8:27 Mk 1:27
8:28 Mt 4:24; Mk 5:1, Mk 5:2; Lk 8:26
8:29 Mk 1:24, Mk 5:7; Lk 4:34, Lk 8:28; Jn 2:4
8:30 Lk 15:15
8:31 Mt 8:32
8:32 Mt 8:31; Mk 5:13; Lk 8:33
8:34 Ac 16:39
9:1 Mt 4:13; Mk 5:21
9:2 Mt 4:24, Mt 9:22; Mk 2:3; Lk 5:18, Lk 7:48
9:3 Mt 26:65; Jn 10:33

[q]Isa 53:4 [r]Or *Son of Man*

themselves, "This man is insulting God."

4But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said, "Why do you fill your minds with evil things? 5Which is easier—to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 6But so you will know that the Human One[s] has authority on the earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"Get up, take your cot, and go home." 7The man got up and went home. 8When the crowds saw what had happened, they were afraid and praised God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Calling of Matthew

9As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. 10As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

11But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12When Jesus heard it, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. 13Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice.*[t] I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

Question about fasting

14At that time John's disciples came and asked Jesus, "Why do we and the Pharisees frequently fast, but your disciples never fast?"

15Jesus responded, "The wedding guests can't mourn while the groom is still with them, can they? But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they'll fast.

16"No one sews a piece of new, unshrunk cloth on old clothes because the patch tears away the cloth and makes a worse tear. 17No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If they did, the wineskins would burst, the wine would spill, and the wineskins would be ruined. Instead, people pour new wine into new wineskins so that both are kept safe."

A ruler's daughter and the woman who touched Jesus' clothes

18While Jesus was speaking to them, a ruler came and knelt in front of him, saying, "My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her, and she'll live." 19So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. 20Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his clothes. 21She thought, If I only touch his robe I'll be healed.

22When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, "Be encouraged, daughter. Your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that time on.

23When Jesus went into the ruler's house, he saw the flute players and the distressed crowd. 24He said, "Go away, because the little girl isn't dead but is asleep"; but they laughed at him. 25After he had sent the crowd away, Jesus went in and touched her hand, and the little girl rose up. 26News about this spread throughout that whole region.

Healing of two blind men

27As Jesus departed, two blind men followed him, crying out, "Show us mercy, Son of David."

28When he came into the house, the blind men approached him. Jesus said to them, "Do you believe I can do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

29Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "It will happen for you just as you have believed." 30Their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly warned them, "Make sure nobody knows about this." 31But they went out and spread the word about him throughout that whole region.

9:4 Mt 12:25; Lk 6:8, Lk 9:47; Jn 2:24, Jn 2:25
9:5 Mk 2:9; Lk 5:23
9:6 Mt 8:20
9:8 Mt 15:31; Lk 7:16, Lk 23:47
9:9 Mt 10:3; Mk 2:14; Lk 5:27; Ac 1:13
9:10 Mt 5:46
9:11 Mt 11:19; Mk 2:16; Lk 5:30, Lk 15:2, Lk 19:7
9:12 Lk 5:31
9:13 Hos 6:6; Mt 12:7; Lk 5:32; 1Ti 1:15
9:14 Mt 11:2; Mk 2:18; Lk 18:12; Jn 3:25
9:15 Jn 3:29
9:17 Josh 9:4; Mk 2:22
9:18 Mt 8:2; Mk 5:22; Lk 8:41
9:19 Mt 8:7, Mt 9:23; Jn 4:34; Ac 10:38
9:20 Lv 15:25; Nm 15:38; Dt 22:12; Mt 14:36, Mt 23:5
9:22 Mt 8:13, Mt 9:2, Mt 15:28; Lk 7:50, Lk 18:42
9:23 2Ch 35:25; Jer 9:17; Mt 9:19
9:24 Jn 11:11; Ac 20:10
9:25 Mk 9:27; Ac 9:40
9:26 Mt 4:24, Mt 14:1; Mk 1:45
9:27 Mt 12:23, Mt 15:22, Mt 20:30, Mt 20:31, Mt 21:9
9:28 Mt 8:2, Mt 8:5, Mt 9:22; Mk 7:27; Ac 14:9
9:29 Mt 8:13, Mt 9:22
9:30 Mt 8:4
9:31 Mt 4:24; Mk 1:45, Mk 7:36

[s]Or *Son of Man* [t]Hos 6:6

Healing of a man unable to speak

32 As they were leaving, people
brought to him a man who was de-
mon-possessed and unable to speak.
33 When Jesus had thrown out the
demon, the man who couldn't speak
began to talk. The crowds were amazed
and said, "Nothing like this has ever
been seen in Israel."

34 But the Pharisees said, "He throws
out demons with the authority of the
ruler of demons."

Compassion

35 Jesus traveled among all the cities
and villages, teaching in their syna-
gogues, announcing the good news of
the kingdom, and healing every disease
and every sickness. 36 Now when Jesus
saw the crowds, he had compassion for
them because they were troubled and
helpless, like sheep without a shep-
herd. 37 Then he said to his disciples,
"The size of the harvest is bigger than
you can imagine, but there are few
workers. 38 Therefore, plead with the
Lord of the harvest to send out work-
ers for his harvest."

Mission of the Twelve

10 He called his twelve disciples and
gave them authority over unclean
spirits to throw them out and to heal
every disease and every sickness. 2 Here
are the names of the twelve apostles:
first, Simon, who is called Peter; and
Andrew his brother; James the son of
Zebedee; and John his brother; 3 Philip;
and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Mat-
thew the tax collector; James the son of
Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the
Cananaean;[u] and Judas, who betrayed
Jesus.

Commissioning of the Twelve

5 Jesus sent these twelve out and
commanded them, "Don't go among
the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city.
6 Go instead to the lost sheep, the
people of Israel. 7 As you go, make
this announcement: 'The kingdom
of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the
sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with
skin diseases, and throw out demons.
You received without having to pay.
Therefore, give without demanding
payment. 9 Workers deserve to be fed,
so don't gather gold or silver or cop-
per coins for your money belts to take
on your trips. 10 Don't take a backpack
for the road or two shirts or sandals
or a walking stick. 11 Whatever city or
village you go into, find somebody in
it who is worthy and stay there until
you go on your way. 12 When you go
into a house, say, 'Peace!' 13 If the
house is worthy, give it your blessing
of peace. But if the house isn't worthy,
take back your blessing. 14 If anyone re-
fuses to welcome you or listen to your
words, shake the dust off your feet as
you leave that house or city. 15 I assure
you that it will be more bearable for
the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on
Judgment Day than it will be for that
city.

Response to harassment

16 "Look, I'm sending you as sheep
among wolves. Therefore, be wise as
snakes and innocent as doves. 17 Watch
out for people—because they will hand
you over to councils and they will beat
you in their synagogues. 18 They will
haul you in front of governors and even
kings because of me so that you may
give your testimony to them and to the
Gentiles. 19 Whenever they hand you
over, don't worry about how to speak
or what you will say, because what you
can say will be given to you at that mo-
ment. 20 You aren't doing the talking,
but the Spirit of my Father is doing the
talking through you. 21 Brothers and
sisters will hand each other over to be
executed. A father will turn his child
in. Children will defy their parents and
have them executed. 22 Everyone will
hate you on account of my name. But
whoever stands firm until the end will

9:32 Mt 4:24, Mt 12:22
9:33 2Ki 5:8; Ps 76:1; Is 35:6; Mt 15:31; Mk 2:12
9:34 Mt 12:24; Mk 3:22; Lk 11:15
9:35 Mt 4:23
9:36 Nm 27:17; 1Ki 22:17; Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32; Mk 6:34
9:37 Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2; Jn 4:35
9:38 Mt 9:37; Lk 10:2; 2Th 3:1
10:1 Mk 3:13, Mk 6:7, Mk 16:18; Lk 9:1
10:2 Mt 4:18, Mt 4:21; Mk 3:16; Lk 6:14; Ac 1:13
10:3 Mt 9:9; Mk 3:18; Lk 6:14; Jn 21:2; Ac 1:13
10:4 Mt 26:14, Mt 26:47, Mt 27:3; Jn 13:26; Ac 1:16
10:5 2Ki 17:24; Lk 9:52; Jn 4:9, Jn 8:48; Ac 8:25
10:6 Jer 50:6; Mt 9:36, Mt 15:24
10:7 Mt 3:2, Mt 4:17; Lk 9:2, Lk 10:9
10:8 Mt 10:1; Mk 16:18; Ac 20:33
10:9 Mk 6:8; Lk 9:3, Lk 10:4, Lk 22:35
10:10 1Co 9:14; Ga 6:6; 1Ti 5:18
10:12 1Sa 25:6
10:13 Ac 16:15
10:14 Neh 5:13; Mk 6:11; Lk 9:5; Ac 13:51, Ac 18:6
10:15 Mt 11:22, Mt 11:24, Mt 12:36; 2Pt 3:7; 1Jn 4:17
10:16 Gn 3:1; Lk 10:3; Ac 20:29; Ro 16:19
10:17 Mt 23:34; Mk 13:9; Lk 12:11; Ac 22:19, Ac 26:11
10:18 Ac 25:24
10:19 Ex 4:12; Mt 6:25; Mk 13:11; Lk 12:11
10:20 Lk 12:12; Ac 4:8, Ac 13:9
10:21 Mi 7:6; Mk 13:12
10:22 Mt 24:9, Mt 24:13; Mk 13:13; Jn 15:18, Jn 15:19

[u] Or *zealot*

be saved. 23Whenever they harass you in one city, escape to the next, because I assure that you will not go through all the cities of Israel before the Human One[v] comes.

24"Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, and slaves aren't greater than their master. 25It's enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it's certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names.

Whom to fear

26"Therefore, don't be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing secret that won't be brought out into the open. 27What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops. 28Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. 29Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. 30Even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

Confessing Christ to people

32"Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. 33But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Trouble in the family

34"Don't think that I've come to bring peace to the earth. I haven't come to bring peace but a sword. 35I've come to turn a man *against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.* 36*People's enemies are members of their own households.*[w]

37"Those who love father or mother more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren't worthy of me. 38Those who don't pick up their crosses and follow me aren't worthy of me. 39Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

Rewards

40"Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. 41Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."

Ministry to the people

11 When Jesus finished teaching his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Question from John the Baptist

2Now when John heard in prison about the things Jesus was doing, he sent word by his disciples to Jesus, asking, 3"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

4Jesus responded, "Go, report to John what you hear and see. 5*Those who were blind are able to see.* Those who were crippled are walking. People with skin diseases are cleansed. Those *who were deaf now hear. Those who were dead are raised up. The poor have good news proclaimed to them.*[x] 6Happy are those who don't stumble and fall because of me."

Appeal of John's ministry

7When John's disciples had gone, Jesus spoke to the crowds about

10:23 Mt 16:28
10:24 Lk 6:40; Jn 13:16, Jn 15:20
10:25 Mt 9:34, Mt 12:24, Mt 12:27; Mk 3:22; Lk 11:15
10:26 Mk 4:22; Lk 8:17, Lk 12:2; 1Co 4:5
10:27 Ac 5:20
10:28 Is 8:12, Is 8:13; Mt 5:22; Lk 12:5; 1Pt 3:14
10:29 Lk 12:6
10:30 1Sa 14:45; 2Sa 14:11; 1Ki 1:52; Lk 21:18; Ac 27:34
10:31 Mt 6:26, Mt 12:12
10:32 Lk 12:8; Jn 9:22; Ro 10:9, Ro 10:10; Rev 3:5
10:33 Mk 8:38; Lk 9:26; 2Ti 2:12; 2Pt 2:1; 1Jn 2:23
10:34 Lk 12:51
10:35 Mi 7:6; Mt 10:21
10:36 Mi 7:6
10:37 Dt 33:9; Lk 14:26
10:38 Mt 16:24; Mk 8:34, Mk 10:21; Lk 9:23, Lk 14:27
10:39 Mt 16:25; Mk 8:35; Lk 9:24, Lk 17:33; Jn 12:25
10:40 Mt 18:5; Mk 9:37; Lk 9:48, Lk 10:16; Jn 13:20
10:41 1Ki 18:4; 2Ki 4:8; Mt 25:34; Ro 16:1; Heb 6:10
10:42 Mt 25:40; Mk 9:41; Heb 6:10
11:1 Mt 4:23, Mt 7:28, Mt 9:35
11:2 Mt 4:12, Mt 9:14, Mt 14:3; Mk 6:17; Lk 7:18
11:3 Jn 6:14, Jn 11:27
11:4 Mt 4:23, Mt 28:18; Mk 1:14; Lk 7:20, Lk 7:22
11:5 Is 61:1; Mt 15:31; Lk 4:18
11:6 Mt 13:57; Jn 6:61
11:7 Mt 3:1

[v]Or *Son of Man* [w]Mic 7:6 [x]Isa 35:5-6; 61:1

John: "What did you go out to the wilderness to see? A stalk blowing in the wind? [8]What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in refined clothes? Look, those who wear refined clothes are in royal palaces. [9]What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. [10]He is the one of whom it is written: *Look, I'm sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.*[y]

Significance of John's ministry

[11]"I assure you that no one who has ever been born is greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. [12]From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is violently attacked as violent people seize it. [13]All the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John came. [14]If you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. [15]Let the person who has ears, hear.

This generation

[16]"To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, [17]'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.' [18]For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' [19]Yet the Human One[z] came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works."

Condemnation of Bethsaida and Capernaum

[20]Then he began to scold the cities where he had done his greatest miracles because they didn't change their hearts and lives. [21]"How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives and put on funeral clothes and ashes a long time ago. [22]But I say to you that Tyre and Sidon will be better off on Judgment Day than you. [23]And you, Capernaum, will you be honored by being raised up to heaven? No, you will be thrown down to the place of the dead. After all, if the miracles that were done among you had been done in Sodom, it would still be here today. [24]But I say to you that it will be better for the land of Sodom on the Judgment Day than it will be for you."

The Father and the Son

[25]At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. [26]Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

[27]"My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

[28]"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. [29]Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. [30]My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

Working on the Sabbath

12 At that time Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry so they were picking heads of wheat and eating them. [2]When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are breaking the Sabbath law."

[3]But he said to them, "Haven't you read what David did when he and those with him were hungry? [4]He went into God's house and broke the law by eating the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. [5]Or

11:8 Mt 3:4
11:9 Mt 14:5, Mt 21:26; Lk 1:76
11:10 Ex 23:20; Mal 3:1; Mk 1:2; Lk 7:27
11:11 Mt 3:1, Mt 3:13, Mt 4:12, Mt 5:19; Jn 1:15
11:12 Lk 16:16
11:13 Lk 16:16
11:14 Mal 4:5; Mt 17:10; Mk 9:11; Lk 1:17; Jn 1:21
11:15 Mt 13:9, Mt 13:43
11:16 Eze 27:12, Eze 27:19; Zec 8:5; Mt 11:17; Lk 7:31
11:17 1Ki 1:40; Mt 9:23; Lk 15:25
11:18 Mt 3:4; Mk 1:6; Lk 1:15; Jn 10:20
11:19 Mt 9:11; Lk 15:2
11:20 Ps 81:11; Prv 1:24; Is 1:2; Lk 10:13; Jn 15:24
11:21 Mt 11:22, Mt 15:21; Mk 3:8, Mk 6:45; Lk 10:13
11:22 Mt 10:15
11:23 Is 14:13; Mt 4:13, Mt 16:18; Lk 16:23; Ac 2:27
11:24 Mt 10:15, Mt 11:22
11:25 Ps 8:2; Mt 16:17; Lk 10:21, Lk 23:34; Jn 11:41
11:26 Lk 10:21, Lk 23:34; Jn 11:41, Jn 12:27, Jn 12:28
11:27 Mt 28:18; Jn 1:18, Jn 7:29, Jn 10:15, Jn 17:25
11:28 Jn 7:37
11:29 Jer 6:16; Mt 21:5; Jn 13:15; Phi 2:5; 1Pt 2:21
11:30 1Jn 5:3
12:1 Dt 23:25; Mk 2:23; Lk 6:1
12:2 Mt 12:10; Lk 13:14; Jn 5:10, Jn 7:23, Jn 9:16
12:3 1Sa 21:1
12:4 Ex 25:30; Lv 24:5, Lv 24:9; 1Sa 21:6
12:5 Nm 28:9, Nm 28:10; Jn 7:22, Jn 7:23

[y]Mal 3:1 [z]Or *Son of Man*

haven't you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple treat the Sabbath as any other day and are still innocent? 6 But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. 7 If you had known what this means, *I want mercy and not sacrifice,*[a] you wouldn't have condemned the innocent. 8 The Human One[b] is Lord of the Sabbath."

Healing on the Sabbath

9 Jesus left that place and went into their synagogue. 10 A man with a withered hand was there. Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they asked, "Does the Law allow a person to heal on the Sabbath?"

11 Jesus replied, "Who among you has a sheep that falls into a pit on the Sabbath and will not take hold of it and pull it out? 12 How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! So the Law allows a person to do what is good on the Sabbath." 13 Then Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did and it was made healthy, just like the other one. 14 The Pharisees went out and met in order to find a way to destroy Jesus.

Healing the crowd

15 Jesus knew what they intended to do, so he went away from there. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them all. 16 But he ordered them not to spread the word about him, 17 so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

18 *Look, my Servant whom I chose,*
the one I love,
in whom I find great pleasure.
I'll put my Spirit upon him,
and he'll announce judgment
to the Gentiles.
19 *He won't argue or shout,*
and nobody will hear his voice
in the streets.
20 *He won't break a bent stalk,*
and he won't snuff out a smoldering
wick,
until he makes justice win.

12:6 2Ch 6:18; Mt 12:41, Mt 12:42
12:7 Is 1:11; Hos 6:6; Mi 6:6; Mt 9:13
12:8 Gn 2:3
12:9 Mk 3:1; Lk 6:6
12:10 Mt 12:2; Lk 11:54, Lk 14:3; Jn 8:6
12:11 Dt 22:4; Lk 14:5
12:12 Mt 6:26, Mt 10:31
12:13 Mt 8:3
12:14 Mt 26:4, Mt 27:1; Lk 6:11; Jn 11:53
12:15 Mt 4:23, Mt 10:23; Mk 3:7
12:16 Mt 8:4, Mt 9:30, Mt 17:9; Mk 3:12
12:17 Mt 1:22, Mt 8:17; Jn 12:38
12:18 Is 42:1; Mt 3:17; Lk 4:18; Jn 3:34
12:19 Is 42:2; Zec 9:9; Mt 11:29, Mt 12:15; 2Co 10:1
12:20 Is 42:3
12:21 Is 42:1; Ro 15:12
12:22 Mt 9:32; Lk 11:14
12:23 Mt 9:27, Mt 15:22, Mt 21:9
12:24 Mt 9:34, Mt 10:25, Mt 12:27; Mk 3:22; Lk 11:15
12:25 Mt 9:4; Mk 2:8, Mk 3:23; Lk 11:17
12:26 Mt 4:10
12:27 Mt 10:25, Mt 12:24; Mk 3:22; Lk 11:15; Ac 19:13
12:28 Is 9:6; Mt 3:2, Mt 12:18, Mt 21:31; Lk 11:20
12:29 Is 49:24, Is 53:12; Mk 3:27; Lk 11:21, Lk 11:22
12:30 Mk 9:40; Lk 9:50, Lk 11:23
12:31 Mt 12:32; Mk 3:28; Lk 12:10; 1Jn 5:16
12:32 Mk 3:29, Mk 10:30; Lk 12:10, Lk 20:34; Eph 1:21
12:33 Mt 7:16, Mt 7:17; Lk 6:43, Lk 6:44
12:34 Mt 3:7, Mt 23:33; Lk 3:7, Lk 6:45

21 *And the Gentiles will put their hope in*
his name.[c]

22 They brought to Jesus a demon-possessed man who was blind and unable to speak. Jesus healed him so that he could both speak and see. 23 All the crowds were amazed and said, "This man couldn't be the Son of David, could he?"

24 When the Pharisees heard, they said, "This man throws out demons only by the authority of Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."

25 Because Jesus knew what they were thinking, he replied, "Every kingdom involved in civil war becomes a wasteland. Every city or house torn apart by divisions will collapse. 26 If Satan throws out Satan, he is at war with himself. How then can his kingdom endure? 27 And if I throw out demons by the authority of Beelzebul, then by whose authority do your followers throw them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. 28 But if I throw out demons by the power of God's Spirit, then God's kingdom has already overtaken you. 29 Can people go into a house that belongs to a strong man and steal his possessions, unless they first tie up the strong man? Then they can rob his house. 30 Whoever isn't with me is against me, and whoever doesn't gather with me scatters.

Insulting the Holy Spirit

31 "Therefore, I tell you that people will be forgiven for every sin and insult to God. But insulting the Holy Spirit won't be forgiven. 32 And whoever speaks a word against the Human One[d] will be forgiven. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit won't be forgiven, not in this age or in the age that is coming.

Trees and fruits

33 "Either consider the tree good and its fruit good, or consider the tree rotten and its fruit rotten. A tree is known by its fruit. 34 Children of snakes! How

[a] Hos 6:6 [b] Or *Son of Man* [c] Isa 42:1-4 [d] Or *Son of Man*

can you speak good things while you are evil? What fills the heart comes out of the mouth. 35 Good people bring out good things from their good treasure. But evil people bring out evil things from their evil treasure. 36 I tell you that people will have to answer on Judgment Day for every useless word they speak. 37 By your words you will be either judged innocent or condemned as guilty."

Request for a sign

38 At that time some of the legal experts and the Pharisees requested of Jesus, "Teacher, we would like to see a sign from you."

39 But he replied, "An evil and unfaithful generation searches for a sign, but it won't receive any sign except Jonah's sign. 40 Just as *Jonah was in the whale's belly for three days and three nights*,[e] so the Human One[f] will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. 41 The citizens of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it as guilty, because they changed their hearts and lives in response to Jonah's preaching. And look, someone greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the South will be raised up by God at the judgment with this generation and condemn it because she came from a distant land to hear Solomon's wisdom. And look, someone greater than Solomon is here.

Unclean spirit seeking a home

43 "When an unclean spirit leaves a person, it wanders through dry places looking for a place to rest. But it doesn't find any. 44 Then it says, 'I'll go back to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the place vacant, cleaned up, and decorated. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself. They go in and make their home there. That person is worse off at the end than at the beginning. This is the way it will be also for this evil generation."

12:35 Prv 10:20, Prv 25:11; Mt 12:34, Mt 13:52; Col 4:6

12:36 Ecc 12:14; Mt 10:15; 1Pt 4:5; Jud 1:15

12:37 Jas 3:2

12:38 Mt 16:1; Mk 8:11; Lk 11:16; Jn 2:18; 1Co 1:22

12:39 Mt 16:4; Lk 11:29

12:40 Jon 1:17; Mt 16:21, Mt 17:23

12:41 Jon 1:2, Jon 3:5; Mt 12:6; Lk 11:32

12:42 1Ki 10:1, 1Ki 10:4; 2Ch 9:1

12:43 Lk 11:24

12:44 Ps 81:11, Ps 81:12; Mt 12:43

12:45 Mk 5:9; Heb 6:4; 2Pt 2:20

12:46 Mt 13:55; Mk 3:31; Lk 2:48, Lk 8:19; Ga 1:19

12:49 Jn 20:17

12:50 Mt 7:21; Jn 15:14

13:1 Mt 9:28, Mt 13:36; Mk 4:1; Lk 8:4

13:2 Mt 4:25; Lk 5:3

13:3 Lk 8:5

13:4 Mt 13:19

13:5 Mt 13:20

13:6 Jas 1:11

13:7 Jer 4:3; Mt 13:22

13:8 Gn 26:12; Mt 13:23

13:9 Mt 11:15

Jesus' family

46 While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, his mother and brothers stood outside trying to speak with him. 47 Someone said to him, "Look, your mother and brothers are outside wanting to speak with you."

48 Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" 49 He stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. 50 Whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven is my brother, sister, and mother."

Setting for the parables

13 That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore.

Parable of the soils

3 He said many things to them in parables: "A farmer went out to scatter seed. 4 As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. 6 But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. 7 Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. 8 Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. 9 Everyone who has ears should pay attention."

Why Jesus speaks in parables

10 Jesus' disciples came and said to him, "Why do you use parables when you speak to the crowds?"

[e] Jonah 1:17 [f] Or *Son of Man*

11 Jesus replied, "Because they haven't
received the secrets of the kingdom
of heaven, but you have. 12 For those
who have will receive more and they
will have more than enough. But as
for those who don't have, even the
little they have will be taken away
from them. 13 This is why I speak to
the crowds in parables: although they
see, they don't really see; and although
they hear, they don't really hear or
understand. 14 What Isaiah prophesied
has become completely true for them:

You will hear, to be sure,
but never understand;
and you will certainly see but never
recognize what you are seeing.
15 *For this people's senses*
have become calloused,
and they've become hard of hearing,
and they've shut their eyes
so that they won't see with their eyes
or hear with their ears
or understand with their minds,
and change their hearts and lives
that I may heal them.[g]

16 "Happy are your eyes because they
see. Happy are your ears because they
hear. 17 I assure you that many proph-
ets and righteous people wanted to see
what you see and hear what you hear,
but they didn't.

Explanation of the parable of the farmer

18 "Consider then the parable of the
farmer. 19 Whenever people hear the
word about the kingdom and don't
understand it, the evil one comes and
carries off what was planted in their
hearts. This is the seed that was sown
on the path. 20 As for the seed that was
spread on rocky ground, this refers to
people who hear the word and immedi-
ately receive it joyfully. 21 Because they
have no roots, they last for only a little
while. When they experience distress
or abuse because of the word, they im-
mediately fall away. 22 As for the seed
that was spread among thorny plants,
this refers to those who hear the word,
but the worries of this life and the false
appeal of wealth choke the word, and
it bears no fruit. 23 As for what was
planted on good soil, this refers to
those who hear and understand, and
bear fruit and produce—in one case a
yield of one hundred to one, in another
case a yield of sixty to one, and in an-
other case a yield of thirty to one."

Parable of the weeds

24 Jesus told them another parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like some-
one who planted good seed in his
field. 25 While people were sleeping, an
enemy came and planted weeds among
the wheat and went away. 26 When the
stalks sprouted and bore grain, then
the weeds also appeared.

27 "The servants of the landowner
came and said to him, 'Master, didn't
you plant good seed in your field? Then
how is it that it has weeds?'

28 "'An enemy has done this,' he
answered.

"The servants said to him, 'Do you
want us to go and gather them?'

29 "But the landowner said, 'No, be-
cause if you gather the weeds, you'll pull
up the wheat along with them. 30 Let
both grow side by side until the harvest.
And at harvesttime I'll say to the har-
vesters, "First gather the weeds and tie
them together in bundles to be burned.
But bring the wheat into my barn."'"

Parable of the mustard seed

31 He told another parable to them:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mus-
tard seed that someone took and
planted in his field. 32 It's the smallest
of all seeds. But when it's grown, it's
the largest of all vegetable plants. It
becomes a tree so that the birds in the
sky come and nest in its branches."

Parable of the yeast

33 He told them another parable: "The
kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which

13:11 Mt 11:25; 1Co 2:10; Col 1:27; 1Jn 2:20, 1Jn 2:27

13:12 Mt 25:29; Mk 4:25; Lk 8:18, Lk 19:26; Jn 15:2

13:13 Dt 29:4; Jer 5:21; Eze 12:2

13:14 Is 6:9, Is 6:10; Jn 12:40

13:15 Is 6:9, Is 6:10

13:16 Mt 16:17; Lk 10:23, Lk 10:24; Jn 20:29

13:17 Jn 8:56; Heb 11:13; 1Pt 1:10

13:18 Lk 8:11

13:19 Mt 4:23, Mt 13:38

13:20 Jn 5:35

13:21 Hos 6:4; Mt 11:6, Mt 24:10, Mt 26:31

13:22 Mt 6:25, Mt 19:23; 1Ti 6:9, 1Ti 6:10, 1Ti 6:17

13:23 Mt 13:8

13:24 Mt 13:47, Mt 20:1, Mt 22:2, Mt 25:1; Mk 4:26

13:25 Mt 13:38, Mt 13:39; Heb 12:15

13:29 Mt 3:12, Mt 13:30

13:30 Mt 3:12

13:31 Mt 13:24, Mt 17:20; Mk 4:30; Lk 13:18, Lk 13:19

13:32 Eze 17:23, Eze 31:6; Dn 4:12

13:33 Gn 18:6; Mt 13:24; Lk 13:21; 1Co 5:6; Ga 5:9

[g] Isa 6:9-10

a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough."

Purpose of parables to the crowds

34 Jesus said all these things to the crowds in parables, and he spoke to them only in parables. 35 This was to fulfill what the prophet spoke:

I'll speak in parables;
I'll declare what has been hidden
since the beginning of the world.[h]

Explanation of the parable of the weeds

36 Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

37 Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is the Human One.[i] 38 The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. 39 The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. 40 Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. 41 The Human One[j] will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. 42 He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear."

Parable of the treasure

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field.

Parable of the merchant

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. 46 When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.

Parable of the net

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that people threw into the lake and gathered all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, they pulled it to the shore, where they sat down and put the good fish together into containers. But the bad fish they threw away. 49 That's the way it will be at the end of the present age. The angels will go out and separate the evil people from the righteous people, 50 and will throw the evil ones into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

Treasures new and old

51 "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

They said to him, "Yes."

52 Then he said to them, "Therefore, every legal expert who has been trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings old and new things out of their treasure chest."

Jesus in his hometown

53 When Jesus finished these parables, he departed. 54 When he came to his hometown, he taught the people in their synagogue. They were surprised and said, "Where did he get this wisdom? Where did he get the power to work miracles? 55 Isn't he the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother named Mary? Aren't James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas his brothers? 56 And his sisters, aren't they here with us? Where did this man get all this?" 57 They were repulsed by him and fell into sin.

But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns and in their own households." 58 He was unable to do many miracles there because of their disbelief.

13:34 Mk 4:34; Jn 16:25

13:35 Ps 78:2; Ro 16:25, Ro 16:26; 1Co 2:7

13:36 Mt 13:1, Mt 13:24, Mt 15:15

13:37 Mt 8:20

13:38 Mt 8:12, Mt 13:19; Jn 8:44; Ac 13:10; 1Jn 3:10

13:39 Jl 3:13; Mt 13:49, Mt 24:3, Mt 28:20; Rev 14:15

13:40 Mt 3:12, Mt 13:30, Mt 13:49

13:41 Mt 24:31

13:42 Mt 8:12, Mt 13:50, Mt 25:41

13:43 Dn 12:3; Mt 11:15

13:44 Is 55:1; Mt 13:24, Mt 19:21; Phi 3:7; Rev 3:18

13:45 Mt 13:24

13:46 Mt 13:45; Rev 21:21

13:47 Mt 4:19, Mt 13:24, Mt 22:10

13:49 Mt 13:39, Mt 25:32

13:50 Mt 8:12, Mt 13:42

13:51 Mt 11:25, Mt 20:25; Mk 8:17; Lk 10:21; Jn 10:6

13:52 Ezr 7:10; Prv 11:30; Mt 12:35, Mt 23:34; 2Ti 3:16

13:53 Mt 7:28

13:54 Mt 4:23, Mt 7:28; Mk 6:1

13:55 Mt 12:46; Mk 6:3; Jn 6:42; Ga 1:19

13:56 Mk 6:3

13:57 Mt 11:6; Mk 6:3, Mk 6:4; Lk 4:24; Jn 4:44

13:58 Ps 78:19; Is 53:1; Mt 17:20, Mt 21:32; Mk 16:14

[h] Ps 78:2 [i] Or *Son of Man* [j] Or *Son of Man*

Death of John the Baptist

14 At that time Herod the ruler[k] heard the news about Jesus. 2He said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He's been raised from the dead. This is why these miraculous powers are at work through him." 3Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod's brother Philip.

4That's because John told Herod, "It's against the law for you to marry her."

5Although Herod wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd because they thought John was a prophet. 6But at Herod's birthday party Herodias' daughter danced in front of the guests and thrilled Herod. 7Then he swore to give her anything she asked.

8At her mother's urging, the girl said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a plate." 9Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests he commanded that they give it to her. 10Then he had John beheaded in prison. 11They brought his head on a plate and gave it to the young woman, and she brought it to her mother. 12But John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened.

Feeding the five thousand

13When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. 14When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. 15That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

16But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat."

14:1 Mk 6:14, Mk 8:15; Lk 3:1, Lk 9:7, Lk 13:31

14:2 Mt 16:14; Mk 6:14; Lk 9:7

14:3 Mt 4:12, Mt 11:2; Mk 6:17; Lk 3:19, Lk 3:20

14:4 Lv 18:16, Lv 20:21; Mk 6:18

14:5 Mt 11:9, Mt 21:26

14:6 Gn 40:20

14:7 Est 5:3

14:8 Mk 6:24

14:10 Mt 3:1, Mt 3:13, Mt 4:12, Mt 11:2, Mt 11:7

14:12 Ac 8:2

14:13 Mt 15:32; Mk 6:32; Lk 9:10; Jn 6:1

14:14 Mt 4:23, Mt 9:36, Mt 15:32

14:15 Lk 9:12

14:16 2Ki 4:42; Jn 13:29

14:17 Mt 15:34, Mt 16:9

14:19 1Sa 9:13; Mt 15:36, Mt 26:26; Lk 24:30; Ac 27:35

14:20 Mt 15:37

14:22 Mk 6:45; Jn 6:15

14:23 Lk 6:12

14:25 Mt 24:43; Lk 12:38; Jn 6:19

14:26 Lk 24:37

14:27 Mt 9:2, Mt 17:7, Mt 28:5, Mt 28:10; Ac 23:11

14:28 Mt 17:4, Mt 19:27, Mt 26:33; Jn 6:68, Jn 13:36

14:29 Mt 17:20, Mt 21:21; Mk 9:23, Mk 11:22; Jn 21:7

14:30 Mt 8:25

14:31 Mt 6:30, Mt 8:26, Mt 16:8

14:32 Mt 8:26

14:33 Ps 2:7; Mt 4:3, Mt 16:16; Mk 1:1; Jn 11:27

17They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish."

18He said, "Bring them here to me." 19He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. 21About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

Walking on the water

22Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. 23When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. 24Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. 25Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. 26When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

27Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

28Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

29And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. 30But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

31Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" 32When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

33Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

[k]Or *tetrarch*, which refers to a prince over a small region

Healing the sick

34 When they had crossed the lake,
they landed at Gennesaret. 35 When the
people who lived in that place recog-
nized him, they sent word throughout
that whole region, and they brought
to him everyone who was sick. 36 Then
they begged him that they might just
touch the edge of his clothes. Everyone
who touched him was cured.

Rules from the elders

15 Then Pharisees and legal experts
came to Jesus from Jerusalem
and said, 2 "Why are your disciples
breaking the elders' rules handed down
to us? They don't ritually purify their
hands by washing before they eat."

3 Jesus replied, "Why do you break
the command of God by keeping the
rules handed down to you? 4 For God
said, *Honor your father and your mother,*[l]
and *The person who speaks against father
or mother will certainly be put to death.*[m]
5 But you say, 'If you tell your father or
mother, "Everything I'm expected to
contribute to you I'm giving to God as
a gift," then you don't have to honor
your father.' 6 So you do away with God's
Law for the sake of the rules that have
been handed down to you. 7 Hypocrites!
Isaiah really knew what he was talking
about when he prophesied about you,
8 *This people honors me with their lips, but
their hearts are far away from me.* 9 *Their
worship of me is empty since they teach in-
structions that are human rules."*[n]

10 Jesus called the crowd near and
said to them, "Listen and understand.
11 It's not what goes into the mouth that
contaminates a person in God's sight.
It's what comes out of the mouth that
contaminates the person."

12 Then the disciples came and said
to him, "Do you know that the Phari-
sees were offended by what you just
said?"

13 Jesus replied, "Every plant that
my heavenly Father didn't plant will be
pulled up. 14 Leave the Pharisees alone.
They are blind people who are guides
to blind people. But if a blind person
leads another blind person, they will
both fall into a ditch."

15 Then Peter spoke up, "Explain this
riddle to us."

16 Jesus said, "Don't you understand
yet? 17 Don't you know that everything
that goes into the mouth enters the
stomach and goes out into the sewer?
18 But what goes out of the mouth
comes from the heart. And that's what
contaminates a person in God's sight.
19 Out of the heart come evil thoughts,
murders, adultery, sexual sins, thefts,
false testimonies, and insults. 20 These
contaminate a person in God's sight.
But eating without washing hands
doesn't contaminate in God's sight."

Canaanite woman

21 From there, Jesus went to the re-
gions of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite
woman from those territories came
out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son
of David. My daughter is suffering ter-
ribly from demon possession." 23 But
he didn't respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him,
"Send her away; she keeps shouting
out after us."

24 Jesus replied, "I've been sent only
to the lost sheep, the people of Israel."

25 But she knelt before him and said,
"Lord, help me."

26 He replied, "It is not good to take
the children's bread and toss it to
dogs."

27 She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the
dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their
masters' table."

28 Jesus answered, "Woman, you
have great faith. It will be just as you
wish." And right then her daughter was
healed.

Healing of many people

29 Jesus moved on from there along
the shore of the Galilee Sea. He went
up a mountain and sat down. 30 Large

14:34 Mk 6:53; Jn 6:24
14:35 Mt 4:24
14:36 Mt 9:20; Mk 3:10; Lk 6:19
15:1 Mt 23:2; Mk 7:1
15:2 Mk 7:2, Mk 7:3; Lk 11:38; Col 2:8
15:3 Col 2:8
15:4 Ex 20:12, Ex 21:17; Lv 20:9; Dt 5:16
15:5 Mk 7:11, Mk 7:12
15:7 Mt 23:13
15:8 Is 29:13
15:9 Is 29:13; Col 2:22; Ti 1:14
15:11 Mt 15:18; Ac 10:14, Ac 10:15
15:12 Mt 17:27
15:13 Is 60:21, Is 61:3; Jn 15:2
15:14 Mt 23:16, Mt 23:24; Lk 6:39
15:15 Mt 13:36
15:16 Mt 16:9, Mt 16:11; Jn 14:9
15:17 1Co 6:13
15:18 Mt 12:34; Jas 3:6
15:19 Gn 6:5, Gn 8:21; Ga 5:19
15:20 Mk 7:2; 1Co 6:9
15:21 Mt 11:21; Mk 7:24
15:22 Mt 9:27, Mt 20:30, Mt 20:31
15:23 Mt 14:15; Mk 10:13, Mk 10:47, Mk 10:48; Lk 18:15
15:24 Mt 10:6; Ro 15:8
15:25 Mt 8:2
15:26 Mt 7:6
15:27 Lk 16:21
15:28 Mt 8:13, Mt 9:22, Mt 17:18
15:29 Mt 4:18, Mt 4:23, Mt 5:1; Mk 7:31; Jn 6:1
15:30 Mt 4:23, Mt 4:24; Lk 6:17, Lk 7:21

[l] Exod 20:12; Deut 5:16 [m] Exod 21:17; Lev 20:9 [n] Isa 29:13

crowds came to him, including those who were paralyzed, blind, injured, and unable to speak, and many others. They laid them at his feet, and he healed them. 31So the crowd was amazed when they saw those who had been unable to speak talking, and the paralyzed cured, and the injured walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Feeding the four thousand

32Now Jesus called his disciples and said, "I feel sorry for the crowd because they have been with me for three days and have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry for fear they won't have enough strength to travel."

33His disciples replied, "Where are we going to get enough food in this wilderness to satisfy such a big crowd?"

34Jesus said, "How much bread do you have?"

They responded, "Seven loaves and a few fish."

35He told the crowd to sit on the ground. 36He took the seven loaves of bread and the fish. After he gave thanks, he broke them into pieces and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 37Everyone ate until they were full. The disciples collected seven baskets full of leftovers. 38Four thousand men ate, plus women and children. 39After dismissing the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of Magadan.

Demand for a sign

16 The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus. In order to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

2But he replied, "At evening you say, 'It will be nice weather because the sky is bright red.' 3And in the morning you say, 'There will be bad weather today because the sky is cloudy.' You know how to make sense of the sky's appearance. But you are unable to recognize the signs that point to what the time is. 4An evil and unfaithful generation searches for a sign. But it won't receive any sign except Jonah's sign." Then he left them and went away.

15:31 Mt 9:8, Mt 9:33; Mk 7:37
15:32 Mt 9:36, Mt 14:14; Mk 8:1
15:33 Mt 14:15
15:34 Mt 16:10
15:36 Mt 14:19, Mt 26:27; Lk 22:19; Jn 6:11; Ac 27:35
15:37 Mt 14:20, Mt 16:10
15:39 Mk 8:10
16:1 Mt 3:7, Mt 12:38; Mk 8:11; Lk 11:16
16:2 Lk 12:54
16:3 Lk 12:54, Lk 12:56
16:4 Mt 12:39, Mt 12:40; Lk 11:29, Lk 11:30
16:6 Mk 8:15; Lk 12:1
16:7 Lk 9:46
16:8 Mt 6:30, Mt 8:26, Mt 14:31
16:9 Mt 14:17, Mt 15:16; Mk 7:18; Lk 24:25
16:10 Mt 15:34, Mt 15:37
16:11 Mt 16:6; Lk 24:25
16:12 Is 32:6; Mt 3:7, Mt 5:20, Mt 16:6; Lk 12:1
16:13 Mt 8:20; Mk 8:27; Lk 9:18
16:14 Mt 14:2, Mt 17:10; Mk 6:15; Lk 9:8; Jn 1:21
16:15 Lk 9:20

Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees

5When the disciples arrived on the other side of the lake, they had forgotten to bring bread. 6Jesus said to them, "Watch out and be on your guard for the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

7They discussed this among themselves and said, "We didn't bring any bread."

8Jesus knew what they were discussing and said, "You people of weak faith! Why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you don't have any bread? 9Don't you understand yet? Don't you remember the five loaves that fed the five thousand and how many baskets of leftovers you gathered? 10And the seven loaves that fed the four thousand and how many large baskets of leftovers you gathered? 11Don't you know that I wasn't talking about bread? But be on your guard for the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12Then they understood that he wasn't telling them to be on their guard for yeast used in making bread. No, he was telling them to watch out for the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter's declaration about Jesus

13Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Human One[o] is?"

14They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15He said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

[o]Or *Son of Man*

[16]Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

[17]Then Jesus replied, "Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. [18]I tell you that you are Peter.[p] And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. [19]I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." [20]Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

First prediction of Jesus' death and resurrection

[21]From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. [22]Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: "God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you." [23]But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

Saving and losing life

[24]Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. [25]All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. [26]Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? [27]For the Human One[q] is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. [28]I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One[r] coming in his kingdom."

16:16 Ps 42:2; Mt 4:3, Mt 26:63; Jn 11:27; Ac 14:15

16:17 Mt 11:25; Jn 1:42, Jn 21:15; 1Co 15:50; Eph 6:12

16:18 Mt 10:2, Mt 11:23; Jn 1:42; Eph 2:20

16:19 Is 22:22; Mt 18:18; Jn 20:23; Rev 1:18, Rev 3:7

16:20 Mt 8:4, Mt 17:9; Mk 8:30

16:21 Mt 17:22, Mt 17:23, Mt 20:17; Lk 9:22; Jn 2:19

16:22 Mk 8:32; Jn 13:6

16:23 Mt 4:10

16:24 Mt 10:38; Mk 10:21; Lk 14:27

16:25 Mt 10:39; Jn 12:25

16:26 Ps 49:7

16:27 Ps 62:12; Mt 25:31; Ro 2:6; 2Co 5:10; Rev 22:12

16:28 Mt 10:23; Heb 2:9

17:1 Mt 26:37; Mk 5:37, Mk 9:2; Lk 9:28

17:2 Mt 28:3; Rev 10:1

17:3 Ex 2:10, Ex 2:14; Dt 34:5; Mk 9:4; Lk 9:30

17:4 Mt 14:28, Mt 17:3; Mk 9:5; Lk 9:33; Jn 21:7

17:5 Mt 3:17; Mk 1:11

17:6 Lv 9:24; Jgs 13:20; Ac 26:14; 2Pt 1:18

17:7 Mt 14:27

17:8 Mk 9:8; Lk 9:36

17:9 Mt 8:4, Mt 8:20, Mt 16:20, Mt 16:21; Mk 8:30

17:10 Mal 4:5; Mt 11:14, Mt 16:14

17:11 Lk 1:16, Lk 1:17; Ac 3:21

17:12 Mt 11:14, Mt 14:3, Mt 16:21; Mk 9:13

17:13 Mt 3:1, Mt 21:32

17:14 Mk 9:14; Lk 9:37

Jesus' transformation

17 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. [2]He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

[3]Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. [4]Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

[5]While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" [6]Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

[7]But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." [8]When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

[9]As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One[s] is raised from the dead."

[10]The disciples asked, "Then why do the legal experts say that Elijah must first come?"

[11]Jesus responded, "Elijah does come first and will restore all things. [12]In fact, I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they didn't know him. But they did to him whatever they wanted. In the same way the Human One[t] is also going to suffer at their hands." [13]Then the disciples realized he was telling them about John the Baptist.

Healing of a boy who was demon-possessed

[14]When they came to the crowd, a man met Jesus. He knelt before him,

[p]Peter means *rock*. [q]Or *Son of Man* [r]Or *Son of Man* [s]Or *Son of Man* [t]Or *Son of Man*

15 saying, "Lord, show mercy to my son.
He is epileptic and suffers terribly, for
he often falls into the fire or the water.
16 I brought him to your disciples, but
they couldn't heal him."

17 Jesus answered, "You faithless and
crooked generation, how long will I be
with you? How long will I put up with
you? Bring the boy here to me." 18 Then
Jesus spoke harshly to the demon. And
it came out of the child, who was healed
from that time on.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus
in private and said, "Why couldn't we
throw the demon out?"

20 "Because you have little faith," he
said. "I assure you that if you have faith
the size of a mustard seed, you could
say to this mountain, 'Go from here to
there,' and it will go. There will be noth-
ing that you can't do." [u]

Second prediction of Jesus' death and resurrection

22 When the disciples came together
in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The
Human One [v] is about to be delivered
over into human hands. 23 They will kill
him. But he will be raised on the third
day." And they were heartbroken.

Paying the temple tax

24 When they came to Capernaum,
the people who collected the half-
shekel temple tax came to Peter and
said, "Doesn't your teacher pay the
temple tax?"

25 "Yes," he said.

But when they came into the house,
Jesus spoke to Peter first. "What do you
think, Simon? From whom do earthly
kings collect taxes, from their children or
from strangers?"

26 "From strangers," he said.

Jesus said to him, "Then the chil-
dren don't have to pay. 27 But just so
we don't offend them, go to the lake,
throw out a fishing line and hook, and
take the first fish you catch. When you
open its mouth, you will find a shekel
coin. Take it and pay the tax for both
of us."

17:15 Mt 4:24, Mt 15:22
17:17 Jn 20:27
17:18 Mt 9:22, Mt 15:28
17:19 Mt 17:20
17:20 Mt 13:31, Mt 17:17, Mt 21:21; Mk 9:23; Lk 17:6
17:21 1Co 7:5
17:22 Mt 16:21, Mt 20:17; Mk 9:30
17:23 Mt 16:21
17:24 Ex 30:13
17:25 Mt 22:17; Ro 13:7
17:26 Mt 17:17
17:27 1Co 8:13
18:1 Mt 20:20; Mk 9:33; Lk 9:46, Lk 22:24
18:2 Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32, Mt 18:1, Mt 19:13, Mt 19:14
18:3 Mt 19:14; Mk 10:15; Lk 18:17; 1Co 14:20; 1Pt 2:2
18:4 Mt 18:1, Mt 23:11, Mt 23:12
18:5 Mt 10:40
18:6 Mk 9:42; Lk 17:2
18:7 Mt 26:24; Lk 17:1; 1Co 11:19
18:8 Mt 5:29, Mt 5:30, Mt 25:41; Mk 9:43
18:9 Mt 5:22, Mt 5:29
18:10 Ps 34:7; Lk 1:19; Heb 1:14
18:11 Lk 19:10
18:12 Lk 15:4

Greatest in the kingdom

18 At that time the disciples came
to Jesus and asked, "Who is the
greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 Then he called a little child over
to sit among the disciples, 3 and said,
"I assure you that if you don't turn
your lives around and become like this
little child, you will definitely not enter
the kingdom of heaven. 4 Those who
humble themselves like this little child
will be the greatest in the kingdom of
heaven. 5 Whoever welcomes one such
child in my name welcomes me.

Falling into sin

6 "As for whoever causes these little
ones who believe in me to trip and fall
into sin, it would be better for them to
have a huge stone hung around their
necks and be drowned in the bottom
of the lake. 7 How terrible it is for the
world because of the things that cause
people to trip and fall into sin! Such
things have to happen, but how ter-
rible it is for the person who causes
those things to happen! 8 If your hand
or your foot causes you to fall into sin,
chop it off and throw it away. It's better
to enter into life crippled or lame than
to be thrown into the eternal fire with
two hands or two feet. 9 If your eye
causes you to fall into sin, tear it out
and throw it away. It's better to enter
into life with one eye than to be cast
into a burning hell with two eyes.

Parable of the lost sheep

10 "Be careful that you don't look down
on one of these little ones. I say to you
that their angels in heaven are always
looking into the face of my Father who
is in heaven. [w] 12 What do you think? If
someone had one hundred sheep and
one of them wandered off, wouldn't he

[u] 17:21 is omitted in most critical editions of the Gk New Testament *This kind doesn't come out except through prayer and fasting.* [v] Or *Son of Man* [w] 18:11 is omitted in most critical editions of the Gk New Testament *For the Human One has come to save the lost.*

leave the ninety-nine on the hillsides and go in search for the one that wandered off? 13If he finds it, I assure you that he is happier about having that one sheep than about the ninety-nine who didn't wander off. 14In the same way, my Father who is in heaven doesn't want to lose one of these little ones.

Sinning brother or sister

15"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. 16But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.*[x] 17But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. 18I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. 19Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

Parable of the unforgiving servant

21Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?"

22Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.[y] 23Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold.[z] 25Because the servant didn't have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. 26But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' 27The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

28"When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins.[a] He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.'

29"Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' 30But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

31"When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. 32His master called the first servant and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. 33Shouldn't you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' 34His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

35"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don't forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Teaching about divorce

19 When Jesus finished saying these things, he left Galilee and came to the area of Judea on the east side of the Jordan. 2Large crowds followed him, and he healed them. 3Some Pharisees came to him. In order to test him, they said, "Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"

4Jesus answered, "Haven't you read that at the beginning the creator *made them male and female?*[b] 5*And God said, 'Because of this a man should leave*

18:13 Lk 15:23
18:14 Jn 6:39
18:15 Lv 19:17; Lk 17:3; Ga 6:1; 2Th 3:15; Jas 5:19
18:16 Dt 19:15; Jn 8:17; 2Co 13:1; 1Ti 5:19; Heb 10:28
18:17 Mt 5:46; Ro 16:17; 2Th 3:6; 2Jn 1:10
18:18 Mt 16:19; Jn 20:23
18:19 Mt 7:7; Ac 1:14
18:20 Mt 28:20; Jn 20:19; 1Co 5:4
18:21 Mt 18:15; Lk 17:4
18:22 Gn 4:24, Gn 50:17; Mt 10:5, Mt 16:24, Mt 18:21
18:23 Mt 13:24, Mt 25:19
18:24 Mt 25:15
18:25 Ex 21:2; Lv 25:39; 2Ki 4:1; Neh 5:5; Lk 7:42
18:26 Mt 8:2
18:27 Lk 7:42
18:28 Neh 5:7; Job 24:3; Mt 20:2
18:29 Mt 6:12
18:30 Mt 5:26
18:31 Mk 3:5
18:33 Eph 4:32
18:34 Mt 5:25, Mt 5:26
18:35 Mt 6:14, Mt 6:15; Jas 2:13
19:1 Mt 7:28; Mk 10:1
19:2 Mt 4:23
19:3 Mt 5:31, Mt 22:15; Mk 10:2; Jn 8:6
19:4 Gn 1:27, Gn 5:2; Mal 2:15; Mt 12:3
19:5 Gn 2:24; 1Co 6:16; Eph 5:31

[x]Deut 19:15 [y]Or *seventy times seven* [z]Or *ten thousand talanta*, an amount equal to the wages for sixty million days [a]Or *one hundred denaria*, an amount equal to the wages for one hundred days [b]Gen 1:27; 5:2

his father and mother and be joined together with his wife, and the two will be one flesh.'[c] [6]So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together."

[7]The Pharisees said to him, "Then why did Moses command us to *give a divorce certificate and divorce her?*"[d]

[8]Jesus replied, "Moses allowed you to divorce your wives because your hearts are unyielding. But it wasn't that way from the beginning. [9]I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

[10]His disciples said to him, "If that's the way things are between a man and his wife, then it's better not to marry."

[11]He replied, "Not everybody can accept this teaching, but only those who have received the ability to accept it. [12]For there are eunuchs who have been eunuchs from birth. And there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by other people. And there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs because of the kingdom of heaven. Those who can accept it should accept it."

Jesus blesses children

[13]Some people brought children to Jesus so that he would place his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded them. [14]"Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children." [15]Then he blessed the children and went away from there.

A rich man's question

[16]A man approached him and said, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?"

[17]Jesus said, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There's only one who is good. If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments."

[18]The man said, "Which ones?"

Then Jesus said, "*Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony.* [19]*Honor your father and mother,*[e] and *love your neighbor as you love yourself.*"[f]

[20]The young man replied, "I've kept all these. What am I still missing?"

[21]Jesus said, "If you want to be complete, go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come follow me."

[22]But when the young man heard this, he went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Teaching about giving up things

[23]Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I assure you that it will be very hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. [24]In fact, it's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

[25]When his disciples heard this, they were stunned. "Then who can be saved?" they asked.

[26]Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible for human beings. But all things are possible for God."

[27]Then Peter replied, "Look, we've left everything and followed you. What will we have?"

[28]Jesus said to them, "I assure you who have followed me that, when everything is made new, when the Human One[g] sits on his magnificent throne, you also will sit on twelve thrones overseeing the twelve tribes of Israel. [29]And all who have left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, or farms because of my name will receive one hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. [30]But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.

19:6 Ro 7:2; 1Co 7:10
19:7 Dt 24:1; Mt 5:31
19:8 Ps 95:8; Mt 19:7; Mk 10:5, Mk 16:14; 1Co 7:6
19:9 Mt 5:32; Mk 10:11; Lk 16:18; Ro 7:3
19:10 1Co 7:8
19:11 Mt 13:11; 1Co 7:7, 1Co 7:17
19:12 Is 56:3; 1Co 7:32, 1Co 9:15
19:13 Mk 10:13; Lk 18:15
19:14 Mt 18:3
19:15 Is 40:11; Mk 10:16
19:16 Mt 25:46; Mk 10:17; Lk 10:25, Lk 18:18
19:17 Lv 18:5
19:18 Ex 20:13
19:19 Ex 20:12; Lv 19:18; Dt 5:16; Mt 22:39
19:20 Phi 3:6
19:21 Mt 5:48, Mt 6:20, Mt 16:24; Lk 12:33; Ac 2:45
19:22 Eze 33:31; Mt 6:24
19:23 Mt 13:22; Lk 18:24
19:24 Mt 23:24; Mk 10:25; Lk 18:25
19:25 Mt 7:28, Mt 24:22; Ro 10:13
19:26 Gn 18:14; Job 42:2; Jer 32:17; Mk 10:27; Lk 1:37
19:27 Mt 4:18, Mt 4:20, Mt 4:22, Mt 16:16; Mk 10:28
19:28 Mt 25:31; Lk 22:30; 1Co 6:2; Rev 3:21, Rev 20:4
19:29 Mt 6:33, Mt 19:16, Mt 25:34, Mt 25:46; Lk 14:26
19:30 Mt 20:16; Mk 10:31; Lk 13:30

[c]Gen 2:24 [d]Deut 24:1 [e]Exod 20:12-16; Deut 5:16-20 [f]Lev 19:18 [g]Or *Son of Man*

Workers in the vineyard

20 "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. [2]After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion,[h] he sent them into his vineyard.

[3]"Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. [4]He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I'll pay you whatever is right.' [5]And they went.

"Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. [6]Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?'

[7]"'Because nobody has hired us,' they replied.

"He responded, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

[8]"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.' [9]When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. [10]Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. [11]When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12]"These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.'

[13]"But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn't I agree to pay you a denarion? [14]Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. [15]Don't I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I'm generous?' [16]So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last."

20:1 Is 5:1; Mt 13:24, Mt 21:28, Mt 21:33

20:2 Mt 18:28, Mt 20:1

20:3 Mt 11:16, Mt 20:6; Mk 15:25; Jn 11:9; Ac 2:15

20:4 Col 4:1

20:5 Mt 20:6, Mt 27:45; Mk 15:33; Jn 4:6, Jn 11:9

20:6 Prv 19:15; Eze 16:49; Mt 20:5; Ac 17:21

20:8 Lv 19:13; Dt 24:15

20:9 Mt 20:6

20:12 Jon 4:8; Lk 12:55; Jas 1:11

20:13 Mt 22:12, Mt 26:50

20:15 Dt 15:9; Mt 6:23

20:16 Mt 19:30, Mt 22:14

20:17 Mk 10:32; Lk 18:31

20:18 Mt 16:21

20:19 Mt 16:21

20:20 Mt 4:21, Mt 8:2, Mt 15:25, Mt 27:56; Mk 10:35

20:21 Mt 19:28

20:22 Is 51:22; Mt 26:39, Mt 26:42; Lk 22:42; Jn 18:11

20:23 Mt 25:34; Ac 12:2; Ro 8:17; Rev 1:9

20:24 Lk 22:24, Lk 22:25

20:25 Mk 10:42; Lk 22:25

20:26 Mt 23:11; Mk 9:35, Mk 10:43

20:27 Mk 9:33

20:28 Mt 26:28; Lk 22:27; Phi 2:7; 1Ti 2:6; Ti 2:14

Jesus predicts his death and resurrection

[17]As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve aside by themselves on the road. He told them, [18]"Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Human One[i] will be handed over to the chief priests and legal experts. They will condemn him to death. [19]They will hand him over to the Gentiles to be ridiculed, tortured, and crucified. But he will be raised on the third day."

Request from James and John's mother

[20]Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus along with her sons. Bowing before him, she asked a favor of him.

[21]"What do you want?" he asked.

She responded, "Say that these two sons of mine will sit, one on your right hand and one on your left, in your kingdom."

[22]Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink from the cup that I'm about to drink from?"

They said to him, "We can."

[23]He said to them, "You will drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom my Father prepared it."

[24]Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with the two brothers. [25]But Jesus called them over and said, "You know that those who rule the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. [26]But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. [27]Whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave—[28]just as the Human One[j] didn't come to be served

[h]A denarion was a typical day's wage. [i]Or *Son of Man* [j]Or *Son of Man*

but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

Healing of two blind men

[29]As Jesus and his disciples were going out of Jericho a large crowd followed him. [30]When two blind men sitting along the road heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Show us mercy, Lord, Son of David!"

[31]Now the crowd scolded them and told them to be quiet. But they shouted even louder, "Show us mercy, Lord, Son of David!"

[32]Jesus stopped in his tracks and called to them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

[33]"Lord, we want to see," they replied.

[34]Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they were able to see, and they followed him.

Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. [2]He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. [3]If anybody says anything to you, say that the Lord needs it." He sent them off right away. [4]Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, [5]*Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."*[k] [6]The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. [7]They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

[8]Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. [9]The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna* to the Son of David! *Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*[l] *Hosanna* in the highest!" [10]And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. [11]The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

20:29 Mk 10:46; Lk 18:35
20:30 Mt 9:27, Mt 21:9, Mt 22:42; Mk 10:46
20:31 Mt 9:27, Mt 15:22; Lk 18:39
20:32 Mt 15:28, Mt 20:21
20:33 Ps 119:18
20:34 Mt 8:3; Mt 9:36
21:1 Mt 24:3, Mt 26:30; Mk 11:1; Lk 19:29; Jn 8:1
21:2 Gn 22:3; Mk 11:2
21:4 Mt 1:22, Mt 26:56; Jn 12:12
21:5 Ps 2:6; Is 62:11; Zec 9:9; Mt 11:29; 2Co 10:1
21:6 Mt 26:19
21:7 Mt 21:5
21:8 2Ki 9:13
21:9 Ps 118:25, Ps 118:26; Mt 9:27, Mt 23:39; Lk 2:14
21:10 Lk 5:21; Ac 9:5
21:11 Lk 7:16, Lk 24:19; Jn 4:19, Jn 6:14, Jn 7:40
21:12 Lv 1:14; Mk 11:15; Lk 19:45; Jn 2:13
21:13 Is 56:7; Jer 7:11
21:14 Mt 4:23, Mt 11:5, Mt 15:31
21:15 Mt 9:27, Mt 21:9
21:16 Ps 8:2; Mt 11:25
21:17 Mk 11:11; Lk 24:50; Jn 11:18, Jn 12:1
21:18 Mt 4:2; Mk 11:12
21:19 Lk 13:6
21:21 Mt 17:20; Mk 9:23; Jas 1:6
21:22 Mt 7:7

Cleansing the temple

[12]Then Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those who were selling and buying there. He pushed over the tables used for currency exchange and the chairs of those who sold doves. [13]He said to them, "It's written, *My house will be called a house of prayer.*[m] But you've made it a hideout for crooks."

[14]People who were blind and lame came to Jesus in the temple, and he healed them. [15]But when the chief priests and legal experts saw the amazing things he was doing and the children shouting in the temple, "*Hosanna* to the Son of David!" they were angry. [16]They said to Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

"Yes," he answered. "Haven't you ever read, *From the mouths of babies and infants you've arranged praise for yourself?*"[n] [17]Then he left them and went out of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

Cursing the fig tree

[18]Early in the morning as Jesus was returning to the city, he was hungry. [19]He saw a fig tree along the road, but when he came to it, he found nothing except leaves. Then he said to it, "You'll never again bear fruit!" The fig tree dried up at once.

[20]When the disciples saw it, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree dry up so fast?" they asked.

[21]Jesus responded, "I assure you that if you have faith and don't doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree. You will even say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the lake.' And it will happen. [22]If

[k]Isa 62:11; Zech 9:9 [l]Ps 118:26 [m]Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11 [n]Ps 8:3 LXX

you have faith, you will receive whatever you pray for."

Jesus' authority questioned

[23]When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

[24]Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. [25]Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?"

They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' [26]But we can't say 'from humans' because we're afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." [27]Then they replied, "We don't know."

Jesus also said to them, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things.

Parable of two sons

[28]"What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

[29]"'No, I don't want to,' he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

[30]"The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, 'Yes, sir.' But he didn't go.

[31]"Which one of these two did his father's will?"

They said, "The first one."

Jesus said to them, "I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God's kingdom ahead of you. [32]For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn't believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn't change your hearts and lives and you didn't believe him.

21:23 Mt 26:55; Mk 11:27; Lk 20:1; Ac 4:7

21:24 Lk 6:9

21:25 Mk 1:4; Lk 7:29; Ac 19:3

21:26 Mt 11:9, Mt 14:5; Mk 6:20, Mk 11:32

21:27 Lk 20:8; Jn 9:41

21:28 Mt 20:1, Mt 21:33

21:29 Mt 21:32

21:31 Lk 7:29, Lk 7:37

21:32 Lk 3:12, Lk 7:29, Lk 7:30

21:33 Is 5:1, Is 5:2; Mt 25:14; Mk 12:1; Lk 20:9

21:34 Mt 21:33, Mt 22:3

21:35 2Ch 24:21; Mt 5:12, Mt 23:37; Ac 7:52; Heb 11:36

21:36 Mt 22:4

21:37 Heb 1:1

21:38 Mt 12:14, Mt 26:3, Mt 26:4, Mt 27:1, Mt 27:2

21:39 Mt 26:50; Heb 13:12

21:41 Ac 13:46

21:42 Ps 118:22, Ps 118:23; Mt 21:16; Ac 4:11; Eph 2:20

21:43 Mt 8:12

21:44 Is 8:14

21:46 Mt 21:11, Mt 21:26; Lk 7:16; Jn 7:40

Parable of the tenant farmers

[33]"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. [34]When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. [35]But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

[36]"Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. [37]Finally he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

[38]"But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let's kill him and we'll have his inheritance.' [39]They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

[40]"When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?"

[41]They said, "He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it's ready."

[42]Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it's amazing in our eyes?*[o] [43]Therefore, I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. [44]Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on."

[45]Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. [46]They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

[o]Ps 118:22-23

Parable of the wedding party

22 Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: [2]"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. [3]He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn't want to come. [4]Again he sent other servants and said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look, the meal is all prepared. I've butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything's ready. Come to the wedding party!"' [5]But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. [6]The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

[7]"The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. [8]Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren't worthy. [9]Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.'

[10]"Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. [11]Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes. [12]He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to his servants, 'Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.'

[14]"Many people are invited, but few people are chosen."

Question about taxes

[15]Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. [16]They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. [17]So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

[18]Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? [19]Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. [20]"Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked.

[21]"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." [22]When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

Question about resurrection

[23]That same day Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Jesus. [24]They asked, "Teacher, Moses said, *If a man who doesn't have children dies, his brother must marry his wife and produce children for his brother.*[p] [25]Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married, then died. Because he had no children he left his widow to his brother. [26]The same thing happened with the second brother and the third, and in fact with all seven brothers. [27]Finally, the woman died. [28]At the resurrection, which of the seven brothers will be her husband? They were all married to her."

[29]Jesus responded, "You are wrong because you don't know either the scriptures or God's power. [30]At the resurrection people won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. Instead, they will be like angels from God. [31]As for the resurrection of the dead, haven't you read what God told you, [32]*I'm the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?*[q] He isn't the God of the dead but of the living." [33]Now when the crowd heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

22:1 Mt 9:15, Mt 13:34, Mt 19:23; Lk 14:16, Lk 18:24
22:2 Mt 13:24, Mt 25:1; Lk 14:16; Rev 19:7
22:3 Mt 21:34
22:4 Prv 9:2; Mt 21:36
22:5 Heb 2:3
22:6 Mt 21:35
22:7 Lk 19:27
22:8 Mt 10:11; Lk 20:35; Ac 13:46
22:9 Prv 1:20, Prv 1:21; Is 55:1; Eze 21:21; Rev 22:17
22:10 Mt 13:47
22:11 Rev 16:15
22:12 Mt 20:13, Mt 26:50
22:13 Mt 8:12, Mt 25:30; 2Pt 2:17; Jud 1:6
22:14 Mt 7:14; Rev 17:14
22:15 Mt 12:14, Mt 19:3; Mk 12:13; Lk 11:54, Lk 20:20
22:16 Mk 3:6, Mk 8:15, Mk 12:13
22:17 Mt 17:25; Lk 2:1, Lk 3:1, Lk 20:22
22:18 Mk 2:8
22:20 Mt 22:21
22:21 Mk 12:17; Ro 13:7
22:22 Mk 12:12
22:23 Mt 3:7; Mk 12:18; Lk 20:27; Ac 4:1, Ac 23:8
22:24 Dt 25:5; Mk 12:19
22:29 Jn 20:9
22:30 Mt 18:10, Mt 24:38; Jn 5:28, Jn 5:29
22:31 Mt 12:3, Mt 21:16
22:32 Ex 3:6; Ac 7:32
22:33 Mt 7:28

[p]Deut 25:5 [q]Exod 3:6, 15-16

Great commandment

34When the Pharisees heard that
Jesus had left the Sadducees speech-
less, they met together. 35One of them,
a legal expert, tested him. 36"Teacher,
what is the greatest commandment in
the Law?"

37He replied, "*You must love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with all your
being,*[r] and with all your mind. 38This is
the first and greatest commandment.
39And the second is like it: *You must love
your neighbor as you love yourself.*[s] 40All
the Law and the Prophets depend on
these two commands."

Question about David's son

41Now as the Pharisees were gather-
ing, Jesus asked them, 42"What do you
think about the Christ? Whose son is
he?"

"David's son," they replied.

43He said, "Then how is it that David,
inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him
Lord when he said, 44*The Lord said to
my lord, 'Sit at my right side until I turn
your enemies into your footstool'?*[t] 45If
David calls him Lord, how can he be
David's son?" 46Nobody was able to an-
swer him. And from that day forward
nobody dared to ask him anything.

Ways of the legal experts and the Pharisees

23 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds
and his disciples, 2"The legal ex-
perts and the Pharisees sit on Moses'
seat. 3Therefore, you must take care to
do everything they say. But don't do
what they do. 4For they tie together
heavy packs that are impossible to
carry. They put them on the shoulders
of others, but are unwilling to lift a
finger to move them. 5Everything they
do, they do to be noticed by others.
They make extra-wide prayer bands for
their arms and long tassels for their
clothes. 6They love to sit in places of
honor at banquets. 7 They love to be
greeted with honor in the markets and
to be addressed as 'Rabbi.'

8"But you shouldn't be called *Rabbi,*
because you have one teacher, and all of
you are brothers and sisters. 9Don't call
anybody on earth your father, because
you have one Father, who is heavenly.
10Don't be called *teacher,* because Christ
is your one teacher. 11But the one who
is greatest among you will be your
servant. 12All who lift themselves up
will be brought low. But all who make
themselves low will be lifted up.

Condemnation of the legal experts and the Pharisees

13"How terrible it will be for you
legal experts and Pharisees! Hypo-
crites! You shut people out of the
kingdom of heaven. You don't enter
yourselves, and you won't allow those
who want to enter to do so.[u]

15"How terrible it will be for you,
legal experts and Pharisees! Hypo-
crites! You travel over sea and land to
make one convert. But when they've
been converted, they become twice the
child of hell you are.

16"How terrible it will be for you
blind guides who say, 'If people swear
by the temple, it's nothing. But if
people swear by the gold in the temple,
they are obligated to do what they
swore.' 17You foolish and blind people!
Which is greater, the gold or the tem-
ple that makes the gold holy? 18You
say, 'If people swear by the altar, it's
nothing. But if they swear by the gift
on the altar, they are obligated to do
what they swore.' 19You blind people!
Which is greater, the gift or the altar
that makes the gift holy? 20Therefore,
those who swear by the altar swear
by it and by everything that's on it.
21Those who swear by the temple swear
by it and by everything that's part of it.
22Those who swear by heaven swear by
God's throne and by the one who sits
on it.

22:34 Mk 12:28; Lk 10:25
22:35 Lk 7:30, Lk 10:25, Lk 11:45, Lk 14:3
22:36 Dt 6:5, Dt 10:12, Dt 10:13
22:37 Dt 6:5; Josh 22:5
22:38 Dt 6:5, Dt 10:12
22:39 Lv 19:18; Mt 19:19; Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8
22:40 Mt 7:12
22:41 Mk 12:35; Lk 20:41
22:42 Mt 1:1, Mt 9:27
22:43 2Sa 23:2; Ac 1:16; Rev 1:10, Rev 4:2
22:44 Ps 110:1; Ac 2:34; 1Co 15:25; Heb 1:13, Heb 10:13
22:45 Ro 1:3; Rev 22:16
22:46 Mk 12:34; Lk 14:6, Lk 20:40
23:1 Mk 12:38; Lk 20:45
23:2 Ezr 7:6, Ezr 7:25; Neh 8:4; Mt 23:3; Mk 12:38
23:3 Mt 23:2
23:4 Mt 11:28; Lk 11:46; Ac 15:10
23:5 Nm 15:38; Dt 6:8; Mt 6:1, Mt 6:5, Mt 6:16
23:6 Lk 11:43, Lk 14:7, Lk 14:8, Lk 20:46
23:7 Jn 1:38, Jn 3:2
23:8 Jas 3:1
23:9 Mal 1:6, Mal 2:10; Mt 6:9, Mt 7:11
23:10 Mt 1:17, Mt 2:4, Mt 23:8; Ac 2:36; Ro 9:5
23:11 Mt 20:26
23:12 Lk 14:11, Lk 18:14
23:13 Mt 23:27; Lk 11:52
23:14 Mk 12:40; Lk 20:47
23:15 Mt 5:22, Mt 5:29, Mt 23:33; Ac 2:10, Ac 13:43
23:16 Mt 5:33, Mt 15:14, Mt 23:24, Mt 23:26
23:17 Ex 30:29
23:18 Mt 23:19
23:19 Ex 29:37
23:21 1Ki 8:13; Ps 26:8, Ps 132:14
23:22 Ps 11:4; Is 66:1; Mt 5:34; Rev 4:2

[r]Deut 6:5 [s]Lev 19:18 [t]Ps 110:1 [u]Most critical editions of the Gk New Testament omit 23:14 *How terrible it will be for you legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You eat up widows' houses and make a show of praying long prayers. Therefore, you will receive greater judgment.*

23"How terrible it will be for you
legal experts and Pharisees! Hypo-
crites! You give to God a tenth of
mint, dill, and cumin, but you forget
about the more important matters of
the Law: justice, peace, and faith. You
ought to give a tenth but without for-
getting about those more important
matters. 24You blind guides! You filter
out an ant but swallow a camel.

25"How terrible it will be for you
legal experts and Pharisees! Hypo-
crites! You clean the outside of the cup
and plate, but inside they are full of
violence and pleasure seeking. 26Blind
Pharisee! First clean the inside of the
cup so that the outside of the cup will
be clean too.

27"How terrible it will be for you
legal experts and Pharisees! Hypo-
crites! You are like whitewashed tombs.
They look beautiful on the outside. But
inside they are full of dead bones and
all kinds of filth. 28In the same way you
look righteous to people. But inside
you are full of pretense and rebellion.

29"How terrible it will be for you
legal experts and Pharisees! Hypo-
crites! You build tombs for the proph-
ets and decorate the graves of the
righteous. 30You say, 'If we had lived in
our ancestors' days, we wouldn't have
joined them in killing the prophets.'
31You testify against yourselves that
you are children of those who mur-
dered the prophets. 32Go ahead, com-
plete what your ancestors did. 33You
snakes! You children of snakes! How
will you be able to escape the judgment
of hell? 34Therefore, look, I'm sending
you prophets, wise people, and legal
experts. Some of them you will kill and
crucify. And some you will beat in your
synagogues and chase from city to city.
35Therefore, upon you will come all the
righteous blood that has been poured
out on the earth, from the blood of
that righteous man Abel to the blood of
Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom
you killed between the temple and
the altar. 36I assure you that all these
things will come upon this generation.

23:23 Lv 27:30; Is 28:27; Mi 6:8; Lk 11:42
23:24 Mt 19:24, Mt 23:16
23:25 Mk 7:4; Lk 11:39
23:26 Mt 12:33
23:27 Lk 11:44; Ac 23:3
23:28 Mt 23:5
23:29 Lk 11:47, Lk 11:48
23:31 Lk 19:22; Ac 7:51
23:32 Gn 15:16
23:33 Mt 3:7, Mt 5:22, Mt 12:34, Mt 23:15; Lk 3:7
23:34 Mt 10:16, Mt 10:17, Mt 10:23; Lk 11:49; Ac 22:19
23:35 Gn 4:8; 2Ch 24:21; Zec 1:1; Heb 11:4, Heb 12:24
23:36 Mt 10:23, Mt 24:34
23:37 Ru 2:12; Prv 1:24; Lk 13:34
23:38 Jer 22:5
23:39 Ps 118:26; Mt 21:9
24:1 Mk 13:1; Lk 21:5
24:2 Mi 3:12; Mk 13:2; Lk 19:44
24:3 Mt 13:39, Mt 21:1, Mt 28:20
24:4 Jer 29:8; Mk 13:5; 2Th 2:3
24:5 Mt 24:11, Mt 24:23, Mt 24:24; 1Jn 2:18
24:6 2Th 2:2; Rev 6:4
24:7 2Ch 15:6; Is 19:2; Lk 21:11; Ac 11:28; Rev 6:5
24:8 Lk 21:12
24:9 Mt 10:17, Mt 10:22; Lk 21:17; Jn 16:2
24:10 Mt 10:21, Mt 13:21
24:11 Mt 7:15, Mt 24:24

Crying over Jerusalem

37"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You who
kill the prophets and stone those who
were sent to you. How often I wanted
to gather your people together, just
as a hen gathers her chicks under
her wings. But you didn't want that.
38Look, your house is left to you de-
serted. 39I tell you, you won't see me
until you say, *Blessings on the one who
comes in the Lord's name.*"[v]

The temple's fate

24 Now Jesus left the temple and
was going away. His disciples
came to point out to him the temple
buildings. 2He responded, "Do you see
all these things? I assure you that no
stone will be left on another. Every-
thing will be demolished."

Beginning of troubles

3Now while Jesus was sitting on the
Mount of Olives, the disciples came to
him privately and said, "Tell us, when
will these things happen? What will be
the sign of your coming and the end of
the age?"

4Jesus replied, "Watch out that no
one deceives you. 5Many will come
in my name, saying, 'I'm the Christ.'
They will deceive many people. 6You
will hear about wars and reports of
wars. Don't be alarmed. These things
must happen, but this isn't the end
yet. 7Nations and kingdoms will fight
against each other, and there will be
famines and earthquakes in all sorts
of places. 8But all these things are just
the beginning of the sufferings asso-
ciated with the end. 9They will arrest
you, abuse you, and they will kill you.
All nations will hate you on account of
my name. 10At that time many will fall
away. They will betray each other and
hate each other. 11Many false prophets
will appear and deceive many people.

[v] Ps 118:26

[12]Because disobedience will expand,
the love of many will grow cold. [13]But
the one who endures to the end will be
delivered. [14]This gospel of the kingdom
will be proclaimed throughout the
world as a testimony to all the nations.
Then the end will come.

The great suffering

[15]"When you see the disgusting
and destructive thing that Daniel
talked about standing in the holy place
(the reader should understand this),
[16]then those in Judea must escape to
the mountains. [17]Those on the roof
shouldn't come down to grab things
from their houses. [18]Those in the field
shouldn't come back to grab their
clothes. [19]How terrible it will be at that
time for women who are pregnant and
for women who are nursing their chil-
dren. [20]Pray that it doesn't happen in
winter or on the Sabbath day. [21]There
will be great suffering such as the
world has never before seen and will
never again see. [22]If that time weren't
shortened, nobody would be rescued.
But for the sake of the ones whom God
chose, that time will be cut short.

[23]"Then if somebody says to you,
'Look, here's the Christ,' or 'He's over
here,' don't believe it. [24]False christs
and false prophets will appear, and
they will offer great signs and wonders
in order to deceive, if possible, even
those whom God has chosen. [25]Look,
I've told you ahead of time. [26]So if they
say to you, 'Look, he's in the desert,'
don't go out. And if they say, 'Look, he's
in the rooms deep inside the house,'
don't believe it. [27]Just as the lightning
flashes from the east to the west, so it
will be with the coming of the Human
One.[w] [28]The vultures gather wherever
there's a dead body.

Coming of the Human One

[29]"Now immediately after the suf-
fering of that time the sun will become
dark, and the moon won't give its light.
The stars will fall from the sky and the
planets and other heavenly bodies
will be shaken. [30]Then the sign of the
Human One[x] will appear in the sky.
At that time all the tribes of the earth
will be full of sadness, and they will see
*the Human One[y] coming in the heavenly
clouds*[z] with power and great splen-
dor. [31]He will send his angels with the
sound of a great trumpet, and they will
gather his chosen ones from the four
corners of the earth, from one end of
the sky to the other.

A lesson from the fig tree

[32]"Learn this parable from the fig
tree. After its branch becomes tender
and it sprouts new leaves, you know
that summer is near. [33]In the same
way, when you see all these things, you
know that the Human One[a] is near, at
the door. [34]I assure you that this gen-
eration won't pass away until all these
things happen. [35]Heaven and earth
will pass away, but my words will cer-
tainly not pass away.

Day and hour

[36]"But nobody knows when that
day or hour will come, not the heav-
enly angels and not the Son. Only the
Father knows. [37]As it was in the time
of Noah, so it will be at the coming
of the Human One.[b] [38]In those days
before the flood, people were eating
and drinking, marrying and giving in
marriage, until the day Noah entered
the ark. [39]They didn't know what was
happening until the flood came and
swept them all away. The coming of
the Human One[c] will be like that. [40]At
that time there will be two men in the
field. One will be taken and the other
left. [41]Two women will be grinding
at the mill. One will be taken and the
other left. [42]Therefore, stay alert! You
don't know what day the Lord is com-
ing. [43]But you understand that if the

24:12 Rev 2:4
24:13 Mt 10:22
24:14 Mt 4:23, Mt 28:19; Ro 10:18; Col 1:6, Col 1:23
24:15 Dn 9:27, Dn 11:31, Dn 12:11; Mk 13:14
24:16 Lk 21:21
24:17 1Sa 9:25; Mt 10:27; Lk 5:19, Lk 12:3; Ac 10:9
24:19 Lk 23:29
24:20 2Ti 4:21
24:21 Dn 12:1; Jl 2:2; Mt 24:29
24:22 Mt 22:14, Mt 24:24, Mt 24:31; Lk 18:7; Ro 8:33
24:23 Mt 24:5; Lk 17:23, Lk 21:8
24:24 Mt 24:5, Mt 24:11; 2Th 2:9; Rev 13:13, Rev 19:20
24:25 Jn 14:29
24:26 Ac 21:38
24:27 Job 37:3, Job 38:35; Zec 9:14; Mt 8:20; Lk 17:24
24:28 Lk 17:37
24:29 Is 13:10, Is 34:4; Eze 32:7; Jl 2:10, Jl 2:31
24:30 Dn 7:13; Mt 16:27, Mt 24:3, Mt 26:64; Rev 1:7
24:31 Is 27:13; Zec 9:14; Mt 13:41; 1Co 15:52; 1Th 4:16
24:32 Gn 8:22; Mk 13:28, Mk 13:29; Lk 21:30
24:33 Jas 5:9
24:34 Mt 16:28, Mt 23:36
24:35 Ps 102:26; Is 40:8, Is 51:6; Mt 5:18
24:36 Mk 13:32; Ac 1:7
24:37 Gn 6:5, Gn 7:6; Lk 17:26, Lk 17:27; 2Pt 2:5
24:38 Lk 17:26
24:39 Mt 24:38
24:40 Lk 17:34
24:41 Ex 11:5; Is 47:2; Lk 17:35
24:42 Mt 25:13; Lk 21:36; 1Th 5:6
24:43 Lk 12:39; 1Th 5:2; 2Pt 3:10

[w]Or *Son of Man* [x]Or *Son of Man* [y]Or *Son of Man* [z]Dan 7:13 *I suddenly saw one like a human being* (Aram *kebar enash*) *coming with the heavenly clouds.* [a]Or *Son of Man* [b]Or *Son of Man* [c]Or *Son of Man*

head of the house knew at what time the thief would come, he would keep alert and wouldn't allow the thief to break into his house. 44Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One[d] will come at a time you don't know.

Faithful and unfaithful servants

45"Who then are the faithful and wise servants whom their master puts in charge of giving food at the right time to those who live in his house? 46Happy are those servants whom the master finds fulfilling their responsibilities when he comes. 47I assure you that he will put them in charge of all his possessions. 48But suppose those bad servants should say to themselves, My master won't come until later. 49And suppose they began to beat their fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunks? 50The master of those servants will come on a day when they are not expecting him, at a time they couldn't predict. 51He will cut them in pieces and put them in a place with hypocrites. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

Parable of the ten young bridesmaids

25 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. 2Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. 3The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. 4But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.

5"When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.'

7"Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. 8But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.'

9"But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'No, because if we share with you, there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.

11"Later the other bridesmaids came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us.'

12"But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'

13"Therefore, keep alert, because you don't know the day or the hour.

Parable of the valuable coins

14"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. 15To one he gave five valuable coins,[e] and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey.

16"After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. 17In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. 18But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

19"Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.'

21"His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

24:44 Mt 25:10; Lk 12:40
24:45 Mt 25:21; Lk 16:10
24:46 Rev 16:15
24:47 Mt 25:21, Mt 25:23
24:48 Ecc 8:11; Eze 12:22, Eze 12:27; Mt 7:23; 1Th 5:3
24:49 Dt 21:20; Is 56:12; Jl 1:5; Am 6:6; Mt 24:48
24:50 Prv 29:1
24:51 Mt 8:12
25:1 Mt 13:24; Rev 21:2
25:2 Mt 24:45
25:3 Ex 27:20; Is 48:1, Is 48:2, Is 58:2; Mt 25:4
25:4 1Jn 2:20, 1Jn 2:27
25:5 Mt 24:48; 1Th 5:6; 2Pt 3:4
25:6 Mt 25:1
25:7 Lk 12:35
25:8 Lk 12:35
25:9 Is 55:1; Rev 3:18
25:10 Mt 24:44; Lk 13:25
25:11 Mt 7:22, Mt 25:12; Lk 13:25
25:12 Mt 7:23, Mt 25:11; Lk 13:25
25:13 Mt 24:42; Mk 13:33, Mk 13:35
25:14 Mt 21:33; Mk 13:34; Lk 19:12
25:15 Mt 18:24
25:19 Mt 18:23
25:21 Mt 24:45, Mt 24:47, Mt 25:23; Lk 16:10; Heb 12:2

[d]Or *Son of Man* [e]Or *talantas* (talents)

22 "The second servant also came
forward and said, 'Master, you gave me
two valuable coins. Look, I've gained
two more.'
23 "His master replied, 'Well done!
You are a good and faithful servant.
You've been faithful over a little. I'll
put you in charge of much. Come, cel-
ebrate with me.'
24 "Now the one who had received
one valuable coin came and said, 'Mas-
ter, I knew that you are a hard man.
You harvest grain where you haven't
sown. You gather crops where you
haven't spread seed. 25 So I was afraid.
And I hid my valuable coin in the
ground. Here, you have what's yours.'
26 "His master replied, 'You evil and
lazy servant! You knew that I harvest
grain where I haven't sown and that
I gather crops where I haven't spread
seed? 27 In that case, you should have
turned my money over to the bankers
so that when I returned, you could give
me what belonged to me with interest.
28 Therefore, take from him the valuable
coin and give it to the one who has ten
coins. 29 Those who have much will re-
ceive more, and they will have more
than they need. But as for those who
don't have much, even the little bit they
have will be taken away from them.
30 Now take the worthless servant and
throw him outside into the darkness.'
"People there will be weeping and
grinding their teeth.

Judgment of the nations

31 "Now when the Human One[f]
comes in his majesty and all his angels
are with him, he will sit on his majestic
throne. 32 All the nations will be gath-
ered in front of him. He will separate
them from each other, just as a shep-
herd separates the sheep from the
goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his
right side. But the goats he will put on
his left.
34 "Then the king will say to those on
his right, 'Come, you who will receive
good things from my Father. Inherit
the kingdom that was prepared for you
before the world began. 35 I was hun-
gry and you gave me food to eat. I was
thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a
stranger and you welcomed me. 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothes to wear.
I was sick and you took care of me. I
was in prison and you visited me.'
37 "Then those who are righteous
will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we
see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty
and give you a drink? 38 When did we
see you as a stranger and welcome
you, or naked and give you clothes to
wear? 39 When did we see you sick or in
prison and visit you?'
40 "Then the king will reply to them,
'I assure you that when you have done
it for one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you have done it
for me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his
left, 'Get away from me, you who will
receive terrible things. Go into the un-
ending fire that has been prepared for
the devil and his angels. 42 I was hungry
and you didn't give me food to eat. I
was thirsty and you didn't give me any-
thing to drink. 43 I was a stranger and
you didn't welcome me. I was naked
and you didn't give me clothes to wear.
I was sick and in prison, and you didn't
visit me.'
44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when
did we see you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison
and didn't do anything to help you?'
45 Then he will answer, 'I assure you that
when you haven't done it for one of the
least of these, you haven't done it for
me.' 46 And they will go away into eter-
nal punishment. But the righteous ones
will go into eternal life."

Plot to kill Jesus

26 When Jesus finished speaking
all these words, he said to his
disciples, 2 "You know that the Pass-
over is two days from now. And the

[f] Or *Son of Man*

25:23 Mt 25:21
25:24 Job 21:14, Job 21:15; Jer 2:31; Mal 3:14; Lk 19:20
25:25 Prv 26:13; Ro 8:15; Rev 21:8
25:26 Prv 10:26, Prv 15:19, Prv 18:9; Mt 18:32; Ro 12:11
25:27 Lk 19:23
25:28 Lk 19:24
25:29 Mt 13:12; Mk 4:25; Lk 8:18
25:30 Mt 8:12, Mt 13:42, Mt 22:13, Mt 24:51; Lk 13:28
25:31 Mt 16:27, Mt 19:28; 2Th 1:7; Jud 1:14
25:32 Eze 34:17, Eze 34:20; Mal 3:18; Mt 13:49
25:33 Ps 45:9
25:34 Mt 5:3, Mt 19:29; Eph 1:4; Jas 2:5; Rev 13:8
25:35 Is 58:7; Eze 18:7, Eze 18:16
25:36 Is 58:7; Eze 18:7; Ac 20:35; Jas 1:27
25:37 1Ch 29:14; Mt 6:3; 1Co 15:10
25:40 Mt 10:40, Mt 10:42, Mt 12:50, Mt 25:34; Heb 2:11
25:41 Mt 7:23, Mt 13:42; Mk 9:43; 2Pt 2:4; Rev 20:10
25:45 Prv 14:31
25:46 Dn 12:2; Jn 3:36, Jn 5:29; Ro 2:7, Ro 5:21
26:1 Mt 7:28
26:2 Mt 16:21, Mt 20:18, Mt 20:19; Mk 14:1, Mk 14:2

Human One[g] will be handed over to be crucified."

[3]Then the chief priests and elders of the people gathered in the courtyard of Caiaphas the high priest. [4]They were plotting to arrest Jesus by cunning tricks and to kill him. [5]But they agreed that it shouldn't happen during the feast so there wouldn't be an uproar among the people.

A woman pouring perfume on Jesus

[6]When Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease, [7]a woman came to him with a vase made of alabaster containing very expensive perfume. She poured it on Jesus' head while he was sitting at dinner. [8]Now when the disciples saw it they were angry and said, "Why this waste? [9]This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor."

[10]But Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "Why do you make trouble for the woman? She's done a good thing for me. [11]You always have the poor with you, but you won't always have me. [12]By pouring this perfume over my body she's prepared me to be buried. [13]I tell you the truth that wherever in the whole world this good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

Judas betrays Jesus

[14]Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests [15]and said, "What will you give me if I turn Jesus over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. [16]From that time on he was looking for an opportunity to turn him in.

Passover with the disciples

[17]On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

26:3 Mt 26:57; Lk 3:2; Jn 11:49, Jn 18:14; Ac 4:6
26:4 Mt 12:14
26:5 Mt 27:24
26:6 Mt 21:17; Mk 14:3; Lk 7:37; Jn 12:1
26:7 Lk 7:37
26:8 Mk 14:4; Jn 12:4, Jn 12:5
26:9 Mk 14:4, Mk 14:5; Jn 12:5
26:10 Ga 6:17
26:11 Dt 15:11; Mk 14:7
26:12 Mk 16:1; Lk 23:56; Jn 19:40
26:13 Mk 14:9
26:14 Mt 10:4, Mt 26:47, Mt 27:3; Mk 14:10; Lk 22:3
26:15 Ex 21:32; Zec 11:12; Mt 26:14, Mt 27:3; Jn 12:6
26:16 Mt 26:15; Mk 14:11; Jn 12:6
26:17 Ex 12:18; Mk 14:12; Lk 22:7
26:18 Jn 7:6, Jn 7:30, Jn 13:1, Jn 17:1
26:19 Mt 21:6
26:20 Mk 14:17; Lk 22:14
26:21 Lk 22:21; Jn 13:21
26:22 Mk 14:19
26:23 Ps 41:9; Lk 22:21; Jn 13:18
26:24 Mt 18:7, Mt 26:54, Mt 26:56; Mk 9:12; Lk 24:25
26:25 Mt 26:49, Mt 26:64
26:26 Mt 14:19; Mk 14:22; 1Co 10:16, 1Co 11:23
26:27 Ps 116:13; Is 55:1; Mt 11:25, Mt 15:36; Mk 14:23
26:28 Ex 24:8; Zec 9:11; Mt 20:28; Col 1:14; Heb 9:22
26:29 Mt 13:43
26:30 Mt 21:1; Mk 14:26; Lk 21:37, Lk 22:39; Jn 18:1
26:31 Zec 13:7; Mt 26:56; Mk 14:27; Jn 16:32
26:32 Mt 16:21, Mt 28:7, Mt 28:10, Mt 28:16; Mk 16:7

[18]He replied, "Go into the city, to a certain man, and say, 'The teacher says, "My time is near. I'm going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house."'" [19]The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them. They prepared the Passover.

[20]That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. [21]As they were eating he said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me."

[22]Deeply saddened, each one said to him, "I'm not the one, am I, Lord?"

[23]He replied, "The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl. [24]The Human One[h] goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One![i] It would have been better for him if he had never been born."

[25]Now Judas, who would betray him, replied, "It's not me, is it, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "You said it."

Last supper

[26]While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." [27]He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. [28]This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. [29]I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom." [30]Then, after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives.

Predictions about disciples leaving Jesus

[31]Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Tonight you will all fall away because of me. This is because it is written, *I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will go off in all directions.*[j] [32]But after I'm raised up, I'll go before you to Galilee."

[g]Or *Son of Man* [h]Or *Son of Man* [i]Or *Son of Man* [j]Zech 13:7

33 Peter replied, "If everyone else
stumbles because of you, I'll never
stumble."
34 Jesus said to him, "I assure you
that, before the rooster crows tonight,
you will deny me three times."
35 Peter said, "Even if I must die
alongside you, I won't deny you." All
the disciples said the same thing.

Jesus in prayer

36 Then Jesus went with his disci-
ples to a place called Gethsemane. He
said to the disciples, "Stay here while
I go and pray over there." 37 When he
took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, he
began to feel sad and anxious. 38 Then
he said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as
if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert
with me." 39 Then he went a short dis-
tance farther and fell on his face and
prayed, "My Father, if it's possible, take
this cup of suffering away from me.
However—not what I want but what
you want."
40 He came back to the disciples and
found them sleeping. He said to Peter,
"Couldn't you stay alert one hour with
me? 41 Stay alert and pray so that you
won't give in to temptation. The spirit
is eager, but the flesh is weak." 42 A sec-
ond time he went away and prayed,
"My Father, if it's not possible that this
cup be taken away unless I drink it,
then let it be what you want."
43 Again he came and found them
sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with
sleep. 44 But he left them and again went
and prayed the same words for the third
time. 45 Then he came to his disciples
and said to them, "Will you sleep and
rest all night? Look, the time has come
for the Human One[k] to be betrayed into
the hands of sinners. 46 Get up. Let's go.
Look, here comes my betrayer."

Arrest

47 While Jesus was still speaking,
Judas, one of the Twelve, came. With
him was a large crowd carrying swords
and clubs. They had been sent by the
chief priests and elders of the people.
48 His betrayer had given them a sign:
"Arrest the man I kiss." 49 Just then he
came to Jesus and said, "Hello, Rabbi."
Then he kissed him.
50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, do
what you came to do." Then they came
and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.
51 One of those with Jesus reached
for his sword. Striking the high priest's
slave, he cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus
said to him, "Put the sword back into
its place. All those who use the sword
will die by the sword. 53 Or do you think
that I'm not able to ask my Father and
he will send to me more than twelve
battle groups[l] of angels right away?
54 But if I did that, how would the scrip-
tures be fulfilled that say this must
happen?" 55 Then Jesus said to the
crowds, "Have you come with swords
and clubs to arrest me, like a thief? Day
after day, I sat in the temple teaching,
but you didn't arrest me. 56 But all this
has happened so that what the proph-
ets said in the scriptures might be ful-
filled." Then all the disciples left Jesus
and ran away.

Jesus before the council

57 Those who arrested Jesus led him
to Caiaphas the high priest. The legal
experts and the elders had gathered
there. 58 Peter followed him from a dis-
tance until he came to the high priest's
courtyard. He entered that area and sat
outside with the officers to see how it
would turn out.
59 The chief priests and the whole
council were looking for false tes-
timony against Jesus so that they
could put him to death. 60 They didn't
find anything they could use from the
many false witnesses who were will-
ing to come forward. But finally they
found two 61 who said, "This man said,
'I can destroy God's temple and rebuild
it in three days.'"
62 Then the high priest stood and

26:33 Prv 28:26; Mk 14:29; Lk 22:33; Jn 13:36
26:34 Mt 26:69, Mt 26:74, Mt 26:75; Mk 14:30; Jn 13:38
26:35 Jn 13:37
26:36 Mk 14:32; Lk 22:39, Lk 22:40; Jn 18:1
26:37 Mt 4:21, Mt 17:1; Mk 5:37
26:38 Ps 42:5; Mt 26:40; Jn 12:27
26:39 Mt 6:10, Mt 20:22, Mt 26:42; Jn 6:38, Jn 18:11
26:40 Mt 26:38; Lk 9:32
26:41 Mt 6:13; Lk 22:40; 1Pt 5:8
26:42 Mt 6:10, Mt 26:39
26:43 Lk 9:32
26:44 2Co 12:8
26:45 Mt 17:22, Mt 26:18; Jn 12:23, Jn 12:27, Jn 13:1
26:47 Mt 26:14; Mk 14:43; Lk 22:47; Jn 18:3; Ac 1:16
26:48 2Sa 20:9, 2Sa 20:10; Mt 26:49
26:49 Mt 26:25
26:50 Mt 20:13, Mt 22:12
26:51 Mk 14:47; Lk 22:38; Jn 18:10
26:52 Gn 9:6; Rev 13:10
26:53 2Ki 6:17; Mt 4:11
26:54 Mt 1:22, Mt 26:24
26:55 Mt 4:23, Mt 21:23; Mk 12:35; Jn 7:14, Jn 18:20
26:56 Mt 26:31
26:57 Mt 26:3; Mk 14:53; Jn 18:12
26:58 Mt 26:69; Jn 18:15
26:59 Mt 5:22; Ac 6:11
26:60 Dt 19:15; Ps 35:11
26:61 Mt 27:40; Jn 2:19; Ac 6:14
26:62 Mt 27:12

[k] Or *Son of Man* [l] Or *legions* (of the Roman army, about five thousand soldiers each)

said to Jesus, "Aren't you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?"

63 But Jesus was silent.

The high priest said, "By the living God, I demand that you tell us whether you are the Christ, God's Son."

64 "You said it," Jesus replied. "But I say to you that from now on you'll see *the Human One*[m] *sitting on the right side of the Almighty*[n] *and coming on the heavenly clouds.*"[o]

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He's insulting God! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, you've heard his insult against God. 66 What do you think?"

And they answered, "He deserves to die!" 67 Then they spit in his face and beat him. They hit him 68 and said, "Prophesy for us, Christ! Who hit you?"

Peter's denial

69 Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant woman came and said to him, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean."

70 But he denied it in front of all of them, saying, "I don't know what you are talking about."

71 When he went over to the gate, another woman saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

72 With a solemn pledge, he denied it again, saying, "I don't know the man."

73 A short time later those standing there came and said to Peter, "You must be one of them. The way you talk gives you away."

74 Then he cursed and swore, "I don't know the man!" At that very moment the rooster crowed. 75 Peter remembered Jesus' words, "Before the rooster crows you will deny me three times." And Peter went out and cried uncontrollably.

Jesus before Pilate

27 Early in the morning all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to have Jesus put to death. 2 They bound him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate the governor.

Judas' death

3 When Judas, who betrayed Jesus, saw that Jesus was condemned to die, he felt deep regret. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, and 4 said, "I did wrong because I betrayed an innocent man."

But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem." 5 Judas threw the silver pieces into the temple and left. Then he went and hanged himself.

6 The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said, "According to the Law it's not right to put this money in the treasury. Since it was used to pay for someone's life, it's unclean." 7 So they decided to use it to buy the potter's field where strangers could be buried. 8 That's why that field is called "Field of Blood" to this very day. 9 This fulfilled the words of Jeremiah the prophet: *And I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price for the one whose price had been set by some of the Israelites,* 10 *and I gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.*[p]

Questioned by Pilate

11 Jesus was brought before the governor. The governor said, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "That's what you say." 12 But he didn't answer when the chief priests and elders accused him.

13 Then Pilate said, "Don't you hear the testimony they bring against you?" 14 But he didn't answer, not even a single word. So the governor was greatly amazed.

Death sentence

15 It was customary during the festival for the governor to release to the crowd one prisoner, whomever they might choose. 16 At that time there was

26:63 Lv 5:1; Mt 4:3, Mt 16:16, Mt 27:12; Mk 5:7
26:64 Ps 110:1; Dn 7:13; Mt 16:27, Mt 27:11; Mk 14:62
26:65 Nm 14:6; Mt 9:3; Jn 10:33, Jn 10:36; Ac 14:14
26:66 Lv 24:16; Jn 19:7
26:67 Is 50:6; Mt 27:30; Lk 22:63; Jn 18:22
26:68 Mk 14:65
26:69 Mt 26:58; Mk 14:66; Lk 22:55; Jn 18:16, Jn 18:25
26:70 Prv 29:25; Mt 26:34
26:72 Mt 5:34, Mt 26:74
26:73 Jgs 12:6; Mk 14:70; Jn 18:26
26:74 Mt 26:34
26:75 Mt 26:34; Lk 22:62; Jn 13:38
27:1 Mt 26:4; Mk 15:1; Lk 22:66; Jn 18:28
27:2 Mt 20:19; Mk 15:1; Lk 3:1, Lk 13:1; Ac 3:13
27:3 Mt 26:14, Mt 26:15
27:4 Mt 27:24
27:5 2Sa 17:23; Ac 1:18
27:6 Mk 12:41; Jn 8:20
27:7 Jer 26:23
27:8 Ac 1:19
27:9 Zec 11:13
27:10 Jer 32:6; Zec 11:12, Zec 11:13
27:11 Mt 2:2, Mt 26:64; Mk 15:2; Lk 23:2, Lk 23:3
27:12 Mt 26:63; Ac 8:32
27:13 Mt 26:62, Mt 27:2; Jn 18:35, Jn 19:8, Jn 19:10
27:15 Mk 15:6; Lk 23:16, Lk 23:17; Jn 18:39
27:16 Mk 15:7; Lk 23:18; Jn 18:40

[m] Or *Son of Man* [n] Or *the Power* [o] Dan 7:13 [p] Zech 11:12-13; Jer 32:6-9

a well-known prisoner named Jesus Barabbas. 17When the crowd had come together, Pilate asked them, "Whom would you like me to release to you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18He knew that the leaders of the people had handed him over because of jealousy.

19While he was serving as judge, his wife sent this message to him, "Leave that righteous man alone. I've suffered much today in a dream because of him."

20But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and kill Jesus. 21The governor said, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

"Barabbas," they replied.

22Pilate said, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They all said, "Crucify him!"

23But he said, "Why? What wrong has he done?"

They shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

24Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere and that a riot was starting. So he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I'm innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It's your problem."

25All the people replied, "Let his blood be on us and on our children." 26Then he released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified.

Soldiers mocking Jesus

27The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's house, and they gathered the whole company[q] of soldiers around him. 28They stripped him and put a red military coat on him. 29They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a stick in his right hand. Then they bowed down in front of him and mocked him, saying, "Hey! King of the Jews!" 30After they spit on him, they took the stick and struck his head again and again. 31When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the military coat and put his own clothes back on him. They led him away to crucify him.

Crucifixion

32As they were going out, they found Simon, a man from Cyrene. They forced him to carry his cross. 33When they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place, 34they gave Jesus wine mixed with vinegar to drink. But after tasting it, he didn't want to drink it. 35After they crucified him, they divided up his clothes among them by drawing lots. 36They sat there, guarding him. 37They placed above his head the charge against him. It read, "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews." 38They crucified with him two outlaws, one on his right side and one on his left.

39Those who were walking by insulted Jesus, shaking their heads 40and saying, "So you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, were you? Save yourself! If you are God's Son, come down from the cross."

41In the same way, the chief priests, along with the legal experts and the elders, were making fun of him, saying, 42"He saved others, but he can't save himself. He's the king of Israel, so let him come down from the cross now. Then we'll believe in him. 43He trusts in God, so let God deliver him now if he wants to. He said, 'I'm God's Son.'" 44The outlaws who were crucified with him insulted him in the same way.

Death

45From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. 46At about three Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani,*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you left me?"[r]

47After hearing him, some standing there said, "He's calling Elijah." 48One of them ran over, took a sponge full

27:17 Mt 1:16, Mt 27:22
27:18 Gn 37:11; Mk 15:10; Ac 13:45
27:19 Mt 1:20, Mt 27:24
27:20 Mk 15:11; Lk 23:18; Ac 3:14
27:22 Mt 1:16
27:24 Dt 21:6; Ps 26:6, Ps 73:13; Mt 27:4
27:25 Josh 2:19; Mt 23:35; Ac 5:28
27:26 Mk 15:15; Lk 23:16; Jn 19:1
27:27 Mk 15:16; Jn 18:28, Jn 18:33, Jn 19:9
27:28 Mk 15:17; Lk 23:11; Jn 19:2
27:29 Is 53:3; Mt 20:19, Mt 27:11; Lk 23:36; Jn 19:3
27:30 Mt 26:67; Mk 15:19
27:31 Is 53:7
27:32 Mk 15:21; Lk 23:26; Ac 2:10, Ac 11:20, Ac 13:1
27:33 Mk 15:22; Jn 19:17
27:34 Ps 69:21; Mt 27:48; Mk 15:23
27:35 Ps 22:18; Jn 19:23
27:36 Mt 27:54
27:37 Mk 15:26; Lk 23:38; Jn 19:19
27:38 Is 53:12
27:39 Ps 22:7, Ps 109:25; Lam 2:15; Mk 15:29
27:40 Mt 4:3, Mt 4:6, Mt 26:61; Jn 2:19
27:42 Mt 27:37; Jn 1:49, Jn 12:13
27:43 Ps 22:8
27:44 Lk 23:39
27:45 Am 8:9; Mk 15:33; Lk 23:44; Rev 8:12
27:46 Ps 22:1; Lk 23:46; Jn 19:28
27:47 Mt 11:14; Mk 15:35, Mk 15:36
27:48 Ps 69:21; Mt 27:34; Lk 23:36; Jn 19:29

[q] Or *cohort* (approximately six hundred soldiers) [r] Ps 22:1

of vinegar, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink.

49But the rest of them said, "Let's see if Elijah will come and save him."

50Again Jesus cried out with a loud shout. Then he died.

51Look, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, 52and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised. 53After Jesus' resurrection they came out of their graves and went into the holy city where they appeared to many people. 54When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and what had just happened, they were filled with awe and said, "This was certainly God's Son."

55Many women were watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to serve him. 56Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Burial

57That evening a man named Joseph came. He was a rich man from Arimathea who had become a disciple of Jesus. 58He came to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate gave him permission to take it. 59Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had carved out of the rock. After he rolled a large stone at the door of the tomb, he went away. 61Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting in front of the tomb.

Guard at the tomb

62The next day, which was the day after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate. 63They said, "Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive he said, 'After three days I will arise.' 64Therefore, order the grave to be sealed until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people, 'He's been raised from the dead.' This last deception will be worse than the first."

65Pilate replied, "You have soldiers for guard duty. Go and make it as secure as you know how." 66Then they went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone and posting the guard.

27:50 Mt 27:46; Mk 15:37; Lk 23:46; Jn 19:30
27:51 Ex 26:31; 2Ch 3:14; Mt 27:54; Mk 15:38; Lk 23:45
27:52 Is 25:8, Is 26:19; Dn 12:2; Hos 13:14; Jn 5:25
27:53 Mt 4:5
27:54 Mt 4:3, Mt 8:5, Mt 27:43; Mk 15:39; Lk 23:47
27:55 Lk 8:2, Lk 8:3
27:56 Mt 20:20, Mt 28:1; Mk 15:40, Mk 15:47; Lk 8:2
27:57 Mk 15:42, Mk 15:43; Lk 23:50; Jn 19:38
27:58 Lk 23:52
27:60 Is 53:9; Mt 27:66, Mt 28:2; Mk 16:4
27:61 Mt 27:56, Mt 28:1
27:62 Mk 15:42; Lk 23:54; Jn 19:14, Jn 19:31, Jn 19:42
27:63 Mt 16:21, Mt 17:23, Mt 20:19; Mk 8:31, Mk 10:34
27:64 Mt 28:13
27:65 Mt 27:66, Mt 28:11
27:66 Dn 6:17; Mt 27:60
28:1 Mt 27:56, Mt 27:61; Mk 16:1; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1
28:2 Mt 1:20, Mt 27:51; Jn 20:12; Ac 16:26; Rev 11:19
28:3 Dn 7:9, Dn 10:6; Mt 17:2; Mk 9:3; Jn 20:12
28:4 Rev 1:17
28:5 Mt 14:27, Mt 28:10
28:6 Mt 16:21, Mt 27:63
28:7 Mt 26:32, Mt 28:10, Mt 28:16; Mk 16:7
28:8 Ps 2:11
28:9 Mt 28:17; Lk 24:52; Jn 20:14
28:10 Mt 14:27, Mt 28:5; Jn 20:17; Ro 8:29; Heb 2:11
28:11 Mt 27:65, Mt 27:66, Mt 28:4
28:12 Mk 14:11
28:13 Mt 27:64
28:14 Mt 27:2

Resurrection

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. 2Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. 3Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. 4The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. 5But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. 7Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

8With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. 9But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

Guards' report

11Now as the women were on their way, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. 12They met with the elders and decided to give a large sum of money to the soldiers. 13They told them, "Say that Jesus' disciples came at night and stole his body while you were sleeping. 14And if the

governor hears about this, we will take care of it with him so you will have nothing to worry about." [15]So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told. And this report has spread throughout all Judea to this very day.

Commissioning of the disciples

[16]Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. [17]When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. [18]Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. [19]Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

28:15 Mt 27:8
28:16 Mt 26:32, Mt 28:7, Mt 28:10
28:17 Mt 28:9
28:18 Dn 7:14; Mt 11:27; Jn 3:35; Eph 1:20; 1Pt 3:22
28:19 Mt 24:14; Mk 16:15, Mk 16:16; Lk 24:47; 2Co 13:14
28:20 Mt 13:39, Mt 18:20; Ac 18:10

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Beginning of good news

[1]The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, [2]happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah:

Look, I am sending my messenger
before you.
He will prepare your way,
[3]*a voice shouting in the wilderness:*
"Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight."[a]

John's preaching

[4]John was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. [5]Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. [6]John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. [7]He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. [8]I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus is baptized and tempted

[9]About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. [10]While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. [11]And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

[12]At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. [13]He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

Jesus' message

[14]After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, [15]saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

Jesus calls disciples

[16]As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew. They were fisherman, so they were throwing fishing nets into the sea. [17]"Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." [18]Right away, they left their nets and followed him. [19]After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. [20]At that very moment he

1:1 Mt 4:3, Mt 14:33
1:2 Mal 3:1; Mt 11:10; Lk 1:76, Lk 7:27
1:3 Is 40:3; Mt 3:3; Lk 3:4; Jn 1:23
1:4 Mt 3:1; Jn 1:26, Jn 3:23; Ac 13:24, Ac 19:3
1:5 Mt 3:5, Mt 3:6; Jn 1:28
1:6 Lv 11:22; 2Ki 1:8; Mt 3:4
1:7 Ac 13:25
1:8 Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5, Ac 11:16
1:9 Mt 2:23, Mt 3:13; Lk 3:21, Lk 3:22; Jn 1:32
1:10 Jn 1:32
1:11 Ps 2:7; Is 42:1; Mt 3:17; Mk 9:7
1:12 Mt 4:1; Lk 4:1
1:13 Heb 4:15
1:14 Mt 4:12, Mt 4:17, Mt 4:23
1:15 Mt 3:2; Ac 20:21; Ga 4:4; Eph 1:10
1:16 Mt 4:18; Jn 1:40
1:17 Mt 4:19
1:19 Mt 4:21; Mk 3:17; Ac 1:13
1:20 Mt 4:21

[a]Isa 40:3; Mal 3:1; Exod 23:20

called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

Jesus throws a demon out

[21]Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. [22]The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. [23]Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, [24]"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

[25]"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" [26]The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

[27]Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" [28]Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law

[29]After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. [30]Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. [31]He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

Jesus' ministry spreads

[32]That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. [33]The whole town gathered near the door. [34]He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him.

[35]Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. [36]Simon and those with him tracked him down. [37]When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!"

[38]He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." [39]He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

A man with a skin disease

[40]A man with a skin disease approached Jesus, fell to his knees, and begged, "If you want, you can make me clean."

[41]Incensed,[b] Jesus reached out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do want to. Be clean." [42]Instantly, the skin disease left him, and he was clean. [43]Sternly, Jesus sent him away, [44]saying, "Don't say anything to anyone. Instead, go and show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifice for your cleansing that Moses commanded. This will be a testimony to them." [45]Instead, he went out and started talking freely and spreading the news so that Jesus wasn't able to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, but people came to him from everywhere.

Healing and forgiveness

2 After a few days, Jesus went back to Capernaum, and people heard that he was at home. [2]So many gathered that there was no longer space, not even near the door. Jesus was speaking the word to them. [3]Some people arrived, and four of them were bringing to him a man who was paralyzed. [4]They couldn't carry him through the crowd, so they tore off part of the roof above where Jesus was. When they had made an opening, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed man was lying. [5]When Jesus saw their faith, he said

1:21 Mt 4:13, Mt 4:23, Mk 1:39; Lk 4:31
1:22 Mt 7:28, Mt 7:29; Mk 6:2, Mk 7:37, Mk 11:18
1:23 Mt 8:28, Mt 9:32, Mt 15:22; Mk 5:2; Lk 4:33
1:24 Mt 8:29; Mk 5:7; Lk 1:35, Lk 24:19; Ac 3:14
1:25 Mk 9:25
1:26 Mk 9:20, Mk 9:26
1:27 Mt 7:29, Mt 8:27, Mt 9:33, Mt 12:23, Mt 13:54
1:28 Mt 4:24
1:29 Mt 8:14; Lk 4:38
1:30 Mk 1:29; Lk 4:38; 1Co 9:5
1:31 Mt 4:23, Mt 8:14; Lk 4:38; Ac 9:41
1:32 Mt 4:24
1:33 Mt 4:25, Mt 13:2, Mt 19:2; Mk 2:2, Mk 3:20
1:34 Mt 4:23; Mk 3:12; Ac 16:18
1:35 Lk 4:42
1:37 Jn 12:19
1:38 Is 61:1
1:39 Mt 4:23, Mt 9:35; Mk 1:21; Lk 4:44
1:40 Mt 8:2; Mk 10:17; Lk 5:12
1:41 Mk 6:34
1:43 Mt 9:30
1:44 Lv 14:1, Lv 14:2; Mt 8:4; Mk 5:43, Mk 7:36
1:45 Mk 2:2, Mk 2:13, Mk 3:7; Lk 5:15; Jn 6:2
2:1 Mt 9:1
2:2 Mk 1:33, Mk 1:45, Mk 2:13
2:3 Mt 9:2; Lk 5:18
2:4 Lk 5:19
2:5 Mt 9:2

[b]Most critical editions of the Gk New Testament read *filled with compassion.*

to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven!"

[6]Some legal experts were sitting there, muttering among themselves, [7]"Why does he speak this way? He's insulting God. Only the one God can forgive sins."

[8]Jesus immediately recognized what they were discussing, and he said to them, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? [9]Which is easier—to say to a paralyzed person, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take up your bed, and walk'? [10]But so you will know that the Human One[c] has authority on the earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed, [11]"Get up, take your mat, and go home."

[12]Jesus raised him up, and right away he picked up his mat and walked out in front of everybody. They were all amazed and praised God, saying, "We've never seen anything like this!"

Eating with sinners

[13]Jesus went out beside the lake again. The whole crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. [14]As he continued along, he saw Levi, Alphaeus' son, sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Levi got up and followed him.

[15]Jesus sat down to eat at Levi's house. Many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. Indeed, many of them had become his followers. [16]When some of the legal experts from among the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why is he eating with sinners and tax collectors?"

[17]When Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

When to fast

[18]John's disciples and the Pharisees had a habit of fasting. Some people asked Jesus, "Why do John's disciples and the Pharisees' disciples fast, but yours don't?"

[19]Jesus said, "The wedding guests can't fast while the groom is with them, can they? As long as they have the groom with them, they can't fast. [20]But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

[21]"No one sews a piece of new, unshrunk cloth on old clothes; otherwise, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and makes a worse tear. [22]No one pours new wine into old leather wineskins; otherwise, the wine would burst the wineskins and the wine would be lost and the wineskins destroyed. But new wine is for new wineskins."

Scripture and the Sabbath

[23]Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. As the disciples made their way, they were picking the heads of wheat. [24]The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look! Why are they breaking the Sabbath law?"

[25]He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he was in need, when he and those with him were hungry? [26]During the time when Abiathar was high priest, David went into God's house and ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. He also gave bread to those who were with him." [27]Then he said, "The Sabbath was created for humans; humans weren't created for the Sabbath. [28]This is why the Human One[d] is Lord even over the Sabbath."

Healing on the Sabbath

3 Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. [2]Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. [3]He said to the man with the withered hand, "Step up where

2:6 Mt 16:7
2:7 Is 43:25
2:8 Jn 2:25
2:9 Mk 2:5
2:10 Mt 9:6; Ac 5:31; Col 3:13
2:11 Jn 5:8
2:12 Mt 9:8, Mt 9:33
2:13 Mk 1:45, Mk 4:1
2:14 Mt 9:9; Mk 1:17, Mk 3:18; Lk 5:27
2:15 Mt 4:23, Mt 7:28, Mt 9:9, Mt 9:10, Mt 9:27
2:16 Mt 9:11; Mk 2:7; Lk 5:30, Lk 15:2; Ac 23:9
2:17 Lk 5:31, Lk 5:32; 1Ti 1:15
2:18 Mt 9:14; Lk 5:33, Lk 18:12
2:19 Mt 9:15
2:20 Lk 17:22
2:21 Mt 9:16
2:22 Josh 9:4; Mt 9:17
2:23 Dt 23:25; Mt 12:1; Lk 6:1
2:24 Ex 20:10, Ex 31:15; Mt 12:2
2:25 1Sa 21:1; Mt 12:3, Mt 21:16; Mk 12:26; Lk 6:3
2:26 Lv 24:5; 1Sa 21:1; 2Sa 8:17; 1Ch 24:6
2:27 Ex 23:12; Dt 5:14; Col 2:16
2:28 Mt 12:8; Lk 6:5; Eph 1:22
3:1 Mt 12:9; Mk 1:21; Lk 6:6
3:2 Lk 11:54, Lk 14:1, Lk 20:20

[c]Or *Son of Man* [d]Or *Son of Man*

people can see you." 4Then he said to them, "Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they said nothing. 5Looking around at them with anger, deeply grieved at their unyielding hearts, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did, and his hand was made healthy. 6At that, the Pharisees got together with the supporters of Herod to plan how to destroy Jesus.

Healing and throwing demons out

7Jesus left with his disciples and went to the lake. A large crowd followed him because they had heard what he was doing. They were from Galilee, 8Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the area surrounding Tyre and Sidon. 9Jesus told his disciples to get a small boat ready for him so the crowd wouldn't crush him. 10He had healed so many people that everyone who was sick pushed forward so that they could touch him. 11Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down at his feet and shouted, "You are God's Son!" 12But he strictly ordered them not to reveal who he was.

Jesus appoints twelve apostles

13Jesus went up on a mountain and called those he wanted, and they came to him. 14He appointed twelve and called them apostles. He appointed them to be with him, to be sent out to preach, 15and to have authority to throw out demons. 16He appointed twelve: Peter, a name he gave Simon; 17James and John, Zebedee's sons, whom he nicknamed Boanerges, which means "sons of Thunder"; 18and Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, Alphaeus' son; Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean;[e] 19and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

Misunderstandings about Jesus

20Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. 21When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, "He's out of his mind!"

22The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, "He's possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons."

23When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: "How can Satan throw Satan out? 24A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. 25And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. 26If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can't endure. He's done for. 27No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burglarized. 28I assure you that human beings will be forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. 29But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever." 30He said this because the legal experts were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit."

31His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. 32A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, "Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you."

33He replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" 34Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. 35Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother."

Parable of the soils

4 Jesus began to teach beside the lake again. Such a large crowd gathered that he climbed into a boat there on the lake. He sat in the boat while

3:5 Ro 11:25
3:6 Mt 12:14, Mt 22:16; Mk 12:13
3:7 Mt 4:25, Mt 12:15; Lk 6:17
3:8 Eze 35:15; Mt 11:21; Mk 7:24; Lk 6:17
3:9 Mk 4:1
3:10 Mt 4:23, Mt 9:20, Mt 14:36; Mk 5:29, Mk 6:56
3:11 Mt 4:3, Mt 8:29, Mt 14:33; Mk 1:24; Lk 4:41
3:12 Mt 8:4, Mt 12:16
3:13 Mt 10:1; Lk 6:12
3:14 Mk 3:13, Mk 6:7, Mk 16:15; Lk 9:1, Lk 10:1
3:15 Mt 10:1
3:16 Mt 10:2, Mt 16:16; Lk 6:14; Jn 1:42; Ac 1:13
3:17 Mk 1:19, Mk 5:37, Mk 10:35, Mk 14:33
3:18 Mt 9:9, Mt 10:3, Mt 10:4; Lk 6:14, Lk 6:15
3:19 Mt 10:4, Mt 26:14, Mt 26:47, Mt 27:3; Mk 14:10
3:20 Mk 6:31
3:21 Jn 10:20; Ac 26:24
3:22 Mt 9:34, Mt 10:25, Mt 12:24, Mt 15:1; Lk 11:15
3:23 Mt 4:10, Mt 12:25; Lk 11:17
3:24 1Co 1:10
3:25 Gn 13:8; Ga 5:15
3:26 Mt 4:10
3:27 Is 49:24
3:28 Mt 12:31, Mt 12:32; Lk 12:10; 1Jn 5:16
3:29 Mt 12:31, Mt 12:32, Mt 25:46; Lk 12:10; Ac 7:51
3:30 Mk 3:22; Jas 2:7
3:31 Mt 12:46; Lk 8:19
3:34 Mt 12:49
3:35 Lk 11:28; 1Jn 2:17
4:1 Mt 13:1; Mk 2:13, Mk 3:7; Lk 5:1, Lk 8:4

[e] Or *zealot*

the whole crowd was nearby on the shore. 2He said many things to them in parables. While teaching them, he said, 3"Listen to this! A farmer went out to scatter seed. 4As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path; and the birds came and ate it. 5Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. 6When the sun came up, it scorched the plants; and they dried up because they had no roots. 7Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked the seeds, and they produced nothing. 8Other seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of one hundred to one." 9He said, "Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!"

Jesus explains his parable

10When they were alone, the people around Jesus, along with the Twelve, asked him about the parables. 11He said to them, "The secret of God's kingdom has been given to you, but to those who are outside everything comes in parables. 12This is so that they can look and see but have no insight, and they can hear but not understand. Otherwise, they might turn their lives around and be forgiven.

13"Don't you understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? 14The farmer scatters the word. 15This is the meaning of the seed that fell on the path: When the word is scattered and people hear it, right away Satan comes and steals the word that was planted in them. 16Here's the meaning of the seed that fell on rocky ground: When people hear the word, they immediately receive it joyfully. 17Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. 18Others are like the seed scattered among the thorny plants. These are the ones who have heard the word; 19but the worries of this life, the false appeal of wealth, and the desire for more things break in and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. 20The seed scattered on good soil are those who hear the word and embrace it. They bear fruit, in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case sixty to one, and in another case one hundred to one."

4:2 Mk 3:23
4:3 Mk 4:26
4:4 Mt 13:4
4:5 Mt 13:20; Mk 4:17; Lk 8:13
4:6 Jas 1:11
4:7 Jer 4:3; 1Ti 6:10
4:8 Gn 26:12; Mk 4:20; Jn 15:5; Col 1:6
4:9 Mt 11:15; Mk 4:23
4:10 Mt 13:36; Mk 4:34, Mk 7:17, Mk 9:28
4:11 Col 4:5; 1Th 4:12; 1Ti 3:7
4:12 Is 6:9, Is 6:10; Jer 5:21; Jn 12:40; Ro 11:8
4:13 Mt 13:18, Mt 16:8; Lk 8:11
4:14 Mt 13:37; Mk 2:2; Lk 1:2, Lk 8:11; Ac 8:4
4:15 Rev 20:7
4:16 Eze 33:31, Eze 33:32; Mk 6:20; Jn 5:35
4:17 Mt 11:6; Mk 4:5; 1Co 10:13
4:19 1Ti 6:9, 1Ti 6:10, 1Ti 6:17
4:20 Jn 15:16
4:21 Mt 5:15; Lk 8:16, Lk 11:33
4:22 Mt 10:26; Lk 8:17, Lk 12:2
4:23 Mt 11:15; Mk 4:9
4:24 Mt 7:2; Lk 6:38
4:25 Mt 13:12, Mt 25:29; Lk 8:18
4:26 Mt 13:24, Mt 13:31, Mt 13:33
4:27 Ecc 11:5
4:29 Jl 3:13; Rev 14:15
4:30 Mt 13:24, Mt 13:31, Mt 13:32; Lk 13:18, Lk 13:19
4:31 Mt 13:31; Lk 13:19
4:32 Ps 104:12; Dn 4:12

Parables about lamps and measures

21Jesus said to them, "Does anyone bring in a lamp in order to put it under a basket or a bed? Shouldn't it be placed on a lampstand? 22Everything hidden will be revealed, and everything secret will come out into the open. 23Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!"

24He said to them, "Listen carefully! God will evaluate you with the same standard you use to evaluate others. Indeed, you will receive even more. 25Those who have will receive more, but as for those who don't have, even what they don't have will be taken away from them."

More parables about God's kingdom

26Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, 27then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. 28The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. 29Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

30He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? 31Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; 32but when it's planted,

it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

33 With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. 34 He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

Jesus stops a storm

35 Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." 36 They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

37 Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. 38 But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?"

39 He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind settled down and there was a great calm. 40 Jesus asked them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

41 Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

Jesus frees a demon-possessed man

5 Jesus and his disciples came to the other side of the lake, to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out of the tombs. 3 This man lived among the tombs, and no one was ever strong enough to restrain him, even with a chain. 4 He had been secured many times with leg irons and chains, but he broke the chains and smashed the leg irons. No one was tough enough to control him. 5 Night and day in the tombs and the hills, he would howl and cut himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from far away, he ran and knelt before him, 7 shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"

8 He said this because Jesus had already commanded him, "Unclean spirit, come out of the man!"

9 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He responded, "Legion is my name, because we are many." 10 They pleaded with Jesus not to send them out of that region.

11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. 12 "Send us into the pigs!" they begged. "Let us go into the pigs!" 13 Jesus gave them permission, so the unclean spirits left the man and went into the pigs. Then the herd of about two thousand pigs rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

14 Those who tended the pigs ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside. People came to see what had happened. 15 They came to Jesus and saw the man who used to be demon-possessed. They saw the very man who had been filled with many demons sitting there fully dressed and completely sane, and they were filled with awe. 16 Those who had actually seen what had happened to the demon-possessed man told the others about the pigs. 17 Then they pleaded with Jesus to leave their region.

18 While he was climbing into the boat, the one who had been demon-possessed pleaded with Jesus to let him come along as one of his disciples. 19 But Jesus wouldn't allow it. "Go home to your own people," Jesus said, "and tell them what the Lord has done for you and how he has shown you mercy." 20 The man went away and began to proclaim in the Ten Cities all that Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

Jesus heals two people

21 Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd

4:33 Jn 16:12; 1Co 3:2
4:34 Lk 24:27; Jn 16:25
4:35 Mt 8:18, Mt 8:23; Lk 8:22
4:36 Mk 3:9, Mk 4:1
4:37 Jon 1:4; Ac 27:14
4:38 Ps 22:2, Ps 77:7; Is 40:27, Is 40:28, Is 49:14
4:39 Ps 65:7, Ps 89:9, Ps 107:29; Mt 8:26
4:40 Mt 14:31; Lk 8:25
4:41 Mk 1:27, Mk 5:33, Mk 7:37; Lk 4:36, Lk 8:25
5:1 Mt 8:28; Lk 8:26
5:2 Mk 1:23
5:3 Is 65:4
5:4 2Ch 33:11; Jas 3:7
5:5 1Ki 18:28
5:6 Mt 8:29, Mt 14:33, Mt 28:9, Mt 28:16, Mt 28:18
5:7 Mt 4:3, Mt 8:29, Mt 26:63; Mk 1:24; Ac 16:17
5:8 Mk 1:25
5:9 Mt 26:53; Mk 5:15; Lk 8:30
5:11 Lk 8:32
5:13 Mt 8:32
5:15 Mk 5:9; Lk 8:35
5:17 Mt 8:34; Ac 16:39
5:19 Ps 66:16; Mt 8:4; Mk 5:20; Lk 8:35, Lk 8:39
5:20 Mt 4:25; Mk 7:31
5:21 Mt 9:1; Mk 4:1; Lk 8:40

gathered around him on the shore.
22 Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders,
came forward. When he saw Jesus, he
fell at his feet 23 and pleaded with him,
"My daughter is about to die. Please,
come and place your hands on her so
that she can be healed and live." 24 So
Jesus went with him.

A swarm of people were following
Jesus, crowding in on him. 25 A woman
was there who had been bleeding for
twelve years. 26 She had suffered a lot
under the care of many doctors, and
had spent everything she had with-
out getting any better. In fact, she had
gotten worse. 27 Because she had heard
about Jesus, she came up behind him
in the crowd and touched his clothes.
28 She was thinking, If I can just touch
his clothes, I'll be healed. 29 Her bleed-
ing stopped immediately, and she
sensed in her body that her illness had
been healed.

30 At that very moment, Jesus rec-
ognized that power had gone out from
him. He turned around in the crowd
and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 His disciples said to him, "Don't
you see the crowd pressing against you?
Yet you ask, 'Who touched me?' " 32 But
Jesus looked around carefully to see
who had done it.

33 The woman, full of fear and trem-
bling, came forward. Knowing what
had happened to her, she fell down in
front of Jesus and told him the whole
truth. 34 He responded, "Daughter,
your faith has healed you; go in peace,
healed from your disease."

35 While Jesus was still speaking
with her, messengers came from the
synagogue leader's house, saying to
Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Why
bother the teacher any longer?"

36 But Jesus overheard their report
and said to the synagogue leader,
"Don't be afraid; just keep trusting."
37 He didn't allow anyone to follow him
except Peter, James, and John, James'
brother. 38 They came to the synagogue
leader's house, and he saw a commo-

5:22 Mt 9:18; Lk 8:41; Ac 13:15
5:23 Mk 6:5, Mk 7:32, Mk 16:18; Lk 4:40, Lk 13:13
5:24 Lk 8:45
5:25 Lv 15:25; Mt 9:20; Lk 8:43
5:26 Jer 8:22
5:27 Mt 14:36
5:29 Mk 3:10, Mk 5:34
5:30 Lk 5:17, Lk 6:19
5:33 Lk 1:12
5:34 Mt 9:22; Mk 10:52; Lk 7:50
5:35 Mk 5:22
5:36 Mk 9:23; Lk 8:50
5:37 Mt 17:1; Mk 9:2, Mk 14:33; Lk 8:51
5:38 Mk 5:22
5:39 Jn 11:11
5:41 Mk 1:31; Lk 7:14
5:42 Mk 1:27
5:43 Mt 8:4, Mt 9:30; Mk 3:12, Mk 7:36, Mk 9:9
6:1 Mt 13:54; Lk 4:16
6:2 Mt 7:28; Mk 1:21, Mk 1:22
6:3 Mt 11:6, Mt 13:55; Ga 1:19
6:4 Mt 13:57; Lk 4:24; Jn 4:44
6:5 Mk 5:23
6:6 Mt 9:35; Lk 13:22
6:7 Mt 10:1, Mt 10:5, Mt 10:9; Mk 3:13; Lk 9:1
6:8 Mt 10:9, Mt 10:10
6:9 Ac 12:8

tion, with people crying and wailing
loudly. 39 He went in and said to them,
"What's all this commotion and crying
about? The child isn't dead. She's only
sleeping." 40 They laughed at him, but
he threw them all out. Then, taking the
child's parents and his disciples with
him, he went to the room where the
child was. 41 Taking her hand, he said
to her, "*Talitha koum*," which means,
"Young woman, get up." 42 Suddenly
the young woman got up and began to
walk around. She was twelve years old.
They were shocked! 43 He gave them
strict orders that no one should know
what had happened. Then he told them
to give her something to eat.

Jesus in his hometown

6 Jesus left that place and came to
his hometown. His disciples fol-
lowed him. 2 On the Sabbath, he began
to teach in the synagogue. Many who
heard him were surprised. "Where did
this man get all this? What's this wis-
dom he's been given? What about the
powerful acts accomplished through
him? 3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't he
Mary's son and the brother of James,
Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his
sisters here with us?" They were re-
pulsed by him and fell into sin.

4 Jesus said to them, "Prophets are
honored everywhere except in their
own hometowns, among their rela-
tives, and in their own households."
5 He was unable to do any miracles
there, except that he placed his hands
on a few sick people and healed them.
6 He was appalled by their disbelief.

Sending out the disciples

Then Jesus traveled through the
surrounding villages teaching.

7 He called for the Twelve and sent
them out in pairs. He gave them au-
thority over unclean spirits. 8 He in-
structed them to take nothing for the
journey except a walking stick—no
bread, no bags, and no money in their
belts. 9 He told them to wear sandals

but not to put on two shirts. [10]He said, "Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. [11]If a place doesn't welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them." [12]So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. [13]They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

Death of John the Baptist

[14]Herod the king heard about these things, because the name of Jesus had become well-known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and this is why miraculous powers are at work through him." [15]Others were saying, "He is Elijah." Still others were saying, "He is a prophet like one of the ancient prophets." [16]But when Herod heard these rumors, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised to life."

[17]He said this because Herod himself had arranged to have John arrested and put in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod's brother Philip. Herod had married her, [18]but John told Herod, "It's against the law for you to marry your brother's wife!" [19]So Herodias had it in for John. She wanted to kill him, but she couldn't. [20]This was because Herod respected John. He regarded him as a righteous and holy person, so he protected him. John's words greatly confused Herod, yet he enjoyed listening to him.

[21]Finally, the time was right. It was on one of Herod's birthdays, when he had prepared a feast for his high-ranking officials and military officers and Galilee's leading residents. [22]Herod's daughter Herodias[f] came in and danced, thrilling Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the young woman, "Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." [23]Then he swore to her, "Whatever you ask I will give to you, even as much as half of my kingdom."

[24]She left the banquet hall and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?"

"John the Baptist's head," Herodias replied.

[25]Hurrying back to the ruler, she made her request: "I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a plate, right this minute." [26]Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests, he didn't want to refuse her. [27]So he ordered a guard to bring John's head. The guard went to the prison, cut off John's head, [28]brought his head on a plate, and gave it to the young woman, and she gave it to her mother. [29]When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came and took his dead body and laid it in a tomb.

Jesus feeds five thousand people

[30]The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. [31]Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, "Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while." [32]They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

[33]Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. [34]When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

[35]Late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, "This is an isolated place, and it's already late in the day. [36]Send them away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something to eat for themselves."

[37]He replied, "You give them something to eat."

But they said to him, "Should we go off and buy bread worth almost eight months' pay[g] and give it to them to eat?"

6:11 Mt 10:14
6:12 Mk 1:15
6:13 Jas 5:14
6:14 Mt 14:1, Mt 14:2; Lk 9:7
6:15 Mt 16:14, Mt 21:11; Mk 8:28
6:16 Mt 14:2; Mk 6:27
6:17 Mt 11:2, Mt 14:3; Lk 3:19, Lk 3:20
6:18 Lv 18:16; Mt 14:3, Mt 14:4; Mk 6:17
6:19 Mt 14:3, Mt 14:6; Mk 6:22; Lk 3:19
6:20 Mt 21:26
6:21 Gn 40:20; Est 1:3, Est 2:18; Lk 3:1
6:22 Mt 14:3, Mt 14:6
6:23 Est 5:3, Est 5:6, Est 7:2
6:24 Mt 14:8
6:25 Mt 14:8
6:27 Mk 6:16
6:30 Mt 10:2; Lk 9:10, Lk 17:5, Lk 22:14, Lk 24:10
6:31 Mk 3:19
6:32 Mt 14:13; Mk 6:45; Lk 9:10
6:33 Mk 3:20, Mk 6:54, Mk 6:55; Jn 6:2
6:34 Mt 9:36
6:35 Mt 14:15; Lk 9:12; Jn 6:5
6:36 Mt 15:23
6:37 2Ki 4:42; Jn 6:7

[f]Or *the daughter of Herodias herself*; Gk uncertain [g]Or *two hundred denaria*; a denarion was a typical day's wage.

[38]He said to them, "How much bread do you have? Take a look."

After checking, they said, "Five loaves of bread and two fish."

[39]He directed the disciples to seat all the people in groups as though they were having a banquet on the green grass. [40]They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. [41]He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke the loaves into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. [42]Everyone ate until they were full. [43]They filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish. [44]About five thousand had eaten.

Jesus walks on water

[45]Right then, Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake, toward Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. [46]After saying good-bye to them, Jesus went up onto a mountain to pray. [47]Evening came and the boat was in the middle of the lake, but he was alone on the land. [48]He saw his disciples struggling. They were trying to row forward, but the wind was blowing against them. Very early in the morning, he came to them, walking on the lake. He intended to pass by them. [49]When they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost and they screamed. [50]Seeing him was terrifying to all of them. Just then he spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid." [51]He got into the boat, and the wind settled down. His disciples were so baffled they were beside themselves. [52]That's because they hadn't understood about the loaves. Their hearts had been changed so that they resisted God's ways.

Healings at Gennesaret

[53]When Jesus and his disciples had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret, anchored the boat, [54]and came ashore. People immediately recognized Jesus [55]and ran around that whole region bringing sick people on their mats to wherever they heard he was. [56]Wherever he went—villages, cities, or farming communities—they would place the sick in the marketplaces and beg him to allow them to touch even the hem of his clothing. Everyone who touched him was healed.

What contaminates a life?

7 The Pharisees and some legal experts from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. [2]They saw some of his disciples eating food with unclean hands. (They were eating without first ritually purifying their hands through washing. [3]The Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat without first washing their hands carefully. This is a way of observing the rules handed down by the elders. [4]Upon returning from the marketplace, they don't eat without first immersing themselves. They observe many other rules that have been handed down, such as the washing of cups, jugs, pans, and sleeping mats.) [5]So the Pharisees and legal experts asked Jesus, "Why are your disciples not living according to the rules handed down by the elders but instead eat food with ritually unclean hands?"

[6]He replied, "Isaiah really knew what he was talking about when he prophesied about you hypocrites. He wrote,

This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far away from me.
[7]*Their worship of me is empty*
since they teach instructions
that are human words.[h]

[8]You ignore God's commandment while holding on to rules created by humans and handed down to you." [9]Jesus continued, "Clearly, you are experts at rejecting God's commandment in order to establish these rules. [10]Moses

6:38 Mt 15:34; Mk 8:5
6:41 Mt 14:19; Mk 14:22
6:45 Mt 11:21, Mt 14:22; Mk 6:32, Mk 8:22; Jn 6:15
6:48 Ex 14:24; 1Sa 11:11; Job 9:8; Mt 14:25; Lk 24:28
6:49 Mt 14:25, Mt 14:26; Lk 24:37
6:50 Is 43:2; Mt 14:27
6:51 Mk 4:39
6:52 Mk 3:5, Mk 8:17, Mk 16:14
6:53 Mt 14:34; Jn 6:24, Jn 6:25
6:55 Mt 4:24
6:56 Mt 9:20; Mk 3:10; Lk 6:19; Ac 5:15
7:1 Mt 15:1
7:2 Mt 15:2; Lk 11:38; Ac 10:14, Ac 10:28; Ro 14:14
7:3 Mt 15:2; Mk 7:5, Mk 7:13; Ga 1:14; Col 2:8
7:4 Mt 23:25; Lk 11:39; Heb 9:10
7:5 Mk 7:3; Ga 1:14
7:6 Is 29:13
7:8 Mk 7:3
7:9 Mk 7:13
7:10 Ex 20:12, Ex 21:17; Lv 20:9; Dt 5:16

[h]Isa 29:13

said, *Honor your father and your mother,*[i] and *The person who speaks against father or mother will certainly be put to death.*[j] [11]But you say, 'If you tell your father or mother, "Everything I'm expected to contribute to you is *corban* (that is, a gift I'm giving to God)," [12]then you are no longer required to care for your father or mother.' [13]In this way you do away with God's word in favor of the rules handed down to you, which you pass on to others. And you do a lot of other things just like that."

[14]Then Jesus called the crowd again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. [15]Nothing outside of a person can enter and contaminate a person in God's sight; rather, the things that come out of a person contaminate the person."[k]

[17]After leaving the crowd, he entered a house where his disciples asked him about that riddle. [18]He said to them, "Don't you understand either? Don't you know that nothing from the outside that enters a person has the power to contaminate? [19]That's because it doesn't enter into the heart but into the stomach, and it goes out into the sewer." By saying this, Jesus declared that no food could contaminate a person in God's sight. [20]"It's what comes out of a person that contaminates someone in God's sight," he said. [21]"It's from the inside, from the human heart, that evil thoughts come: sexual sins, thefts, murders, [22]adultery, greed, evil actions, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, insults, arrogance, and foolishness. [23]All these evil things come from the inside and contaminate a person in God's sight."

An immigrant's daughter is delivered

[24]Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. [25]In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. [26]The woman was Greek, Syrophoenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. [27]He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

[28]But she answered, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

[29]"Good answer!" he said. "Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter." [30]When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

A deaf man is healed

[31]After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. [32]Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. [33]Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. [34]Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, *"Ephphatha,"* which means, "Open up." [35]At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

[36]Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. [37]People were overcome with wonder, saying, "He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can't speak."

Jesus feeds four thousand people

8 In those days there was another large crowd with nothing to eat.

7:11 Mt 15:5, Mt 23:18
7:13 Jer 8:9; Mk 7:9
7:15 Ac 10:14
7:17 Mt 13:36, Mt 15:15; Mk 9:28
7:18 Mt 16:11; Lk 24:25
7:19 Lk 11:41; Ac 10:15
7:21 Gn 6:5, Gn 8:21; Ex 20:13, Ex 20:17; Job 14:4
7:22 Mt 20:15; Ro 1:29; Ga 5:19
7:24 Gn 10:19; Mt 11:21, Mt 15:21; Mk 6:31
7:25 Mt 15:22; Mk 5:22
7:26 Mt 15:22; Ac 21:3; 1Co 12:13
7:27 Mt 7:6, Mt 8:5, Mt 9:28, Mt 10:5, Mt 15:21
7:31 Mt 4:18, Mt 4:25, Mt 15:29; Mk 5:20, Mk 7:24
7:32 Mk 5:23
7:33 Mk 8:23
7:34 Mk 6:41, Mk 8:12; Jn 11:33, Jn 11:41
7:35 Is 35:5, Is 35:6
7:36 Mt 8:4; Mk 1:45
7:37 Mt 15:31; Mk 2:12
8:1 Mt 15:32

[i]Exod 20:12; Deut 5:16 [j]Exod 21:17; Lev 20:9 [k]7:16 is omitted in most critical editions of the Gk New Testament *Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!*

Jesus called his disciples and told them, 2"I feel sorry for the crowd because they have been with me for three days and have nothing to eat. 3If I send them away hungry to their homes, they won't have enough strength to travel, for some have come a long distance."

4His disciples responded, "How can anyone get enough food in this wilderness to satisfy these people?"

5Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?"

They said, "Seven loaves."

6He told the crowd to sit on the ground. He took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke them apart, and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they gave the bread to the crowd. 7They also had a few fish. He said a blessing over them, then gave them to the disciples to hand out also. 8They ate until they were full. They collected seven baskets full of leftovers. 9This was a crowd of about four thousand people! Jesus sent them away, 10then got into a boat with his disciples and went over to the region of Dalmanutha.

Looking for proof

11The Pharisees showed up and began to argue with Jesus. To test him, they asked for a sign from heaven. 12With an impatient sigh, Jesus said, "Why does this generation look for a sign? I assure you that no sign will be given to it." 13Leaving them, he got back in the boat and crossed to the other side of the lake.

Understanding about the bread

14Jesus' disciples had forgotten to bring any bread, so they had only one loaf with them in the boat. 15He gave them strict orders: "Watch out and be on your guard for the yeast of the Pharisees as well as the yeast of Herod."

16The disciples discussed this among themselves, "He said this because we have no bread."

17Jesus knew what they were discussing and said, "Why are you talking about the fact that you don't have any bread? Don't you grasp what has happened? Don't you understand? Are your hearts so resistant to what God is doing? 18Don't you have eyes? Why can't you see? Don't you have ears? Why can't you hear? Don't you remember? 19When I broke five loaves of bread for those five thousand people, how many baskets full of leftovers did you gather?"

They answered, "Twelve."

20"And when I broke seven loaves of bread for those four thousand people, how many baskets full of leftovers did you gather?"

They answered, "Seven."

21Jesus said to them, "And you still don't understand?"

A blind man is healed

22Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch and heal him. 23Taking the blind man's hand, Jesus led him out of the village. After spitting on his eyes and laying his hands on the man, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"

24The man looked up and said, "I see people. They look like trees, only they are walking around."

25Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again. He looked with his eyes wide open, his sight was restored, and he could see everything clearly. 26Then Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village!"

Jesus predicts his death

27Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

28They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

29He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the

8:6 1Sa 9:13; Jn 6:11, Jn 6:23; Ac 27:35; Ro 14:6

8:10 Mt 15:39

8:11 Mt 12:38, Mt 16:1; Lk 11:16; Jn 4:48

8:12 Mk 7:34; Jn 11:33

8:15 Mt 14:1, Mt 16:6; Lk 12:1

8:17 Mk 6:52

8:18 Jer 5:21; Eze 12:2; Mk 4:12

8:19 Mk 6:41

8:20 Mk 8:6

8:21 Mk 6:52

8:22 Mt 9:27, Mt 11:21; Mk 6:45, Mk 10:46; Jn 9:1

8:23 Mk 5:23, Mk 7:33; Jn 9:6

8:26 Mt 8:4; Mk 8:23

8:27 Mt 16:13; Lk 9:18

8:28 Mk 6:14; Lk 9:7

8:29 Jn 6:69, Jn 11:27

Christ." [30]Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

[31]Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One[l] must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." [32]He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. [33]Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

[34]After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. [35]All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. [36]Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? [37]What will people give in exchange for their lives? [38]Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One[m] will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels." 9 [1]Jesus continued, "I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see God's kingdom arrive in power."

Jesus transformed

[2]Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, [3]and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. [4]Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. [5]Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good that we're here. Let's make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [6]He said this because he didn't know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

[7]Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!" [8]Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

[9]As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One[n] had risen from the dead. [10]So they kept it to themselves, wondering, "What's this 'rising from the dead'?" [11]They asked Jesus, "Why do the legal experts say that Elijah must come first?"

[12]He answered, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. Why was it written that the Human One[o] would suffer many things and be rejected? [13]In fact, I tell you that Elijah has come, but they did to him whatever they wanted, just as it was written about him."

A demon-possessed boy

[14]When Jesus, Peter, James, and John approached the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them and legal experts arguing with them. [15]Suddenly the whole crowd caught sight of Jesus. They ran to greet him, overcome with excitement. [16]Jesus asked them, "What are you arguing about?"

[17]Someone from the crowd responded, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, since he has a spirit that doesn't allow him to speak. [18]Wherever it overpowers him, it throws him into a fit. He foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and stiffens up. So I spoke to your disciples to see if they could throw it out, but they couldn't."

[19]Jesus answered them, "You faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I put up with you? Bring him to me."

[20]They brought him. When the

8:30 Mt 8:4, Mt 16:20; Mk 9:9; Lk 9:21
8:31 Mt 16:21; Mk 9:31, Mk 10:34; Lk 9:22
8:32 Mt 16:22; Jn 16:25
8:33 Mt 4:10, Mt 16:23
8:34 Mt 10:38; Lk 14:27
8:35 Mt 10:39; Lk 17:33; Jn 12:25
8:36 Mt 16:26; Lk 12:20
8:37 Ps 49:7, Ps 49:8
8:38 Mt 10:33, Mt 16:27, Mt 25:31; Lk 12:9; Ro 1:16
9:1 Mt 16:28, Mt 25:31; Mk 13:30; Lk 9:27
9:2 Mt 17:1; Mk 5:37, Mk 14:33; Lk 9:28
9:3 Dn 7:9; Mt 28:3
9:4 Dt 34:5; Mt 17:3, Mt 17:4; Lk 9:30; Rev 19:10
9:5 Ex 33:17; Mt 17:4, Mt 23:7, Mt 26:49; Mk 11:21
9:6 Mk 14:40
9:7 Mt 3:17; Mk 1:11; 2Pt 1:17
9:8 Lk 9:36
9:9 Mk 8:30
9:10 Jn 16:17
9:11 Mal 4:5; Mt 11:14, Mt 17:10; Mk 9:4
9:12 Lk 1:17
9:13 Mt 11:14, Mt 17:12; Lk 1:17
9:14 Mt 17:14; Lk 9:37
9:17 Mk 9:25
9:18 Ac 7:54
9:19 Mt 17:17
9:20 Mk 1:26

[l]Or *Son of Man* [m]Or *Son of Man* [n]Or *Son of Man* [o]Or *Son of Man*

spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a fit. He fell on the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. [21]Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been going on?"

He said, "Since he was a child. [22]It has often thrown him into a fire or into water trying to kill him. If you can do anything, help us! Show us compassion!"

[23]Jesus said to him, "'If you can do anything'? All things are possible for the one who has faith."

[24]At that the boy's father cried out, "I have faith; help my lack of faith!"

[25]Noticing that the crowd had surged together, Jesus spoke harshly to the unclean spirit, "Mute and deaf spirit, I command you to come out of him and never enter him again." [26]After screaming and shaking the boy horribly, the spirit came out. The boy seemed to be dead; in fact, several people said that he had died. [27]But Jesus took his hand, lifted him up, and he arose.

[28]After Jesus went into a house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we throw this spirit out?"

[29]Jesus answered, "Throwing this kind of spirit out requires prayer."

Jesus predicts his death

[30]From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. [31]This was because he was teaching his disciples, "The Human One[p] will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up." [32]But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

[33]They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" [34]They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. [35]He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all." [36]Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, [37]"Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."

Recognize your allies

[38]John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."

[39]Jesus replied, "Don't stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me. [40]Whoever isn't against us is for us. [41]I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded.

[42]"As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and to be thrown into the lake. [43]If your hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter into life crippled than to go away with two hands into the fire of hell, which can't be put out.[q] [45]If your foot causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter life lame than to be thrown into hell with two feet.[r] [47]If your eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out. It's better for you to enter God's kingdom with one eye than to be thrown into hell with two. [48]That's a place *where worms don't die and the fire never goes out.*[s] [49]Everyone will be salted with fire. [50]Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other."

9:21 Mk 5:25; Jn 5:5, Jn 9:1; Ac 3:2
9:22 Mt 9:28
9:23 Mt 17:20, Mt 21:21; Mk 11:23; Jn 11:40
9:24 Lk 17:5
9:25 Is 35:6; Mt 9:33, Mt 12:22; Mk 1:25, Mk 9:15
9:26 Mk 1:26
9:27 Mk 1:31, Mk 1:41
9:28 Mk 7:17
9:29 Eph 6:18
9:30 Mt 17:22, Mt 17:23; Lk 9:43
9:31 Mt 16:21; Mk 8:31, Mk 9:12; Lk 9:44
9:32 Mk 9:10; Lk 2:50, Lk 9:45, Lk 18:34; Jn 12:16
9:33 Mt 18:1; Lk 9:46
9:34 Lk 22:24
9:35 Mt 23:11; Mk 10:43, Mk 10:44; Lk 22:26
9:36 Mk 10:16
9:37 Mt 10:40
9:38 Lk 9:49, Lk 9:50
9:39 Mt 9:10, Mt 10:5, Mt 16:24; Lk 9:50; 1Co 12:3
9:40 Mt 12:30; Lk 11:23
9:41 Mt 10:42
9:42 Mt 18:6; Lk 17:2
9:43 Mt 5:22, Mt 5:29, Mt 5:30, Mt 18:8, Mt 25:41
9:44 Is 66:24
9:45 Mt 5:22, Mt 18:8; Mk 9:43
9:47 Mt 5:22, Mt 5:29, Mt 18:9; Mk 9:43
9:48 Is 66:24; Mt 25:41
9:49 Lv 2:13
9:50 Mt 5:13; Lk 14:34; Ro 12:18; 2Co 13:11; 1Th 5:13

[p]Or *Son of Man* [q]9:44 is omitted in most critical editions of the Gk New Testament *where worms don't die and the fire never goes out.* [r]9:46 is omitted in most critical editions of the Gk New Testament *where worms don't die and the fire never goes out.* [s]Isa 66:24

Divorce and remarriage

10 Jesus left that place and went beyond the Jordan and into the region of Judea. Crowds gathered around him again and, as usual, he taught them. [2]Some Pharisees came and, trying to test him, they asked, "Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife?"

[3]Jesus answered, "What did Moses command you?"

[4]They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a divorce certificate and to divorce his wife."

[5]Jesus said to them, "He wrote this commandment for you because of your unyielding hearts. [6]At the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female.*[t] [7]*Because of this, a man should leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife,* [8]*and the two will be one flesh.*[u] So they are no longer two but one flesh. [9]Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together."

[10]Inside the house, the disciples asked him again about this. [11]He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; [12]and if a wife divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Jesus blesses children

[13]People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. [14]When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. [15]I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." [16]Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

A rich man's question

[17]As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

[18]Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. [19]You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony.* Don't cheat. *Honor your father and mother.*"[v]

[20]"Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

[21]Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." [22]But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

[23]Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" [24]His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! [25]It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

[26]They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

[27]Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God."

[28]Peter said to him, "Look, we've left everything and followed you."

[29]Jesus said, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news [30]will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. [31]But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first."

10:1 Mt 19:1
10:2 Mt 5:31, Mt 19:3; Jn 8:6
10:4 Dt 24:1, Dt 24:3; Mt 5:31
10:5 Mk 16:14
10:6 Gn 1:27, Gn 5:2; Mk 13:19; 2Pt 3:4
10:8 Gn 2:24; 1Co 6:16
10:9 1Co 7:10
10:10 Mk 9:28
10:11 Mt 5:32, Mt 19:9; Lk 16:18
10:12 1Co 7:11, 1Co 7:13
10:13 Mt 19:13; Lk 18:15
10:14 Mt 5:3, Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32, Mt 19:14; Lk 18:16
10:15 Mt 18:3; Lk 18:17; Jn 3:3
10:16 Gn 48:14; Mk 9:36
10:17 Mt 19:16, Mt 25:34; Mk 1:40; Lk 10:25, Lk 18:18
10:18 Lk 18:19
10:19 Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16; Ro 13:9
10:20 Mt 19:20
10:21 Mt 16:24; Lk 12:33
10:22 Eze 33:31
10:23 Mt 19:23; Lk 18:24
10:24 Ps 49:6, Ps 52:7; Prv 11:28; 1Ti 6:17
10:25 Mt 19:24
10:27 Gn 18:14; Job 42:2; Jer 32:17, Jer 32:27; Mt 19:26
10:28 Mt 19:27
10:29 Mt 10:37, Mt 16:24, Mt 19:21; Mk 8:35; Lk 14:26
10:30 Mt 12:32
10:31 Mt 19:30, Mt 20:16; Lk 13:30

[t]Gen 1:27 [u]Gen 2:24 [v]Exod 12:16; Deut 16:20

Jesus predicts his death and resurrection

32 Jesus and his disciples were on
the road, going up to Jerusalem, with
Jesus in the lead. The disciples were
amazed while the others following
behind were afraid. Taking the Twelve
aside again, he told them what was
about to happen to him. 33 "Look!" he
said. "We're going up to Jerusalem. The
Human One[w] will be handed over to
the chief priests and the legal experts.
They will condemn him to death and
hand him over to the Gentiles. 34 They
will ridicule him, spit on him, torture
him, and kill him. After three days, he
will rise up."

A request from James and John

35 James and John, Zebedee's sons,
came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we
want you to do for us whatever we ask."
36 "What do you want me to do for
you?" he asked.
37 They said, "Allow one of us to sit
on your right and the other on your
left when you enter your glory."
38 Jesus replied, "You don't know
what you're asking! Can you drink the
cup I drink or receive the baptism I re-
ceive?"
39 "We can," they answered.
Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I
drink and receive the baptism I receive,
40 but to sit at my right or left hand
isn't mine to give. It belongs to those
for whom it has been prepared."
41 Now when the other ten disciples
heard about this, they became angry
with James and John. 42 Jesus called
them over and said, "You know that
the ones who are considered the rulers
by the Gentiles show off their author-
ity over them and their high-ranking
officials order them around. 43 But
that's not the way it will be with you.
Whoever wants to be great among you
will be your servant. 44 Whoever wants
to be first among you will be the slave
of all, 45 for the Human One[x] didn't
come to be served but rather to serve
and to give his life to liberate many
people."

10:32 Mt 20:17; Lk 18:31
10:33 Mt 16:21, Mt 27:2; Mk 8:31
10:34 Mt 26:67; Mk 14:65
10:35 Mt 20:20; Mk 1:19
10:36 Mk 10:51
10:37 Mt 19:28
10:38 Mt 20:22; Mk 14:36; Lk 12:50; Jn 18:11
10:39 Ac 12:2; Rev 1:9
10:40 Mt 20:23, Mt 25:34
10:41 Lk 22:24, Lk 22:25
10:42 Mt 20:25
10:43 Mt 20:26; Mk 9:35; Lk 9:48
10:44 Mk 10:43
10:45 Mt 20:28
10:46 Mt 20:29, Mt 20:30; Lk 18:35; Jn 9:8
10:47 Mt 9:27, Mt 20:30, Mt 22:42; Mk 1:24
10:48 Mt 9:27, Mt 15:22, Mt 20:31, Mt 21:9; Mk 10:47
10:49 Mt 9:2, Mt 20:32; Lk 18:40
10:51 Jn 20:16
10:52 Mt 9:22; Mk 5:34
11:1 Mt 21:1; Lk 19:29; Ac 1:12
11:2 Nm 19:2; 1Sa 6:7; Mt 21:2

Healing of blind Bartimaeus

46 Jesus and his followers came into
Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jeri-
cho, together with his disciples and a
sizable crowd, a blind beggar named
Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting
beside the road. 47 When he heard that
Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began
to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show
me mercy!" 48 Many scolded him, tell-
ing him to be quiet, but he shouted
even louder, "Son of David, show me
mercy!"
49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him
forward."
They called the blind man, "Be en-
couraged! Get up! He's calling you."
50 Throwing his coat to the side, he
jumped up and came to Jesus.
51 Jesus asked him, "What do you
want me to do for you?"
The blind man said, "Teacher, I want
to see."
52 Jesus said, "Go, your faith has
healed you." At once he was able to
see, and he began to follow Jesus on
the way.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

11 When Jesus and his followers ap-
proached Jerusalem, they came to
Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount
of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a
task, 2 saying to them, "Go into the vil-
lage over there. As soon as you enter
it, you will find tied up there a colt that
no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it
here. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are
you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs
it, and he will send it back right away.'"
4 They went and found a colt tied to a
gate outside on the street, and they un-
tied it. 5 Some people standing around
said to them, "What are you doing,
untying the colt?" 6 They told them just
what Jesus said, and they left them

[w] Or *Son of Man* [x] Or *Son of Man*

alone. 7They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. 8Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. 9Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*[y] 10Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" 11Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Fig tree and the temple

12The next day, after leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. 13From far away, he noticed a fig tree in leaf, so he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing except leaves, since it wasn't the season for figs. 14So he said to it, "No one will ever again eat your fruit!" His disciples heard this.

15They came into Jerusalem. After entering the temple, he threw out those who were selling and buying there. He pushed over the tables used for currency exchange and the chairs of those who sold doves. 16He didn't allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. 17He taught them, "Hasn't it been written, *My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations*?[z] But you've turned it into *a hideout for crooks*."[a] 18The chief priests and legal experts heard this and tried to find a way to destroy him. They regarded him as dangerous because the whole crowd was enthralled at his teaching. 19When it was evening, Jesus and his disciples went outside the city.

Power, prayer, and forgiveness

20Early in the morning, as Jesus and his disciples were walking along, they saw the fig tree withered from the root up. 21Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look how the fig tree you cursed has dried up."

22Jesus responded to them, "Have faith in God! 23I assure you that whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea'—and doesn't waver but believes that what is said will really happen—it will happen. 24Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you. 25And whenever you stand up to pray, if you have something against anyone, forgive so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your wrongdoings."[b]

Controversy over authority

27Jesus and his disciples entered Jerusalem again. As Jesus was walking around the temple, the chief priests, legal experts, and elders came to him. 28They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?"

29Jesus said to them, "I have a question for you. Give me an answer, then I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. 30Was John's baptism of heavenly or of human origin? Answer me."

31They argued among themselves, "If we say, 'It's of heavenly origin,' he'll say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' 32But we can't say, 'It's of earthly origin.'" They said this because they were afraid of the crowd, because they all thought John was a prophet. 33They answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Jesus replied, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things."

Parable of the tenant farmers

12 Jesus spoke to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine-

11:7 Lk 19:35; Jn 12:12
11:8 2Ki 9:13; Lk 4:15; Jn 12:13
11:9 Ps 118:25, Ps 118:26; Mt 21:9, Mt 23:39
11:10 Lk 1:32
11:11 Mt 21:12, Mt 21:17
11:12 Mt 4:2, Mt 21:18
11:13 Mt 21:19; Lk 13:6
11:14 Mt 3:10, Mt 21:19, Mt 21:33; Mk 11:20, Mk 11:21
11:15 Mt 21:12; Lk 19:45; Jn 2:13
11:17 Is 56:7; Jer 7:11
11:19 Mk 11:11; Lk 21:37
11:20 Mt 21:19
11:21 Mk 9:5, Mk 14:72
11:22 2Ch 20:20; Ps 62:8; Mt 10:5, Mt 16:24, Mt 17:18
11:23 Mt 17:20, Mt 21:21; 1Co 13:2; Jas 1:6
11:24 Mt 7:7
11:25 1Ki 8:22; Mt 6:5, Mt 6:14; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13
11:26 Mt 6:15, Mt 18:35
11:27 Mt 21:23; Lk 20:1
11:28 Ex 2:14
11:29 Mt 21:24
11:30 Mt 3:1, Mt 3:13, Mt 21:25; Mk 1:4; Lk 7:29
11:31 Mt 21:32
11:32 Mt 3:5, Mt 14:5, Mt 21:32; Mk 12:12; Lk 20:6
11:33 Mt 21:27; Lk 10:21, Lk 20:8; Jn 3:10
12:1 Is 5:1, Is 5:2; Mt 21:33; Mk 13:34; Lk 20:9

[y]Ps 118:26 [z]Isa 56:7 [a]Jer 7:11 [b]11:26 is omitted in most critical editions of the Gk New Testament *And if you don't forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you your wrongdoings.*

press, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. 2When it was time, he sent a servant to collect from the tenants his share of the fruit of the vineyard. 3But they grabbed the servant, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. 4Again the landowner sent another servant to them, but they struck him on the head and treated him disgracefully. 5He sent another one; that one they killed. The landlord sent many other servants, but the tenants beat some and killed others. 6Now the landowner had one son whom he loved dearly. He sent him last, thinking, They will respect my son. 7But those tenant farmers said to each other, 'This is the heir. Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 8They grabbed him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

9"So what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10Haven't you read this scripture, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.* 11*The Lord has done this, and it's amazing in our eyes?*"[c]

12They wanted to arrest Jesus because they knew that he had told the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd, so they left him and went away.

A question about taxes

13They sent some of the Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap him in his words. 14They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you're genuine and you don't worry about what people think. You don't show favoritism but teach God's way as it really is. Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay taxes or not?"

15Since Jesus recognized their deceit, he said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a coin. Show it to me." 16And they brought one. He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

17Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." His reply left them overcome with wonder.

A question about the resurrection

18Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, 19"Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man's brother dies*, leaving a widow *but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.*[d] 20Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman; when he died, he left no children. 21The second married her and died without leaving any children. The third did the same. 22None of the seven left any children. Finally, the woman died. 23At the resurrection, when they all rise up, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her."

24Jesus said to them, "Isn't this the reason you are wrong, because you don't know either the scriptures or God's power? 25When people rise from the dead, they won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. Instead, they will be like God's angels. 26As for the resurrection from the dead, haven't you read in the scroll from Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God said to Moses, *I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?*[e] 27He isn't the God of the dead but of the living. You are seriously mistaken."

God's most important command

28One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

29Jesus replied, "The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* 30*and you must love the Lord*

12:2 Jer 35:15
12:3 2Ch 24:19, 2Ch 36:16; Neh 9:26; Jer 37:15; Mt 23:34
12:5 Jer 7:25; Mt 23:37
12:6 Heb 1:1
12:9 Mt 8:11, Mt 21:41, Mt 21:43; Lk 19:27, Lk 20:16
12:10 Ps 118:22, Ps 118:23; Ac 4:11
12:11 Ps 118:22, Ps 118:23
12:12 Mt 22:22; Mk 11:18, Mk 11:32
12:13 Mt 22:15, Mt 22:16; Mk 3:6; Lk 11:54, Lk 20:20
12:14 Mt 22:17; Lk 20:22
12:16 Lk 20:24
12:17 Mt 22:21; Ro 13:7
12:18 Mt 22:23; Lk 20:27; Ac 4:1, Ac 4:2, Ac 23:8
12:19 Dt 25:5
12:24 2Ti 3:15
12:25 Mt 22:30; Lk 20:35; 1Co 15:42; Heb 12:22
12:26 Ex 3:6; Lk 20:37
12:27 Jn 11:26; 2Ti 1:10; Heb 11:13
12:28 Mt 22:34; Lk 10:25
12:29 Dt 6:4
12:30 Dt 6:4, Dt 6:5; Josh 22:5

[c]Ps 118:22-23 [d]Deut 25:5; Gen 38:8 [e]Exod 3:6, 15-16

your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.[f] 31The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.*[g] No other commandment is greater than these."

32The legal expert said to him, "Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. 33And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one's strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices."

34When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, "You aren't far from God's kingdom." After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Jesus corrects the legal experts

35While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "Why do the legal experts say that the Christ is David's son? 36David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, *The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool.'*[h] 37David himself calls him 'Lord,' so how can he be David's son?" The large crowd listened to him with delight.

38As he was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. 39They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. 40They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly."

A poor widow's contribution

41Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. 42One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny.[i] 43Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. 44All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

The temple's fate

13 As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!"

2Jesus responded, "Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished."

3Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4"Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?"

Keep watch!

5Jesus said, "Watch out that no one deceives you. 6Many people will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the one!' They will deceive many people. 7When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don't be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. 8Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

9"Watch out for yourselves. People will hand you over to the councils. You will be beaten in the synagogues. You will stand before governors and kings because of me so that you can testify before them. 10First, the good news must be proclaimed to all the nations. 11When they haul you in and hand you over, don't worry ahead of time about what

12:31 Lv 19:18; Mt 19:19; Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8
12:32 Dt 4:35; Is 45:21
12:33 1Sa 15:22; Hos 6:6; Mi 6:6
12:34 Mt 22:46; Lk 20:40
12:35 Mt 22:41; Lk 20:41; Jn 7:42
12:36 Ps 110:1; Ac 2:34; 1Co 15:25
12:37 Lk 19:48, Lk 21:38; Jn 12:9; Ro 1:3
12:38 Mt 23:1, Mt 23:2; Mk 12:39; Lk 11:43, Lk 20:45
12:39 Lk 11:43
12:40 Lk 20:47
12:41 2Ki 12:9; Lk 21:1; Jn 8:20
12:42 1Ki 17:9; Mt 5:26; Lk 21:2
12:43 2Co 8:2, 2Co 8:12
12:44 Lk 8:43
13:1 Mt 24:1; Lk 21:5
13:2 Mt 24:2; Lk 19:44, Lk 21:6
13:3 Mt 17:1, Mt 21:1
13:4 Mt 24:3; Ac 1:6, Ac 1:7
13:5 Jer 29:8; Mt 16:6, Mt 24:1, Mt 24:4; Eph 5:6
13:6 Mt 24:5
13:7 Jer 51:46; Mt 24:6; Lk 21:9
13:8 Is 19:2
13:9 Mt 10:17
13:10 Mt 24:14, Mt 28:19; Col 1:23
13:11 Mt 10:19, Mt 10:20; Lk 12:12

[f]Deut 6:4-5 [g]Lev 19:18 [h]Ps 110:1 [i]Or two *lepta* (the smallest Greek copper coin, each worth 1/128 of a single day's pay), that is, a *kodrantes* (the smallest Roman coin, equal in value to two *lepta*)

to answer or say. Instead, say whatever is given to you at that moment, for you aren't doing the speaking but the Holy Spirit is. [12]Brothers and sisters will hand each other over to death. A father will turn in his children. Children will rise up against their parents and have them executed. [13]Everyone will hate you because of my name. But whoever stands firm until the end will be saved.

[14]"When you see the disgusting and destructive thing standing where it shouldn't be (the reader should understand this), then those in Judea must escape to the mountains. [15]Those on the roof shouldn't come down or enter their houses to grab anything. [16]Those in the field shouldn't come back to grab their clothes.[17]How terrible it will be at that time for women who are pregnant and for women who are nursing their children. [18]Pray that it doesn't happen in winter. [19]In those days there will be great suffering such as the world has never before seen and will never again see. [20]If the Lord hadn't shortened that time, no one would be rescued. But for the sake of the chosen ones, the ones whom God chose, he has cut short the time.

[21]"Then if someone says to you, 'Look, here's the Christ,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it. [22]False christs and false prophets will appear, and they will offer signs and wonders in order to deceive, if possible, those whom God has chosen. [23]But you, watch out! I've told you everything ahead of time.

[24]"In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. [25]The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. [26]Then they will see the Human One[j] coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. [27]Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

13:12 Mt 10:21
13:13 Mt 10:22
13:14 Dn 9:27, Dn 11:31, Dn 12:11; Mt 24:15; Lk 21:21
13:15 Lk 17:31
13:17 Lk 23:29
13:19 Dn 12:1; Jl 2:2; Mk 10:6
13:20 Mt 24:22; Mk 13:22
13:21 Lk 17:23, Lk 21:8
13:22 Mt 7:15, Mt 24:24
13:23 2Pt 3:17
13:24 Is 13:10; Eze 32:7; Jl 2:10, Jl 2:31; Rev 6:12
13:25 Is 34:4; Rev 6:13
13:26 Dn 7:13; Rev 1:7
13:27 Dt 30:4
13:28 Mt 24:32
13:29 Jas 5:9
13:30 Mk 9:1
13:31 Is 40:8, Is 51:6; Mt 5:18
13:32 Mt 24:36, Mt 25:13; Ac 1:7; 1Th 5:2
13:33 Mt 25:13; Mk 14:38; Eph 6:18
13:34 Mt 25:14; Lk 12:36, Lk 19:12
13:35 Mt 24:42
13:36 Ro 13:11
13:37 Mk 13:35
14:1 Mt 12:14, Mt 26:2, Mt 26:4; Lk 22:1, Lk 22:2
14:3 Mt 26:6, Mt 26:7; Lk 7:37; Jn 12:1, Jn 12:3
14:4 Mt 26:8, Mt 26:9; Mk 14:5; Jn 12:5
14:5 Mk 14:4; Jn 12:5, Jn 13:29; Eph 4:28

A lesson from the fig tree

[28]"Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he's near, at the door. [30]I assure you that this generation won't pass away until all these things happen. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

[32]"But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. [33]Watch out! Stay alert! You don't know when the time is coming. [34]It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. [35]Therefore, stay alert! You don't know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. [36]Don't let him show up when you weren't expecting and find you sleeping. [37]What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!"

Preparation for burial

14 It was two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and legal experts through cunning tricks were searching for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him. [2]But they agreed that it shouldn't happen during the festival; otherwise, there would be an uproar among the people.

[3]Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. [4]Some grew angry. They said to each other, "Why waste the perfume? [5]This

[j]Or *Son of Man*

perfume could have been sold for almost a year's pay[k] and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

[6]Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. [7]You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me. [8]She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. [9]I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

Passover meal

[10]Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to give Jesus up to them. [11]When they heard it, they were delighted and promised to give him money. So he started looking for an opportunity to turn him in.

[12]On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

[13]He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. [14]Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?"' [15]He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there." [16]The disciples left, came into the city, found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

[17]That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. [18]During the meal, Jesus said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me."

[19]Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, "It's not me, is it?"

[20]Jesus answered, "It's one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. [21]The Human One[l] goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One![m] It would have been better for him if he had never been born."

[22]While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." [23]He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. [24]He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. [25]I assure you that I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's kingdom." [26]After singing songs of praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Predictions about disciples leaving Jesus

[27]Jesus said to them, "You will all falter in your faithfulness to me. It is written, *I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep will go off in all directions.*[n] [28]But after I'm raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

[29]Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else stumbles, I won't."

[30]But Jesus said to him, "I assure you that on this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

[31]But Peter insisted, "If I must die alongside you, I won't deny you." And they all said the same thing.

Jesus in prayer

[32]Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, "Sit here while I pray." [33]He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. [34]He said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert." [35]Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might

14:6 Mt 26:10; Jn 10:32; Eph 2:10; Heb 13:21
14:7 Dt 15:11; Mt 26:11
14:8 Mk 16:1; Jn 19:40
14:9 Mt 26:13
14:10 Mt 26:14; Lk 22:3; Jn 13:2
14:11 2Ki 5:26; Jer 32:10; Mt 26:15, Mt 28:12; Mk 14:10
14:12 Dt 16:1; Mt 26:17; Lk 22:7; 1Co 5:7
14:13 Mt 26:18, Mt 26:19; Lk 22:10
14:14 Mk 11:3; Jn 11:28
14:15 Ac 1:13
14:17 Mt 26:20; Lk 22:14
14:18 Ps 41:9
14:19 Mt 26:22
14:21 Mt 18:7, Mt 26:24
14:22 Mt 26:26; 1Co 10:16, 1Co 11:23
14:23 Mt 15:36, Mt 26:27; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:17; Ro 14:6
14:24 Ex 24:8; Mk 10:45; 1Co 10:16, 1Co 11:25
14:25 Mt 26:29
14:26 Mt 26:30
14:27 Zec 13:7; Mt 26:31
14:28 Mt 16:21, Mt 20:19, Mt 26:32, Mt 28:16; Mk 16:7
14:29 Mt 26:33; Lk 22:33, Lk 22:34; Jn 13:36
14:30 Mt 26:34; Mk 14:68, Mk 14:72; Jn 13:38
14:31 Lk 22:33; Jn 13:37
14:32 Mt 26:36; Lk 22:39, Lk 22:40; Jn 18:1
14:33 Mk 5:37, Mk 9:2
14:34 Ps 42:5; Jn 12:27
14:35 Mk 14:41; Heb 5:7

[k]Or *three hundred denaria*; a denarion was equivalent to a day's pay. [l]Or *Son of Man* [m]Or *Son of Man* [n]Zech 13:7

be spared the time of suffering. 36He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want."

37He came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you stay alert for one hour? 38Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."

39Again, he left them and prayed, repeating the same words. 40And, again, when he came back, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open, and they didn't know how to respond to him. 41He came a third time and said to them, "Will you sleep and rest all night? That's enough! The time has come for the Human One[o] to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42Get up! Let's go! Look, here comes my betrayer."

Arrest

43Suddenly, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a mob carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests, legal experts, and elders. 44His betrayer had given them a sign: "Arrest the man I kiss, and take him away under guard."

45As soon as he got there, Judas said to Jesus, "Rabbi!" Then he kissed him. 46Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

47One of the bystanders drew a sword and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his ear. 48Jesus responded, "Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, like an outlaw? 49Day after day, I was with you, teaching in the temple, but you didn't arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." 50And all his disciples left him and ran away. 51One young man, a disciple, was wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They grabbed him, 52but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

14:36 Jn 18:11; Ro 8:15; Ga 4:6

14:37 Mt 26:40; Mk 1:16, Mk 14:29; Lk 9:32

14:38 Mt 6:13, Mt 24:42, Mt 25:13, Mt 26:41; Lk 22:40

14:39 Mt 26:42, Mt 26:44; Mk 14:36

14:40 Mk 9:6

14:41 Mk 14:35

14:42 Mt 26:46; Jn 18:1

14:43 Mt 26:47; Lk 22:47; Jn 18:3; Ac 1:16

14:45 Mt 23:7, Mt 23:8; Mk 9:5; Jn 13:13, Jn 13:14

14:46 Jn 18:12

14:47 Mt 26:51; Jn 18:10

14:48 Mt 20:22, Mt 26:4, Mt 26:55, Mt 26:59; Lk 22:52

14:49 Mk 12:35; Lk 19:47; Jn 18:20

14:50 Ps 88:18; Mk 14:27; Jn 16:32

14:53 Mt 26:57

14:54 Jn 18:15, Jn 18:18

14:55 Mt 26:59

14:58 Mk 15:29; Jn 2:19

14:60 Mt 26:63; Jn 19:9

14:61 Is 53:7; Mt 26:63

14:62 Ps 110:1; Dn 7:13; Mt 26:64

14:63 Nm 14:6; Ac 14:14

14:64 Lv 24:16

14:65 Is 50:6; Mt 26:67, Mt 26:68; Mk 10:34, Mk 15:19

14:66 Mt 26:69; Mk 14:54; Lk 22:55; Jn 18:16, Jn 18:25

A hearing before the Sanhedrin

53They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders, and legal experts gathered. 54Peter followed him from a distance, right into the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the guards, warming himself by the fire. 55The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they couldn't find any. 56Many brought false testimony against him, but they contradicted each other. 57Some stood to offer false witness against him, saying, 58"We heard him saying, 'I will destroy this temple, constructed by humans, and within three days I will build another, one not made by humans.'" 59But their testimonies didn't agree even on this point.

60Then the high priest stood up in the middle of the gathering and examined Jesus. "Aren't you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?" 61But Jesus was silent and didn't answer. Again, the high priest asked, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the blessed one?"

62Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Human One[p] sitting on the right side of the Almighty[q] and coming on the heavenly clouds."

63Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we need any more witnesses? 64You've heard his insult against God. What do you think?"

They all condemned him. "He deserves to die!"

65Some began to spit on him. Some covered his face and hit him, saying, "Prophesy!" Then the guards took him and beat him.

Peter denies Jesus

66Meanwhile, Peter was below in the courtyard. A woman, one of the high priest's servants, approached 67and saw Peter warming himself by the fire. She stared at him and said, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus."

[o]Or *Son of Man* [p]Or *Son of Man* [q]Or *the Power*

68 But he denied it, saying, "I don't
know what you're talking about. I
don't understand what you're saying."
And he went outside into the outer
courtyard. A rooster crowed.

69 The female servant saw him and
began a second time to say to those
standing around, "This man is one of
them." 70 But he denied it again.

A short time later, those standing
around again said to Peter, "You must
be one of them, because you are also a
Galilean."

71 But he cursed and swore, "I don't
know this man you're talking about."
72 At that very moment, a rooster
crowed a second time. Peter remem-
bered what Jesus told him, "Before
a rooster crows twice, you will deny
me three times." And he broke down,
sobbing.

Trial before Pilate

15 At daybreak, the chief priests—
with the elders, legal experts,
and the whole Sanhedrin—formed a
plan. They bound Jesus, led him away,
and turned him over to Pilate. 2 Pilate
questioned him, "Are you the king of
the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "That's what you say."
3 The chief priests were accusing him of
many things.

4 Pilate asked him again, "Aren't you
going to answer? What about all these
accusations?" 5 But Jesus gave no more
answers, so that Pilate marveled.

6 During the festival, Pilate released
one prisoner to them, whomever they
requested. 7 A man named Barabbas
was locked up with the rebels who had
committed murder during an uprising.
8 The crowd pushed forward and asked
Pilate to release someone, as he regu-
larly did. 9 Pilate answered them, "Do
you want me to release to you the king
of the Jews?" 10 He knew that the chief
priests had handed him over because
of jealousy. 11 But the chief priests
stirred up the crowd to have him re-
lease Barabbas to them instead. 12 Pi-
late replied, "Then what do you want
me to do with the one you call king of
the Jews?"

13 They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

14 Pilate said to them, "Why? What
wrong has he done?"

They shouted even louder, "Crucify
him!"

15 Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd,
so he released Barabbas to them. He
had Jesus whipped, then handed him
over to be crucified.

Jesus is tortured and killed

16 The soldiers led Jesus away into
the courtyard of the palace known as
the governor's headquarters,[r] and they
called together the whole company
of soldiers.[s] 17 They dressed him up in
a purple robe and twisted together
a crown of thorns and put it on him.
18 They saluted him, "Hey! King of the
Jews!" 19 Again and again, they struck
his head with a stick. They spit on
him and knelt before him to honor him.
20 When they finished mocking him,
they stripped him of the purple robe
and put his own clothes back on him.
Then they led him out to crucify him.

21 Simon, a man from Cyrene, Alex-
ander and Rufus' father, was coming in
from the countryside. They forced him
to carry his cross.

22 They brought Jesus to the place
called Golgotha, which means Skull
Place. 23 They tried to give him wine
mixed with myrrh, but he didn't take
it. 24 They crucified him. They divided
up his clothes, drawing lots for them
to determine who would take what.
25 It was nine in the morning when
they crucified him. 26 The notice of the
formal charge against him was written,
"The king of the Jews." 27 They crucified
two outlaws with him, one on his right
and one on his left.[t]

29 People walking by insulted him,

14:68 Mk 14:30, Mk 14:72
14:70 Mt 26:73; Ac 2:7
14:72 Mt 26:34, Mt 26:75; Mk 11:21, Mk 14:30, Mk 14:68
15:1 Mt 27:1, Mt 27:2; Lk 22:66, Lk 23:1; Jn 18:28
15:2 Mt 27:11; Lk 23:3
15:4 Jn 19:10
15:5 Is 53:7; Mk 14:61, Mk 15:4; Jn 19:9
15:6 Mt 27:15; Jn 18:39, Jn 18:40
15:7 Mt 27:16; Lk 23:18; Jn 18:40
15:9 Mt 27:17; Mk 15:2
15:10 Mt 27:18; Ti 3:3
15:11 Mt 27:20; Ac 3:14
15:12 Mk 15:2
15:14 Mt 27:24; Lk 23:4, Lk 23:11, Lk 23:23; Jn 19:6
15:15 Mt 27:26; Jn 19:1
15:16 Mt 27:27; Jn 18:28, Jn 18:33, Jn 19:9
15:17 Lk 23:11; Jn 19:2
15:18 Mk 15:2
15:19 Mk 14:65
15:20 Mt 27:31; Jn 19:16
15:21 Mt 27:32; Lk 23:26; Ro 16:13
15:23 Ps 69:21; Mt 27:34; Lk 23:36
15:24 Ps 22:18; Mt 27:35; Jn 19:23, Jn 19:24
15:25 Mk 15:33
15:27 Mt 27:38
15:28 Is 53:12; Lk 22:37; Jn 19:37
15:29 Ps 22:7, Ps 109:25; Mt 27:39; Mk 14:58

[r] Or *praetorium* [s] Or *cohort* (approximately six hundred soldiers) [t] 15:28 is omitted in most critical editions of the Gk New Testament *The scripture was fulfilled, which says, He was numbered among criminals.*

shaking their heads and saying, "Ha! So you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, were you? 30Save yourself and come down from that cross!"

31In the same way, the chief priests were making fun of him among themselves, together with the legal experts. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself. 32Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross. Then we'll see and believe." Even those who had been crucified with Jesus insulted him.

33From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. 34At three, Jesus cried out with a loud shout, *"Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani,"* which means, "My God, my God, why have you left me?"

35After hearing him, some standing there said, "Look! He's calling Elijah!" 36Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink, saying, "Let's see if Elijah will come to take him down." 37But Jesus let out a loud cry and died.

38The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. 39When the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "This man was certainly God's Son."

40Some women were watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James (the younger one) and Joses, and Salome. 41When Jesus was in Galilee, these women had followed and supported him, along with many other women who had come to Jerusalem with him.

Jesus' burial

42Since it was late in the afternoon on Preparation Day, just before the Sabbath, 43Joseph from Arimathea dared to approach Pilate and ask for Jesus' body. (Joseph was a prominent council member who also eagerly anticipated the coming of God's kingdom.) 44Pilate wondered if Jesus was already dead. He called the centurion and asked him whether Jesus had already died. 45When he learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead, Pilate gave the dead body to Joseph. 46He bought a linen cloth, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been carved out of rock. He rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. 47Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was buried.

15:31 Lk 23:35
15:32 Mk 14:61; Lk 23:39; Jn 1:49, Jn 12:13
15:33 Am 8:9; Mt 27:45; Mk 15:25; Lk 23:44
15:34 Ps 22:1; Mt 27:46
15:35 Mt 17:11, Mt 27:47; Mk 9:4, Mk 9:11
15:36 Ps 69:21; Mk 15:23
15:37 Mt 27:50; Mk 15:34; Lk 23:46; Jn 19:30
15:38 Ex 26:31; Mt 27:51; Lk 23:45
15:39 Mt 27:54; Mk 1:11; Lk 23:47
15:40 Mk 15:47, Mk 16:1; Lk 8:2; Jn 19:25
15:41 Mt 27:55, Mt 27:56; Lk 8:3
15:42 Mt 27:57, Mt 27:62; Lk 23:50; Jn 19:38
15:43 Lk 2:25, Lk 2:38
15:44 Mk 15:39; Jn 19:31; Ac 21:32, Ac 22:25, Ac 23:17
15:45 Mk 15:39, Mk 15:44; Jn 19:38
15:46 Mt 27:60; Mk 16:3
15:47 Mt 27:56, Mt 27:61, Mt 28:1; Mk 15:40, Mk 16:1
16:1 Mt 28:1; Mk 15:40, Mk 15:47; Lk 23:56; Jn 20:1
16:2 Mt 28:1; Lk 24:1
16:3 Mt 27:60; Mk 15:46
16:5 Jn 20:11, Jn 20:12
16:6 Mt 28:6; Mk 1:24; Ac 4:10
16:7 Mt 26:32; Mk 14:28; Jn 21:1
16:9 Mk 15:47; Lk 8:2; Jn 20:14, Jn 20:18

Empty tomb

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. 2Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. 3They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) 5Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled.

6But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.[u] He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. 7Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." 8Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.[v]

Endings Added Later

[9They promptly reported all of the young man's instructions to those who were with Peter. Afterward, through the work of his disciples, Jesus sent out, from the

[u]Or *the Crucified One* [v]In most critical editions of the Gk New Testament, the Gospel of Mark ends at 16:8.

east to the west, the sacred and undying message of eternal salvation. Amen.]

[[9 After Jesus rose up early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and reported to the ones who had been with him, who were mourning and weeping. 11 But even after they heard the news, they didn't believe that Jesus was alive and that Mary had seen him.

12 After that he appeared in a different form to two of them who were walking along in the countryside. 13 When they returned, they reported it to the others, but they didn't believe them. 14 Finally he appeared to the eleven while they were eating. Jesus criticized their unbelief and stubbornness because they didn't believe those who saw him after he was raised up. 15 He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to every creature. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever doesn't believe will be condemned. 17 These signs will be associated with those who believe: they will throw out demons in my name. They will speak in new languages. 18 They will pick up snakes with their hands. If they drink anything poisonous, it will not hurt them. They will place their hands on the sick, and they will get well." 19 After the Lord Jesus spoke to them, he was lifted up into heaven and sat down on the right side of God. 20 But they went out and proclaimed the message everywhere. The Lord worked with them, confirming the word by the signs associated with them.]]

16:10 Lk 24:17; Jn 16:20, Jn 20:18
16:11 Mk 16:13, Mk 16:14; Lk 24:11
16:12 Lk 24:13
16:13 Lk 24:11, Lk 24:33; Jn 20:25
16:14 Lk 24:36; Jn 20:19
16:15 Mt 28:19; Mk 13:10; Lk 24:47; Ac 1:8; Col 1:23
16:16 Mt 28:19; Jn 3:18, Jn 3:36; Ac 2:38, Ac 16:31
16:17 Lk 10:17; Ac 2:4, Ac 10:46, Ac 19:6; 1Co 12:10
16:18 Lk 10:19; Ac 28:3, Ac 28:8
16:19 Lk 24:51; Eph 1:20; 1Ti 3:16; Heb 1:3; 1Pt 3:22
16:20 Ac 8:4, Ac 14:3; Ro 15:19; Heb 2:4

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Luke's purpose

1 Many people have already applied themselves to the task of compiling an account of the events that have been fulfilled among us. 2 They used what the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed down to us. 3 Now, after having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, I have also decided to write a carefully ordered account for you, most honorable Theophilus. 4 I want you to have confidence in the soundness of the instruction you have received.

John the Baptist's birth foretold

5 During the rule of King Herod of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. 6 They were both righteous before God, blameless in their observance of all the Lord's commandments and regulations. 7 They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old. 8 One day Zechariah was serving as a priest before God because his priestly division was on duty. 9 Following the customs of priestly service, he was chosen by lottery to go into the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense. 10 All the people who gathered to worship were praying outside during this hour of incense offering. 11 An angel from the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw the angel, he was startled and overcome with fear.

13 The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give

1:1 Ac 1:1; 2Ti 4:17
1:2 Jn 15:27; Ac 1:22; Heb 2:3; 1Pt 5:1; 1Jn 1:1
1:3 Ac 1:1, Ac 11:4, Ac 23:26, Ac 24:3, Ac 26:25
1:4 Jn 20:31; Ac 18:25; Ro 2:18; 1Co 14:19; Ga 6:6
1:5 1Ch 24:10; Mt 2:1
1:6 Phi 2:15, Phi 3:6
1:7 Gn 18:11; Jgs 13:2; 1Sa 1:2; Lk 1:36
1:8 1Ch 24:19; 2Ch 8:14, 2Ch 31:2
1:9 Ex 30:7, Ex 30:8; 1Ch 23:13; 2Ch 29:11
1:10 Lv 16:17; Rev 8:3
1:11 Ex 30:1, Ex 37:25; Lk 2:9; Ac 5:19, Ac 10:3
1:12 Jgs 6:22, Jgs 13:22; Mk 16:5
1:13 Lk 1:60, Lk 1:63

birth to your son and you must name him John. [14]He will be a joy and delight to you, and many people will rejoice at his birth, [15]for he will be great in the Lord's eyes. He must not drink wine and liquor. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth. [16]He will bring many Israelites back to the Lord their God. [17]He will go forth before the Lord, equipped with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will turn the hearts of fathers[a] back to their children, and he will turn the disobedient to righteous patterns of thinking. He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

[18]Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? My wife and I are very old."

[19]The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in God's presence. I was sent to speak to you and to bring this good news to you. [20]Know this: What I have spoken will come true at the proper time. But because you didn't believe, you will remain silent, unable to speak until the day when these things happen."

[21]Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered why he was in the sanctuary for such a long time. [22]When he came out, he was unable to speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he gestured to them and couldn't speak. [23]When he completed the days of his priestly service, he returned home. [24]Afterward, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant. She kept to herself for five months, saying, [25]"This is the Lord's doing. He has shown his favor to me by removing my disgrace among other people."

Jesus' birth foretold

[26]When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, [27]to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. [28]When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!"

1:14 Lk 1:58
1:15 Nm 6:3; Jgs 13:4; Jer 1:5; Mt 11:18; Lk 7:33
1:16 Is 29:23, Is 40:3, Is 49:6; Jer 17:13, Jer 31:31
1:17 Mal 4:5, Mal 4:6; Mt 11:14; Lk 1:76
1:18 Gn 15:8, Gn 17:17; Lk 1:7
1:19 Dn 8:16, Dn 9:21; Mt 18:10; Lk 1:26, Lk 2:10
1:20 Ex 4:11; Eze 3:26, Eze 24:27
1:21 Lk 1:5, Lk 1:13, Lk 1:67
1:22 Lk 1:62
1:23 2Ki 11:5; 1Ch 9:25; Lk 1:8
1:24 Lk 1:36
1:25 Gn 30:23; 1Sa 1:6; Is 4:1
1:26 Mt 2:23; Lk 1:19, Lk 2:4, Lk 2:39
1:27 Mt 1:16, Mt 1:18, Mt 1:20; Lk 2:4, Lk 2:5
1:28 Jgs 6:12; Lk 1:30
1:29 Lk 1:12
1:30 Gn 6:8; Lk 1:13
1:31 Is 7:14; Mt 1:21, Mt 1:25; Lk 2:21
1:32 2Sa 7:12; Ps 132:11; Is 9:7; Mk 5:7; Lk 1:35
1:33 Is 9:7; Dn 2:44, Dn 7:14, Dn 7:27; Heb 1:8
1:35 Mt 1:18, Mt 1:20, Mt 4:3, Mt 14:33; Lk 1:32
1:36 Lk 1:7, Lk 1:24
1:37 Gn 18:14; Jer 32:17; Mt 19:26
1:38 2Sa 7:25; Ps 116:16, Ps 119:38; Mt 1:16, Mt 2:11
1:39 Lk 1:65
1:40 Lk 1:41
1:41 Lk 1:15, Lk 1:67
1:42 Jgs 5:24
1:43 Lk 2:11, Lk 20:42; Jn 13:13, Jn 20:28
1:44 Lk 1:41
1:45 Lk 1:20
1:46 1Sa 2:1; Ps 34:2, Ps 34:3

[29]She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. [30]The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. [31]Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. [32]He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. [33]He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

[34]Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

[35]The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. [36]Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. [37]Nothing is impossible for God."

[38]Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Mary visits Elizabeth

[39]Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. [40]She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. [41]When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. [42]With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. [43]Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? [44]As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. [45]Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

Mary praises God

[46]Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

[a]Or *parents*

47 In the depths of who I am
I rejoice in God my savior.
48 He has looked with favor
on the low status of his servant.
Look! From now on, everyone
will consider me highly favored
49 because the mighty one
has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.
50 He shows mercy to everyone,
from one generation to the next,
who honors him as God.
51 He has shown strength with his
arm.
He has scattered those with
arrogant thoughts and proud
inclinations.
52 He has pulled the powerful
down from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.
53 He has filled the hungry
with good things
and sent the rich away empty-
handed.
54 He has come to the aid
of his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,
55 just as he promised to our
ancestors,
to Abraham and to Abraham's
descendants forever."

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her home.

57 When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a boy. 58 Her neighbors and relatives celebrated with her because they had heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy. 59 On the eighth day, it came time to circumcise the child. They wanted to name him Zechariah because that was his father's name. 60 But his mother replied, "No, his name will be John."

61 They said to her, "None of your relatives have that name." 62 Then they began gesturing to his father to see what he wanted to call him.

63 After asking for a tablet, he surprised everyone by writing, "His name is John." 64 At that moment, Zechariah was able to speak again, and he began praising God.

65 All their neighbors were filled with awe, and everyone throughout the Judean highlands talked about what had happened. 66 All who heard about this considered it carefully. They said, "What then will this child be?" Indeed, the Lord's power was with him.

Zechariah's prophecy

67 John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied,
68 "Bless the Lord God of Israel
because he has come to help
and has delivered his people.
69 He has raised up a mighty savior for
us in his servant David's house,
70 just as he said through the mouths
of his holy prophets long ago.
71 He has brought salvation
from our enemies
and from the power
of all those who hate us.
72 He has shown the mercy promised
to our ancestors,
and remembered his holy
covenant,
73 the solemn pledge he made
to our ancestor Abraham.
He has granted 74 that we would be
rescued
from the power of our enemies
so that we could serve him without
fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness
in God's eyes,
for as long as we live.
76 You, child, will be called a prophet
of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his way.
77 You will tell his people how to be
saved
through the forgiveness of their
sins.
78 Because of our God's deep
compassion,
the dawn from heaven
will break upon us,

1:47 Is 61:10; Hab 3:18
1:48 1Sa 1:11; Ps 136:23, Ps 138:6; Lk 11:27
1:49 Ps 111:9; Is 57:15
1:50 Ps 103:17
1:51 Ps 89:10, Ps 98:1
1:52 Job 5:11
1:53 Ps 107:9
1:54 Ps 98:3; Is 44:21
1:55 Gn 17:19; Ps 132:11; Ga 3:16
1:56 Lk 1:27
1:57 Lk 1:5, Lk 1:13
1:58 Gn 19:19
1:59 Gn 17:12, Gn 21:3; Lv 12:3; Lk 2:21; Phi 3:5
1:60 Lk 1:13
1:62 Lk 1:22
1:63 Is 30:8; Lk 1:13, Lk 1:60
1:64 Lk 1:20
1:65 Lk 1:39, Lk 7:16
1:66 Lk 2:19; Ac 11:21
1:67 Nm 11:25; Jl 2:28; Lk 1:13, Lk 1:15, Lk 1:41
1:68 Ex 4:31; 1Ki 1:48; Ps 106:48, Ps 111:9; Lk 7:16
1:69 1Sa 2:10; Ps 18:2, Ps 132:17; Eze 29:21
1:70 Ac 3:21; Ro 1:2
1:71 Ps 106:10
1:72 Ps 105:8; Mi 7:20
1:73 Gn 22:16, Gn 26:3; Ps 105:9; Heb 6:13
1:74 Lk 1:75
1:75 Eph 4:24
1:76 Mal 3:1; Mk 1:2; Lk 1:17, Lk 1:32, Lk 7:27
1:77 Jer 31:34; Mk 1:4; Lk 3:3
1:78 Ps 25:6; Mal 4:2; Lk 1:79; 2Pt 1:19

79 to give light to those
who are sitting in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide us on the path of peace."
80 The child grew up, becoming strong in character. He was in the wilderness until he began his public ministry to Israel.

Jesus' birth

2 In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. 2 This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. 3 Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. 4 Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. 5 He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. 6 While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. 7 She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Announcement to shepherds

8 Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. 9 The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. 11 Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. 12 This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, 14 "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

15 When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." 16 They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. 18 Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. 20 The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

Jesus' circumcision, naming, and temple presentation

21 When eight days had passed, Jesus' parents circumcised him and gave him the name Jesus. This was the name given to him by the angel before he was conceived. 22 When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (23 It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") 24 They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*[b]

Simeon's response to Jesus

25 A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. 28 Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

29 "Now, master, let your servant go in
peace according to your word,

1:79 Is 9:2; Mt 4:16; Lk 2:14; Jn 8:12; Ac 26:18
1:80 Mt 3:1, Mt 11:7; Lk 2:40, Lk 3:2
2:1 Mt 24:14; Lk 3:1
2:2 Mt 4:24; Lk 3:1; Ac 5:37
2:4 Mt 2:1, Mt 2:23; Lk 1:26, Lk 1:27; Jn 7:42
2:5 Mt 1:16; Lk 1:27
2:7 Gn 42:27; Ex 4:24; Mt 1:25; Lk 2:12, Lk 10:34
2:8 Gn 31:40; Ex 3:1; Am 3:12
2:9 Lk 1:11
2:10 Lk 2:32
2:11 Mt 1:16, Mt 1:21, Mt 16:16; Jn 4:42; Ac 5:31
2:12 1Sa 2:34; 2Ki 19:29; Is 7:14
2:13 Ps 148:2; Rev 5:11
2:14 Is 9:6; Lk 1:79, Lk 19:38; Ro 5:1; Eph 2:14
2:15 Mt 2:1
2:16 Lk 2:7
2:18 Lk 2:33
2:19 Lk 1:66, Lk 2:51
2:20 Lk 19:37; Ac 2:47
2:21 Gn 21:3; Lv 12:3; Mt 1:21; Lk 1:31, Lk 1:59
2:22 Lv 12:1, Lv 12:2
2:23 Ex 13:2, Ex 13:12, Ex 13:15; Nm 3:13
2:24 Lv 12:8
2:25 Lk 1:6, Lk 2:38, Lk 23:51
2:26 Heb 11:5
2:27 Lk 2:22, Lk 2:43
2:28 Lk 1:64
2:29 Gn 15:15; Ps 37:37; Lk 2:26

[b] Lev 12:8; 5:11 LXX

30 because my eyes have seen your
salvation.
31 You prepared this salvation in the
presence of all peoples.
32 It's a light for revelation to the
Gentiles
and a glory for your people Israel."
33 His father and mother were amazed
by what was said about him. 34 Simeon
blessed them and said to Mary his
mother, "This boy is assigned to be the
cause of the falling and rising of many in
Israel and to be a sign that generates op-
position 35 so that the inner thoughts of
many will be revealed. And a sword will
pierce your innermost being too."

Anna's response to Jesus

36 There was also a prophet, Anna
the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged
to the tribe of Asher. She was very old.
After she married, she lived with her
husband for seven years. 37 She was
now an eighty-four-year-old widow.
She never left the temple area but wor-
shipped God with fasting and prayer
night and day. 38 She approached at
that very moment and began to praise
God and to speak about Jesus to every-
one who was looking forward to the
redemption of Jerusalem.

Jesus as a child in Nazareth

39 When Mary and Joseph had com-
pleted everything required by the Law
of the Lord, they returned to their
hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. 40 The
child grew up and became strong. He
was filled with wisdom, and God's
favor was on him.

Jesus in the temple at Passover

41 Each year his parents went to
Jerusalem for the Passover Festival.
42 When he was twelve years old, they
went up to Jerusalem according to
their custom. 43 After the festival was
over, they were returning home, but
the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusa-
lem. His parents didn't know it. 44 Sup-

2:30 Is 52:10; Lk 3:6
2:31 Ps 98:2
2:32 Is 42:6, Is 49:6, Is 60:1; Ac 13:47, Ac 26:23
2:34 Is 8:14; Mt 21:44; 1Co 1:23; 1Pt 2:8
2:35 Dt 8:2; Jn 19:25; Ac 8:21
2:36 Ex 15:20; Ac 21:9
2:37 Ac 13:3, Ac 14:23; 1Th 3:10; 1Ti 5:5
2:38 Lk 1:68, Lk 2:25
2:39 Mt 2:23; Lk 1:26, Lk 2:4, Lk 2:51, Lk 4:16
2:40 Lk 1:80, Lk 2:47, Lk 2:52; Col 2:3
2:41 Ex 23:15; Dt 16:1; 1Sa 1:3; Jn 2:13
2:43 Ex 12:15; Mt 1:16; Lk 1:27, Lk 2:16, Lk 2:27
2:44 Ps 42:4
2:46 Lk 5:17; Ac 5:34
2:47 Mt 7:28; Lk 4:32
2:48 Mt 12:46; Lk 4:22
2:49 Jn 2:16, Jn 2:17, Jn 4:34
2:50 Mk 9:32; Lk 9:45, Lk 18:34
2:51 Lk 2:19, Lk 2:39
2:52 1Sa 2:26; Prv 3:4; Lk 2:40
3:1 Mt 14:1, Mt 27:2; Lk 3:19, Lk 9:7, Lk 23:7
3:2 Mt 3:1, Mt 26:3; Lk 1:80; Jn 18:13; Ac 4:6
3:3 Mt 26:28; Mk 1:4; Lk 1:77; Ac 2:38
3:4 Is 40:3; Jn 1:23

posing that he was among their band
of travelers, they journeyed on for a
full day while looking for him among
their family and friends. 45 When they
didn't find Jesus, they returned to Je-
rusalem to look for him. 46 After three
days they found him in the temple. He
was sitting among the teachers, listen-
ing to them and putting questions to
them. 47 Everyone who heard him was
amazed by his understanding and his
answers. 48 When his parents saw him,
they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have
you treated us like this? Listen! Your
father and I have been worried. We've
been looking for you!"

49 Jesus replied, "Why were you
looking for me? Didn't you know that
it was necessary for me to be in my Fa-
ther's house?" 50 But they didn't under-
stand what he said to them.

51 Jesus went down to Nazareth with
them and was obedient to them. His
mother cherished every word in her
heart. 52 Jesus matured in wisdom and
years, and in favor with God and with
people.

John the Baptist's message

3 In the fifteenth year of the rule of
the emperor Tiberius—when Pon-
tius Pilate was governor over Judea
and Herod was ruler[c] over Galilee,
his brother Philip was ruler[d] over
Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysa-
nias was ruler[e] over Abilene, 2 during
the high priesthood of Annas and
Caiaphas—God's word came to John
son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
3 John went throughout the region of
the Jordan River, calling for people
to be baptized to show that they were
changing their hearts and lives and
wanted God to forgive their sins. 4 This
is just as it was written in the scroll of
the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.

[c] Or *tetrarch* [d] Or *tetrarch* [e] Or *tetrarch*

[5] *Every valley will be filled,*
and every mountain and hill
will be leveled.
The crooked will be made straight
and the rough places made smooth.
[6] *All humanity will see God's*
salvation."[f]

[7] Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? [8] Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. [9] The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire."

[10] The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

[11] He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same."

[12] Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

[13] He replied, "Collect no more than you are authorized to collect."

[14] Soldiers asked, "What about us? What should we do?"

He answered, "Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay."

Responses to John

[15] The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. [16] John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [17] The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." [18] With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

[19] But Herod the ruler had been criticized harshly by John because of Herodias, Herod's brother's wife, and because of all the evil he had done. [20] He added this to the list of his evil deeds: he locked John up in prison.

Jesus' baptism

[21] When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened [22] and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

Jesus' genealogy

[23] Jesus was about 30 years old when he began his ministry. People supposed that he was the son of Joseph son of Heli [24] son of Matthat son of Levi son of Melchi son of Jannai son of Joseph [25] son of Mattathias son of Amos son of Nahum son of Esli son of Naggai [26] son of Maath son of Mattathias son of Semein son of Josech son of Joda [27] son of Joanan son of Rhesa son of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel son of Neri [28] son of Melchi son of Addi son of Cosam son of Elmadam son of Er [29] son of Joshua son of Eliezer son of Jorim son of Matthat son of Levi [30] son of Simeon son of Judah son of Joseph son of Jonam son of Eliakim [31] son of Melea son of Menna son of Mattatha son of Nathan son of David [32] son of Jesse son of Obed son of Boaz son of Sala son of Nahshon [33] son of Amminadab son of Admin son of Arni son of Hezron son of Perez son of Judah [34] son of Jacob son of Isaac son of Abraham son of Terah son of Nahor [35] son

3:5 Is 40:4
3:6 Ps 98:2, Ps 98:3; Is 40:3, Is 52:10; Lk 2:30
3:7 Mt 12:34, Mt 23:33
3:8 Jn 8:33, Jn 8:39
3:9 Mt 3:10, Mt 7:19; Lk 13:6, Lk 13:7, Lk 13:9
3:10 Ac 2:37, Ac 16:30
3:11 Is 58:7; 1Ti 6:18
3:12 Mt 21:31, Mt 21:32; Lk 7:29
3:13 Lk 19:8
3:14 Ex 20:16, Ex 23:1; Lv 19:11; Phi 4:11; Heb 13:5
3:15 Jn 1:19, Jn 1:20
3:16 Jn 1:26, Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5, Ac 11:16, Ac 13:25
3:17 Mt 13:30; Mk 9:43
3:18 Jn 1:15, Jn 1:29, Jn 1:34; Ac 2:40
3:19 Mt 14:1, Mt 14:3; Mk 6:17, Mk 6:18; Lk 3:1
3:20 Mt 14:3; Jn 3:24
3:21 Mt 3:13; Mk 1:9; Lk 5:16, Lk 9:18
3:22 Ps 2:7; Is 42:1; Lk 9:35; 2Pt 1:17
3:23 Mt 1:1, Mt 1:16, Mt 4:17; Lk 4:22; Ac 1:1
3:27 Ezr 3:2; Mt 1:12
3:31 2Sa 5:14; 1Ch 3:5, 1Ch 14:4; Zec 12:12
3:32 1Ch 2:12
3:33 Ru 4:18; 1Ch 2:4, 1Ch 2:10; Mt 1:3, Mt 1:4
3:34 Gn 11:24, Gn 11:26, Gn 21:3, Gn 25:26; 1Ch 1:24
3:35 Gn 11:18

[f] Isa 40:3-5

of Serug son of Reu son of Peleg son of Eber son of Shelah [36]son of Cainan son of Arphaxad son of Shem son of Noah son of Lamech [37]son of Methuselah son of Enoch son of Jared son of Mahalalel son of Cainan [38]son of Enos son of Seth son of Adam son of God.

Jesus' temptation

4 Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. [2]There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. [3]The devil said to him, "Since you are God's Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

[4]Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread.*"[g]

[5]Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. [6]The devil said, "I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It's been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. [7]Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours."

[8]Jesus answered, "It's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*"[h]

[9]The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here; [10]for it's written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you* [11]and *they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"[i]

[12]Jesus answered, "It's been said, *Don't test the Lord your God.*"[j] [13]After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

Jesus announces good news to the poor

[14]Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. [15]He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

[16]Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. [17]The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

[18] *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to preach good news
to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,
[19] *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's*
favor.[k]

[20]He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. [21]He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

[22]Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

[23]Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.' " [24]He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. [25]And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. [26]Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. [27]There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

[28]When they heard this, every-

3:36 Gn 11:10; 1Ch 1:17
3:37 Gn 5:12, Gn 5:18
3:38 Gn 5:1, Gn 5:2, Gn 5:3, Gn 5:6
4:1 Mt 4:1; Mk 1:12, Mk 1:13; Lk 3:3, Lk 4:14
4:2 Ex 34:28; 1Ki 19:8; Heb 2:18, Heb 4:15
4:3 Mt 4:3; Lk 3:22
4:4 Dt 8:3; Lk 4:8
4:5 Mt 4:8
4:6 Jn 12:31, Jn 14:30
4:8 Dt 6:13, Dt 10:20; Mt 4:10; Lk 4:4
4:9 Mt 4:5; Lk 4:3
4:10 Ps 91:11, Ps 91:12
4:11 Ps 91:11, Ps 91:12
4:12 Dt 6:16
4:13 Jn 14:30
4:14 Mt 4:12; Lk 4:1, Lk 4:37
4:15 Mt 4:23
4:16 Mt 13:54; Lk 2:39; Ac 13:14
4:17 Lk 3:4; Ac 8:28, Ac 13:15
4:18 Ps 45:7; Is 42:7, Is 61:1, Is 61:2; Mt 11:5
4:19 Lv 25:10; Is 49:8, Is 61:1, Is 61:2
4:20 Mt 5:1, Mt 26:55; Lk 4:17, Lk 19:48
4:21 Mt 1:22
4:22 Mt 13:54, Mt 13:55; Lk 3:23; Jn 6:42
4:23 Jer 8:22; Mt 9:12; Mk 2:1; Lk 4:16
4:24 Mt 13:57; Mk 6:4; Jn 4:44
4:25 1Ki 17:1, 1Ki 18:1; Jas 5:17
4:26 1Ki 17:9; Mt 11:21
4:27 2Ki 5:1
4:28 2Ch 16:10; Lk 6:11

[g]Deut 8:3 [h]Deut 6:13 [i]Ps 91:11-12 [j]Deut 6:16 [k]Isa 61:1-2; 58:6

one in the synagogue was filled with anger. [29]They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. [30]But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

Jesus in Capernaum

[31]Jesus went down to the city of Capernaum in Galilee and taught the people each Sabbath. [32]They were amazed by his teaching because he delivered his message with authority.

[33]A man in the synagogue had the spirit of an unclean demon. He screamed, [34]"Hey! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

[35]"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The demon threw the man down before them, then came out of him without harming him.

[36]They were all shaken and said to each other, "What kind of word is this, that he can command unclean spirits with authority and power, and they leave?" [37]Reports about him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

[38]After leaving the synagogue, Jesus went home with Simon. Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a high fever, and the family asked Jesus to help her. [39]He bent over her and spoke harshly to the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and served them.

[40]When the sun was setting, everyone brought to Jesus relatives and acquaintances with all kinds of diseases. Placing his hands on each of them, he healed them. [41]Demons also came out of many people. They screamed, "You are God's Son." But he spoke harshly to them and wouldn't allow them to speak because they recognized that he was the Christ. [42]When daybreak arrived, Jesus went to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. When they found him, they tried to keep him from leaving them. [43]But he said to them, "I must preach the good news of God's kingdom in other cities too, for this is why I was sent." [44]So he continued preaching in the Judean synagogues.

4:29 Ac 7:58
4:30 Jn 8:59, Jn 10:39
4:31 Mt 4:13; Mk 1:21; Lk 4:23
4:32 Mt 7:28, Mt 7:29; Lk 4:36; Jn 7:46
4:33 Mk 1:23; Lk 4:31, Lk 8:28
4:34 Mt 8:29; Mk 1:24; Lk 8:28
4:35 Mt 8:26; Lk 4:39, Lk 4:41, Lk 8:24, Lk 9:42
4:36 Mk 7:37; Lk 4:32
4:37 Lk 4:14
4:38 Mt 8:14, Mt 8:15; Mk 1:29
4:39 Lk 4:35
4:40 Mt 4:23, Mt 8:16, Mt 8:17; Mk 1:32, Mk 5:23
4:41 Mt 4:3, Mt 26:63; Mk 3:11
4:42 Mk 1:35, Mk 1:37
4:43 Mt 4:23; Lk 8:1
4:44 Mt 4:23; Mk 1:39
5:1 Mt 4:18
5:2 Mt 4:18
5:3 Mt 4:18, Mt 5:1, Mt 13:2
5:4 Mt 4:18; Mk 1:16; Jn 21:3, Jn 21:6
5:5 Lk 8:24, Lk 9:33, Lk 9:49, Lk 17:13; Jn 21:3
5:6 Jn 21:6, Jn 21:11
5:8 Is 6:5; Mt 2:11
5:9 Lk 4:36
5:10 Mt 4:19; Mk 1:17
5:11 Mt 4:20; Lk 5:28, Lk 18:28
5:12 Mt 8:2, Mt 9:28; Mk 1:40

Jesus calls disciples

5 One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. [2]Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. [3]Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. [4]When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

[5]Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

[6]So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. [7]They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. [8]When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" [9]Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. [10]James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." [11]As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

A man with a skin disease

[12]Jesus was in one of the towns where there was also a man covered with a skin disease. When he saw Jesus,

he fell on his face and begged, "Lord, if you want, you can make me clean."

13 Jesus reached out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do want to. Be clean." Instantly, the skin disease left him. 14 Jesus ordered him not to tell anyone. "Instead," Jesus said, "go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses instructed. This will be a testimony to them." 15 News of him spread even more and huge crowds gathered to listen and to be healed from their illnesses. 16 But Jesus would withdraw to deserted places for prayer.

Jesus heals a paralyzed man

17 One day when Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and legal experts were sitting nearby. They had come from every village in Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. Now the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal. 18 Some men were bringing a man who was paralyzed, lying on a cot. They wanted to carry him in and place him before Jesus, 19 but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they took him up on the roof and lowered him—cot and all—through the roof tiles into the crowded room in front of Jesus. 20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

21 The legal experts and Pharisees began to mutter among themselves, "Who is this who insults God? Only God can forgive sins!"

22 Jesus recognized what they were discussing and responded, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? 23 Which is easier—to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But so that you will know that the Human One[1] has authority on the earth to forgive sins"—Jesus now spoke to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, get up, take your cot, and go home." 25 Right away, the man stood before them, picked up his cot, and went home, praising God.

[1] Or *Son of Man*

5:13 Mt 8:3
5:14 Mt 8:4; Lk 17:14
5:15 Mt 9:26
5:16 Mt 14:23; Mk 1:35; Lk 3:21, Lk 6:12
5:17 Mt 15:1; Lk 2:46, Lk 6:19, Lk 8:46
5:18 Mt 9:2; Mk 2:3
5:19 Mk 2:4
5:20 Mt 9:2; Lk 7:48
5:21 Is 43:25; Lk 7:49
5:22 Mt 9:4, Mt 12:25; Jn 2:24, Jn 2:25; Rev 2:23
5:24 Dn 7:13; Mt 9:6, Mt 26:64, Mt 28:18; Jn 5:8
5:25 Lk 7:16, Lk 13:13, Lk 17:15, Lk 18:43
5:26 Mt 9:8; Lk 7:16
5:27 Mt 9:9; Mk 2:13, Mk 2:14
5:28 Lk 5:11
5:29 Mt 9:10; Lk 15:1
5:30 Lk 7:34, Lk 15:2, Lk 19:7; Ac 23:9
5:31 Mt 9:12; Mk 2:17
5:32 Lk 15:7; Ac 5:31
5:33 Mt 9:14; Mk 2:18; Lk 18:12; Jn 3:25
5:34 Jn 3:29
5:35 Lk 17:22
5:36 Mt 9:16; Mk 2:21
5:37 Josh 9:4

26 All the people were beside themselves with wonder. Filled with awe, they glorified God, saying, "We've seen unimaginable things today."

Jesus calls a tax collector

27 Afterward, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

28 Levi got up, left everything behind, and followed him. 29 Then Levi threw a great banquet for Jesus in his home. A large number of tax collectors and others sat down to eat with them. 30 The Pharisees and their legal experts grumbled against his disciples. They said, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

31 Jesus answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. 32 I didn't come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives."

The old and the new

33 Some people said to Jesus, "The disciples of John fast often and pray frequently. The disciples of the Pharisees do the same, but your disciples are always eating and drinking."

34 Jesus replied, "You can't make the wedding guests fast while the groom is with them, can you? 35 The days will come when the groom will be taken from them, and then they will fast."

36 Then he told them a parable. "No one tears a patch from a new garment to patch an old garment. Otherwise, the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't match the old garment. 37 Nobody pours new wine into old wineskins. If they did, the new wine would burst the wineskins, the wine would spill, and the wineskins would be ruined. 38 Instead, new wine must be put into new wineskins. 39 No one who drinks a well-aged wine wants new wine, but says, 'The well-aged wine is better.'"

Activities on the Sabbath

6 One Sabbath, as Jesus was going through the wheat fields, his disciples were picking the heads of wheat, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them. 2 Some Pharisees said, "Why are you breaking the Sabbath law?"

3 Jesus replied, "Haven't you read what David and his companions did when they were hungry? 4 He broke the Law by going into God's house and eating the bread of the presence, which only the priests can eat. He also gave some of the bread to his companions." 5 Then he said to them, "The Human One[m] is Lord of the Sabbath."

6 On another Sabbath, Jesus entered a synagogue to teach. A man was there whose right hand was withered. 7 The legal experts and the Pharisees were watching him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. They were looking for a reason to bring charges against him. 8 Jesus knew their thoughts, so he said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." He got up and stood there. 9 Jesus said to the legal experts and Pharisees, "Here's a question for you: Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" 10 Looking around at them all, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did and his hand was made healthy. 11 They were furious and began talking with each other about what to do to Jesus.

Jesus chooses apostles

12 During that time, Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night long. 13 At daybreak, he called together his disciples. He chose twelve of them whom he called apostles: 14 Simon, whom he named Peter; his brother Andrew; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; 15 Matthew; Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called a zealot; 16 Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

6:1 Dt 23:25; Mt 12:1; Mk 2:23
6:2 Mt 12:2
6:3 1Sa 21:6; Mt 12:3, Mt 21:16; Mk 2:25
6:4 Lv 24:5, Lv 24:9
6:5 Ac 2:36
6:6 Mt 4:23, Mt 12:9; Mk 3:1; Lk 4:31, Lk 6:1
6:7 Mk 3:2; Lk 14:1, Lk 20:20
6:8 Mt 9:4; Lk 5:22; Jn 2:25
6:9 Lk 14:3
6:10 Mk 3:5
6:12 Mt 14:23; Lk 3:21
6:13 Mt 10:2; Mk 3:13, Mk 3:16, Mk 6:30; Ac 1:13
6:14 Mt 4:21, Mt 10:3; Mk 1:19; Ac 1:13
6:15 Mt 9:9, Mt 10:3, Mt 10:4; Mk 3:18; Ac 1:13
6:16 Jn 14:22; Ac 1:13
6:17 Mt 4:25, Mt 11:21; Mk 3:7, Mk 3:8; Lk 6:12
6:18 Mt 15:22; Ac 5:16
6:19 Mt 9:20, Mt 14:36; Mk 3:10; Lk 5:17, Lk 8:46
6:20 Mt 5:3; Lk 12:32; Jas 2:5
6:21 Mt 5:4
6:22 Jn 9:22, Jn 15:18, Jn 16:2; 1Pt 4:14
6:23 Mt 5:12
6:24 Am 6:1; Mt 6:2; Lk 16:25; Jas 5:1
6:25 Prv 14:13; Is 65:13; Jas 4:9
6:26 Jer 5:31; Mt 7:15; Jn 15:19
6:27 Prv 25:21; Mt 5:44; Lk 6:35; Ro 12:20
6:28 Mt 5:44; Ro 12:14; 1Pt 3:9
6:29 Mt 5:39, Mt 5:40

Jesus' popularity increases

17 Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. 18 They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. 19 The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.

Happy people and doomed people

20 Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

"Happy are you who are poor,
because God's kingdom is yours.
21 Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.
Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.
22 Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One.[n] 23 Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.
24 But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.
25 How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.
How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.
26 How terrible for you when all speak well of you.
Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

Behaving as God's children

27 "But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. 28 Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you

[m] Or *Son of Man* [n] Or *Son of Man*

on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. 30Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. 31Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

32"If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. 33If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. 34If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. 35Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. 36Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

37"Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return."

Avoiding self-deception

39Jesus also told them a riddle. "A blind person can't lead another blind person, right? Won't they both fall into a ditch? 40Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, but whoever is fully prepared will be like their teacher. 41Why do you see the splinter in your brother's or sister's eye but don't notice the log in your own eye? 42How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Brother, Sister, let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when you don't see the log in your own eye? You deceive yourselves! First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's or sister's eye.

6:30 Dt 15:7; Ps 37:21, Ps 41:1, Ps 112:9; Prv 21:26

6:31 Mt 7:12

6:32 Mt 5:46

6:34 Mt 5:42; Lk 14:12

6:35 Lk 6:27

6:36 Mt 5:7, Mt 5:48; Jas 2:13, Jas 5:11

6:37 Mt 6:14, Mt 7:1

6:38 Ps 79:12; Mk 4:24; 2Co 9:6

6:39 Mt 15:14

6:40 Mt 10:24; Jn 13:16

6:41 Mt 7:3; Lk 6:42

6:42 Mt 23:13; Lk 6:41, Lk 13:15

6:43 Mt 7:16, Mt 7:20

6:44 Mt 7:16, Mt 12:33

6:45 Mt 12:34, Mt 12:35; Eph 4:29

6:46 Mal 1:6; Mt 7:21; Jn 13:13

6:47 Mt 7:24; Lk 11:28; Jas 1:22

6:48 Mt 7:25

6:49 Prv 28:18; Mt 7:26; Lk 12:47, Lk 19:27; Jas 1:22

7:1 Mt 7:28, Mt 8:5

7:2 Mt 8:5, Mt 27:54; Lk 23:47; Ac 10:1, Ac 10:7

7:3 Mt 8:5

7:4 Mt 8:5; Lk 7:3, Lk 7:6, Lk 20:35; Jn 4:50

7:6 Lk 8:49

7:7 Ps 107:20

43"A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. 44Each tree is known by its own fruit. People don't gather figs from thorny plants, nor do they pick grapes from prickly bushes. 45A good person produces good from the good treasury of the inner self, while an evil person produces evil from the evil treasury of the inner self. The inner self overflows with words that are spoken.

46"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and don't do what I say? 47I'll show what it's like when someone comes to me, hears my words, and puts them into practice. 48It's like a person building a house by digging deep and laying the foundation on bedrock. When the flood came, the rising water smashed against that house, but the water couldn't shake the house because it was well built. 49But those who don't put into practice what they hear are like a person who built a house without a foundation. The floodwater smashed against it and it collapsed instantly. It was completely destroyed."

A servant is healed

7 After Jesus finished presenting all his words among the people, he entered Capernaum. 2A centurion had a servant who was very important to him, but the servant was ill and about to die. 3When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Jesus to ask him to come and heal his servant. 4When they came to Jesus, they earnestly pleaded with Jesus. "He deserves to have you do this for him," they said. 5"He loves our people and he built our synagogue for us."

6Jesus went with them. He had almost reached the house when the centurion sent friends to say to Jesus, "Lord, don't be bothered. I don't deserve to have you come under my roof. 7In fact, I didn't even consider myself worthy to come to you. Just say the word and my servant will be healed.

[8]I'm also a man appointed under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and the servant does it."

[9]When Jesus heard these words, he was impressed with the centurion. He turned to the crowd following him and said, "I tell you, even in Israel I haven't found faith like this." [10]When the centurion's friends returned to his house, they found the servant restored to health.

Jesus raises a widow's son

[11]A little later Jesus went to a city called Nain. His disciples and a great crowd traveled with him. [12]As he approached the city gate, a dead man was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. [13]When he saw her, the Lord had compassion for her and said, "Don't cry." [14]He stepped forward and touched the stretcher on which the dead man was being carried. Those carrying him stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, get up." [15]The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

[16]Awestruck, everyone praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." [17]This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding region.

John the Baptist and Jesus

[18]John's disciples informed him about all these things. John called two of his disciples [19]and sent them to the Lord. They were to ask him, "Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for someone else?"

[20]When they reached Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you. He asks, 'Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for someone else?'"

7:8 Ac 23:17, Ac 23:23; Col 3:22

7:9 Lk 7:50

7:10 Mt 15:28

7:12 Gn 22:12; Lk 8:42

7:13 Jn 11:33

7:14 2Sa 3:31; Lk 8:54; Jn 11:43; Ac 9:40

7:15 1Ki 17:23

7:16 Mt 9:8, Mt 21:11; Lk 1:68, Lk 5:26, Lk 7:39

7:17 Mt 9:26

7:18 Mt 9:14, Mt 11:2; Lk 5:33

7:19 Mal 3:1; Lk 3:15, Lk 3:16, Lk 10:1, Lk 11:1

7:20 Mt 11:4; Lk 7:18; Jn 5:36

7:21 Mt 4:23

7:22 Is 29:18, Is 35:5, Is 35:6, Is 61:1; Lk 4:18

7:23 Is 8:14, Is 8:15; Mt 11:6, Mt 13:57; Jn 6:61

7:24 Mt 11:7; Lk 3:2

7:25 Mt 3:4

7:26 Lk 1:76

7:27 Mal 3:1; Mt 11:10; Mk 1:2; Lk 1:76

7:28 Mt 11:11; Lk 1:15, Lk 3:16

7:29 Mt 21:32; Lk 3:12; Ac 19:3

7:30 Mt 22:35

7:31 Mt 11:16

7:32 Zec 8:5

7:33 Mt 3:4; Mk 1:6; Lk 1:15

7:34 Lk 5:29, Lk 15:2

[21]Right then, Jesus healed many of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and he gave sight to a number of blind people. [22]Then he replied to John's disciples, "Go, report to John what you have seen and heard. Those who were blind are able to see. Those who were crippled now walk. People with skin diseases are cleansed. Those who were deaf now hear. Those who were dead are raised up. And good news is preached to the poor. [23]Happy is anyone who doesn't stumble along the way because of me."

[24]After John's messengers were gone, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John. "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A stalk blowing in the wind? [25]What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in refined clothes? Look, those who dress in fashionable clothes and live in luxury are in royal palaces. [26]What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. [27]He is the one of whom it's written: *Look, I'm sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.*[o] [28]I tell you that no greater human being has ever been born than John. Yet whoever is least in God's kingdom is greater than he." [29]Everyone who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged God's justice because they had been baptized by John. [30]But the Pharisees and legal experts rejected God's will for themselves because they hadn't been baptized by John.

[31]"To what will I compare the people of this generation?" Jesus asked. "What are they like? [32]They are like children sitting in the marketplace calling out to each other, 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't cry.' [33]John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' [34]Yet the Human One[p] came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and

[o]Mal 3:1 [p]Or *Son of Man*

a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' [35]But wisdom is proved to be right by all her descendants."

Forgiveness and gratitude

[36]One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. After he entered the Pharisee's home, he took his place at the table. [37]Meanwhile, a woman from the city, a sinner, discovered that Jesus was dining in the Pharisee's house. She brought perfumed oil in a vase made of alabaster. [38]Standing behind him at his feet and crying, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured the oil on them. [39]When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw what was happening, he said to himself, If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. He would know that she is a sinner.

[40]Jesus replied, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher, speak," he said.

[41]"A certain lender had two debtors. One owed enough money to pay five hundred people for a day's work.[q] The other owed enough money for fifty.[r] [42]When they couldn't pay, the lender forgave the debts of them both. Which of them will love him more?"

[43]Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the largest debt canceled."

Jesus said, "You have judged correctly."

[44]Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your home, you didn't give me water for my feet, but she wet my feet with tears and wiped them with her hair. [45]You didn't greet me with a kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing my feet since I came in. [46]You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has poured perfumed oil on my feet. [47]This is why I tell you that her many sins have been forgiven; so she has shown great love. The one who is forgiven little loves little."

7:35 Prv 8:1; Hos 14:9; Mt 11:19; Lk 7:29
7:36 Lk 11:37, Lk 14:1
7:37 Mt 26:6, Mt 26:7; Mk 14:3; Jn 12:1, Jn 12:3
7:38 Gn 18:4; Lk 7:44
7:39 Lk 7:16, Lk 15:2; Jn 4:19
7:40 Mt 26:49; Lk 5:22, Lk 5:31, Lk 18:18, Lk 20:21
7:41 Mt 18:23, Mt 18:28
7:42 Mt 18:25
7:43 1Co 15:9
7:44 Gn 18:4, Gn 19:2, Gn 43:24; Jgs 19:21; 1Ti 5:10
7:45 2Sa 15:5; Ro 16:16
7:46 Ps 23:5; Ecc 9:8; Mt 6:17
7:47 Is 1:18, Is 55:7; Mt 10:37; Lk 5:20, Lk 7:41
7:48 Mt 9:2; Mk 2:5; Lk 5:20
7:49 Lk 5:21
7:50 Mt 9:22; Mk 5:34, Mk 10:52; Lk 8:48, Lk 18:42
8:1 Mt 4:23; Lk 4:43
8:2 Mt 27:55, Mt 27:56, Mt 28:1; Mk 15:40, Mk 16:9
8:3 Mt 14:1; Lk 24:10
8:5 Mt 13:3
8:6 Am 6:12; Lk 8:13; Jn 15:6
8:7 Jer 4:3
8:8 Mt 11:15
8:9 Mt 13:10
8:10 Is 6:9; Mt 13:11, Mt 13:14
8:11 1Pt 1:23

[48]Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

[49]The other table guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this person that even forgives sins?"

[50]Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Women who followed Jesus

8 Soon afterward, Jesus traveled through the cities and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom. The Twelve were with him, [2]along with some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses. Among them were Mary Magdalene (from whom seven demons had been thrown out), [3]Joanna (the wife of Herod's servant Chuza), Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Parable of the soils

[4]When a great crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from one city after another, he spoke to them in a parable: [5]"A farmer went out to scatter his seed. As he was scattering it, some fell on the path where it was crushed, and the birds in the sky came and ate it. [6]Other seed fell on rock. As it grew, it dried up because it had no moisture. [7]Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorns grew with the plants and choked them. [8]Still other seed landed on good soil. When it grew, it produced one hundred times more grain than was scattered." As he said this, he called out, "Everyone who has ears should pay attention."

[9]His disciples asked him what this parable meant. [10]He said, "You have been given the mysteries of God's kingdom, but these mysteries come to everyone else in parables so that *when they see, they can't see, and when they hear, they can't understand.*[s]

[11]"The parable means this: The seed is God's word. [12]The seed on the path

[q]Or *five hundred denaria* [r]Or *fifty* (denaria) [s]Isa 6:9

are those who hear, but then the devil comes and steals the word from their hearts so that they won't believe and be saved. [13]The seed on the rock are those who receive the word joyfully when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while but fall away when they are tempted. [14]As for the seed that fell among thorny plants, these are the ones who, as they go about their lives, are choked by the concerns, riches, and pleasures of life, and their fruit never matures. [15]The seed that fell on good soil are those who hear the word and commit themselves to it with a good and upright heart. Through their resolve, they bear fruit.

Sharing the light

[16]"No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a bowl or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand so that those who enter can see the light. [17]Nothing is hidden that won't be exposed. Nor is anything concealed that won't be made known and brought to the light. [18]Therefore, listen carefully. Those who have will receive more, but as for those who don't have, even what they seem to have will be taken away from them."

Jesus' family

[19]Jesus' mother and brothers came to him but were unable to reach him because of the crowd. [20]Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

[21]He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who listen to God's word and do it."

Jesus calms the sea

[22]One day Jesus and his disciples boarded a boat. He said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they set sail.

[23]While they were sailing, he fell asleep. Gale-force winds swept down on the lake. The boat was filling up with water and they were in danger. [24]So they went and woke Jesus, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" But he got up and gave orders to the wind and the violent waves. The storm died down and it was calm.

[25]He said to his disciples, "Where is your faith?"

Filled with awe and wonder, they said to each other, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him!"

Jesus frees a demon-possessed man

[26]Jesus and his disciples sailed to the Gerasenes' land, which is across the lake from Galilee. [27]As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a certain man met him. The man was from the city and was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had lived among the tombs, naked and homeless. [28]When he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down before him. Then he shouted, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" [29]He said this because Jesus had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had taken possession of him, so he would be bound with leg irons and chains and placed under guard. But he would break his restraints, and the demon would force him into the wilderness.

[30]Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had entered him. [31]They pleaded with him not to order them to go back into the abyss.[t] [32]A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission, [33]and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

[34]When those who tended the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and

8:13 Is 58:2; Eze 33:32

8:14 Mt 6:25, Mt 13:22; Lk 21:34; 1Ti 6:9, 1Ti 6:10

8:15 Phi 1:11; Heb 10:36

8:16 Mt 5:15; Mk 4:21; Lk 11:33

8:17 Mt 10:26; Mk 4:22; Lk 12:2

8:18 Mt 13:12; Lk 19:26

8:19 Mt 12:46; Mk 3:31

8:20 Ac 1:14

8:21 Lk 11:28; Heb 2:11

8:22 Mt 8:23; Mk 4:35, Mk 4:36

8:23 Lk 8:22

8:24 Ps 65:7; Lk 4:39, Lk 5:5

8:25 Job 38:8; Prv 30:4; Mt 8:26, Mt 14:31; Mk 4:40

8:26 Mt 8:28; Mk 5:1

8:27 Mk 5:2

8:28 Mt 8:29; Mk 1:24, Mk 5:7; Lk 4:34

8:29 Lk 9:39, Lk 9:42

8:30 Mt 26:53; Mk 5:9, Mk 16:9

8:31 Rev 20:3

8:32 Mk 5:11

8:33 Lk 8:22

[t]Or *underworld*

told the story in the city and in the countryside. 35People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe. 36Those people who had actually seen what had happened told them how the demon-possessed man had been delivered. 37Then everyone gathered from the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave their area because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and returned across the lake. 38The man from whom the demons had gone begged to come along with Jesus as one of his disciples. Jesus sent him away, saying, 39"Return home and tell the story of what God has done for you." So he went throughout the city proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

Jesus heals two women

40When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they had been waiting for him. 41A man named Jairus, who was a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet. He pleaded with Jesus to come to his house 42because his only daughter, a twelve-year-old, was dying.

As Jesus moved forward, he faced smothering crowds. 43A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had spent her entire livelihood on doctors, but no one could heal her. 44She came up behind him and touched the hem of his clothes, and at once her bleeding stopped.

45"Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When everyone denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are surrounding you and pressing in on you!"

46But Jesus said, "Someone touched me. I know that power has gone out from me."

47When the woman saw that she couldn't escape notice, she came trembling and fell before Jesus. In front of everyone, she explained why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed.

48"Daughter, your faith has healed you," Jesus said. "Go in peace."

49While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader's house, saying to Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Don't bother the teacher any longer."

50When Jesus heard this, he responded, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting, and she will be healed."

51When he came to the house, he didn't allow anyone to enter with him except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. 52They were all crying and mourning for her, but Jesus said, "Don't cry. She isn't dead. She's only sleeping."

53They laughed at him because they knew she was dead.

54Taking her hand, Jesus called out, "Child, get up." 55Her life returned and she got up at once. He directed them to give her something to eat. 56Her parents were beside themselves with joy, but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

The Twelve sent out

9 Jesus called the Twelve together and he gave them power and authority over all demons and to heal sicknesses. 2He sent them out to proclaim God's kingdom and to heal the sick. 3He told them, "Take nothing for the journey—no walking stick, no bag, no bread, no money, not even an extra shirt. 4Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. 5Wherever they don't welcome you, as you leave that city, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them." 6They departed and went through the villages proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

Herod's confusion

7Herod the ruler[u] heard about everything that was happening. He was

8:35 Lk 10:39
8:36 Mt 4:24
8:37 Ac 16:39
8:38 Mk 5:18, Mk 5:19, Mk 5:20; Lk 8:28, Lk 8:35
8:39 Ps 66:16; Mk 1:45, Mk 5:19, Mk 5:20; Lk 8:35
8:40 Mt 9:1; Mk 5:21
8:41 Mt 9:18; Mk 5:22; Lk 8:49
8:42 Lk 7:12
8:43 Lv 15:25; Mt 9:20; Mk 5:25
8:44 Dt 22:12
8:45 Lk 5:5
8:46 Lk 5:17, Lk 6:19
8:48 Mt 9:22; Lk 7:50
8:49 Lk 7:6, Lk 8:41
8:50 Mk 5:36
8:51 Mk 5:37, Mk 14:33; Lk 9:28
8:52 Mt 11:17; Lk 23:27; Jn 11:11
8:53 Lk 16:14
8:54 Lk 7:14
8:56 Mt 8:4
9:1 Mt 10:1; Mk 6:7, Mk 16:17; Lk 10:17
9:2 Mt 10:7; Mk 16:15; Lk 10:9
9:3 Mt 10:9; Mk 6:8; Lk 10:4, Lk 22:35
9:5 Mt 10:14; Lk 10:11; Ac 13:51
9:6 Mk 6:12
9:7 Mt 14:1; Mk 6:14; Lk 9:19

[u]Or *tetrarch*

confused because some people were saying that John had been raised from the dead, [8]others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the ancient prophets had come back to life. [9]Herod said, "I beheaded John, so now who am I hearing about?" Herod wanted to see him.

Jesus feeds the five thousand

[10]When the apostles returned, they described for Jesus what they had done. Taking them with him, Jesus withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. [11]When the crowds figured it out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about God's kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

[12]When the day was almost over, the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so that they can go to the nearby villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in a deserted place."

[13]He replied, "You give them something to eat."

But they said, "We have no more than five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all these people." [14](They said this because about five thousand men were present.)

Jesus said to his disciples, "Seat them in groups of about fifty." [15]They did so, and everyone was seated. [16]He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. [17]Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.

Following Christ

[18]Once when Jesus was praying by himself, the disciples joined him, and he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

[19]They answered, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others that one of the ancient prophets has come back to life."

[20]He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ sent from God."

[21]Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell this to anyone. [22]He said, "The Human One[v] must suffer many things and be rejected—by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts—and be killed and be raised on the third day."

[23]Jesus said to everyone, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. [24]All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. [25]What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives? [26]Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Human One[w] will be ashamed of that person when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. [27]I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see God's kingdom."

Jesus transformed

[28]About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. [29]As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. [30]Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. [31]They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. [32]Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

[33]As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he

9:8 Lk 9:19
9:9 Lk 9:7, Lk 23:8
9:10 Mt 11:21, Mt 14:13; Mk 6:30, Mk 6:32
9:11 Mk 6:33; Lk 9:2
9:12 Mt 14:15; Jn 6:5
9:13 2Ki 4:42
9:14 Mk 6:39
9:16 1Sa 9:13; Mt 14:19, Mt 15:36; Lk 22:19; Jn 6:11
9:17 Mt 14:20
9:18 Mt 14:23, Mt 16:13, Mt 26:36; Mk 8:27; Lk 3:21
9:19 Mt 14:2; Lk 9:7, Lk 9:8
9:20 Mt 16:16; Mk 8:29; Lk 23:35; Jn 6:69, Jn 11:27
9:21 Mt 16:20; Mk 8:30
9:22 Mt 16:21; Mk 8:31; Lk 9:44, Lk 17:25, Lk 24:7
9:23 Mt 10:38; Lk 14:27
9:24 Mt 10:39; Lk 9:23, Lk 17:33; Jn 12:25
9:25 Mt 16:26
9:26 Mt 10:33, Mt 16:27; Lk 12:9; Ro 1:16
9:27 Mt 16:28
9:28 Mt 17:1; Mk 9:2; Lk 3:21, Lk 8:51
9:29 Ex 34:29; Mt 17:2; Mk 9:2; Lk 9:18
9:30 Mt 17:3, Mt 17:4; Mk 9:4; Lk 1:17, Lk 9:19
9:31 Lk 9:22
9:32 Mt 26:43; Jn 1:14
9:33 Mt 17:4; Mk 9:5, Mk 9:6; Lk 5:5, Lk 9:49

[v]Or *Son of Man* [w]Or *Son of Man*

didn't know what he was saying. 34 Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

35 Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" 36 Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

Jesus heals a boy

37 The next day, when Jesus, Peter, John, and James had come down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. 38 A man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to take a look at my son, my only child. 39 Look, a spirit seizes him and, without any warning, he screams. It shakes him and causes him to foam at the mouth. It tortures him and rarely leaves him alone. 40 I begged your disciples to throw it out, but they couldn't."

41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and crooked generation, how long will I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." 42 While he was coming, the demon threw him down and shook him violently. Jesus spoke harshly to the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. 43 Everyone was overwhelmed by God's greatness.

Jesus warns about his arrest

While everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, 44 "Take these words to heart: the Human One[x] is about to be delivered into human hands." 45 They didn't understand this statement. Its meaning was hidden from them so they couldn't grasp it. And they were afraid to ask him about it.

Jesus corrects the disciples

46 An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest. 47 Aware of their deepest thoughts, Jesus took a little child and had the child stand beside him. 48 Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me. Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever is least among you all is the greatest."

49 John replied, "Master, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he isn't in our group of followers."

50 But Jesus replied, "Don't stop him, because whoever isn't against you is for you."

Jesus sets out for Jerusalem

51 As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. 52 He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, 53 but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" 55 But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, 56 and they went on to another village.

Following Jesus

57 As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One[y] has no place to lay his head."

59 Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me."

He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

61 Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house."

62 Jesus said to him, "No one who

9:34 Ex 14:19, Ex 24:16; Mt 17:5
9:35 Is 42:1; Mt 3:17; Lk 3:22; 2Pt 1:17
9:36 Mt 17:9
9:38 Lk 7:12, Lk 8:42; Jn 4:47
9:39 Lk 8:29; 1Pt 5:8
9:40 Lk 9:1, Lk 10:17
9:41 Dt 32:5; Jn 14:9
9:42 Lk 4:35, Lk 7:15
9:43 2Pt 1:16
9:44 Lk 9:22
9:45 Mk 9:10, Mk 9:32; Lk 18:34; Jn 12:16, Jn 16:17
9:46 Mt 18:1, Mt 20:20; Mk 9:33; Lk 22:24
9:47 Mt 9:4; Lk 5:22
9:48 Mt 10:40; Lk 10:16, Lk 22:26
9:49 Mk 9:38
9:50 Mt 12:30; Lk 11:23
9:51 Mk 16:19; Lk 13:22, Lk 17:11, Lk 18:31, Lk 19:11
9:52 Mt 10:5; Lk 10:33, Lk 17:16
9:53 Jn 4:9
9:54 2Ki 1:10; Mk 3:17
9:55 Lk 9:54
9:56 Mt 18:11, Mt 20:28; Lk 19:10; Jn 3:17, Jn 10:10
9:57 Mt 8:19
9:58 Mt 8:20; 2Co 8:9
9:59 Mt 8:22
9:60 Mt 4:23; Lk 9:2; Jn 21:15; 2Ti 2:3, 2Ti 2:4
9:61 1Ki 19:20
9:62 Phi 3:13; 2Pt 2:20

[x] Or *Son of Man* [y] Or *Son of Man*

puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

Seventy-two sent out

10 After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. [2]He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. [3]Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. [4]Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. [5]Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' [6]If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. [7]Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. [8]Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. [9]Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' [10]Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, [11]'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.' [12]I assure you that Sodom will be better off on Judgment Day than that city.

Judgment against cities that reject Jesus

[13]"How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin. How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida. If the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives long ago. They would have sat around in funeral clothes and ashes. [14]But Tyre and Sidon will be better off at the judgment than you. [15]And you, Capernaum, will you be honored by being raised up to heaven? No, you will be cast down to the place of the dead. [16]Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two return

[17]The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

[18]Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. [19]Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. [20]Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."

[21]At that very moment, Jesus overflowed with joy from the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness. [22]My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him." [23]Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Happy are the eyes that see what you see. [24]I assure you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see and hear what you hear, but they didn't."

Loving your neighbor

[25]A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

[26]Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

[27]He responded, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*"[z]

10:1 Nm 11:16; Mt 10:1; Mk 6:7; Lk 9:52, Lk 10:17

10:2 Mt 9:37, Mt 9:38; Jn 4:35; 2Th 3:1

10:3 Mt 10:16

10:4 2Ki 4:29; Mt 10:9; Mk 6:8; Lk 9:3, Lk 22:35

10:5 1Sa 25:6

10:6 Ps 35:13

10:7 Mt 10:10; 1Ti 5:18

10:8 1Co 10:27

10:9 Mt 3:2; Lk 9:2, Lk 10:11

10:10 Lk 9:5

10:11 Lk 10:9; Ac 13:51

10:12 Mt 10:15, Mt 11:24

10:13 Is 23:1; Mt 11:21

10:14 Mt 11:21

10:15 Is 14:13, Is 14:15; Mt 4:13, Mt 11:23

10:16 Mt 10:40; Lk 9:48; Jn 5:23, Jn 12:48; 1Th 4:8

10:17 Mk 16:17; Lk 9:1, Lk 10:1, Lk 10:9

10:18 Jn 12:31; Rev 9:1, Rev 12:9

10:19 Ps 91:13; Mk 16:18

10:20 Ps 69:28; Dn 12:1; Phi 4:3; Heb 12:23; Rev 3:5

10:21 Mt 11:25, Mt 16:17

10:22 Mt 28:18; Jn 1:18, Jn 10:15

10:23 Mt 13:16, Mt 13:17

10:24 1Pt 1:10

10:25 Mt 19:16, Mt 22:34, Mt 22:35; Lk 18:18

10:27 Lv 19:18; Dt 6:5; Mt 22:37; Mk 12:30

[z]Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18

28 Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

29 But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. 31 Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. 32 Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. 33 A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. 34 The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' 36 What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

37 Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Jesus visits Martha and Mary

38 While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. 40 By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

41 The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. 42 One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

Teaching the disciples to pray

11 Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, uphold the holiness of your name.
Bring in your kingdom.
3 Give us the bread we need for today.
4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.
And don't lead us into temptation.'"

5 He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' 8 I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. 9 And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

11 "Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? 12 If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? 13 If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your

10:28 Lv 18:5; Eze 20:11; Ga 3:12
10:29 Lk 16:15
10:30 Jgs 9:25; Lk 18:31, Lk 19:1, Lk 19:28; Ro 15:5
10:31 Lk 10:32
10:32 Lk 10:31
10:33 Mt 10:5; Lk 9:52, Lk 17:16; Jn 4:9
10:34 Gn 42:27; Ex 4:24; Is 1:6; Lk 2:7; Rev 3:18
10:35 Mt 20:2
10:37 Hos 6:6; Jn 8:11, Jn 13:15; 2Co 8:9; Heb 2:9
10:38 Jn 11:1, Jn 12:1, Jn 12:2
10:39 Dt 33:3; Lk 8:35; Jn 11:1, Jn 12:3; Ac 22:3
10:40 Lk 10:41; Jn 11:1, Jn 11:39, Jn 12:2
10:41 Mt 6:25; 1Co 7:32
10:42 Ps 27:4
11:1 Lk 3:21
11:2 Mt 6:9
11:3 Prv 30:8; Mt 6:11, Mt 6:34
11:4 Mt 26:41
11:5 Lk 18:1
11:7 Lk 13:25
11:8 Gn 32:26; Lk 18:1
11:9 Mt 7:7
11:10 Mt 7:8; Lk 11:9
11:11 Is 49:15
11:12 Eze 2:6
11:13 Gn 6:5, Gn 8:21; Neh 9:20; Ps 51:11; Mt 7:11

children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Controversy over Beelzebul

[14]Jesus was throwing out a demon that causes muteness. When the demon was gone, the man who couldn't speak began to talk. The crowds were amazed. [15]But some of them said, "He throws out demons with the authority of Beelzebul, the ruler of demons." [16]Others were testing him, seeking a sign from heaven.

[17]Because Jesus knew what they were thinking, he said to them, "Every kingdom involved in civil war becomes a wasteland, and a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. [18]If Satan is at war with himself, how will his kingdom endure? I ask this because you say that I throw out demons by the authority of Beelzebul. [19]If I throw out demons by the authority of Beelzebul, then by whose authority do your followers throw them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. [20]But if I throw out demons by the power[a] of God, then God's kingdom has already overtaken you. [21]When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his possessions are secure. [22]But as soon as a stronger one attacks and overpowers him, the stronger one takes away the armor he had trusted and divides the stolen goods.

[23]"Whoever isn't with me is against me, and whoever doesn't gather with me, scatters. [24]When an unclean spirit leaves a person, it wanders through dry places looking for a place to rest. But it doesn't find any. Then it says, 'I'll go back to the house I left.' [25]When it arrives, it finds the house cleaned up and decorated. [26]Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself. They go in and make their home there. That person is worse off at the end than at the beginning."

11:14 Mt 9:32, Mt 9:33, Mt 12:22

11:15 Mt 9:34, Mt 10:25, Mt 12:24, Mt 12:27; Mk 3:22

11:16 Mt 12:38, Mt 16:1; Mk 8:11

11:17 Mt 12:25; Mk 3:23

11:18 1Ch 21:1; Job 1:6; Mt 4:10, Mt 10:25; Lk 11:15

11:19 Mt 10:25, Mt 12:24, Mt 12:27

11:20 Ex 8:19; Mt 12:28

11:21 Mt 12:29; Mk 3:27; Lk 11:22

11:22 2Sa 2:21; Is 49:24, Is 53:12; Lk 11:21; 1Jn 3:8

11:23 Mt 12:30; Mk 9:40; Lk 9:50

11:24 Mt 12:43

11:26 2Pt 2:20

11:27 Lk 23:29

11:28 Lk 8:21; Rev 1:3, Rev 22:7

11:29 Mt 12:38, Mt 12:39, Mt 16:4; Mk 8:12; Lk 11:16

11:30 Jon 1:17; Mt 12:40, Mt 16:4; Lk 11:29

11:31 1Ki 10:1, 1Ki 10:2; 2Ch 9:1; Mt 12:42

11:32 Jon 1:2, Jon 3:5; Mt 12:41

11:33 Mt 5:15; Mk 4:21; Lk 8:16

11:34 Mt 6:22, Mt 6:23

11:35 Prv 16:25, Prv 26:12; Is 5:20, Is 5:21; Mt 6:1

11:37 Lk 7:36, Lk 14:1

11:38 Mt 15:2; Mk 7:2, Mk 7:3, Mk 7:4

On seeking signs

[27]While Jesus was saying these things, a certain woman in the crowd spoke up: "Happy is the mother who gave birth to you and who nursed you."

[28]But he said, "Happy rather are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

[29]When the crowds grew, Jesus said, "This generation is an evil generation. It looks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except Jonah's sign. [30]Just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Human One[b] will be a sign to this generation. [31]The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from a distant land to hear Solomon's wisdom. And look, someone greater than Solomon is here. [32]The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they changed their hearts and lives in response to Jonah's preaching—and one greater than Jonah is here.

[33]"People don't light a lamp and then put it in a closet or under a basket. Rather, they place the lamp on a lampstand so that those who enter the house can see the light. [34]Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your whole body is full of darkness. [35]Therefore, see to it that the light in you isn't darkness. [36]If your whole body is full of light—with no part darkened—then it will be as full of light as when a lamp shines brightly on you."

Jesus condemns Pharisees and legal experts

[37]While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to share a meal with him, so Jesus went and took his place at the table. [38]When the Pharisee saw that Jesus didn't ritually purify his

[a]Or *finger* [b]Or *Son of Man*

hands by washing before the meal, he was astonished.

39 The Lord said to him, "Now, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and platter, but your insides are stuffed with greed and wickedness. 40 Foolish people! Didn't the one who made the outside also make the inside? 41 Therefore, give to those in need from the core of who you are and you will be clean all over.

42 "How terrible for you Pharisees! You give a tenth of your mint, rue, and garden herbs of all kinds, while neglecting justice and love for God. These you ought to have done without neglecting the others.

43 "How terrible for you Pharisees! You love the most prominent seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

44 "How terrible for you! You are like unmarked graves, and people walk on them without recognizing it."

45 One of the legal experts responded, "Teacher, when you say these things, you are insulting us too."

46 Jesus said, "How terrible for you legal experts too! You load people down with impossible burdens and you refuse to lift a single finger to help them.

47 "How terrible for you! You built memorials to the prophets, whom your ancestors killed. 48 In this way, you testify that you approve of your ancestors' deeds. They killed the prophets, and you build memorials! 49 Therefore, God's wisdom has said, 'I will send prophets and apostles to them and they will harass and kill some of them.' 50 As a result, this generation will be charged with the murder of all the prophets since the beginning of time. 51 This includes the murder of every prophet—from Abel to Zechariah—who was killed between the altar and the holy place. Yes, I'm telling you, this generation will be charged with it.

52 "How terrible for you legal experts! You snatched away the key of knowledge. You didn't enter yourselves, and you stood in the way of those who were entering."

53 As he left there, the legal experts and Pharisees began to resent him deeply and to ask him pointed questions about many things. 54 They plotted against him, trying to trap him in his words.

11:39 Mt 7:15, Mt 23:25; Lk 7:13, Lk 20:47
11:40 Lk 12:20; 1Co 15:36
11:41 Lk 12:33, Lk 16:9; Ti 1:15
11:42 Mi 6:8; Mt 23:23; Lk 18:12
11:43 Mt 23:6; Mk 12:38, Mk 12:39; Lk 14:7, Lk 20:46
11:44 Mt 23:27
11:45 Mt 22:35; Lk 11:46, Lk 11:52
11:46 Mt 23:4
11:47 Mt 23:29
11:48 Ac 7:51
11:49 Mt 23:34; 1Co 1:24, 1Co 1:30; Col 2:3
11:50 Mt 23:35; Rev 18:20
11:51 Gn 4:8; 2Ch 24:20, 2Ch 24:21; Mt 23:35; Heb 11:4
11:52 Mt 23:13
11:53 Mk 11:18; Lk 11:54, Lk 20:20
11:54 Mt 22:15; Mk 12:13; Lk 20:20
12:1 Mt 16:6, Mt 16:12; Mk 8:15
12:2 Ecc 12:14; Mt 10:26; Mk 4:22; Lk 8:17; 1Co 4:5
12:3 Mt 6:6, Mt 10:27, Mt 24:17
12:4 Jn 15:14
12:5 Ps 9:17; Mt 5:22, Mt 5:29, Mt 10:28; Mk 9:43
12:6 Mt 10:29; Lk 12:24
12:7 Mt 6:26, Mt 10:30; Lk 21:18
12:8 Mt 10:32, Mt 25:31; Lk 15:10; Ro 10:9, Ro 10:10
12:9 Mk 8:38; Lk 9:26; 2Ti 2:12
12:10 Mt 12:31, Mt 12:32; Mk 3:28, Mk 3:29; 1Jn 5:16

Warnings to Jesus' friends

12 When a crowd of thousands upon thousands had gathered so that they were crushing each other, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples: "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees—I mean, the mismatch between their hearts and lives. 2 Nothing is hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing is secret that won't be brought out into the open. 3 Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and whatever you have whispered in the rooms deep inside the house will be announced from the rooftops.

4 "I tell you, my friends, don't be terrified by those who can kill the body but after that can do nothing more. 5 I'll show you whom you should fear: fear the one who, after you have been killed, has the authority to throw you into hell. Indeed, I tell you, that's the one you should fear. 6 Aren't five sparrows sold for two small coins?[c] Yet not one of them is overlooked by God. 7 Even the hairs on your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

Acknowledging the Human One

8 "I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before humans, the Human One[d] will acknowledge before God's angels. 9 But the one who rejects me before others will be rejected before God's angels. 10 Anyone who speaks a word against the Human One[e] will be forgiven, but whoever insults the Holy

[c] Or *two assaria*—that is, 1/8 of a day's wage [d] Or *Son of Man* [e] Or *Son of Man*

Spirit won't be forgiven. [11]When they bring you before the synagogues, rulers, and authorities, don't worry about how to defend yourself or what you should say. [12]The Holy Spirit will tell you at that very moment what you must say."

Warning against greed

[13]Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

[14]Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

[15]Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." [16]Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. [17]He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! [18]Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. [19]I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. [20]But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' [21]This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

Warning about worry

[22]Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. [23]There is more to life than food and more to the body than clothing. [24]Consider the ravens: they neither plant nor harvest, they have no silo or barn, yet God feeds them. You are worth so much more than birds! [25]Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?[f] [26]If you can't do such a small thing, why worry about the rest? [27]Notice how the lilies grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. [28]If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, how much more will God do for you, you people of weak faith! [29]Don't chase after what you will eat and what you will drink. Stop worrying. [30]All the nations of the world long for these things. Your Father knows that you need them. [31]Instead, desire his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.

[32]"Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. [33]Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. [34]Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

Warning about being prepared

[35]"Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. [36]Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks on the door. [37]Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. [38]Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn.[g] [39]But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn't have allowed his home to be broken into. [40]You also must be ready, because the Human One[h] is coming at a time when you don't expect him."

12:11 Mt 10:17, Mt 10:19; Lk 21:12, Lk 21:14
12:12 Mt 10:20; Mk 13:11; Lk 21:15
12:14 Ro 2:1, Ro 2:3, Ro 9:20
12:15 Heb 13:5
12:16 Lk 16:19
12:17 Ps 30:6; Hos 12:8; Lk 16:3
12:18 Lk 12:24
12:19 Ecc 11:9; 1Co 15:32; Jas 4:13
12:20 Job 27:8; Ps 39:6; Jer 17:11; Lk 11:40
12:21 Mt 6:19; Lk 12:33
12:22 Mt 6:25
12:24 Job 38:41; Ps 147:9; Mt 6:26; Lk 12:7, Lk 12:18
12:25 Mt 6:27
12:27 1Ki 10:4; 2Ch 9:3; Mt 6:28
12:28 Mt 6:30
12:29 Mt 6:25, Mt 6:31; Lk 12:22
12:30 Mt 6:8
12:31 Mt 6:33
12:32 Is 40:11
12:33 Mt 6:20, Mt 19:21; Lk 11:41, Lk 16:9, Lk 18:22
12:34 Mt 6:21
12:35 Eph 6:14; 1Pt 1:13
12:36 Jas 5:7
12:37 Mt 24:42; Lk 17:8; Jn 13:4
12:38 Mt 14:25
12:39 Mt 24:43, Mt 24:44; 1Th 5:2; 2Pt 3:10; Rev 3:3
12:40 Mk 13:33

[f] Or *eighteen inches to your height* [g] Or *in the second or third watch* [h] Or *Son of Man*

41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling
this parable for us or for everyone?"
42 The Lord replied, "Who are the
faithful and wise managers whom the
master will put in charge of his house-
hold servants, to give them their food
at the proper time? 43 Happy are the ser-
vants whom the master finds fulfilling
their responsibilities when he comes.
44 I assure you that the master will put
them in charge of all his possessions.
45 "But suppose that these servants
should say to themselves, My master
is taking his time about coming. And
suppose they began to beat the ser-
vants, both men and women, and to
eat, drink, and get drunk. 46 The master
of those servants would come on a day
when they weren't expecting him, at a
time they couldn't predict. The mas-
ter will cut them into pieces and as-
sign them a place with the unfaithful.
47 That servant who knew his master's
will but didn't prepare for it or act on it
will be beaten severely. 48 The one who
didn't know the master's will but who
did things deserving punishment will
be beaten only a little. Much will be de-
manded from everyone who has been
given much, and from the one who has
been entrusted with much, even more
will be asked.

Conflicts brought by Jesus

49 "I came to cast fire upon the
earth. How I wish that it was already
ablaze! 50 I have a baptism I must ex-
perience. How I am distressed until it's
completed! 51 Do you think that I have
come to bring peace to the earth? No,
I tell you, I have come instead to bring
division. 52 From now on, a household
of five will be divided—three against
two and two against three. 53 Father
will square off against son and son
against father; mother against daugh-
ter and daughter against mother; and
mother-in-law against daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-
in-law."

12:41 Mt 24:45, Mt 24:46; Mk 13:37, Mk 14:37; Lk 5:8

12:42 Mt 24:45; Lk 7:13

12:44 Lk 19:17

12:45 Is 56:10; Eze 34:3; Jl 3:3; Mt 24:48; Ro 16:18

12:46 Mt 24:51; Lk 12:40

12:47 Dt 25:2; Jn 15:22; Jas 4:17

12:48 Lv 5:17; 1Ti 1:13

12:49 Mal 3:2, Mal 3:3; Mt 3:10, Mt 3:11, Mt 5:17

12:50 Mk 10:38

12:51 Mt 10:34

12:53 Mi 7:6; Mt 10:21

12:54 1Ki 18:44; Mt 16:2, Mt 16:3

12:55 Job 37:17

12:56 Mt 16:3

12:57 Dt 32:29; Lk 21:30; Jn 7:24

12:58 Prv 25:8; Mt 5:25, Mt 5:26

12:59 Mt 18:34; Mk 12:42

13:1 Mt 27:2, Mt 27:13, Mt 27:24; Mk 15:2; Lk 3:1

13:2 Jn 9:2; Ac 28:4

13:3 Lk 13:5

13:4 Neh 3:15; Jn 9:7, Jn 9:11

13:5 Lk 13:3

13:6 Is 5:2; Mt 21:19

13:7 Mt 3:10, Mt 7:19; Lk 3:9

Learning and practicing good judgment

54 Jesus also said to the crowds,
"When you see a cloud forming in the
west, you immediately say, 'It's going to
rain.' And indeed it does. 55 And when a
south wind blows, you say, 'A heat wave
is coming.' And it does. 56 Hypocrites!
You know how to interpret conditions
on earth and in the sky. How is it that
you don't know how to interpret the
present time? 57 And why don't you
judge for yourselves what is right? 58 As
you are going to court with your ac-
cuser, make your best effort to reach a
settlement along the way. Otherwise,
your accuser may bring you before the
judge, and the judge hand you over to
the officer, and the officer throw you
into prison. 59 I tell you, you won't get
out of there until you have paid the very
last cent."[i]

Demand for genuine change

13 Some who were present on
that occasion told Jesus about
the Galileans whom Pilate had killed
while they were offering sacrifices.
2 He replied, "Do you think the suf-
fering of these Galileans proves that
they were more sinful than all the
other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you, but
unless you change your hearts and
lives, you will die just as they did.
4 What about those twelve people who
were killed when the tower of Siloam
fell on them? Do you think that they
were more guilty of wrongdoing than
everyone else who lives in Jerusalem?
5 No, I tell you, but unless you change
your hearts and lives, you will die just
as they did."
6 Jesus told this parable: "A man
owned a fig tree planted in his vine-
yard. He came looking for fruit on it
and found none. 7 He said to his gar-
dener, 'Look, I've come looking for
fruit on this fig tree for the past three
years, and I've never found any. Cut it
down! Why should it continue deplet-

[i] Or *leptos* (1/128 of a day's wages)

ing the soil's nutrients?' [8]The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. [9]Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Healing on a Sabbath

[10]Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. [11]A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. [12]When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." [13]He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

[14]The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

[15]The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? [16]Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" [17]When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

Growth of God's kingdom

[18]Jesus asked, "What is God's kingdom like? To what can I compare it? [19]It's like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in a garden. It grew and developed into a tree and the birds in the sky nested in its branches."

[20]Again he said, "To what can I compare God's kingdom? [21]It's like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through the whole."

13:10 Mt 4:23

13:11 Lk 13:16; Jn 5:5

13:13 Mk 5:23, Mk 6:5; Lk 4:40, Lk 18:43

13:14 Ex 20:9; Lk 14:3

13:15 Lk 14:5

13:16 Mt 4:10; Lk 19:9

13:17 Lk 18:43

13:18 Mt 13:31, Mt 13:32; Mk 4:30

13:19 Mt 13:31, Mt 13:32, Mt 17:20; Mk 4:31

13:20 Mt 13:33

13:21 Mt 13:33; 1Co 5:6

13:22 Lk 9:51

13:23 Mt 7:14

13:24 Mt 7:13, Mt 7:14

13:25 Mt 7:22, Mt 7:23, Mt 25:10, Mt 25:11, Mt 25:12

13:26 Is 58:2; Mt 3:9; Lk 13:25; 2Ti 3:5; Ti 1:16

13:27 Ps 6:8; Mt 7:23, Mt 25:41; Lk 13:25

13:28 Mt 8:11, Mt 8:12

13:29 Mt 8:11

13:30 Mt 19:30, Mt 20:16; Mk 10:31

13:31 Mt 14:1; Lk 3:1, Lk 9:7, Lk 23:7, Lk 23:11

13:32 Heb 2:10, Heb 5:9

13:33 Mt 21:11

13:34 Dt 32:11; Mt 23:37; Lk 19:41

13:35 Ps 118:26; Lk 19:38

Who will be saved?

[22]Jesus traveled through cities and villages, teaching and making his way to Jerusalem. [23]Someone said to him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?"

Jesus said to them, [24]"Make every effort to enter through the narrow gate. Many, I tell you, will try to enter and won't be able to. [25]Once the owner of the house gets up and shuts the door, then you will stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will reply, 'I don't know you or where you are from.' [26]Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' [27]He will respond, 'I don't know you or where you are from. *Go away from me, all you evildoers!*'[j] [28]There will be weeping and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in God's kingdom, but you yourselves will be thrown out. [29]People will come from east and west, north and south, and sit down to eat in God's kingdom. [30]Look! Those who are last will be first and those who are first will be last."

Sorrow for Jerusalem

[31]At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

[32]Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. [33]However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

[34]"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. [35]Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time

[j]Ps 6:9 LXX

comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name.*"[k]

Healing on the Sabbath

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely. [2]A man suffering from an abnormal swelling of the body was there. [3]Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Does the Law allow healing on the Sabbath or not?" [4]But they said nothing. Jesus took hold of the sick man, cured him, and then let him go. [5]He said to them, "Suppose your child or ox fell into a ditch on the Sabbath day. Wouldn't you immediately pull it out?" [6]But they had no response.

Lessons on humility and generosity

[7]When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. [8]"When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. [9]The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. [10]Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. [11]All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

[12]Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. [13]Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. [14]And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected."

[15]When one of the dinner guests heard Jesus' remarks, he said to Jesus, "Happy are those who will feast in God's kingdom."

[16]Jesus replied, "A certain man hosted a large dinner and invited many people. [17]When it was time for the dinner to begin, he sent his servant to tell the invited guests, 'Come! The dinner is now ready.' [18]One by one, they all began to make excuses. The first one told him, 'I bought a farm and must go and see it. Please excuse me.' [19]Another said, 'I bought five teams of oxen, and I'm going to check on them. Please excuse me.' [20]Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' [21]When he returned, the servant reported these excuses to his master. The master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go quickly to the city's streets, the busy ones and the side streets, and bring the poor, crippled, blind, and lame.' [22]The servant said, 'Master, your instructions have been followed and there is still room.' [23]The master said to the servant, 'Go to the highways and back alleys and urge people to come in so that my house will be filled. [24]I tell you, not one of those who were invited will taste my dinner.' "

Discipleship's demands

[25]Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, [26]"Whoever comes to me and doesn't hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one's own life—cannot be my disciple. [27]Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

[28]"If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to

14:1 Mk 3:2; Lk 7:36, Lk 11:37, Lk 20:20
14:3 Lk 13:14
14:5 Mt 12:11; Lk 13:15
14:6 Mt 22:46
14:7 Mt 23:6; Lk 11:43
14:8 Prv 25:6; Mt 23:6
14:9 Prv 11:2
14:10 Prv 25:6, Prv 25:7
14:11 Prv 29:23; Mt 23:12; Lk 18:14; Jas 4:6, Jas 4:10
14:12 Lk 6:34; Jn 12:2
14:13 Lk 14:21
14:14 Jn 5:29; Ac 24:15; Rev 20:4
14:15 Lk 13:29, Lk 22:30; Rev 19:9
14:16 Prv 9:1; Is 25:6; Mt 22:2
14:17 Prv 9:1; Mt 22:3
14:18 Lk 8:14
14:20 1Co 7:33
14:21 Lk 14:13
14:24 Mt 21:43; Ac 13:46
14:25 Lk 12:1
14:26 Mt 10:37; Jn 12:25; Ac 20:24; Rev 12:11
14:27 Mt 10:38, Mt 16:24; Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23, Lk 14:26
14:28 Prv 24:27

[k]Ps 118:26

complete it? [29]Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn't finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. [30]They will say, 'Here's the person who began construction and couldn't complete it!' [31]Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? [32]And if he didn't think he could win, he would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. [33]In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.

[34]"Salt is good. But if salt loses its flavor, how will it become salty again? [35]It has no value, neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. People throw it away. Whoever has ears to hear should pay attention."

Occasions for celebration

15 All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. [2]The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

[3]Jesus told them this parable: [4]"Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? [5]And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. [6]When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' [7]In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

[8]"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? [9]When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' [10]In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

[11]Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. [12]The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. [13]Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

[14]"When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. [15]He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. [16]He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. [17]When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! [18]I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. [19]I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands."' [20]So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. [21]Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' [22]But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! [23]Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting [24]because this son of mine was dead and has come

14:29 Lk 14:28
14:30 Mt 7:27
14:31 Prv 20:18
14:33 Lk 14:26; Phi 3:7
14:34 Mt 5:13; Mk 9:49, Mk 9:50
14:35 Mt 11:15
15:1 Lk 5:29
15:2 Mt 9:11; Mk 2:16; Lk 5:30, Lk 7:39, Lk 19:7
15:3 Mt 18:12
15:4 Eze 34:11, Eze 34:12, Eze 34:16; Mt 18:12; Lk 19:10
15:5 Is 40:11
15:6 Is 66:10; Lk 15:7, Lk 15:10; 1Pt 2:25
15:7 Lk 5:32, Lk 15:10
15:8 Lk 19:10
15:9 Lk 15:6
15:10 Lk 12:8, Lk 15:7
15:12 Dt 21:17; Mk 12:44; Lk 15:30
15:13 Lk 15:30, Lk 16:1
15:15 Lv 11:7
15:16 Ps 142:4; Lk 16:21
15:17 Jer 31:19
15:18 Lv 26:40; Ps 32:5
15:19 Lk 7:6
15:20 Gn 33:4, Gn 45:14, Gn 46:29; Ac 20:37
15:21 Ps 51:4; Lk 15:19
15:22 Gn 41:42; Est 3:10; Ps 132:16; Zec 3:4; Rev 6:11
15:23 Gn 18:7; 1Sa 28:24; Prv 9:2
15:24 Lk 15:32; Ro 11:15; Eph 2:1; Col 2:13; 1Ti 5:6

back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. 27 The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.' 28 Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. 29 He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' 31 Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.'"

Faithfulness with money

16 Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. 2 He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.'

3 "The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

5 "One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He said, 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.'[l] The manager said to him, 'Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.' 7 Then the manager said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'One thousand bushels of wheat.'[m] He said, 'Take your contract and write eight hundred.'

8 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

10 "Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. 11 If you haven't been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 If you haven't been faithful with someone else's property, who will give you your own? 13 No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Jesus responds to Pharisees

14 The Pharisees, who were money-lovers, heard all this and sneered at Jesus. 15 He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves before other people, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued by people is deeply offensive to God. 16 Until John, there was only the Law and the Prophets. Since then, the good news of God's kingdom is preached, and everyone is urged to enter it. 17 It's easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for the smallest stroke of a pen in the Law to drop out. 18 Any man who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and a man who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

15:25 Ex 15:20; Ps 30:11; Am 6:5; Lk 15:12
15:27 Lk 15:23
15:28 Jon 4:1
15:29 Lk 17:10
15:30 Prv 29:3; Lk 15:12, Lk 15:13
15:32 Lk 15:24
16:1 Lk 12:42, Lk 15:13
16:2 1Sa 2:23; Mt 12:36
16:3 Prv 20:4; Lk 12:17, Lk 16:22
16:6 Lk 16:5
16:8 Lk 20:34; Jn 12:36; Eph 5:8; 1Th 5:5
16:9 Mt 6:24, Mt 19:21; Lk 12:33, Lk 16:11, Lk 16:13
16:10 Mt 25:21, Mt 25:23; Lk 19:17
16:11 Lk 16:9
16:12 1Ch 29:14
16:13 Mt 6:24; Lk 11:23, Lk 16:9
16:14 Lk 12:15, Lk 20:47, Lk 23:35; 2Ti 3:2
16:15 1Sa 16:7; Lk 10:29, Lk 18:9
16:16 Mt 4:23, Mt 11:12, Mt 11:13; Mk 1:14
16:17 Mt 5:18
16:18 Mt 5:31, Mt 5:32, Mt 19:9; Mk 10:11; 1Co 7:10

[l] Or *one hundred jugs* (approximately nine gallons each) [m] Or *eighty measures* (ten to twelve bushels each)

19 "There was a certain rich man
who clothed himself in purple and
fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously
every day. 20 At his gate lay a certain
poor man named Lazarus who was
covered with sores. 21 Lazarus longed to
eat the crumbs that fell from the rich
man's table. Instead, dogs would come
and lick his sores.

22 "The poor man died and was car-
ried by angels to Abraham's side. The
rich man also died and was buried.
23 While being tormented in the place
of the dead, he looked up and saw
Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at
his side. 24 He shouted, 'Father Abra-
ham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus
to dip the tip of his finger in water and
cool my tongue, because I'm suffering
in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said,
'Child, remember that during your life-
time you received good things, whereas
Lazarus received terrible things. Now
Lazarus is being comforted and you
are in great pain. 26 Moreover, a great
crevasse has been fixed between us
and you. Those who wish to cross over
from here to you cannot. Neither can
anyone cross from there to us.'

27 "The rich man said, 'Then I beg
you, Father, send Lazarus to my fa-
ther's house. 28 I have five brothers.
He needs to warn them so that they
don't come to this place of agony.'
29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses
and the Prophets. They must listen to
them.' 30 The rich man said, 'No, Father
Abraham! But if someone from the
dead goes to them, they will change
their hearts and lives.' 31 Abraham said,
'If they don't listen to Moses and the
Prophets, then neither will they be
persuaded if someone rises from the
dead.'"

Faithful service

17 Jesus said to his disciples, "Things
that cause people to trip and fall
into sin must happen, but how terrible
it is for the person through whom they
happen. 2 It would be better for them
to be thrown into a lake with a large
stone hung around their neck than to
cause one of these little ones to trip
and fall into sin. 3 Watch yourselves! If
your brother or sister sins, warn them
to stop. If they change their hearts and
lives, forgive them. 4 Even if someone
sins against you seven times in one
day and returns to you seven times
and says, 'I am changing my ways,' you
must forgive that person."

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "In-
crease our faith!"

6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith
the size of a mustard seed, you could
say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted
and planted in the sea,' and it would
obey you.

7 "Would any of you say to your ser-
vant, who had just come in from the
field after plowing or tending sheep,
'Come! Sit down for dinner'? 8 Wouldn't
you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on
the clothes of a table servant and wait
on me while I eat and drink. After that,
you can eat and drink'? 9 You won't
thank the servant because the servant
did what you asked, will you? 10 In the
same way, when you have done every-
thing required of you, you should say,
'We servants deserve no special praise.
We have only done our duty.'"

Jesus heals a Samaritan

11 On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus
traveled along the border between
Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered
a village, ten men with skin diseases
approached him. Keeping their dis-
tance from him, 13 they raised their
voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show
us mercy!"

14 When Jesus saw them, he said,
"Go, show yourselves to the priests."
As they left, they were cleansed. 15 One
of them, when he saw that he had been
healed, returned and praised God with
a loud voice. 16 He fell on his face at
Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was
a Samaritan. 17 Jesus replied, "Weren't
ten cleansed? Where are the other

16:19 Est 8:15; Am 6:4; Lk 12:16
16:20 Is 1:6; Lk 16:21; Ac 3:2
16:21 Mt 15:27
16:22 Heb 1:14
16:23 Mt 8:11, Mt 11:23; Rev 14:11, Rev 20:10
16:24 Mt 25:41; Lk 3:8, Lk 16:30
16:25 Ps 17:14; Lk 6:24
16:26 Mt 25:46
16:28 Ac 2:40; 1Th 4:6
16:29 Lk 16:31; Jn 5:45; Ac 15:21
16:30 Lk 16:24
16:31 Lk 16:29
17:1 Mt 18:7
17:2 Mt 18:6; Mk 9:42; 1Co 8:12
17:3 Lv 19:17; Mt 18:15
17:4 Mt 18:21, Mt 18:22; Lk 11:4; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13
17:5 Mk 6:30, Mk 9:24
17:6 Mt 13:31, Mt 17:20; Mk 9:23; Lk 13:19
17:8 Lk 12:37
17:10 Job 22:2, Job 22:3, Job 35:7; Mt 20:27, Mt 25:30
17:11 Lk 9:51; Jn 4:3, Jn 4:4
17:12 Lv 13:45, Lv 13:46; 2Ki 7:3; 2Ch 26:21
17:13 Mt 9:27, Mt 20:30; Lk 5:5, Lk 18:38
17:14 Lv 14:2; Mt 8:3, Mt 8:4; Lk 5:14
17:15 Is 38:19
17:16 Mt 10:5; Lk 9:52
17:17 Lk 17:18; Ro 1:21

nine? [18]No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" [19]Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

The kingdom is coming

[20]Pharisees asked Jesus when God's kingdom was coming. He replied, "God's kingdom isn't coming with signs that are easily noticed. [21]Nor will people say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' Don't you see? God's kingdom is already among you."

[22]Then Jesus said to the disciples, "The time will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Human One,[n] and you won't see it. [23]People will say to you, 'Look there!' or 'Look here!' Don't leave or go chasing after them. [24]The Human One[o] will appear on his day in the same way that a flash of lightning lights up the sky from one end to the other. [25]However, first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

[26]"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be during the days of the Human One.[p] [27]People were eating, drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage until the day Noah entered the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all. [28]Likewise in the days of Lot, people were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building. [29]But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. [30]That's the way it will be on the day the Human One[q] is revealed. [31]On that day, those on the roof, whose possessions are in the house, shouldn't come down to grab them. Likewise, those in the field shouldn't turn back. [32]Remember Lot's wife! [33]Whoever tries to preserve their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life will preserve it. [34]I tell you, on that night two people will be in the same bed: one will be taken and the other left. [35]Two women will be grinding grain together: one will be taken and the other left."[r]

[37]The disciples asked, "Where, Lord?"

Jesus said, "The vultures gather wherever there's a dead body."

Justice for the faithful

18 Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. [2]He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. [3]In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' [4]For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, [5]but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." [6]The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. [7]Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? [8]I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One[s] comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?"

The Pharisee and the tax collector

[9]Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: [10]"Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11]The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. [12]I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' [13]But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' [14]I tell you, this per-

17:18 Lk 17:17
17:19 Mt 9:22; Lk 7:50, Lk 18:42
17:20 Lk 19:11; Ac 1:6
17:21 Lk 17:23
17:22 Mt 9:15; Lk 5:35
17:23 Mt 24:23; Mk 13:21; Lk 17:21, Lk 21:8
17:25 Mt 16:21, Mt 17:22; Mk 8:31; Lk 9:22
17:26 Gn 6:5; Mt 24:37; Lk 17:27; Heb 11:7; 2Pt 2:5
17:27 Mt 24:38; Lk 17:26
17:28 Gn 19:1; 2Pt 2:7
17:29 Gn 19:24; Dt 29:23; 2Pt 2:6
17:30 Mt 16:27; 1Co 1:7; 2Th 1:7
17:31 Mt 24:17, Mt 24:18
17:32 Gn 19:26
17:33 Mt 10:39; Lk 9:24; Jn 12:25
17:34 Mt 24:40
17:35 Mt 24:41
17:37 Mt 24:28
18:1 Lk 11:5, Lk 21:36; Eph 6:18; Col 4:2; 1Th 5:17
18:2 Ex 18:21; Is 33:8; Lk 18:4
18:3 Is 1:17
18:5 Lk 11:8
18:6 Lk 7:13
18:7 Ps 88:1; Ro 8:33; Rev 6:10
18:8 Ps 46:5; Mt 8:20, Mt 16:27, Mt 25:31; Mk 8:38
18:9 Is 65:5; Lk 16:15; Ro 10:3
18:10 2Ki 20:5; Mt 3:7; Lk 1:10; Ac 3:1
18:11 Is 65:5; Mt 6:5; Mk 11:25; Rev 3:17
18:12 Mt 9:14; Lk 11:42
18:13 Ezr 9:6; Ps 51:1; Eze 16:63; Lk 23:48; 1Ti 1:15
18:14 Mt 23:12; Lk 14:11

[n]Or *Son of Man* [o]Or *Son of Man* [p]Or *Son of Man* [q]Or *Son of Man* [r]Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include 17:36 *Two will be in a field: one will be taken and the other left.* [s]Or *Son of Man*

son went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

Jesus blesses children

15 People were bringing babies to Jesus so that he would bless them. When the disciples saw this, they scolded them. 16 Then Jesus called them to him and said, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. 17 I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it."

A rich man's question

18 A certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

19 Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. 20 You know the commandments: *Don't commit adultery. Don't murder. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Honor your father and mother.*"[t]

21 Then the ruler said, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

22 When Jesus heard this, he said, "There's one more thing. Sell everything you own and distribute the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." 23 When he heard these words, the man became sad because he was extremely rich.

24 When Jesus saw this, he said, "It's very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom! 25 It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

26 Those who heard this said, "Then who can be saved?"

27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible for humans is possible for God."

28 Peter said, "Look, we left everything we own and followed you."

18:16 Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32, Mt 18:2, Mt 18:3, Mt 18:4

18:17 Mt 18:3; Mk 10:15

18:18 Mt 19:16; Mk 10:17; Lk 10:25

18:19 Ps 25:8; Mk 10:18; Jn 7:28; Jas 1:17

18:20 Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16; Ro 13:9

18:21 Mt 19:20; Mk 10:20; Phi 3:6

18:22 Mt 6:20, Mt 19:21; Lk 12:33, Lk 19:8; Ac 2:45

18:23 Eze 33:31

18:24 Mt 19:23; Mk 10:23

18:25 Mt 19:24; Mk 10:25; Lk 18:24

18:26 Lk 13:23

18:27 Job 42:2; Jer 32:17; Mt 19:26; Lk 1:37

18:28 Lk 5:11

18:29 Mt 19:28, Mt 19:29; Mk 10:29; Lk 14:26, Lk 18:30

18:30 Mt 12:32

18:31 Ps 22:1; Is 53:1; Mt 20:17; Mk 10:32; Lk 9:51

18:32 Mk 14:65

18:33 Mt 27:63; Lk 9:22

18:34 Mk 9:32; Lk 9:45

18:35 Mt 20:29; Mk 10:46

18:37 Mt 21:11; Mk 1:24; Lk 24:19; Jn 1:45; Ac 2:22

18:38 Mt 9:27

18:39 Lk 18:38

18:42 Mt 9:22; Lk 7:50

18:43 Mt 9:8; Lk 13:17

19:1 Lk 18:35

29 Jesus said to them, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, husband, wife, brothers, sisters, parents, or children because of God's kingdom 30 will receive many times more in this age and eternal life in the coming age."

Jesus predicts his death and resurrection

31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and said, "Look, we're going up to Jerusalem, and everything written about the Human One[u] by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. He will be ridiculed, mistreated, and spit on. 33 After torturing him, they will kill him. On the third day, he will rise up." 34 But the Twelve understood none of these words. The meaning of this message was hidden from them and they didn't grasp what he was saying.

A blind man is healed

35 As Jesus came to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting beside the road begging. 36 When the man heard the crowd passing by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, "Jesus the Nazarene is passing by."

38 The blind man shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy." 39 Those leading the procession scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy."

40 Jesus stopped and called for the man to be brought to him. When he was present Jesus asked, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?"

He said, "Lord, I want to see."

42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." 43 At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they praised God too.

A rich tax collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. 2 A man

[t] Deut 5:16-20; Exod 20:12-16 [u] Or *Son of Man*

there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. [3]He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. [4]So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. [5]When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." [6]So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

[7]Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

[8]Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

[9]Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. [10]The Human One[v] came to seek and save the lost."

Faithful service

[11]As they listened to this, Jesus told them another parable because he was near Jerusalem and they thought God's kingdom would appear right away. [12]He said, "A certain man who was born into royalty went to a distant land to receive his kingdom and then return. [13]He called together ten servants and gave each of them money worth four months' wages.[w] He said, 'Do business with this until I return.' [14]His citizens hated him, so they sent a representative after him who said, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' [15]After receiving his kingdom, he returned and called the servants to whom he had given the money to find out how much they had earned. [16]The first servant came forward and said, 'Your money has earned a return of one thousand percent.' [17]The king replied, 'Excellent! You are a good servant. Because you have been faithful in a small matter, you will have authority over ten cities.'

19:3 Lk 23:8; Jn 12:21

19:4 1Ki 10:27; 1Ch 27:28; Ps 78:47; Is 9:10; Am 7:14

19:5 Jn 1:48, Jn 4:7, Jn 5:6, Jn 11:33, Jn 14:23

19:6 Lk 5:29

19:7 Mt 9:11; Lk 5:30, Lk 15:2

19:8 Ex 22:1; Nm 5:7; 2Sa 12:6; Lk 3:14, Lk 18:22

19:9 Lk 3:8, Lk 13:16; Jn 8:33; Ro 4:16; Ga 3:7

19:10 Mt 18:11; Lk 15:4; Jn 3:17

19:11 Lk 17:20; Ac 1:6

19:12 Mt 25:14; Mk 13:34

19:13 Mt 25:1, Mt 25:14

19:14 Lk 19:27; Jn 15:18

19:15 Mt 25:19

19:17 Lk 16:10

19:20 Jn 11:44, Jn 20:7

19:21 Mt 25:24

19:22 2Sa 1:16; Job 9:20, Job 15:6

19:23 Ex 22:25; Dt 23:19; Mt 25:27

19:24 Lk 16:2

19:26 Mt 13:12; Mk 4:25; Lk 8:18

19:27 Lk 19:14

19:28 Mk 10:32; Lk 9:51

19:29 Mt 21:1; Mk 11:1; Lk 19:37, Lk 21:37; Jn 12:12

19:32 Lk 22:13

[18]"The second servant came and said, 'Master, your money has made a return of five hundred percent.' [19]To this one, the king said, 'You will have authority over five cities.'

[20]"Another servant came and said, 'Master, here is your money. I wrapped it up in a scarf for safekeeping. [21]I was afraid of you because you are a stern man. You withdraw what you haven't deposited and you harvest what you haven't planted.' [22]The king replied, 'I will judge you by the words of your own mouth, you worthless servant! You knew, did you, that I'm a stern man, withdrawing what I didn't deposit, and harvesting what I didn't plant? [23]Why then didn't you put my money in the bank? Then when I arrived, at least I could have gotten it back with interest.'

[24]"He said to his attendants, 'Take his money and give it to the one who has ten times as much.' [25]'But Master,' they said, 'he already has ten times as much!' [26]He replied, 'I say to you that everyone who has will be given more, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [27]As for my enemies who don't want me as their king, bring them here and slaughter them before me.' "

[28]After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

Procession into Jerusalem

[29]As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. [30]He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. [31]If someone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.' " [32]Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

[33]As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

[v]Or *Son of Man* [w]Or *he divided ten minas among them*

[34]They replied, "Its master needs it."
[35]They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. [36]As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

[37]As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. [38]They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens."

[39]Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

[40]He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

Jesus predicts Jerusalem's destruction

[41]As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it. [42]He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. [43]The time will come when your enemies will build fortifications around you, encircle you, and attack you from all sides. [44]They will crush you completely, you and the people within you. They won't leave one stone on top of another within you, because you didn't recognize the time of your gracious visit from God."

Jesus clears the temple

[45]When Jesus entered the temple, he threw out those who were selling things there. [46]He said to them, "It's written, *My house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a hideout for crooks.*"[x]

[47]Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, the legal experts, and the foremost leaders among the people were seeking to kill him. [48]However, they couldn't find a way to do it because all the people were enthralled with what they heard.

19:35 Mk 11:7; Jn 12:12
19:36 2Ki 9:13
19:37 Lk 2:20
19:38 Ps 118:26; Lk 2:14, Lk 13:35
19:39 Mt 21:15, Mt 21:16
19:40 Hab 2:11
19:41 Lk 13:34, Lk 13:35; Jn 11:35
19:42 Dt 32:29; Ps 95:8; Is 6:9, Is 44:18; Lk 19:41
19:43 Is 29:3; Lk 21:20
19:44 Mt 24:2; Lk 21:6; 1Pt 2:12
19:45 Mt 21:12, Mt 21:13; Mk 11:15
19:46 Is 56:7; Jer 7:11
19:47 Lk 21:37
19:48 Mk 12:37; Lk 21:38; Jn 7:46; Ac 16:14
20:1 Mt 21:23; Mk 11:27
20:2 Ac 4:7
20:4 Mt 3:13, Mt 11:7, Mt 21:25; Mk 1:4; Lk 7:29
20:6 Mt 11:9; Lk 7:29
20:8 Mt 21:27; Mk 11:33
20:9 Is 5:1; Mt 21:33; Mk 12:1
20:10 Jn 15:16
20:13 Mt 3:17
20:14 Mt 16:7; Ro 8:17; Heb 1:2
20:15 Heb 13:12
20:16 Mt 21:41, Mt 21:43; Lk 19:27

Controversy over authority

20 On one of the days when Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests, legal experts, and elders approached him. [2]They said, "Tell us: What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

[3]He replied, "I have a question for you. Tell me: [4]Was John's baptism of heavenly or of human origin?"

[5]They discussed among themselves, "If we say, 'It's of heavenly origin,' he'll say, 'Why didn't you believe him?' [6]But if we say, 'It's of human origin,' all the people will stone us to death because they are convinced that John was a prophet." [7]They answered that they didn't know where it came from.

[8]Then Jesus replied, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things."

Parable of the tenant farmers

[9]Jesus told the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, rented it to tenant farmers, and went on a trip for a long time. [10]When it was time, he sent a servant to collect from the tenants his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants sent him away, beaten and empty-handed. [11]The man sent another servant. But they beat him, treated him disgracefully, and sent him away empty-handed as well. [12]He sent a third servant. They wounded this servant and threw him out. [13]The owner of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I'll send my son, whom I love dearly. Perhaps they will respect him.' [14]But when they saw him, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Let's kill him so the inheritance will be ours.' [15]They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to them? [16]He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

[x]Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11

When the people heard this, they said, "May this never happen!"

[17]Staring at them, Jesus said, "Then what is the meaning of this text of scripture: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?*[y] [18]Everyone who falls on that stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on." [19]The legal experts and chief priests wanted to arrest him right then because they knew he had told this parable against them. But they feared the people.

An attempt to trap Jesus

[20]The legal experts and chief priests were watching Jesus closely and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They wanted to trap him in his words so they could hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. [21]They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are correct in what you say and teach. You don't show favoritism but teach God's way as it really is. [22]Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

[23]Since Jesus recognized their deception, he said to them, [24]"Show me a coin.[z] Whose image and inscription does it have on it?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

[25]He said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." [26]They couldn't trap him in his words in front of the people. Astonished by his answer, they were speechless.

Question about the resurrection

[27]Some Sadducees, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, [28]"Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man's brother dies* leaving a widow *but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.*[a] [29]Now there were seven brothers. The first man married a woman and then died childless. [30]The second [31]and then the third brother married her. Eventually all seven married her, and they all died without leaving any children. [32]Finally, the woman died too. [33]In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her."

[34]Jesus said to them, "People who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage. [35]But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of the resurrection from the dead, won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. [36]They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God's children since they share in the resurrection. [37]Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are raised—in the passage about the burning bush, when he speaks of the Lord as *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.*[b] [38]He isn't the God of the dead but of the living. To him they are all alive."

[39]Some of the legal experts responded, "Teacher, you have answered well." [40]No one dared to ask him anything else.

[41]Jesus said to them, "Why do they say that the Christ is David's son? [42]David himself says in the scroll of Psalms, *The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right side* [43]*until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'*[c] [44]Since David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be David's son?"

Jesus condemns the legal experts

[45]In the presence of all the people, Jesus said to his disciples, [46]"Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They love being greeted with honor in the markets. They long for the places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. [47]They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly."

A poor widow's offering

21 Looking up, Jesus saw rich people throwing their gifts into

20:17 Ps 118:22; Ac 4:11; 1Pt 2:7
20:18 Is 8:14, Is 8:15; Dn 2:34; Mt 21:44
20:19 Lk 19:47, Lk 19:48
20:20 Mt 22:15, Mt 27:2; Mk 12:13; Lk 11:54
20:21 Jn 3:2
20:22 Mt 22:17; Mk 12:14; Lk 3:1
20:23 Lk 11:16; 1Co 3:19; Eph 4:14
20:24 Mt 18:28; Lk 3:1, Lk 20:22, Lk 23:2
20:25 Mt 22:21; Mk 12:17; Lk 23:2; Ro 13:7
20:26 Lk 20:20
20:27 Mt 22:23; Mk 12:18; Ac 4:1, Ac 23:8; 1Co 15:12
20:28 Gn 38:8; Dt 25:5
20:34 Lk 16:8
20:35 2Th 1:5; Rev 3:4
20:36 Rev 21:4
20:37 Ex 3:6; Mk 12:26; Ac 7:32
20:38 Ro 6:11, Ro 14:8
20:39 Mt 22:34; Mk 12:28
20:40 Mt 22:46; Mk 12:34
20:41 Mt 22:41; Mk 12:35
20:42 Ps 110:1; Ac 2:34
20:43 Ps 110:1
20:44 Lk 1:27, Lk 2:11; Ro 1:3; Rev 22:16
20:46 Mk 12:38; Lk 11:43, Lk 12:1, Lk 14:7
20:47 Is 10:2; Jer 7:6; Eze 22:7; Mt 6:5; Lk 11:39
21:1 Mt 27:6; Mk 12:41; Jn 8:20

[y]Ps 118:22 [z]Or *denarion* [a]Deut 25:5; Gen 38:8 [b]Exod 3:6, 15-16 [c]Ps 110:1

the collection box for the temple treasury. [2]He also saw a poor widow throw in two small copper coins worth a penny.[d] [3]He said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than them all. [4]All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had to live on."

The temple's fate

[5]Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments dedicated to God. Jesus said, [6]"As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished."

[7]They asked him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? What sign will show that these things are about to happen?"

[8]Jesus said, "Watch out that you aren't deceived. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the one!' and 'It's time!' Don't follow them. [9]When you hear of wars and rebellions, don't be alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end won't happen immediately."

[10]Then Jesus said to them, "Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other. [11]There will be great earthquakes and wide-scale food shortages and epidemics. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs in the sky. [12]But before all this occurs, they will take you into custody and harass you because of your faith. They will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. [13]This will provide you with an opportunity to testify. [14]Make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance. [15]I'll give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to counter or contradict. [16]You will be betrayed by your parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends. They will execute some of you. [17]Everyone will hate you because of my name. [18]Still, not a hair on your heads will be lost. [19]By holding fast, you will gain your lives.

[20]"When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that its destruction is close at hand. [21]At that time, those in Judea must flee to the mountains, those in the city must escape, and those in the countryside must not enter the city. [22]These are the days of punishment, when everything written will find its fulfillment. [23]How terrible it will be at that time for women who are pregnant or for women who are nursing their children. There will be great agony on the earth and angry judgment on this people. [24]They will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations. Jerusalem will be plundered by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are concluded.

[25]"There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, there will be dismay among nations in their confusion over the roaring of the sea and surging waves. [26]The planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken, causing people to faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world. [27]Then they will see the Human One[e] coming on a cloud with power and great splendor. [28]Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near."

A lesson from the fig tree

[29]Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. [30]When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. [31]In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near. [32]I assure you that this generation won't pass away until everything has happened.

21:2 Mk 12:42
21:3 Lk 9:27; 2Co 8:2, 2Co 8:12
21:4 Mk 12:44; Lk 8:43
21:5 Mt 24:1; Mk 13:1; Jn 2:20
21:6 Mt 24:2; Mk 13:2; Lk 19:44
21:7 Lk 21:28; Ac 1:6, Ac 1:7
21:8 Mt 24:5; Lk 17:23
21:9 Mt 24:6; Mk 13:7
21:10 2Ch 15:6; Is 19:2
21:11 Mt 24:7
21:12 Jn 15:20, Jn 16:2; Ac 4:3, Ac 8:3; Rev 2:10
21:13 Phi 1:12
21:14 Lk 12:11
21:15 Ex 4:12; Prv 2:6; Lk 12:12; Ac 6:10
21:16 Lk 12:53
21:17 Mt 24:9; Lk 6:22; Jn 15:19, Jn 15:21
21:18 Mt 10:30; Lk 12:7
21:19 Heb 10:36
21:20 Lk 19:43
21:21 Mt 24:16; Lk 17:31
21:22 Is 63:4; Hos 9:7; Mt 1:22
21:23 Lk 23:29
21:24 Dt 28:64; Is 63:18; Dn 8:13; Ro 11:25; Rev 11:2
21:25 Jl 2:31
21:26 Mt 24:29
21:27 Dn 7:13; Mt 26:64; Rev 1:7
21:28 Ro 8:23
21:29 Mt 24:32; Lk 13:6
21:30 Lk 12:57
21:31 Mt 3:2
21:32 Lk 9:27, Lk 11:50

[d]Or *two lepta* [e]Or *Son of Man*

33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will certainly not pass away.
34 "Take care that your hearts aren't
dulled by drinking parties, drunken-
ness, and the anxieties of day-to-day
life. Don't let that day fall upon you
unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. It will
come upon everyone who lives on
the face of the whole earth. 36 Stay alert at
all times, praying that you are strong
enough to escape everything that is
about to happen and to stand before
the Human One."[f]
37 Every day Jesus was teaching in the
temple, but he spent each night on the
Mount of Olives. 38 All the people rose
early in the morning to hear him in the
temple area.

Plot to kill Jesus

22 The Festival of Unleavened
Bread, which is called Passover,
was approaching. 2 The chief priests
and the legal experts were looking for
a way to kill Jesus, because they were
afraid of the people. 3 Then Satan en-
tered Judas, called Iscariot, who was
one of the Twelve. 4 He went out and
discussed with the chief priests and
the officers of the temple guard how he
could hand Jesus over to them. 5 They
were delighted and arranged payment
for him. 6 He agreed and began look-
ing for an opportunity to hand Jesus
over to them—a time when the crowds
would be absent.

Disciples prepare for the Passover

7 The Day of Unleavened Bread ar-
rived, when the Passover had to be sac-
rificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and John with
this task: "Go and prepare for us to eat
the Passover meal."
9 They said to him, "Where do you
want us to prepare it?"
10 Jesus replied, "When you go into
the city, a man carrying a water jar will
meet you. Follow him to the house he
enters. 11 Say to the owner of the house,
'The teacher says to you, "Where is the
guestroom where I can eat the Pass-
over meal with my disciples?"' 12 He
will show you a large upstairs room,
already furnished. Make preparations
there." 13 They went and found every-
thing just as he had told them, and
they prepared the Passover meal.

The Passover meal

14 When the time came, Jesus took
his place at the table, and the apostles
joined him. 15 He said to them, "I have
earnestly desired to eat this Passover
with you before I suffer. 16 I tell you, I
won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's
kingdom." 17 After taking a cup and
giving thanks, he said, "Take this and
share it among yourselves. 18 I tell you
that from now on I won't drink from
the fruit of the vine until God's king-
dom has come." 19 After taking the
bread and giving thanks, he broke it
and gave it to them, saying, "This is my
body, which is given for you. Do this
in remembrance of me." 20 In the same
way, he took the cup after the meal and
said, "This cup is the new covenant by
my blood, which is poured out for you.
21 "But look! My betrayer is with me;
his hand is on this table. 22 The Human
One[g] goes just as it has been deter-
mined. But how terrible it is for that
person who betrays him." 23 They began
to argue among themselves about
which of them it could possibly be who
would do this.

The disciples debate greatness

24 An argument broke out among
the disciples over which one of them
should be regarded as the greatest.
25 But Jesus said to them, "The kings
of the Gentiles rule over their subjects,
and those in authority over them are
called 'friends of the people.' 26 But
that's not the way it will be with you.
Instead, the greatest among you must
become like a person of lower status
and the leader like a servant. 27 So which
one is greater, the one who is seated at

21:33 Ps 102:26; Is 40:8, Is 51:6; Mt 5:18
21:34 Mt 13:22; Mk 4:19; Lk 12:45; Ro 13:13
21:35 Ecc 9:12
21:36 Mt 26:41; Lk 18:1
21:37 Mt 21:1, Mt 26:30, Mt 26:55; Mk 11:19; Lk 22:39
21:38 Lk 21:37; Jn 8:2
22:1 Mt 26:2; Mk 14:1, Mk 14:2; Jn 11:55
22:2 Mt 12:14
22:3 Mt 26:14; Mk 14:10; Lk 6:16; Jn 13:2, Jn 13:27
22:4 Lk 22:52; Ac 4:1, Ac 5:24
22:5 Zec 11:12; Mt 26:15, Mt 27:3; Ac 8:20
22:6 Mt 26:5; Mk 14:2
22:7 Ex 12:18; Mt 26:17; Mk 14:12
22:8 Ac 3:1, Ac 8:14
22:11 Jn 11:28
22:12 Ac 1:13
22:13 Lk 19:32
22:14 Mt 26:20; Mk 14:17
22:15 Mt 26:17
22:16 Lk 14:15, Lk 22:30; Rev 19:9
22:18 Mt 26:29
22:19 Lk 22:20; 1Co 11:24
22:20 Ex 24:8; Zec 9:11; 1Co 11:25
22:21 Ps 41:9; Mt 26:21; Mk 14:18; Jn 13:18, Jn 13:21
22:22 Ac 2:23, Ac 4:28
22:24 Mk 9:34; Lk 9:46
22:25 Mt 20:25
22:26 Lk 9:48; 1Pt 5:5
22:27 Mt 20:28; Lk 12:37; Jn 13:5; Phi 2:7, Phi 2:8

[f] Or *Son of Man* [g] Or *Son of Man*

the table or the one who serves at the table? Isn't it the one who is seated at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

[28]"You are the ones who have continued with me in my trials. [29]And I confer royal power on you just as my Father granted royal power to me. [30]Thus you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones overseeing the twelve tribes of Israel.

Peter's denial predicted

[31]"Simon, Simon, look! Satan has asserted the right to sift you all like wheat. [32]However, I have prayed for you that your faith won't fail. When you have returned, strengthen your brothers and sisters."

[33]Peter responded, "Lord, I'm ready to go with you, both to prison and to death!"

[34]Jesus replied, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster won't crow today before you have denied three times that you know me."

Call for preparedness

[35]Jesus said to them, "When I sent you out without a wallet, bag, or sandals, you didn't lack anything, did you?"

They said, "Nothing."

[36]Then he said to them, "But now, whoever has a wallet must take it, and likewise a bag. And those who don't own a sword must sell their clothes and buy one. [37]I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in relation to me: *And he was counted among criminals.*[h] Indeed, what's written about me is nearing completion."

[38]They said to him, "Lord, look, here are two swords."

He replied, "Enough of that!"

Jesus in prayer

[39]Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. [40]When he arrived, he said to them, "Pray that you won't give in to temptation." [41]He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed. [42]He said, "Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done." [43]Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. [44]He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. [45]When he got up from praying, he went to the disciples. He found them asleep, overcome by grief. [46]He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won't give in to temptation."

Jesus' arrest

[47]While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd appeared, and the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him.

[48]Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Human One[i] with a kiss?"

[49]When those around him recognized what was about to happen, they said, "Lord, should we fight with our swords?" [50]One of them struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear.

[51]Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of this!" He touched the slave's ear and healed him.

[52]Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders who had come to get him, "Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, as though I were a thief? [53]Day after day I was with you in the temple, but you didn't arrest me. But this is your time, when darkness rules."

Peter denies knowing Jesus

[54]After they arrested Jesus, they led him away and brought him to the high

22:28 Heb 2:18, Heb 4:15
22:29 Mt 25:34; Lk 12:32; 2Ti 2:12
22:30 Mt 19:28; Lk 22:16
22:31 Job 1:6; Am 9:9; 1Pt 5:8
22:32 Jn 17:9, Jn 17:15, Jn 21:15
22:33 Mt 26:33; Mk 14:29; Jn 13:37
22:34 Mt 26:33; Mk 14:29; Jn 13:37, Jn 13:38
22:35 Mt 10:9, Mt 10:10; Mk 6:8; Lk 9:3, Lk 10:4
22:37 Is 53:12
22:38 Lk 22:49
22:39 Mt 21:1, Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26; Lk 21:37; Jn 18:1
22:40 Mt 6:13, Mt 26:36, Mt 26:41; Lk 11:4, Lk 22:46
22:41 2Ch 6:13; Mt 26:39
22:42 Mt 20:22
22:43 Mt 4:11; Heb 1:14
22:44 Gn 32:24; Ps 22:1, Ps 22:2; Jn 12:27; Heb 5:7
22:46 Lk 22:40
22:47 Mt 26:47; Mk 14:10, Mk 14:43; Jn 18:3
22:48 Mt 20:30, Mt 26:14; Mk 14:10; Lk 22:47; Jn 13:21
22:49 Lk 22:38
22:50 Mt 26:51; Mk 14:47; Lk 22:51; Jn 18:10
22:51 Mt 4:23, Mt 8:3, Mt 9:35, Mt 17:18, Mt 26:51
22:52 Lk 22:4
22:53 Jn 12:27; Ac 26:18; Eph 6:12
22:54 Mt 26:57, Mt 26:58; Mk 14:53, Mk 14:54; Jn 18:15

[h]Isa 53:12 [i]Or *Son of Man*

priest's house. Peter followed from a distance. 55When they lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

56Then a servant woman saw him sitting in the firelight. She stared at him and said, "This man was with him too."

57But Peter denied it, saying, "Woman, I don't know him!"

58A little while later, someone else saw him and said, "You are one of them too."

But Peter said, "Man, I'm not!"

59An hour or so later, someone else insisted, "This man must have been with him, because he is a Galilean too."

60Peter responded, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about!" At that very moment, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. 61The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered the Lord's words: "Before a rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." 62And Peter went out and cried uncontrollably.

Jesus taunted

63The men who were holding Jesus in custody taunted him while they beat him. 64They blindfolded him and asked him repeatedly, "Prophesy! Who hit you?" 65Insulting him, they said many other horrible things against him.

Jesus before the Jerusalem leadership

66As morning came, the elders of the people, both chief priests and legal experts, came together, and Jesus was brought before their council.

67They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us!"

He answered, "If I tell you, you won't believe. 68And if I ask you a question, you won't answer. 69But from now on, *the Human One*[j] *will be seated on the right side of the power of God.*"[k]

70They all said, "Are you God's Son, then?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

71Then they said, "Why do we need further testimony? We've heard it from his own lips."

Jesus before Pilate

23 The whole assembly got up and led Jesus to Pilate and 2began to accuse him. They said, "We have found this man misleading our people, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar, and claiming that he is the Christ, a king."

3Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "That's what you say."

4Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no legal basis for action against this man."

5But they objected strenuously, saying, "He agitates the people with his teaching throughout Judea—starting from Galilee all the way here."

Jesus before Herod

6Hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. 7When he learned that Jesus was from Herod's district, Pilate sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. 8Herod was very glad to see Jesus, for he had heard about Jesus and had wanted to see him for quite some time. He was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. 9Herod questioned Jesus at length, but Jesus didn't respond to him. 10The chief priests and the legal experts were there, fiercely accusing Jesus. 11Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt. Herod mocked him by dressing Jesus in elegant clothes and sent him back to Pilate. 12Pilate and Herod became friends with each other that day. Before this, they had been enemies.

Jesus and Barabbas

13Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people. 14He said to them, "You brought this man before me as one who was mislead-

22:55 Mt 26:69; Mk 14:66; Jn 18:16, Jn 18:17, Jn 18:25
22:56 Mt 26:69
22:58 Mk 14:70; Jn 18:25, Jn 18:26
22:59 Mt 26:73
22:60 Lk 22:34
22:61 Lk 22:34
22:62 Mt 26:75; Mk 14:72
22:63 Jn 18:22
22:64 Lk 22:63
22:65 Mt 27:39; Rev 16:9
22:66 Mt 5:22, Mt 27:1; Mk 15:1; Ac 22:5
22:67 Jn 10:25
22:68 Lk 20:3
22:69 Ps 110:1; Mk 16:19; Ac 7:56
22:70 Lk 23:3
22:71 Mt 26:65
23:1 Mt 27:2; Mk 15:1; Jn 18:28
23:2 Lk 20:22, Lk 23:14; Jn 19:12; Ac 17:7, Ac 24:5
23:3 Mt 27:11; Mk 15:2; Lk 22:70, Lk 23:38; Jn 18:33
23:4 Mt 27:24; Lk 23:14, Lk 23:22; Jn 18:38, Jn 19:4
23:5 Mt 4:12, Mt 4:23; Mk 1:14; Lk 4:14
23:6 Lk 3:1, Lk 13:1
23:7 Mt 14:1; Lk 3:1, Lk 13:31
23:8 Mt 14:1; Mk 6:14; Lk 9:7, Lk 9:9, Lk 11:29
23:9 Mt 27:12, Mt 27:14
23:11 Mt 27:28; Mk 15:17
23:12 Ac 4:27
23:13 Jn 18:38, Jn 19:4
23:14 Lk 23:2, Lk 23:4

[j]Or *Son of Man* [k]Ps 110:1

ing the people. I have questioned him in your presence and found nothing in this man's conduct that provides a legal basis for the charges you have brought against him. [15]Neither did Herod, because Herod returned him to us. He's done nothing that deserves death. [16]Therefore, I'll have him whipped, then let him go."[l]

[18]But with one voice they shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." ([19]Barabbas had been thrown into prison because of a riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder.)

[20]Pilate addressed them again because he wanted to release Jesus.

[21]They kept shouting out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

[22]For the third time, Pilate said to them, "Why? What wrong has he done? I've found no legal basis for the death penalty in his case. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go."

[23]But they were adamant, shouting their demand that Jesus be crucified. Their voices won out. [24]Pilate issued his decision to grant their request. [25]He released the one they asked for, who had been thrown into prison because of a riot and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will.

On the way to the cross

[26]As they led Jesus away, they grabbed Simon, a man from Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside. They put the cross on his back and made him carry it behind Jesus. [27]A huge crowd of people followed Jesus, including women, who were mourning and wailing for him. [28]Jesus turned to the women and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't cry for me. Rather, cry for yourselves and your children. [29]The time will come when they will say, 'Happy are those who are unable to become pregnant, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed a child.' [30]Then *they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'*[m] [31]If they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

23:15 Lk 9:9, Lk 23:11; Ac 4:27
23:16 Mt 27:26; Mk 15:15; Lk 23:22; Jn 19:1
23:17 Mt 27:15
23:18 Mt 27:16; Mk 15:7; Jn 18:40; Ac 3:14
23:19 Ac 3:14
23:20 Mk 15:15; Jn 19:12
23:22 Lk 23:16
23:24 Mk 15:15
23:25 Ac 3:14
23:26 Mt 27:32; Mk 15:21; Jn 19:16, Jn 19:17
23:27 Lk 8:52
23:28 Song 1:5; Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32, Mt 18:2, Mt 24:2
23:29 Mt 24:19; Lk 21:23
23:30 Is 2:19; Hos 10:8; Rev 6:16
23:31 Eze 20:47
23:32 Mt 27:38; Mk 15:27; Jn 19:18
23:33 Mt 27:33, Mt 27:35; Mk 15:22, Mk 15:24; Jn 19:17
23:34 Ps 22:18; Mt 5:44, Mt 11:25; Lk 23:46; Jn 19:23
23:35 Is 42:1; Lk 16:14
23:36 Ps 69:21; Mt 27:48; Mk 15:36; Lk 23:11; Jn 19:28
23:38 Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Lk 23:3; Jn 19:19
23:39 Mt 27:44; Mk 15:32; Lk 23:35, Lk 23:37
23:40 Dt 10:12, Dt 13:4; Josh 4:24, Josh 24:14; 1Ch 16:30
23:41 Is 53:9; Mt 27:4; Lk 15:18, Lk 23:40; 1Pt 1:19
23:42 Ps 2:6; Lk 23:43; Jn 18:36; Ac 7:59; Phi 2:10
23:43 2Co 12:4; Phi 1:23; Rev 2:7
23:44 Am 8:9; Mt 27:45; Mk 15:33
23:45 Ex 26:31; Mt 27:51; Mk 15:38

Jesus on the cross

[32]They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. [33]When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. [34]Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

[35]The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

[36]The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine [37]and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." [38]Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

[39]One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

[40]Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? [41]We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." [42]Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

[43]Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus' death

[44]It was now about noon, and darkness covered the whole earth until about three o'clock, [45]while the sun stopped shining. Then the curtain in the sanctuary tore down the middle.

[l]Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include 23:17 *He had to release one prisoner for them because of the festival.* [m]Hos 10:8

46 Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus
said, "Father, *into your hands I entrust*
my life."[n] After he said this, he breathed
for the last time.
47 When the centurion saw what
happened, he praised God, saying, "It's
really true: this man was righteous."
48 All the crowds who had come to-
gether to see this event returned to
their homes beating their chests after
seeing what had happened. 49 And ev-
eryone who knew him, including the
women who had followed him from
Galilee, stood at a distance observing
these things.

Jesus' burial

50 Now there was a man named Jo-
seph who was a member of the council.
He was a good and righteous man. 51 He
hadn't agreed with the plan and actions
of the council. He was from the Jewish
city of Arimathea and eagerly antici-
pated God's kingdom. 52 This man went
to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
53 Taking it down, he wrapped it in a
linen cloth and laid it in a tomb carved
out of the rock, in which no one had
ever been buried. 54 It was the Prepara-
tion Day for the Sabbath, and the Sab-
bath was quickly approaching. 55 The
women who had come with Jesus from
Galilee followed Joseph. They saw the
tomb and how Jesus' body was laid in
it, 56 then they went away and prepared
fragrant spices and perfumed oils.
They rested on the Sabbath, in keeping
with the commandment.

The empty tomb

24 Very early in the morning on
the first day of the week, the
women went to the tomb, bringing
the fragrant spices they had prepared.
2 They found the stone rolled away
from the tomb, 3 but when they went
in, they didn't find the body of the
Lord Jesus. 4 They didn't know what
to make of this. Suddenly, two men
were standing beside them in gleam-
ing bright clothing. 5 The women were
frightened and bowed their faces to-
ward the ground, but the men said to
them, "Why do you look for the liv-
ing among the dead? 6 He isn't here,
but has been raised. Remember what
he told you while he was still in Gali-
lee, 7 that the Human One° must be
handed over to sinners, be crucified,
and on the third day rise again." 8 Then
they remembered his words. 9 When
they returned from the tomb, they re-
ported all these things to the eleven
and all the others. 10 It was Mary Mag-
dalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of
James, and the other women with
them who told these things to the
apostles. 11 Their words struck the
apostles as nonsense, and they didn't
believe the women. 12 But Peter ran to
the tomb. When he bent over to look
inside, he saw only the linen cloth.
Then he returned home, wondering
what had happened.

Encounter on the Emmaus road

13 On that same day, two disciples
were traveling to a village called Em-
maus, about seven miles from Jerusa-
lem. 14 They were talking to each other
about everything that had happened.
15 While they were discussing these
things, Jesus himself arrived and
joined them on their journey. 16 They
were prevented from recognizing him.
17 He said to them, "What are you
talking about as you walk along?" They
stopped, their faces downcast.
18 The one named Cleopas replied,
"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem
who is unaware of the things that have
taken place there over the last few
days?"
19 He said to them, "What things?"
They said to him, "The things about
Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his pow-
erful deeds and words, he was recog-
nized by God and all the people as a
prophet. 20 But our chief priests and
our leaders handed him over to be sen-

23:46 Ps 31:5; Mt 27:46, Mt 27:50; Jn 19:30; Ac 7:59
23:47 Mt 9:8, Mt 27:54; Mk 15:39
23:48 Lk 18:13
23:49 Ps 38:11; Lk 8:2, Lk 23:55
23:50 Mt 27:57; Mk 15:42, Mk 15:43; Jn 19:38
23:51 Mk 15:43; Lk 2:25, Lk 2:38
23:52 Jn 19:38
23:53 Is 53:9
23:54 Mt 27:62; Mk 15:42; Jn 19:14
23:55 Lk 23:49
23:56 Ex 20:10; 2Ch 16:14; Mk 16:1; Lk 24:1
24:1 Mt 28:1; Mk 16:1; Lk 23:56; Jn 20:1
24:2 Mt 27:60; Mk 15:46
24:3 Lk 24:23; Ac 1:21
24:4 Jn 20:12; Ac 1:10
24:5 Rev 1:18
24:6 Mt 17:23; Lk 9:22, Lk 24:44
24:7 Lk 9:22, Lk 24:46
24:8 Jn 2:22
24:9 Lk 24:22
24:10 Mt 27:56; Mk 15:40; Lk 8:2, Lk 8:3; Jn 20:11
24:11 Mk 16:11; Lk 24:25
24:12 Jn 20:3
24:13 Mk 16:12
24:15 Mt 8:34, Mt 17:17, Mt 26:31, Mt 26:69; Lk 24:36
24:16 Lk 24:31; Jn 20:14, Jn 21:4
24:18 Jn 19:25
24:19 Mt 21:11; Mk 1:24; Lk 7:16; Jn 6:14, Jn 7:40
24:20 Lk 23:13

[n] Ps 31:5 [°] Or *Son of Man*

tenced to death, and they crucified him.
21We had hoped he was the one who
would redeem Israel. All these things
happened three days ago. 22But there's
more: Some women from our group
have left us stunned. They went to the
tomb early this morning 23and didn't
find his body. They came to us saying
that they had even seen a vision of an-
gels who told them he is alive. 24Some
of those who were with us went to
the tomb and found things just as the
women said. They didn't see him."

25Then Jesus said to them, "You
foolish people! Your dull minds keep
you from believing all that the proph-
ets talked about. 26Wasn't it necessary
for the Christ to suffer these things
and then enter into his glory?" 27Then
he interpreted for them the things
written about himself in all the scrip-
tures, starting with Moses and going
through all the Prophets.

28When they came to Emmaus,
he acted as if he was going on ahead.
29But they urged him, saying, "Stay
with us. It's nearly evening, and the
day is almost over." So he went in to
stay with them. 30After he took his
seat at the table with them, he took the
bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it
to them. 31Their eyes were opened and
they recognized him, but he disap-
peared from their sight. 32They said
to each other, "Weren't our hearts on
fire when he spoke to us along the road
and when he explained the scriptures
for us?"

33They got up right then and re-
turned to Jerusalem. They found the
eleven and their companions gathered
together. 34They were saying to each
other, "The Lord really has risen! He
appeared to Simon!" 35Then the two
disciples described what had happened
along the road and how Jesus was made
known to them as he broke the bread.

24:21 Lk 1:68; Ac 1:6
24:22 Lk 24:1
24:23 Lk 24:4
24:24 Lk 24:12
24:25 Mt 16:11; Mk 7:18, Mk 16:14
24:26 Lk 24:46; Ac 17:3; Heb 2:10; 1Pt 1:11
24:27 Gn 3:15; Nm 21:9; Dt 18:15; Is 7:14; Jn 1:45
24:28 Mk 6:48
24:29 Gn 24:33; Lk 9:12, Lk 24:30
24:30 Mt 14:19; Lk 22:19
24:31 Lk 24:16
24:32 Ps 39:3; Lk 24:45
24:33 Mk 16:13; Ac 1:14
24:34 1Co 15:5
24:35 Lk 24:31
24:36 Mk 16:14; Jn 20:19, Jn 20:21, Jn 20:26
24:37 Mt 14:26; Mk 6:49
24:38 Lk 24:11, Lk 24:37; Jn 14:1
24:39 Jn 20:20, Jn 20:27; Ac 1:3; 1Jn 1:1
24:41 Lk 24:11; Jn 21:5
24:42 Mt 7:10; Jn 21:9
24:43 Ac 10:41
24:44 Lk 18:31, Lk 24:27
24:45 Job 33:16; Ps 119:18; Lk 24:32; Ac 16:14; 1Jn 5:20
24:46 Lk 24:26; Ac 17:3
24:47 Ps 22:27; Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38, Ac 5:31, Ac 13:38
24:48 Ac 1:8, Ac 2:32, Ac 5:32, Ac 10:39, Ac 13:31
24:49 Jn 14:16, Jn 14:26; Ac 1:4, Ac 1:8
24:50 Mt 21:17; Ac 1:12
24:51 2Ki 2:11; Mk 16:19; Jn 20:17; Ac 1:9; Eph 4:8
24:52 Mt 28:9
24:53 Lk 2:20; Ac 2:46, Ac 2:47

Jesus appears to the disciples

36While they were saying these
things, Jesus himself stood among
them and said, "Peace be with you!"
37They were terrified and afraid. They
thought they were seeing a ghost.

38He said to them, "Why are you
startled? Why are doubts arising in
your hearts? 39Look at my hands and
my feet. It's really me! Touch me and
see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh
and bones like you see I have." 40As he
said this, he showed them his hands
and feet. 41Because they were wonder-
ing and questioning in the midst of
their happiness, he said to them, "Do
you have anything to eat?" 42They gave
him a piece of baked fish. 43Taking it,
he ate it in front of them.

44Jesus said to them, "These are my
words that I spoke to you while I was
still with you—that everything written
about me in the Law from Moses, the
Prophets, and the Psalms must be ful-
filled." 45Then he opened their minds
to understand the scriptures. 46He
said to them, "This is what is written:
the Christ will suffer and rise from the
dead on the third day, 47and a change
of heart and life for the forgiveness of
sins must be preached in his name to
all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
48You are witnesses of these things.
49Look, I'm sending to you what my
Father promised, but you are to stay in
the city until you have been furnished
with heavenly power."

Ascension of Jesus

50He led them out as far as Bethany,
where he lifted his hands and blessed
them. 51As he blessed them, he left
them and was taken up to heaven.
52They worshipped him and returned
to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy.
53And they were continuously in the
temple praising God.

JOHN

Story of the Word

1 In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
2 The Word was with God in the
beginning.
3 Everything came into being
through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.
What came into being
4 through the Word was life,[a]
and the life was the light for all
people.
5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't
extinguish the light.
6 A man named John was sent from
God. 7 He came as a witness to testify
concerning the light, so that through
him everyone would believe in the
light. 8 He himself wasn't the light, but
his mission was to testify concerning
the light.
9 The true light that shines on all people
was coming into the world.
10 The light was in the world,
and the world came into being
through the light,
but the world
didn't recognize the light.
11 The light came to his own people,
and his own people
didn't welcome him.
12 But those who did welcome him,
those who believed in his name,
he authorized to become
God's children,
13 born not from blood
nor from human desire or passion,
but born from God.
14 The Word became flesh
and made his home among us.
We have seen his glory,
glory like that of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

1:1 Gn 1:1; Jn 17:5; Phi 2:6; Col 1:17; Rev 19:13

1:2 Gn 1:1; Jn 1:1, Jn 8:58, Jn 17:5, Jn 17:24

1:3 Jn 1:10; 1Co 8:6; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2

1:4 Jn 5:26, Jn 8:12, Jn 9:5, Jn 11:25, Jn 12:46

1:5 Jn 3:19

1:6 Mt 3:1; Mk 1:4; Lk 3:2

1:7 Jn 1:19, Jn 1:32, Jn 3:26, Jn 5:33; Ac 19:4

1:8 Jn 1:20

1:9 Is 49:6; 1Jn 2:8

1:10 Jn 1:3; 1Jn 3:1

1:11 Is 53:3; Jn 3:32, Jn 5:43

1:12 Jn 11:52; Ro 8:14; Ga 3:26; 1Jn 3:1, 1Jn 3:23

1:13 Jas 1:18; 1Pt 1:3, 1Pt 1:23; 1Jn 3:9

1:14 Jn 14:6; 1Ti 3:16; Heb 2:14; 1Jn 1:1, 1Jn 4:2

1:15 Mt 3:11; Jn 1:7, Jn 1:30, Jn 5:33

1:16 Eph 1:23, Eph 4:13; Col 1:19, Col 2:9

1:17 Jn 1:14, Jn 7:19; Ro 5:21

1:18 Ex 33:20; Jn 3:16, Jn 6:46; Col 1:15; 1Jn 4:12

1:19 Jn 10:24

1:20 Lk 3:15; Jn 3:28

1:21 Dt 18:15; Mt 11:14, Mt 16:14

1:23 Is 40:3; Mt 3:3; Lk 3:4

1:24 Lk 7:30

1:25 Mk 1:4; Lk 3:7; Jn 1:20; Ac 19:4

1:26 Mt 3:11; Mk 1:4, Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16; Ac 1:5

1:27 Mt 3:11; Mk 1:7; Jn 1:15, Jn 1:30

1:28 Jn 3:26, Jn 10:40

15 John testified about him, crying
out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He
who comes after me is greater than me
because he existed before me.' "
16 From his fullness we have all
received grace upon grace;
17 as the Law was given through Moses,
so grace and truth came into being
through Jesus Christ.
18 No one has ever seen God.
God the only Son,
who is at the Father's side,
has made God known.

John's witness

19 This is John's testimony when
the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent
priests and Levites to ask him, "Who
are you?"
20 John confessed (he didn't deny
but confessed), "I'm not the Christ."
21 They asked him, "Then who are
you? Are you Elijah?"
John said, "I'm not."
"Are you the prophet?"
John answered, "No."
22 They asked, "Who are you? We
need to give an answer to those
who sent us. What do you say about
yourself?"
23 John replied,
"I am a voice crying out in the
wilderness,
Make the Lord's path straight,[b]
just as the prophet Isaiah said."
24 Those sent by the Pharisees
25 asked, "Why do you baptize if you
aren't the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the
prophet?"
26 John answered, "I baptize with
water. Someone greater stands among
you, whom you don't recognize. 27 He
comes after me, but I'm not worthy to
untie his sandal straps." 28 This encoun-
ter took place across the Jordan in Beth-
any where John was baptizing.

[a] Or *Everything came into being through the Word,/and without the Word / nothing came into being that came into being.*[4] *In the Word was life* [b] Isa 40:3

[29]The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! [30]This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' [31]Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." [32]John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. [33]Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' [34]I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son."

Jesus calls disciples

[35]The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. [36]When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" [37]The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

[38]When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?"

[39]He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

[40]One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. [41]He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*[c]). [42]He led him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

[43]The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." [44]Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

[45]Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

[46]Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?"

Philip said, "Come and see."

[47]Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

[48]Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

[49]Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel."

[50]Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! [51]I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."[d]

Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and [2]Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. [3]When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

[4]Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

[5]His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." [6]Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

[7]Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. [8]Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. [9]The headwaiter tasted the water that had

1:29 Is 53:7; Jn 1:36; 1Pt 1:19; 1Jn 3:5; Rev 5:6
1:30 Jn 1:15, Jn 1:27
1:31 Lk 1:76
1:32 Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:22; Jn 1:7
1:33 Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16; Ac 1:5
1:34 Mt 4:3; Jn 1:49, Jn 11:27
1:35 Mt 3:1, Mt 21:32; Mk 11:32; Lk 3:15; Jn 3:25
1:36 Jn 1:29
1:37 Jn 1:43
1:38 Jn 1:49, Jn 3:2, Jn 20:16
1:40 Mt 4:18; Jn 6:8
1:41 Dn 9:25; Jn 4:25
1:42 Mt 16:18; Jn 21:15; 1Co 1:12, 1Co 3:22
1:43 Mt 4:18, Mt 10:3; Jn 6:5, Jn 14:8
1:44 Mt 11:21; Jn 12:21
1:45 Lk 3:23, Lk 24:27, Lk 24:44; Jn 21:2
1:46 Jn 7:41, Jn 7:52
1:47 Ps 32:2; Rev 14:5
1:48 Mt 9:4, Mt 10:3, Mt 12:25; Jn 2:24, Jn 2:25
1:49 Zep 3:15; Mt 2:2, Mt 27:42; Jn 1:38, Jn 12:13
1:50 Mt 26:63, Mt 26:64, Mt 27:54; Mk 1:1, Mk 5:7
1:51 Gn 28:12; Eze 1:1; Mt 3:16; Ac 7:56
2:1 Mt 12:46; Jn 1:29, Jn 1:43, Jn 4:46, Jn 21:2
2:2 Jn 1:40, Jn 2:12, Jn 2:22, Jn 3:22, Jn 4:2
2:3 2Sa 6:19; Est 5:6; Ps 104:15; Jn 2:10
2:4 Jn 7:30, Jn 8:20, Jn 12:23, Jn 13:1, Jn 19:26
2:5 Mt 12:46
2:6 Mk 7:3, Mk 7:4; Jn 3:25
2:7 Mt 9:9, Mt 21:6, Mt 26:19; Jn 2:3
2:8 Jn 2:9
2:9 Jn 4:46

[c]Or *Anointed One* [d]Or *Son of Man*

become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom [10]and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." [11]This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

[12]After this, Jesus and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there for a few days.

Jesus in Jerusalem at Passover

[13]It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14]He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. [15]He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. [16]He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." [17]His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me.*[e]

[18]Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

[19]Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

[20]The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" [21]But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. [22]After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

2:10 2Sa 6:19; Lk 12:45; Jn 2:3; Eph 5:18

2:11 Jn 1:14, Jn 2:23, Jn 3:2, Jn 4:54, Jn 20:30

2:12 Mt 4:13, Mt 12:46; Jn 6:17

2:13 Dt 16:1; Lk 2:41; Jn 2:23, Jn 5:1, Jn 11:55

2:14 Mt 21:12; Mk 11:15; Lk 19:45, Lk 19:46

2:15 Mt 21:12

2:16 Mt 21:12, Mt 21:13; Lk 2:49

2:17 Ps 69:9; Lk 2:49

2:18 Mt 12:38; Jn 1:19, Jn 4:48, Jn 6:30

2:19 Mt 16:21, Mt 26:61, Mt 27:40; Mk 14:58, Mk 15:29

2:20 Ezr 5:16; Lk 21:5

2:21 1Co 6:19

2:22 Ps 16:10; Lk 24:8; Jn 12:16, Jn 14:26, Jn 20:9

2:23 Jn 2:13, Jn 7:31

2:24 Mt 9:4; Jn 6:64, Jn 16:30, Jn 21:17; Ac 1:24

2:25 Jn 13:11

3:1 Jn 7:50, Jn 19:39

3:2 Jn 1:38, Jn 2:11; Ac 2:22, Ac 10:38

3:3 Jn 1:13, Jn 3:5; Ga 6:15; 1Pt 1:3, 1Pt 1:23

3:4 Jn 4:11, Jn 6:60

3:5 Mk 16:16; Jn 3:3; Ac 2:38; Eph 5:26; Ti 3:5

3:6 1Co 15:50

3:7 Jn 3:3

3:8 Ecc 11:5, Eze 37:9; 1Co 12:11

3:9 Jn 3:4, Jn 6:52, Jn 6:60

3:10 Ps 73:1; Is 9:14, Is 29:10, Is 56:10; Lk 2:46

3:11 Jn 3:32

3:12 Jn 3:31

3:13 Prv 30:4; Jn 6:38; Ac 2:34; Eph 4:9

[23]While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival, many believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs that he did. [24]But Jesus didn't trust himself to them because he knew all people. [25]He didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature, for he knew what human nature was.

Jesus and Nicodemus

3 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. [2]He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

[3]Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew,[f] it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

[4]Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

[5]Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. [6]Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7]Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' [8]God's Spirit[g] blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

[9]Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

[10]Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? [11]I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. [12]If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? [13]No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human

[e]Ps 69:9 [f]Or *from above* [g]Or *wind*

One.[h] [14]Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One[i] be lifted up [15]so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. [16]God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. [17]God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. [18]Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

[19]"This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. [20]All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. [21]Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

John's final witness

[22]After this Jesus and his disciples went into Judea, where he spent some time with them and was baptizing. [23]John was baptizing at Aenon near Salem because there was a lot of water there, and people were coming to him and being baptized. ([24]John hadn't yet been thrown into prison.)

[25]A debate started between John's disciples and a certain Jew about cleansing rituals. [26]They came to John and said, "Rabbi, look! The man who was with you across the Jordan, the one about whom you testified, is baptizing and everyone is flocking to him."

[27]John replied, "No one can receive anything unless it is given from heaven. [28]You yourselves can testify that I said that I'm not the Christ but that I'm the one sent before him. [29]The groom is the one who is getting married. The friend of the groom stands close by and, when he hears him, is overjoyed at the groom's voice. Therefore, my joy is now complete. [30]He must increase and I must decrease. [31]The one who comes from above is above all things. The one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all things. [32]He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. [33]Whoever accepts his testimony confirms that God is true. [34]The one whom God sent speaks God's words because God gives the Spirit generously. [35]The Father loves the Son and gives everything into his hands. [36]Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever doesn't believe in the Son won't see life, but the angry judgment of God remains on them."

3:14 Nm 21:8, Nm 21:9; Jn 8:28, Jn 12:32, Jn 12:34
3:15 Jn 3:36, Jn 5:24, Jn 6:40, Jn 20:31
3:16 Jn 6:40; Ro 5:8, Ro 8:32; 1Jn 4:9, 1Jn 4:10
3:17 Lk 2:11, Lk 19:10; Jn 6:57, Jn 12:47; 1Jn 4:14
3:18 Mk 16:16; Jn 1:18, Jn 3:36, Jn 5:24; 1Jn 4:9
3:19 Jn 1:4, Jn 1:5, Jn 7:7, Jn 8:12
3:20 Job 24:13; Eph 5:11, Eph 5:13
3:21 1Jn 1:6
3:22 Jn 4:1, Jn 4:2
3:23 Mk 1:4
3:24 Mt 4:12, Mt 14:3; Mk 6:17; Lk 3:20
3:25 Jn 2:6
3:26 Jn 1:7
3:27 Mt 21:25; 1Co 4:7; Heb 5:4; Jas 1:17
3:28 Mal 3:1; Jn 1:20, Jn 1:23
3:29 Mt 9:15, Mt 25:1; Jn 17:13; Phi 2:2
3:30 Ps 72:17; Dn 2:35, Dn 2:44; Mt 13:31; Rev 11:15
3:31 Jn 3:13, Jn 8:23; 1Co 15:47
3:32 Jn 1:11, Jn 3:11
3:33 Eph 1:13
3:34 Lk 4:18; Jn 3:17; Ac 10:38
3:35 Mt 11:27, Mt 28:18; Jn 5:20
3:36 Jn 3:15, Jn 3:16, Jn 3:18, Jn 5:24, Jn 6:47

Jesus leaves Judea

4:1 Jn 3:22, Jn 3:26
4:2 Jn 3:22
4:3 Jn 3:22
4:4 Lk 9:52
4:5 Gn 33:19, Gn 48:22; Josh 24:32; Jn 4:12
4:6 Gn 43:16; Ex 15:27; Mt 4:2, Mt 8:24; Jn 19:28
4:7 Jn 19:28
4:8 Jn 4:5
4:9 Mt 10:5; Lk 9:52, Lk 9:53; Jn 8:48; Ac 10:28
4:10 Jer 2:13; Jn 3:16, Jn 4:14, Jn 7:37, Jn 7:38

4 Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was making more disciples and baptizing more than John ([2]although Jesus' disciples were baptizing, not Jesus himself). [3]Therefore, he left Judea and went back to Galilee.

Jesus in Samaria

[4]Jesus had to go through Samaria. [5]He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [6]Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

[7]A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." [8]His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

[9]The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

[10]Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to

[h]Or *Son of Man* [i]Or *Son of Man*

you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

[11]The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? [12]You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

[13]Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, [14]but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

[15]The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

[16]Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here."

[17]The woman replied, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. [18]"You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

[19]The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. [20]Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

[21]Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. [22]You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. [23]But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. [24]God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

[25]The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."

[26]Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you."[j]

[27]Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" [28]The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, [29]"Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?" [30]They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

[31]In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

[32]Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."

[33]The disciples asked each other, "Has someone brought him food?"

[34]Jesus said to them, "I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. [35]Don't you have a saying, 'Four more months and then it's time for harvest'? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. [36]Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. [37]This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. [38]I have sent you to harvest what you didn't work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work."

[39]Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." [40]So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. [41]Many more believed because of his word, [42]and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know

4:11 Jn 3:4

4:12 Jn 4:6, Jn 8:53

4:14 Jn 6:35, Jn 7:38

4:15 Jn 6:34

4:16 Mt 9:4, Mt 12:25; Jn 1:48, Jn 2:24, Jn 21:17

4:17 Mt 22:18; Jn 1:47, Jn 2:24, Jn 4:18, Jn 6:64

4:18 Jn 4:17

4:19 Mt 21:11; Lk 7:16; Jn 6:14, Jn 7:40, Jn 9:17

4:20 Dt 11:29; Josh 8:33

4:21 Mal 1:11; Jn 4:23, Jn 5:25, Jn 16:2; 1Ti 2:8

4:22 Is 2:3; Ro 9:4, Ro 9:5

4:23 Jn 5:25; Phi 3:3

4:24 Lv 10:3; 2Ki 17:36; 1Ch 16:29; 2Co 3:17; Phi 3:3

4:25 Mt 1:16; Jn 1:41, Jn 4:29

4:26 Mt 26:63; Jn 8:28, Jn 9:37

4:27 Jn 4:8

4:28 Mt 28:8

4:29 Jn 4:17, Jn 4:18, Jn 4:25, Jn 7:31

4:31 Jn 1:38

4:32 Job 23:12; Jn 4:34

4:33 Lk 9:45; Jn 3:4, Jn 4:11, Jn 6:52, Jn 11:12

4:34 Jn 5:30, Jn 5:36, Jn 6:38, Jn 17:4, Jn 19:30

4:35 Mt 9:37, Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2

4:36 Ro 1:13

4:37 Job 31:8; Mi 6:15

4:38 Jn 1:7

4:39 Jn 4:5, Jn 4:29

4:40 Lk 19:5

4:41 Jn 4:42; Ac 1:8

4:42 Lk 2:11; Jn 1:29; 1Jn 4:14

[j]Or *It is I, the one who speaks with you.*

that this one is truly the savior of the world."

Jesus arrives in Galilee

43 After two days Jesus left for Galilee. (44 Jesus himself had testified that prophets have no honor in their own country.) 45 When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him because they had seen all the things he had done in Jerusalem during the festival, for they also had been at the festival.

Jesus' second miraculous sign in Galilee

46 He returned to Cana in Galilee where he had turned the water into wine. In Capernaum there was a certain royal official whose son was sick. 47 When he heard that Jesus was coming from Judea to Galilee, he went out to meet him and asked Jesus if he would come and heal his son, for his son was about to die. 48 Jesus said to him, "Unless you see miraculous signs and wonders, you won't believe."

49 The royal official said to him, "Lord, come before my son dies."

50 Jesus replied, "Go home. Your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and set out for his home.

51 While he was on his way, his servants were already coming to meet him. They said, "Your son lives!" 52 So he asked them at what time his son had started to get better. And they said, "The fever left him yesterday at about one o'clock in the afternoon." 53 Then the father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son lives." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. 54 This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did while going from Judea to Galilee.

Sabbath healing

5 After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethsaida. It had five covered porches, 3 and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there.[k] 5 A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 The sick man answered him, "Sir,[l] I don't have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I'm trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me."

8 Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

10 The Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It's the Sabbath; you aren't allowed to carry your mat."

11 He answered, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

12 They inquired, "Who is this man who said to you, 'Pick it up and walk'?" 13 The man who had been cured didn't know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away from the crowd gathered there.

14 Later Jesus found him in the temple and said, "See! You have been made well. Don't sin anymore in case something worse happens to you." 15 The man went and proclaimed to the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the man who had made him well.

16 As a result, the Jewish leaders were harassing Jesus, since he had done these things on the Sabbath. 17 Jesus replied, "My Father is still working, and I am working too." 18 For this reason the Jewish leaders wanted even more to kill him—not only because he was doing away with the Sabbath but also because he called God his own Father,

4:43 Jn 4:40
4:44 Mt 13:57; Mk 6:4; Lk 4:24
4:45 Jn 2:23
4:46 Jn 2:1
4:47 Mt 4:25; Lk 5:17; Jn 4:3, Jn 4:54
4:48 Jn 2:18; Ac 2:22; 1Co 1:22; 2Co 12:12
4:49 Mk 5:23, Mk 5:35
4:50 Mt 8:13
4:51 Jn 4:50
4:53 Ac 11:14, Ac 16:34
4:54 Jn 2:11
5:1 Jn 2:13
5:2 Neh 3:1, Neh 3:32, Neh 12:39; Jn 19:20; Ac 21:40
5:5 Jn 9:1
5:6 Mk 10:51; Lk 19:5; Jn 11:33, Jn 21:17
5:7 Ps 142:4; Jn 5:4; Ro 5:6
5:8 Mt 9:6; Mk 2:11; Lk 5:24
5:9 Jn 9:14
5:10 Mt 12:2; Lk 6:2; Jn 7:23
5:13 Jn 8:59
5:14 Jn 8:11
5:15 Mk 1:45; Jn 1:19, Jn 5:16, Jn 9:11
5:16 Lk 6:11; Jn 7:1
5:17 Mt 8:29, Mt 16:17; Jn 6:32, Jn 14:23; 2Co 1:3
5:18 Jn 10:30, Jn 10:33, Jn 19:7; Phi 2:6

[k] Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include the following addition *waiting for the water to move.*
[4] *Sometimes an angel would come down to the pool and stir up the water. Then the first one going into the water after it had been stirred up was cured of any sickness.* [l] Or *Lord*

thereby making himself equal with God.

Work of the Father and the Son

19 Jesus responded to the Jewish leaders, "I assure you that the Son can't do anything by himself except what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. 20 The Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he does. He will show him greater works than these so that you will marvel. 21 As the Father raises the dead and gives life, so too does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. 22 The Father doesn't judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son 23 so that everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Father who sent him.

24 "I assure you that whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and won't come under judgment but has passed from death into life.

25 "I assure you that the time is coming—and is here!—when the dead will hear the voice of God's Son, and those who hear it will live. 26 Just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. 27 He gives the Son authority to judge, because he is the Human One.[m] 28 Don't be surprised by this, because the time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice. 29 Those who did good things will come out into the resurrection of life, and those who did wicked things into the resurrection of judgment. 30 I can't do anything by myself. Whatever I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just. I don't seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me.

Witnesses to Jesus

31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony isn't true. 32 There is someone else who testifies about me, and I know his testimony about me is true. 33 You sent a delegation to John, and he testified to the truth. 34 Although I don't accept human testimony, I say these things so that you can be saved. 35 John was a burning and shining lamp, and, at least for a while, you were willing to celebrate in his light.

36 "I have a witness greater than John's testimony. The Father has given me works to do so that I might complete them. These works I do testify about me that the Father sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me testifies about me. You have never even heard his voice or seen his form, 38 and you don't have his word dwelling with you because you don't believe the one whom he has sent. 39 Examine the scriptures, since you think that in them you have eternal life. They also testify about me, 40 yet you don't want to come to me so that you can have life.

41 "I don't accept praise from people, 42 but I know you, that you don't have God's love in you. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you don't receive me. If others come in their own name, you receive them. 44 How can you believe when you receive praise from each other but don't seek the praise that comes from the only God?

45 "Don't think that I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, the one in whom your hope rests. 46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, because Moses wrote about me. 47 If you don't believe the writings of Moses, how will you believe my words?"

Feeding of the five thousand

6 After this Jesus went across the Galilee Sea (that is, the Tiberius Sea). 2 A large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had done among the sick. 3 Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with his disciples. 4 It was nearly time for Passover, the Jewish festival.

5:19 Jn 5:30, Jn 8:28
5:20 Mt 3:17; Jn 3:35, Jn 14:12
5:21 Jn 11:25; Ro 4:17, Ro 8:11
5:22 Jn 5:27, Jn 9:39; Ac 10:42, Ac 17:31; Ro 14:10
5:23 Lk 10:16; Jn 15:23; 1Jn 2:23
5:24 Jn 3:15, Jn 3:18, Jn 3:36, Jn 20:31; 1Jn 3:14
5:25 Jn 4:21, Jn 4:23
5:26 Jn 1:4, Jn 6:57
5:27 Jn 5:22
5:28 Jn 4:21, Jn 5:29, Jn 6:39, Jn 6:40; Ac 24:15
5:29 Dn 12:2; Mt 25:46; Lk 14:14; Jn 5:28; Ac 24:15
5:30 Mt 26:39; Jn 4:34, Jn 5:19, Jn 6:38, Jn 8:16
5:31 Jn 8:14
5:32 Mt 3:17, Mt 17:5; Jn 5:37, Jn 8:18; 1Jn 5:9
5:33 Jn 1:7, Jn 1:15, Jn 1:19, Jn 1:29, Jn 3:26
5:34 1Jn 5:9
5:35 Mt 13:20; 2Pt 1:19
5:36 Mt 11:4; Jn 4:34, Jn 10:25, Jn 14:11, Jn 15:24
5:37 Mt 3:17; Jn 1:18, Jn 8:18; 1Ti 1:17
5:38 Is 53:1; Lk 12:46; Jn 1:11, Jn 3:17; 1Jn 2:13
5:39 Lk 24:27; Jn 7:52; Ac 17:11
5:40 Ps 81:11; Is 50:2, Is 53:1; Mt 23:37; Jn 3:19
5:41 Jn 5:34, Jn 7:18; 1Th 2:6
5:42 Lk 11:42; Jn 2:25
5:43 Mt 24:5; Jn 1:11, Jn 10:25
5:44 Jn 12:43, Jn 17:3; Ro 2:29
5:45 Jn 9:28
5:46 Lk 24:27; Ac 26:22
5:47 Lk 16:29, Lk 16:31
6:1 Mt 4:18, Mt 14:13; Mk 6:32; Lk 9:10; Jn 21:1
6:2 Jn 2:11
6:3 Jn 6:15
6:4 Jn 2:13, Jn 11:55

[m] Or Son of Man

5 Jesus looked up and saw the large
crowd coming toward him. He asked
Philip, "Where will we buy food to feed
these people?" 6 Jesus said this to test
him, for he already knew what he was
going to do.

7 Philip replied, "More than a half
year's salary[n] worth of food wouldn't
be enough for each person to have
even a little bit."

8 One of his disciples, Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother, said, 9 "A youth
here has five barley loaves and two fish.
But what good is that for a crowd like
this?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit
down." There was plenty of grass there.
They sat down, about five thousand
of them. 11 Then Jesus took the bread.
When he had given thanks, he dis-
tributed it to those who were sitting
there. He did the same with the fish,
each getting as much as they wanted.
12 When they had plenty to eat, he said
to his disciples, "Gather up the leftover
pieces, so that nothing will be wasted."
13 So they gathered them and filled
twelve baskets with the pieces of the
five barley loaves that had been left
over by those who had eaten.

14 When the people saw that he had
done a miraculous sign, they said, "This
is truly the prophet who is coming into
the world." 15 Jesus understood that
they were about to come and force
him to be their king, so he took refuge
again, alone on a mountain.

Jesus walks on water

16 When evening came, Jesus' dis-
ciples went down to the lake. 17 They
got into a boat and were crossing the
lake to Capernaum. It was already
getting dark and Jesus hadn't come
to them yet. 18 The water was getting
rough because a strong wind was blow-
ing. 19 When the wind had driven them
out for about three or four miles, they
saw Jesus walking on the water. He
was approaching the boat and they
were afraid. 20 He said to them, "I Am.[o]
Don't be afraid." 21 Then they wanted to
take him into the boat, and just then
the boat reached the land where they
had been heading.

22 The next day the crowd that re-
mained on the other side of the lake
realized that only one boat had been
there. They knew Jesus hadn't gone
with his disciples, but that the disciples
had gone alone. 23 Some boats came
from Tiberius, near the place where
they had eaten the bread over which
the Lord had given thanks. 24 When the
crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his
disciples were there, they got into the
boats and came to Capernaum looking
for Jesus. 25 When they found him on
the other side of the lake, they asked
him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Bread of life

26 Jesus replied, "I assure you that
you are looking for me not because you
saw miraculous signs but because you
ate all the food you wanted. 27 Don't
work for the food that doesn't last but
for the food that endures for eternal
life, which the Human One[p] will give
you. God the Father has confirmed him
as his agent to give life."

28 They asked, "What must we do
in order to accomplish what God re-
quires?"

29 Jesus replied, "This is what God
requires, that you believe in him whom
God sent."

30 They asked, "What miraculous sign
will you do, that we can see and believe
you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors
ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is
written, *He gave them bread from heaven
to eat.*"[q]

32 Jesus told them, "I assure you, it
wasn't Moses who gave the bread from
heaven to you, but my Father gives
you the true bread from heaven. 33 The
bread of God is the one who comes
down from heaven and gives life to the
world."

6:5 Jn 1:43
6:6 Dt 8:2
6:7 Mk 6:37
6:8 Mt 4:18; Jn 1:40
6:9 2Ki 4:42
6:10 Mk 6:39
6:11 Mt 15:36; Jn 6:23
6:14 Mt 11:3, Mt 21:11; Lk 24:19; Jn 1:21, Jn 4:19
6:15 Mt 14:22; Jn 18:36
6:16 Mt 14:22
6:17 Jn 2:12, Jn 4:46, Jn 6:24, Jn 6:59
6:18 Ps 107:25
6:19 Mt 14:25
6:20 Mt 14:27
6:22 Mt 14:22; Jn 6:2, Jn 6:15, Jn 6:17
6:23 Jn 6:1, Jn 6:11
6:24 Jn 6:17
6:25 Jn 1:38
6:26 Jn 6:24; Ro 16:18
6:27 Is 55:2; Jn 6:54, Jn 10:28
6:28 Mt 19:16
6:29 1Jn 3:23
6:30 Mt 12:38
6:31 Ex 16:4, Ex 16:15; Neh 9:15; Ps 78:24; Jn 6:49
6:32 Jn 6:33, Jn 6:35
6:33 Jn 6:50

[n] *Or two hundred denaria* [o] *Or It is I.* [p] *Or Son of Man* [q] Ps 78:24

34 They said, "Sir,[r] give us this bread
all the time!"

35 Jesus replied, "I am the bread of
life. Whoever comes to me will never
go hungry, and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty. 36 But I told you
that you have seen me and still don't
believe. 37 Everyone whom the Father
gives to me will come to me, and I
won't send away anyone who comes to
me. 38 I have come down from heaven
not to do my will, but the will of him
who sent me. 39 This is the will of the
one who sent me, that I won't lose any-
thing he has given me, but I will raise it
up at the last day. 40 This is my Father's
will: that all who see the Son and be-
lieve in him will have eternal life, and I
will raise them up at the last day."

41 The Jewish opposition grumbled
about him because he said, "I am the
bread that came down from heaven."

42 They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, Jo-
seph's son, whose mother and father
we know? How can he now say, 'I have
come down from heaven'?"

43 Jesus responded, "Don't grumble
among yourselves. 44 No one can come
to me unless they are drawn to me by
the Father who sent me, and I will raise
them up at the last day. 45 It is written in
the Prophets, And they *will all be taught*
by God.[s] Everyone who has listened to
the Father and learned from him comes
to me. 46 No one has seen the Father ex-
cept the one who is from God. He has
seen the Father. 47 I assure you, who-
ever believes has eternal life. 48 I am
the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate
manna in the wilderness and they died.
50 This is the bread that comes down
from heaven so that whoever eats from
it will never die. 51 I am the living bread
that came down from heaven. Whoever
eats this bread will live forever, and the
bread that I will give for the life of the
world is my flesh."

52 Then the Jews debated among
themselves, asking, "How can this man
give us his flesh to eat?"

6:34 Jn 4:15
6:35 Jn 4:14, Jn 6:48, Jn 6:51, Jn 7:37, Jn 11:25
6:36 Lk 16:31; Jn 6:26, Jn 6:64, Jn 12:37, Jn 15:24
6:37 Jn 6:39, Jn 17:2, Jn 17:6, Jn 17:9, Jn 17:24
6:38 Mt 26:39; Jn 3:13, Jn 4:34, Jn 5:30
6:39 Jn 6:40, Jn 6:44, Jn 6:54, Jn 17:12, Jn 18:9
6:40 Jn 3:15, Jn 3:16, Jn 6:27, Jn 6:47, Jn 6:54
6:41 Lk 15:2, Lk 19:7; Jn 6:33, Jn 6:51, Jn 6:52
6:42 Mt 13:55; Lk 4:22; Jn 7:27, Jn 7:28
6:43 Mt 16:8; Jn 6:64, Jn 16:19
6:44 Jer 31:3; Hos 11:4; Jn 6:39, Jn 6:65, Jn 12:32
6:45 Is 54:13; Jer 31:33, Jer 31:34; 1Th 4:9; Heb 8:11
6:46 Jn 1:18, Jn 7:29
6:47 Jn 3:36, Jn 5:24
6:48 Jn 6:35, Jn 6:51
6:49 Jn 6:31, Jn 6:58
6:50 Jn 6:33, Jn 6:51, Jn 6:58, Jn 11:26
6:51 Lk 22:19; Jn 6:33, Jn 6:35, Jn 6:48, Jn 6:58
6:52 Jn 3:4, Jn 3:9, Jn 6:41, Jn 9:16, Jn 10:19
6:53 Mt 8:20; Jn 6:27
6:54 Jn 6:39, Jn 6:40
6:56 Jn 15:4; 1Jn 3:24, 1Jn 4:15
6:57 Jn 3:17, Jn 5:26
6:58 Jn 6:33, Jn 6:49
6:59 Jn 6:24
6:60 Jn 6:52, Jn 6:66
6:61 Mt 11:6; Jn 2:24, Jn 6:64
6:62 Mk 16:19; Jn 3:13, Jn 17:5
6:63 2Co 3:6
6:64 Jn 2:25, Jn 6:66, Jn 13:11
6:65 Mt 13:11; Jn 3:27, Jn 6:37, Jn 6:44, Jn 6:45
6:66 Jn 6:60, Jn 6:64
6:67 Mt 10:2; Jn 20:24
6:68 Mt 16:16
6:69 Mt 16:16; Mk 1:24, Mk 8:29; Lk 9:20; Jn 11:27
6:70 Jn 13:27
6:71 Jn 12:4, Jn 13:2, Jn 13:26

53 Jesus said to them, "I assure you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Human
One[t] and drink his blood, you have no
life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh
and drinks my blood has eternal life,
and I will raise them up at the last day.
55 My flesh is true food and my blood
is true drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh
and drinks my blood remains in me
and I in them. 57 As the living Father
sent me, and I live because of the Fa-
ther, so whoever eats me lives because
of me. 58 This is the bread that came
down from heaven. It isn't like the
bread your ancestors ate, and then
they died. Whoever eats this bread will
live forever." 59 Jesus said these things
while he was teaching in the synagogue
in Capernaum.

60 Many of his disciples who heard
this said, "This message is harsh. Who
can hear it?"

61 Jesus knew that the disciples
were grumbling about this and he
said to them, "Does this offend you?
62 What if you were to see the Human
One[u] going up where he was before?
63 The Spirit is the one who gives life
and the flesh doesn't help at all. The
words I have spoken to you are spirit
and life. 64 Yet some of you don't be-
lieve." Jesus knew from the beginning
who wouldn't believe and the one who
would betray him. 65 He said, "For this
reason I said to you that none can
come to me unless the Father enables
them to do so." 66 At this, many of his
disciples turned away and no longer
accompanied him.

67 Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you
also want to leave?"

68 Simon Peter answered, "Lord,
where would we go? You have the words
of eternal life. 69 We believe and know
that you are God's holy one."

70 Jesus replied, "Didn't I choose you
twelve? Yet one of you is a devil." 71 He
was speaking of Judas, Simon Iscari-
ot's son, for he, one of the Twelve, was
going to betray him.

[r] Or *Lord* [s] Isa 54:13 [t] Or *Son of Man* [u] Or *Son of Man*

Jesus goes to Jerusalem

7 After this Jesus traveled throughout Galilee. He didn't want to travel in Judea, because the Jewish authorities wanted to kill him. 2 When it was almost time for the Jewish Festival of Booths, 3 Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee. Go to Judea so that your disciples can see the amazing works that you do. 4 Those who want to be known publicly don't do things secretly. Since you can do these things, show yourself to the world." 5 His brothers said this because even they didn't believe in him.

6 Jesus replied, "For you, anytime is fine. But my time hasn't come yet. 7 The world can't hate you. It hates me, though, because I testify that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the festival. I'm not going to this one because my time hasn't yet come." 9 Having said this, he stayed in Galilee. 10 However, after his brothers left for the festival, he went too—not openly but in secret.

11 The Jewish leaders were looking for Jesus at the festival. They kept asking, "Where is he?" 12 The crowds were murmuring about him. "He's a good man," some said, but others were saying, "No, he tricks the people." 13 No one spoke about him publicly, though, for fear of the Jewish authorities.

Jesus teaches in the temple

14 Halfway through the festival, Jesus went up to the temple and started to teach. 15 Astonished, the Jewish leaders asked, "He's never been taught! How has he mastered the Law?"

16 Jesus responded, "My teaching isn't mine but comes from the one who sent me. 17 Whoever wants to do God's will can tell whether my teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own. 18 Those who speak on their own seek glory for themselves. Those who seek the glory of him who sent me are people of truth; there's no falsehood in them. 19 Didn't Moses give you the Law? Yet none of you keep the Law. Why do you want to kill me?"

7:1 Jn 5:16, Jn 5:18, Jn 7:19, Jn 8:37, Jn 8:40
7:2 Lv 23:34; Dt 16:13; Zec 14:16
7:3 Mt 12:46; Jn 7:5, Jn 7:10
7:4 Jn 18:20
7:5 Mk 3:21; Jn 7:3
7:6 Mt 26:18; Jn 2:4, Jn 7:8, Jn 7:30
7:7 Jn 3:19, Jn 15:18
7:8 Jn 7:6
7:10 Jn 2:23, Jn 5:1, Jn 7:3, Jn 7:5, Jn 11:54
7:11 Jn 11:56
7:12 Jn 7:40, Jn 9:16
7:13 Prv 29:25; Jn 9:22, Jn 12:42, Jn 19:38, Jn 20:19
7:14 Mt 26:55; Jn 7:28
7:15 Mt 13:54
7:16 Jn 3:34, Jn 8:28, Jn 14:24
7:17 Ps 25:9; Dn 12:10; Jn 8:32
7:18 Jn 5:41, Jn 8:50
7:19 Jn 1:17, Jn 7:1
7:20 Mt 11:18; Mk 3:22; Jn 8:48, Jn 8:52, Jn 10:20
7:21 Jn 5:2, Jn 7:23
7:22 Gn 17:10; Lv 12:3; Jn 7:23; Ac 7:8
7:23 Mt 12:5; Jn 5:9, Jn 7:22
7:24 Is 11:3; Jn 8:15
7:25 Jn 7:1
7:26 Jn 7:48
7:27 Jn 6:42, Jn 7:42, Jn 9:29
7:28 Jn 7:14, Jn 8:19, Jn 8:26, Jn 8:42
7:29 Mt 11:27; Jn 3:17, Jn 6:46, Jn 8:55, Jn 17:25
7:30 Jn 7:32, Jn 7:44, Jn 8:20, Jn 10:39
7:31 Jn 2:11, Jn 2:23, Jn 8:30, Jn 10:42, Jn 12:42
7:32 Jn 7:45
7:33 Jn 12:35, Jn 13:33, Jn 16:5, Jn 16:16, Jn 20:17
7:34 Jn 8:21, Jn 13:33
7:35 Is 11:12; Zep 3:10; Jn 12:20; Jas 1:1; 1Pt 1:1
7:36 Jn 7:34

20 The crowd answered, "You have a demon. Who wants to kill you?"

21 Jesus replied, "I did one work, and you were all astonished. 22 Because Moses gave you the commandment about circumcision (although it wasn't Moses but the patriarchs), you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. 23 If a man can be circumcised on the Sabbath without breaking Moses' Law, why are you angry with me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath? 24 Don't judge according to appearances. Judge with right judgment."

25 Some people from Jerusalem said, "Isn't he the one they want to kill? 26 Here he is, speaking in public, yet they aren't saying anything to him. Could it be that our leaders actually think he is the Christ? 27 We know where he is from, but when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."

28 While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he exclaimed, "You know me and where I am from. I haven't come on my own. The one who sent me is true, and you don't know him. 29 I know him because I am from him and he sent me." 30 So they wanted to seize Jesus, but they couldn't because his time hadn't yet come.

31 Many from that crowd believed in Jesus. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man does?" 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about Jesus, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent guards to arrest him.

33 Therefore, Jesus said, "I'm still with you for a little while before I go to the one who sent me. 34 You will look for me, but you won't find me, and where I am you can't come."

35 The Jewish opposition asked each other, "Where does he intend to go that we can't find him? Surely he doesn't intend to go where our people have been scattered and are living among the Greeks! He isn't going to teach the Greeks, is he? 36 What does

he mean when he says, 'You will look for me, but you won't find me, and where I am you can't come'?"

37On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted,

"All who are thirsty should come to me!
38All who believe in me should drink!
As the scriptures said concerning me,[v]
Rivers of living water will flow out from within him."

39Jesus said this concerning the Spirit. Those who believed in him would soon receive the Spirit, but they hadn't experienced the Spirit yet since Jesus hadn't yet been glorified.

40When some in the crowd heard these words, they said, "This man is truly the prophet." 41Others said, "He's the Christ." But others said, "The Christ can't come from Galilee, can he? 42Didn't the scripture say that the Christ comes from David's family and from Bethlehem, David's village?" 43So the crowd was divided over Jesus. 44Some wanted to arrest him, but no one grabbed him.

45The guards returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked, "Why didn't you bring him?"

46The guards answered, "No one has ever spoken the way he does."

47The Pharisees replied, "Have you too been deceived? 48Have any of the leaders believed in him? Has any Pharisee? 49No, only this crowd, which doesn't know the Law. And they are under God's curse!"

50Nicodemus, who was one of them and had come to Jesus earlier, said, 51"Our Law doesn't judge someone without first hearing him and learning what he is doing, does it?"

52They answered him, "You are not from Galilee too, are you? Look it up and you will see that the prophet doesn't come from Galilee."

7:37 Lv 23:36; Nm 29:35; Is 55:1; Jn 4:14, Jn 6:35

7:38 Is 44:3, Is 58:11; Jn 4:10, Jn 4:14

7:39 Jl 2:28; Jn 13:31, Jn 14:16, Jn 20:22; Ac 2:33

7:40 Mt 21:11; Lk 24:19; Jn 1:21, Jn 4:19, Jn 6:14

7:41 Jn 1:46, Jn 7:52

7:42 Mi 5:2; Mt 1:1, Mt 2:5; Lk 2:4

7:43 Jn 7:12, Jn 9:16, Jn 10:19

7:44 Jn 7:30

7:45 Jn 7:32

7:46 Mt 7:28, Mt 7:29; Lk 4:22

7:47 Jn 7:12

7:48 Jn 7:26, Jn 12:42

7:50 Jn 3:1, Jn 19:39

7:51 Dt 19:15; Prv 18:13

7:52 Jn 1:46, Jn 7:41

8:1 Mt 21:1

8:2 Mt 5:1, Mt 26:55; Lk 21:38

8:5 Lv 20:10; Dt 22:22; Eze 16:38

8:6 Mt 19:3, Mt 22:18; Lk 10:25

8:7 Dt 17:7; Mt 7:1; Ro 2:1

8:9 Job 9:20; Mt 14:1, Mt 23:31; Mk 6:14; Lk 19:22

8:10 Jn 8:11

8:11 Jn 3:17, Jn 5:14

8:12 Jn 1:4, Jn 1:9, Jn 9:5, Jn 12:35, Jn 12:46

8:13 Jn 5:31

Pharisees test Jesus

53They each went to their own homes, 8[1]and Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2Early in the morning he returned to the temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat down and taught them. 3The legal experts and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. Placing her in the center of the group, 4they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. 5In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone women like this. What do you say?" 6They said this to test him, because they wanted a reason to bring an accusation against him. Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

7They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied, "Whoever hasn't sinned should throw the first stone." 8Bending down again, he wrote on the ground. 9Those who heard him went away, one by one, beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left in the middle of the crowd.

10Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Is there no one to condemn you?"

11She said, "No one, sir."[w]

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, don't sin anymore."[x]

Jesus continues to teach in the temple

12Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

13Then the Pharisees said to him, "Because you are testifying about yourself, your testimony isn't valid."

[v]Or *Whoever is thirsty should come to me and drink.* 38*Whoever believes in me, just as the scriptures said,* rivers of living water will flow out from within them. [w]Or *Lord* [x]Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not contain 7:53–8:11.

14 Jesus replied, "Even if I testify
about myself, my testimony is true,
since I know where I came from and
where I'm going. You don't know where
I come from or where I'm going. 15 You
judge according to human standards,
but I judge no one. 16 Even if I do judge,
my judgment is truthful, because I'm
not alone. My judgments come from me
and from the Father who sent me. 17 In
your Law it is written that the witness
of two people is true. 18 I am one witness
concerning myself, and the Father who
sent me is the other."

19 They asked him, "Where is your Fa-
ther?"

Jesus answered, "You don't know
me and you don't know my Father. If
you knew me, you would also know
my Father." 20 He spoke these words
while he was teaching in the temple
area known as the treasury. No one ar-
rested him, because his time hadn't yet
come.

21 Jesus continued, "I'm going away.
You will look for me, and you will die
in your sin. Where I'm going, you can't
come."

22 The Jewish leaders said, "He isn't
going to kill himself, is he? Is that why
he said, 'Where I'm going, you can't
come'?"

23 He said to them, "You are from
below; I'm from above. You are from
this world; I'm not from this world.
24 This is why I told you that you would
die in your sins. If you don't believe that
I Am, you will die in your sins."

25 "Who are you?" they asked.

Jesus replied, "I'm exactly who I have
claimed to be from the beginning. 26 I
have many things to say in judgment
concerning you. The one who sent me is
true, and what I have heard from him
I tell the world." 27 They didn't know he
was speaking about his Father. 28 So
Jesus said to them, "When the Human
One[y] is lifted up,[z] then you will know
that I Am.[a] Then you will know that I do
nothing on my own, but I say just what

8:14 Jn 7:28, Jn 9:29, Jn 13:3, Jn 16:28, Jn 18:37
8:15 1Sa 16:7; Jn 3:17, Jn 7:24
8:16 Jn 5:30, Jn 8:29, Jn 16:32
8:17 Dt 17:6, Dt 19:15; Mt 18:16; 2Co 13:1
8:18 Jn 5:37
8:19 Jn 7:28, Jn 8:55, Jn 14:7, Jn 14:9, Jn 16:3
8:20 Mt 27:6; Mk 12:41; Jn 7:30
8:21 Jn 7:34, Jn 8:24
8:22 Jn 7:35, Jn 8:48, Jn 8:52, Jn 10:20
8:23 Jn 3:31, Jn 17:14, Jn 17:16; 1Jn 4:5
8:24 Jn 8:21, Jn 16:9
8:25 Mt 8:34, Mt 17:17, Mt 26:31, Mt 26:63, Mt 26:64
8:26 Jn 3:32, Jn 7:28, Jn 8:40, Jn 12:49, Jn 15:15
8:27 Is 6:9, Is 42:18; Jn 8:43; 2Co 4:3, 2Co 4:4
8:28 Jn 3:14, Jn 4:26, Jn 5:19, Jn 12:32
8:29 Jn 4:34, Jn 5:30, Jn 6:38, Jn 8:16, Jn 16:32
8:30 Jn 7:31, Jn 10:42
8:31 Jn 15:7; 2Jn 1:9
8:32 Jn 8:36; Ro 8:2; Ga 5:1, Ga 5:13; 1Pt 2:16
8:33 Mt 3:9; Lk 3:8; Jn 8:37, Jn 8:39
8:34 Ac 8:23; Ro 6:16; 2Pt 2:19
8:35 Gn 21:10; Lk 15:31; Ga 4:30
8:36 Jn 8:32
8:37 Jn 7:1, Jn 8:40
8:38 Jn 5:19, Jn 8:41, Jn 8:44
8:39 Mt 3:9; Jn 8:33, Jn 8:37; Ga 3:7
8:40 Jn 7:1, Jn 8:26, Jn 8:37
8:41 Dt 32:6; Is 63:16, Is 64:8; Jn 8:38, Jn 8:44
8:42 Jn 7:28, Jn 13:3, Jn 16:28, Jn 17:8; 1Jn 5:1
8:43 Ps 92:6; Prv 28:5; Is 6:9, Is 44:18; Jn 8:33
8:44 Gn 3:4; Mt 13:38; Jn 8:38, Jn 8:41; 1Jn 3:8

the Father has taught me. 29 He who
sent me is with me. He doesn't leave
me by myself, because I always do what
makes him happy." 30 While Jesus was
saying these things, many people came
to believe in him.

Children of Abraham

31 Jesus said to the Jews who be-
lieved in him, "You are truly my dis-
ciples if you remain faithful to my
teaching. 32 Then you will know the
truth, and the truth will set you free."

33 They responded, "We are Abra-
ham's children; we've never been any-
one's slaves. How can you say that we
will be set free?"

34 Jesus answered, "I assure you that
everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 A
slave isn't a permanent member of the
household, but a son is. 36 Therefore, if
the Son makes you free, you really will
be free. 37 I know that you are Abra-
ham's children, yet you want to kill me
because you don't welcome my teach-
ing. 38 I'm telling you what I've seen
when I am with the Father, but you
are doing what you've heard from your
father."

39 They replied, "Our father is
Abraham."

Jesus responded, "If you were Abra-
ham's children, you would do Abra-
ham's works. 40 Instead, you want to
kill me, though I am the one who has
spoken the truth I heard from God.
Abraham didn't do this. 41 You are
doing your father's works."

They said, "Our ancestry isn't in
question! The only Father we have is
God!"

42 Jesus replied, "If God were your Fa-
ther, you would love me, for I came from
God. Here I am. I haven't come on my
own. God sent me. 43 Why don't you un-
derstand what I'm saying? It's because
you can't really hear my words. 44 Your
father is the devil. You are his children,
and you want to do what your father
wants. He was a murderer from the

[y] Or *Son of Man* [z] Or *exalted* [a] Or *that I am he*

beginning. He has never stood for the truth, because there's no truth in him. Whenever that liar speaks, he speaks according to his own nature, because he's a liar and the father of liars. 45Because I speak the truth, you don't believe me. 46Who among you can show I'm guilty of sin? Since I speak the truth, why don't you believe me? 47God's children listen to God's words. You don't listen to me because you aren't God's children."

48The Jewish opposition answered, "We were right to say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon, weren't we?"

49"I don't have a demon," Jesus replied. "But I honor my Father and you dishonor me. 50I'm not trying to bring glory to myself. There's one who is seeking to glorify me, and he's the judge. 51I assure you that whoever keeps my word will never die."

Abraham and Jesus

52The Jewish opposition said to Jesus, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died, yet you say, 'Whoever keeps my word will never die.' 53Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died and the prophets died, so who do you make yourself out to be?"

54Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is meaningless. My Father, who you say is your God, is the one who glorifies me. 55You don't know him, but I do. If I said I didn't know him, I would be like you, a liar. But I do know him, and I keep his word. 56Your father Abraham was overjoyed that he would see my day. He saw it and was happy."

57"You aren't even 50 years old!" the Jewish opposition replied. "How can you say that you have seen Abraham?"

58"I assure you," Jesus replied, "before Abraham was, I Am." 59So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and left the temple.

Jesus heals a blind man

9 As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth.

8:45 Jn 18:37

8:46 2Co 5:21; Heb 4:15, Heb 7:26; 1Pt 2:22

8:47 Jn 10:27; 1Jn 4:6

8:48 Mt 10:5; Jn 4:9, Jn 7:20, Jn 8:52

8:49 Mt 3:15, Mt 11:25, Mt 16:17, Mt 26:49; Jn 11:4

8:50 Jn 5:41, Jn 8:54

8:51 Jn 5:24, Jn 11:26

8:52 Zec 1:5; Mk 3:22; Jn 7:20, Jn 8:33, Jn 8:48

8:53 Jn 4:12, Jn 10:33

8:54 Jn 8:50, Jn 17:1; Ac 3:13

8:55 Mt 11:27; Jn 7:28, Jn 7:29, Jn 8:19, Jn 8:44

8:56 Mt 13:17; Jn 8:37, Jn 8:39; Heb 11:13

8:58 Ex 3:14; Jn 1:1, Jn 17:5, Jn 17:24

8:59 Jn 10:31, Jn 11:8, Jn 12:36

9:1 Mt 9:27

9:2 Ex 20:5; Lk 13:2; Jn 9:34; Ac 28:4

9:3 Jn 11:4, Jn 11:40

9:4 Ecc 9:10; Jn 4:34, Jn 11:9, Jn 12:35

9:5 Jn 1:4, Jn 8:12

9:6 Mk 7:33, Mk 8:23

9:7 Neh 3:15; Is 35:5; Lk 13:4; Jn 9:11, Jn 11:37

9:8 Ac 3:2, Ac 3:10

9:11 Jn 9:7

9:14 Mt 12:1; Jn 5:9

9:15 Jn 9:10

9:16 Mt 12:2; Jn 2:11, Jn 7:12, Jn 7:43, Jn 10:19

9:17 Mt 21:11; Lk 24:19; Jn 4:19, Jn 6:14; Ac 3:22

2Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

3Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. 4While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. 5While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. 7Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means *sent*). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

Disagreement about the healing

8The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

9Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

10So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

11He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the Pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12They asked, "Where is this man?"

He replied, "I don't know."

13Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. 14Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. 15So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

16Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?" So they were divided. 17Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: "What do you

have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?"

He replied, "He's a prophet."

Conflict over the healing

[18]The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. [19]The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"

[20]His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. [21]But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself." [22]His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. [23]That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him."

[24]Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner."

[25]The man answered, "I don't know whether he's a sinner. Here's what I do know: I was blind and now I see."

[26]They questioned him: "What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?"

[27]He replied, "I already told you, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

[28]They insulted him: "You are his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. [29]We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don't know where this man is from."

[30]The man answered, "This is incredible! You don't know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! [31]We know that God doesn't listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God's will. [32]No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. [33]If this man wasn't from God, he couldn't do this."

9:18 Jn 1:19, Jn 9:22
9:22 Jn 7:13, Jn 9:34, Jn 12:42, Jn 16:2
9:23 Jn 9:21
9:24 Josh 7:19; Jn 9:16
9:25 Jn 9:24, Jn 9:30, Jn 9:33
9:27 Jn 9:15
9:28 Jn 5:45, Jn 8:33
9:29 Jn 8:14
9:30 Jn 3:10, Jn 12:37
9:31 Ps 34:15, Ps 66:18, Ps 145:19; Prv 15:29, Prv 28:9
9:33 Jn 3:2, Jn 9:16
9:34 Jn 9:2, Jn 9:22, Jn 9:35
9:35 Mk 1:1; Jn 10:36
9:36 Ro 10:14
9:37 Jn 4:26
9:38 Mt 8:2, Mt 28:9
9:39 Mt 13:13; Lk 4:18; Jn 5:22, Jn 8:12
9:40 Ro 2:19
9:41 Jn 15:22, Jn 15:24
10:1 Jn 10:8, Jn 10:10
10:2 Jn 10:11
10:3 Ps 23:3; Jn 10:4, Jn 10:14, Jn 10:16, Jn 10:27
10:4 Jn 10:3, Jn 10:5, Jn 10:16, Jn 10:27
10:5 Jn 10:4
10:6 Mk 9:32; Jn 16:25
10:7 Jn 6:35, Jn 10:9, Jn 14:6; Eph 2:18; Heb 10:19
10:8 Jn 10:1

[34]They responded, "You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?" Then they expelled him.

Jesus finds the man born blind

[35]Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Human One?"[b]

[36]He answered, "Who is he, sir?[c] I want to believe in him."

[37]Jesus said, "You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you."

[38]The man said, "Lord,[d] I believe." And he worshipped Jesus.

Jesus teaches the Pharisees

[39]Jesus said, "I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don't see can see and those who see will become blind."

[40]Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, "Surely we aren't blind, are we?"

[41]Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you wouldn't have any sin, but now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

10 [1]I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. [2]The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. [3]The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4]Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. [5]They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." [6]Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

I am the gate

[7]So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. [8]All who came before me were thieves and

[b]Or *Son of Man* [c]Or *Lord* [d]Or *Sir*

outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

I am the good shepherd

11"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

14"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

17"This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

19There was another division among the Jewish opposition because of Jesus' words. 20Many of them said, "He has a demon and has lost his mind. Why listen to him?" 21Others said, "These aren't the words of someone who has a demon. Can a demon heal the eyes of people who are blind?"

Jesus at the Festival of Dedication

22The time came for the Festival of Dedication[e] in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. 24The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, "How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

25Jesus answered, "I have told you, but you don't believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, 26but you don't believe because you don't belong to my sheep. 27My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. 29My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. 30I and the Father are one."

31Again the Jewish opposition picked up stones in order to stone him. 32Jesus responded, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of those works do you stone me?"

33The Jewish opposition answered, "We don't stone you for a good work but for insulting God. You are human, yet you make yourself out to be God."

34Jesus replied, "Isn't it written in your Law, *I have said, you are gods?*"[f] 35Scripture calls those to whom God's word came *gods*, and scripture can't be abolished. 36So how can you say that the one whom the Father has made holy and sent into the world insults God because he said, 'I am God's Son'? 37If I don't do the works of my Father, don't believe me. 38But if I do them, and you don't believe me, believe the works so that you can know and recognize that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." 39Again, they wanted to arrest him, but he escaped from them.

Jesus at the Jordan

40Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had baptized at first, and he stayed there. 41Many people came to him. "John didn't do any miraculous signs," they said, "but everything John said about this man was true." 42Many believed in Jesus there.

10:9 Jn 14:6; Ro 5:2; Heb 10:19
10:10 Jn 3:17, Jn 5:40
10:11 Ps 23:1; Is 40:11; Eze 34:23; Jn 10:14; Heb 13:20
10:12 Zec 11:17; Mt 7:15, Mt 10:16; Ac 20:29
10:13 Job 7:1
10:14 Jn 10:11, Jn 10:27
10:15 Mt 11:27; Jn 10:11, Jn 10:17-18
10:16 Is 56:8; Eze 34:23; Jn 10:27, Jn 11:52; 1Pt 2:25
10:17 Is 53:7, Is 53:12; Jn 10:11, Jn 10:15, Jn 10:18
10:18 Mt 26:53; Jn 2:19, Jn 14:31, Jn 15:10
10:19 Jn 7:43, Jn 9:16
10:20 Mk 3:21; Jn 7:20
10:21 Ex 4:11
10:23 Ac 3:11, Ac 5:12
10:24 Mt 26:63; Lk 3:15, Lk 22:66; Jn 1:19, Jn 16:25
10:25 Jn 5:36, Jn 8:58, Jn 10:38, Jn 12:37
10:26 Jn 8:47
10:27 Jn 10:4, Jn 10:14, Jn 10:16
10:28 Jn 6:27, Jn 6:37, Jn 6:39; 1Jn 2:25
10:29 Jn 6:37, Jn 14:28, Jn 17:2
10:30 Jn 10:38, Jn 14:9, Jn 17:21
10:31 Jn 8:59
10:32 Ac 10:38
10:33 Lv 24:16; Jn 5:18
10:34 Ps 82:6; Jn 12:34, Jn 15:25; 1Co 14:21
10:35 Mt 5:17-18; Lk 16:17; Jn 19:28; Ac 1:16
10:36 Jer 1:5; Jn 3:17, Jn 5:17, Jn 10:30
10:37 Jn 10:25, Jn 10:38, Jn 15:24
10:38 Jn 5:36, Jn 10:30, Jn 14:11, Jn 14:20, Jn 17:21
10:39 Lk 4:29-30; Jn 7:30, Jn 8:59
10:40 Jn 1:28
10:41 Jn 1:29, Jn 1:34, Jn 2:11, Jn 5:33
10:42 Jn 7:31, Jn 8:30, Jn 12:42

[e]Hanukkah [f]Ps 82:6

Lazarus is ill

11 A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He
was from Bethany, the village of
Mary and her sister Martha. (2 This was
the Mary who anointed the Lord with
fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her
hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) 3 So
the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying,
"Lord, the one whom you love is ill."

4 When he heard this, Jesus said,
"This illness isn't fatal. It's for the glory
of God so that God's Son can be glorified
through it." 5 Jesus loved Martha, her
sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he heard that
Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was.
After two days, 7 he said to his disciples,
"Let's return to Judea again."

8 The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the
Jewish opposition wants to stone you,
but you want to go back?"

9 Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve
hours in the day? Whoever walks in the
day doesn't stumble because they see the
light of the world. 10 But whoever walks
in the night does stumble because the
light isn't in them."

11 He continued, "Our friend Lazarus
is sleeping, but I am going in order to
wake him up."

12 The disciples said, "Lord, if he's
sleeping, he will get well." 13 They
thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was
in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken
about Lazarus' death.

14 Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus
has died. 15 For your sakes, I'm glad I
wasn't there so that you can believe.
Let's go to him."

16 Then Thomas (the one called Didy-
mus) said to the other disciples, "Let us
go too so that we may die with Jesus."

Jesus with Martha and Mary

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that
Lazarus had already been in the tomb
for four days. 18 Bethany was a little less
than two miles from Jerusalem. 19 Many
Jews had come to comfort Martha
and Mary after their brother's death.
20 When Martha heard that Jesus was
coming, she went to meet him, while
Mary remained in the house. 21 Martha
said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been
here, my brother wouldn't have died.
22 Even now I know that whatever you
ask God, God will give you."

23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will
rise again."

24 Martha replied, "I know that he
will rise in the resurrection on the last
day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resur-
rection and the life. Whoever believes
in me will live, even though they die.
26 Everyone who lives and believes in
me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ, God's Son, the
one who is coming into the world."

28 After she said this, she went and
spoke privately to her sister Mary,
"The teacher is here and he's calling
for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she
got up quickly and went to Jesus. 30 He
hadn't entered the village but was still
in the place where Martha had met
him. 31 When the Jews who were com-
forting Mary in the house saw her get
up quickly and leave, they followed her.
They assumed she was going to mourn
at the tomb.

32 When Mary arrived where Jesus
was and saw him, she fell at his feet
and said, "Lord, if you had been here,
my brother wouldn't have died."

33 When Jesus saw her crying and
the Jews who had come with her cry-
ing also, he was deeply disturbed and
troubled. 34 He asked, "Where have you
laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus began to cry. 36 The Jews
said, "See how much he loved him!"
37 But some of them said, "He healed the
eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he
have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Jesus at Lazarus' tomb

38 Jesus was deeply disturbed again
when he came to the tomb. It was a
cave, and a stone covered the entrance.
39 Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

11:1 Mt 21:17; Lk 10:38-39; Jn 11:5
11:2 Mk 14:3; Lk 7:38; Jn 12:3
11:3 Jn 11:5, Jn 11:36
11:4 Jn 2:11, Jn 9:3, Jn 11:40
11:5 Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32; Jn 11:1, Jn 11:36, Jn 13:23
11:7 Jn 10:40
11:8 Jn 8:59, Jn 10:31
11:9 Jn 9:4, Jn 12:35
11:10 Prv 4:19; Jer 13:16
11:11 Dt 31:16; Mt 9:24; Mk 5:39; Ac 7:60
11:12 Jn 4:33
11:13 Mt 9:24, Mt 16:8, Mt 16:21; Mk 8:17, Mk 10:14
11:15 Jn 11:42, Jn 12:30
11:16 Mt 10:3; Mk 3:18; Lk 6:15; Jn 20:24, Jn 21:2
11:17 Jn 11:39
11:18 Jn 11:1
11:19 Job 2:11; Jn 11:31
11:20 Lk 10:38-39
11:21 Jn 11:32, Jn 11:37
11:22 Jn 9:31, Jn 11:42
11:23 Jn 11:4, Jn 11:40, Jn 11:44; Ac 4:2, Ac 17:18
11:24 Dn 12:2; Jn 5:29, Jn 6:39; Ac 24:15
11:25 Jn 1:4, Jn 3:36, Jn 6:35, Jn 6:40, Jn 14:6
11:26 Jn 6:50-51
11:27 Mt 16:16; Lk 2:11; Jn 6:14, Jn 6:69, Jn 20:31
11:28 Mt 26:18; Jn 13:13
11:30 Jn 11:20
11:31 Jn 11:19
11:32 Jn 11:21
11:33 Jn 11:35, Jn 11:38, Jn 12:27, Jn 13:21
11:35 Lk 19:41; Jn 11:33
11:36 Jn 11:3
11:37 Jn 9:6-7
11:38 Mt 27:60; Lk 24:2; Jn 11:33, Jn 20:1
11:39 Jn 11:17

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."

40 Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" 41 So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." 43 Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

45 Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

Caiaphas prophesies

47 Then the chief priests and Pharisees called together the council[g] and said, "What are we going to do? This man is doing many miraculous signs! 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our people."

49 One of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, told them, "You don't know anything! 50 You don't see that it is better for you that one man die for the people rather than the whole nation be destroyed." 51 He didn't say this on his own. As high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would soon die for the nation— 52 and not only for the nation. Jesus would also die so that God's children scattered everywhere would be gathered together as one. 53 From that day on they plotted to kill him.

The Passover draws near

54 Therefore, Jesus was no longer active in public ministry among the Jewish leaders. Instead, he left Jerusalem and went to a place near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

55 It was almost time for the Jewish Passover, and many people went from the countryside up to Jerusalem to purify themselves through ritual washing before the Passover. 56 They were looking for Jesus. As they spoke to each other in the temple, they said, "What do you think? He won't come to the festival, will he?" 57 The chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where he was should report it, so they could arrest him.

11:40 Jn 11:4, Jn 11:23
11:41 Mt 11:25; Jn 17:1
11:42 Jn 3:17, Jn 12:30, Jn 17:21
11:43 Jn 11:1, Jn 12:10
11:44 Jn 19:40, Jn 20:7
11:45 Jn 2:23, Jn 7:31, Jn 11:19, Jn 12:11
11:46 Mt 7:28, Mt 8:34, Mt 9:27, Mt 14:13, Mt 17:17
11:47 Mt 5:22, Mt 26:3; Jn 2:11, Jn 11:57
11:49 Mt 26:3; Lk 3:2; Jn 18:13-14; Ac 4:6
11:50 Jn 18:14
11:51 Ex 28:30; 1Sa 23:9; Mt 21:31; Mk 2:17; Lk 5:31
11:52 Jn 10:16
11:53 Mt 12:14, Mt 26:4; Jn 11:47
11:54 2Sa 13:23; 2Ch 13:19; Jn 7:1
11:55 2Ch 30:17; Jn 2:13, Jn 18:28
11:56 Jn 7:11
11:57 Mt 12:14; Jn 5:16, Jn 8:59, Jn 10:39, Jn 11:47
12:1 Mt 21:17, Mt 26:6; Jn 11:1, Jn 11:55
12:2 Lk 10:38, Lk 10:40
12:3 Song 4:10; Mk 14:3; Lk 7:37-38; Jn 11:2
12:4 Mt 10:4, Mt 26:14; Jn 6:71, Jn 13:2, Jn 13:26
12:5 Mt 26:8
12:6 Mt 26:15; Jn 12:5, Jn 13:29
12:7 Jn 19:40
12:8 Dt 15:11
12:9 Mk 12:37; Jn 11:43, Jn 12:1
12:10 Jn 11:43

Mary anoints Jesus' feet

12 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. 3 Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound,[h] of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. 4 Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, 5 "This perfume was worth a year's wages![i] Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (6 He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

7 Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

9 Many Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 The chief priests decided that they would

[g] Or *Sanhedrin* [h] Or *a litra*, a Roman pound, approximately twelve ounces [i] Or *three hundred denaria*

kill Lazarus too. [11]It was because of Lazarus that many of the Jews had deserted them and come to believe in Jesus.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

[12]The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. [13]They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted,

"Hosanna!
Blessings on the one who comes
in the name of the Lord![j]
Blessings on the king of Israel!"

[14]Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

[15]*Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion.*
Look! Your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt.[k]

[16]His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

[17]The crowd who had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead were testifying about him. [18]That's why the crowd came to meet him, because they had heard about this miraculous sign that he had done. [19]Therefore, the Pharisees said to each other, "See! You've accomplished nothing! Look! The whole world is following him!"

Jesus teaches about his death

[20]Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. [21]They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." [22]Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

[23]Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One[l] to be glorified. [24]I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. [25]Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. [26]Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

[27]"Now *I am deeply troubled.*[m] What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. [28]Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

[29]The crowd standing there heard and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him."

[30]Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. [31]Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. [32]When I am lifted up[n] from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." ([33]He said this to show how he was going to die.)

[34]The crowd responded, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Human One[o] must be lifted up? Who is this Human One?"[p]

[35]Jesus replied, "The light is with you for only a little while. Walk while you have the light so that darkness doesn't overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness don't know where they are going. [36]As long as you have the light, believe in the light so that you might become people whose lives are determined by the light." After Jesus said these things, he went away and hid from them.

Fulfillment of prophecy

[37]Jesus had done many miraculous signs before the people, but they didn't believe in him. [38]This was to fulfill the word of the prophet Isaiah:

Lord, who has believed through our
message?

12:11 Jn 11:45, Jn 12:18
12:12 Mt 7:28, Mt 21:4; Mk 11:7; Lk 19:35; Jn 12:1
12:13 Ps 118:25-26; Jn 1:49
12:14 Zec 9:9; Mt 21:1, Mt 21:16, Mt 21:42, Mt 26:31
12:15 Zec 9:9
12:16 Mk 9:32; Jn 2:22, Jn 7:39, Jn 12:23, Jn 14:26
12:17 Jn 11:42
12:18 Jn 12:9, Jn 12:11
12:19 Jn 11:47
12:20 Jn 7:35; Ac 17:4
12:21 Jn 1:44
12:22 Mk 13:3; Jn 1:40, Jn 6:8
12:23 Jn 2:4, Jn 13:1, Jn 13:31-32, Jn 17:1
12:24 Ps 72:16; Ro 14:9; 1Co 15:36; Heb 2:9
12:25 Mt 10:39, Mt 16:25; Mk 8:35; Lk 14:26, Lk 17:33
12:26 Jn 14:3, Jn 17:24; 2Co 5:8; Phi 1:23; 1Th 4:17
12:27 Mt 11:25, Mt 26:38-39; Lk 22:44; Jn 11:33
12:28 Mt 3:17
12:29 Ac 23:9
12:30 Jn 11:42
12:31 Jn 14:30, Jn 16:11; 2Co 4:4; Eph 2:2, Eph 6:12
12:32 Jn 3:14, Jn 6:44, Jn 8:28
12:33 Jn 18:32, Jn 21:19
12:34 Ps 110:4; Is 9:7; Eze 37:25; Jn 3:14, Jn 10:34
12:35 Jn 7:33, Jn 8:12, Jn 12:46; Eph 5:8; 1Jn 1:6
12:36 Lk 16:8; Jn 8:59, Jn 12:46; 1Th 5:5
12:37 Ps 78:19; Is 53:1; Mt 13:58; Jn 10:25, Jn 15:24
12:38 Is 53:1; Ro 10:16

[j]Ps 118:26 [k]Zech 9:9 [l]Or *Son of Man* [m]Ps 6:2 [n]Or *exalted* [o]Or *Son of Man* [p]Or *Son of Man*

To whom is the arm of the Lord
fully revealed?[q]

39 Isaiah explains why they couldn't believe:

40 *He made their eyes blind*
and closed their minds
so that they might not
see with their eyes,
understand with their minds,
and turn their lives around—
and I would heal them.[r]

41 Isaiah said these things because he saw Jesus' glory; he spoke about Jesus.

42 Even so, many leaders believed in him, but they wouldn't acknowledge their faith because they feared that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. 43 They believed, but they loved human praise more than God's glory.

Summary of Jesus' teaching

44 Jesus shouted, "Whoever believes in me doesn't believe in me but in the one who sent me. 45 Whoever sees me sees the one who sent me. 46 I have come as a light into the world so that everyone who believes in me won't live in darkness. 47 If people hear my words and don't keep them, I don't judge them. I didn't come to judge the world but to save it. 48 Whoever rejects me and doesn't receive my words will be judged at the last day by the word I have spoken. 49 I don't speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me regarding what I should speak and say. 50 I know that his commandment is eternal life. Therefore, whatever I say is just as the Father has said to me."

Foot washing

13 Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

2 Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. 4 So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

8 "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

9 Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

10 Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." 11 He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

12 After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. 14 If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example: just as I have done, you also must do. 16 I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. 17 Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them. 18 I'm not speaking about all of you. I know those whom I've chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture, *The one who eats my bread has turned against me.*[s]

19 "I'm telling you this now, before it

12:39 Jn 5:44
12:40 Is 6:10, Is 29:10; Mt 13:14-15
12:41 Is 6:1
12:42 Jn 7:13, Jn 7:48, Jn 9:22, Jn 12:11
12:43 Jn 5:41, Jn 5:44
12:44 Mt 10:40; Jn 5:24, Jn 7:28, Jn 13:20
12:45 Jn 10:30, Jn 10:38, Jn 14:7, Jn 14:9
12:46 Jn 1:4, Jn 8:12, Jn 12:36
12:47 Lk 19:10; Jn 3:17
12:48 Lk 10:16
12:49 Jn 8:26, Jn 14:10, Jn 14:24, Jn 17:8
12:50 Mt 25:46; Jn 3:34, Jn 6:68, Jn 8:28, Jn 14:24
13:1 Jn 12:23, Jn 13:3, Jn 13:34, Jn 16:28, Jn 17:1
13:2 Lk 22:3; Jn 6:71, Jn 13:27; Ac 5:3
13:3 Mt 28:18; Jn 3:35, Jn 8:42, Jn 16:28
13:4 Lk 12:37, Lk 22:27; Jn 13:5
13:5 Gn 18:4, Gn 19:2; Lk 7:44
13:6 Mt 4:18, Mt 16:16, Mt 16:22, Mt 17:24, Mt 18:21
13:7 Mt 8:13, Mt 9:22, Mt 14:27; Jn 12:16, Jn 13:12
13:8 Mt 16:22; 1Co 6:11; Heb 10:22
13:9 Ps 51:2, Ps 51:7; Mt 26:75; Jn 21:15
13:10 Jn 15:3
13:11 Jn 2:25, Jn 6:64, Jn 13:2
13:12 Jn 13:4, Jn 13:7
13:13 Jn 11:28; 1Co 12:3; Phi 2:11
13:14 1Pt 5:5
13:15 Mt 11:29; 1Ti 4:12; 1Pt 2:21
13:16 Mt 10:24; Lk 6:40; Jn 15:20
13:17 Mt 7:24; Lk 11:28; Jas 1:22, Jas 1:25
13:18 Ps 41:9; Mt 26:23; Jn 6:70, Jn 15:19, Jn 17:12
13:19 Jn 8:24, Jn 14:29, Jn 16:4

[q] Isa 53:1 [r] Isa 6:10 [s] Ps 41:9

happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I Am. 20I assure you that whoever receives someone I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Announcement of the betrayal

21After he said these things, Jesus was deeply disturbed and testified, "I assure you, one of you will betray me."

22His disciples looked at each other, confused about which of them he was talking about. 23One of the disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was at Jesus' side. 24Simon Peter nodded at him to get him to ask Jesus who he was talking about. 25Leaning back toward Jesus, this disciple asked, "Lord, who is it?"

26Jesus answered, "It's the one to whom I will give this piece of bread once I have dipped into the bowl." Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son. 27After Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." 28No one sitting at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. 29Some thought that, since Judas kept the money bag, Jesus told him, "Go, buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30So when Judas took the bread, he left immediately. And it was night.

Love commandment

31When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One[t] has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One[u] in himself and will glorify him immediately. 33Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

34"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other.

13:20 Mt 10:40; Jn 12:44

13:21 Mt 26:21; Mk 14:18; Jn 11:33, Jn 12:27, Jn 13:18

13:22 Lk 22:23

13:23 Jn 11:5, Jn 19:26, Jn 20:2, Jn 21:7, Jn 21:20

13:25 Jn 21:20

13:26 Jn 6:71, Jn 12:4

13:27 Lk 22:3; Jn 13:2

13:29 Jn 12:5-6, Jn 13:1

13:30 Lk 22:53

13:31 Mt 8:20; Jn 7:39, Jn 12:23, Jn 14:13; 1Pt 4:11

13:32 Jn 17:1

13:33 Jn 7:33-34, Jn 8:21, Jn 16:16; 1Jn 2:1

13:34 Lv 19:18; Jn 15:12; Eph 5:2; 1Th 4:9; 1Jn 3:23

13:35 1Jn 3:14, 1Jn 4:20

13:36 Jn 13:33, Jn 14:2, Jn 21:18-19; 2Pt 1:14

13:37 Mt 26:33; Mk 14:29; Lk 22:33-34

13:38 Mk 14:30; Jn 18:27

14:1 Ps 42:5; Jn 12:44, Jn 14:27, Jn 16:22

14:2 Jn 13:33, Jn 13:36; 2Co 5:1

14:3 Jn 12:26, Jn 14:18, Jn 14:28; 1Th 4:17

14:5 Jn 11:16

14:6 Jn 1:14, Jn 10:9, Jn 11:25; Eph 2:18; Heb 10:20

14:7 Jn 8:19

14:8 Jn 1:43, Jn 6:5, Jn 12:21

14:9 Jn 12:45; Col 1:15; Heb 1:3

14:10 Jn 5:19, Jn 10:38, Jn 12:49, Jn 14:20, Jn 14:24

14:11 Jn 5:36, Jn 10:38

35This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Announcement of Peter's denial

36Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you can't follow me now, but you will follow later."

37Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I'll give up my life for you."

38Jesus replied, "Will you give up your life for me? I assure you that you will deny me three times before the rooster crows.

The way, the truth, and the life

14 "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. 2My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? 3When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. 4You know the way to the place I'm going."

5Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

6Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."

8Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

9Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Trust me when I say that I

[t]Or *Son of Man* [u]Or *Son of Man*

am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. 12I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. 14When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

I won't leave you as orphans

15"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion,[v] who will be with you forever. 17This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

18"I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. 19Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. 20On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. 21Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

22Judas (not Judas Iscariot) asked, "Lord, why are you about to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

23Jesus answered, "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Whoever doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word that you hear isn't mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me.

25"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. 26The Companion,[w] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

14:12 Mt 21:21; Jn 14:28
14:13 Mt 7:7; Jn 13:31, Jn 15:16, Jn 16:23-24
14:14 Dt 4:29; Ps 91:15; Is 58:9; Jn 14:13, Jn 15:16
14:15 Jn 14:21, Jn 14:23, Jn 15:10; 1Jn 2:3, 1Jn 5:3
14:16 Jn 7:39, Jn 14:26, Jn 15:26, Jn 16:7
14:17 Jn 14:16, Jn 15:26, Jn 16:13; 1Co 2:14; 1Jn 4:6
14:18 Jn 14:3, Jn 14:28
14:19 Jn 7:33, Jn 16:16
14:20 Jn 10:38, Jn 16:23, Jn 17:21
14:21 Jn 14:15, Jn 14:23, Jn 15:14, Jn 16:27
14:22 Lk 6:16; Ac 1:13, Ac 10:41
14:23 Jn 5:17, Jn 14:15, Jn 14:21; 2Co 6:16; 1Jn 2:24
14:24 Jn 7:16, Jn 8:26, Jn 8:28, Jn 12:49, Jn 14:10
14:25 Jn 15:11, Jn 16:1
14:26 Jn 2:22, Jn 14:16, Jn 15:26, Jn 16:13; 1Jn 2:20
14:27 Jn 14:1, Jn 16:33, Jn 20:19; Phi 4:7; Col 3:15
14:28 Jn 10:29, Jn 14:2, Jn 14:12, Jn 14:18; Phi 2:6
14:29 Jn 13:19, Jn 16:4
14:30 Jn 12:31
14:31 Jn 10:18, Jn 12:49; Heb 5:8
15:1 Ps 80:8; 1Co 3:9
15:2 Mt 3:10; Jn 15:6
15:3 Jn 13:10, Jn 17:17; Eph 5:26; 1Pt 1:22
15:4 Jn 6:56; 1Jn 2:6
15:5 Jn 15:16
15:6 Jn 15:2
15:7 Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13, Jn 15:16
15:8 Mt 5:16; Jn 8:31; Phi 1:11
15:9 Jn 17:26
15:10 Jn 8:29, Jn 14:15

27"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. 28You have heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and returning to you.' If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. 29I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe. 30I won't say much more to you because this world's ruler is coming. He has nothing on me. 31Rather, he comes so that the world will know that I love the Father and do just as the Father has commanded me. Get up. We're leaving this place.

I am the true vine

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. 2He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. 3You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. 4Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. 5I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. 6If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. 7If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

Love each other

9"As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Fa-

[v]Or *Advocate* [w]Or *Advocate*

ther's commandments and remain in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. 12This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 17I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

If the world hates you

18"If the world hates you, know that it hated me first. 19If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. However, I have chosen you out of the world, and you don't belong to the world. This is why the world hates you. 20Remember what I told you, 'Servants aren't greater than their master.' If the world harassed me, it will harass you too. If it kept my word, it will also keep yours. 21The world will do all these things to you on account of my name, because it doesn't know the one who sent me.

22"If I hadn't come and spoken to the people of this world, they wouldn't be sinners. But now they have no excuse for their sin. 23Whoever hates me also hates the Father. 24If I hadn't done works among them that no one else had done, they wouldn't be sinners. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25This fulfills the word written in their Law, *They hated me without a reason.*[x]

26"When the Companion[y] comes, whom I will send from the Father—the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. 27You will testify too, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 I have said these things to you so that you won't fall away. 2They will expel you from the synagogue. The time is coming when those who kill you will think that they are doing a service to God. 3They will do these things because they don't know the Father or me. 4But I have said these things to you so that when their time comes, you will remember that I told you about them.

I go away

"I didn't say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5But now I go away to the one who sent me. None of you ask me, 'Where are you going?' 6Yet because I have said these things to you, you are filled with sorrow. 7I assure you that it is better for you that I go away. If I don't go away, the Companion[z] won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8When he comes, he will show the world it was wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment. 9He will show the world it was wrong about sin because they don't believe in me. 10He will show the world it was wrong about righteousness because I'm going to the Father and you won't see me anymore. 11He will show the world it was wrong about judgment because this world's ruler stands condemned.

I still have many things to say

12"I have much more to say to you, but you can't handle it now. 13However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won't speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and proclaim it to you. 15Everything that the Father has is mine. That's why I said that the Spirit takes what is mine and will pro-

15:11 Jn 3:29, Jn 16:24, Jn 17:13
15:12 Jn 13:34, Jn 15:17; 1Jn 3:23
15:13 Jn 10:11; Eph 5:2
15:14 Mt 12:50; Lk 12:4; Jn 14:15, Jn 14:21, Jn 15:10
15:15 Jn 8:26
15:16 Jn 13:18, Jn 14:13, Jn 15:7, Jn 15:19, Jn 16:23
15:17 Jn 15:12
15:18 Jn 7:7; 1Jn 3:13
15:19 Jn 15:16, Jn 17:14
15:20 Jn 13:16; 2Ti 3:12
15:21 Mt 10:22, Mt 24:9; Jn 8:19, Jn 16:3
15:22 Jn 9:41; Ro 1:20
15:23 Jn 5:23
15:24 Mt 11:20; Jn 5:36
15:25 Ps 35:19, Ps 69:4; Jn 10:34
15:26 Jn 14:16-17, Jn 14:26, Jn 16:7; 1Jn 5:7
15:27 Lk 1:2, Lk 24:48; Jn 21:24; 1Jn 1:2
16:1 Mt 11:6; Jn 15:18
16:2 Jn 9:22, Jn 12:42; Ac 26:9
16:3 Jn 8:19, Jn 8:55, Jn 15:21, Jn 17:25; 1Jn 3:1
16:4 Mt 9:15; Jn 13:19, Jn 14:29
16:5 Jn 7:33, Jn 13:36, Jn 14:5, Jn 16:10, Jn 16:28
16:6 Jn 14:1, Jn 16:22
16:7 Jn 7:39, Jn 14:16, Jn 14:26, Jn 15:26; Ac 2:33
16:8 Jn 16:9
16:9 Jn 8:24, Jn 15:22
16:10 Jn 16:5
16:11 Jn 12:31
16:12 Mk 4:33; 1Co 3:1-2
16:13 Jn 14:17, Jn 14:26, Jn 15:26
16:14 Jn 7:39; 2Co 4:6; 1Jn 5:20
16:15 Jn 10:30, Jn 17:10

[x]Pss 35:19; 69:4 [y]Or *Advocate* [z]Or *Advocate*

claim it to you. 16Soon you won't be
able to see me; soon after that, you will
see me."

I will see you again

17Some of Jesus' disciples said to
each other, "What does he mean: 'Soon
you won't see me, and soon after that
you will see me' and 'Because I'm going
to the Father'? 18What does he mean
by 'soon'? We don't understand what
he's talking about."

19Jesus knew they wanted to ask
him, so he said, "Are you trying to
find out from each other what I meant
when I said, 'Soon you won't see me,
and soon after that you will see me'?
20I assure you that you will cry and la-
ment, and the world will be happy. You
will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will
turn into joy. 21When a woman gives
birth, she has pain because her time
has come. But when the child is born,
she no longer remembers her distress
because of her joy that a child has been
born into the world. 22In the same way,
you have sorrow now; but I will see you
again, and you will be overjoyed. No
one takes away your joy. 23In that day,
you won't ask me anything. I assure
you that the Father will give you what-
ever you ask in my name. 24Up to now,
you have asked nothing in my name.
Ask and you will receive so that your
joy will be complete.

I have conquered the world

25"I've been using figures of speech
with you. The time is coming when
I will no longer speak to you in such
analogies. Instead, I will tell you
plainly about the Father. 26In that day
you will ask in my name. I'm not say-
ing that I will ask the Father on your
behalf. 27The Father himself loves you,
because you have loved me and be-
lieved that I came from God. 28I left
the Father and came into the world. I
tell you again: I am leaving the world
and returning to the Father."

29His disciples said, "See! Now you

16:16 Jn 7:33, Jn 16:22
16:17 Mk 9:10, Mk 9:32; Jn 16:5, Jn 16:16
16:18 Mt 16:9; Jn 14:5
16:19 Jn 2:24
16:20 Mk 16:10
16:21 Gn 3:16; Is 13:8, Is 21:3, Is 26:17; 1Th 5:3
16:22 Jn 16:6, Jn 16:16, Jn 16:20
16:23 Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13, Jn 14:20, Jn 15:16, Jn 16:26
16:24 Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13, Jn 15:11
16:25 Mt 13:34; Jn 10:6, Jn 16:2, Jn 16:29
16:26 Jn 16:23
16:27 Jn 8:42, Jn 14:21, Jn 14:23, Jn 16:30, Jn 17:23
16:28 Jn 13:3, Jn 16:5, Jn 16:10
16:29 Jn 16:25
16:30 Jn 2:24, Jn 16:27, Jn 21:17
16:31 Jn 13:38
16:32 Mt 26:31; Jn 4:23, Jn 8:16, Jn 8:29
16:33 Jn 14:1, Jn 14:27; Ac 14:22; 1Jn 5:4; Rev 3:21
17:1 Jn 7:39, Jn 11:41, Jn 12:23, Jn 13:1, Jn 13:31
17:2 Jn 6:37, Jn 6:39, Jn 17:6, Jn 17:9, Jn 17:24
17:3 Jer 10:10; Jn 3:17, Jn 17:8, Jn 17:25; 1Jn 5:20
17:4 Jn 4:34, Jn 13:31, Jn 14:13, Jn 19:30
17:5 Jn 1:1, Jn 8:58, Jn 17:24; Phi 2:6
17:6 Jn 17:2, Jn 17:9, Jn 17:26
17:7 Jn 12:50
17:8 Jn 8:42, Jn 12:49, Jn 16:27, Jn 17:14, Jn 17:25
17:9 Lk 22:32; Jn 17:2, Jn 17:6
17:10 Jn 10:30, Jn 16:15
17:11 Jn 10:30, Jn 13:1, Jn 17:21-22

speak plainly; you aren't using figures
of speech. 30Now we know that you
know everything and you don't need
anyone to ask you. Because of this we
believe you have come from God."

31Jesus replied, "Now you believe?
32Look! A time is coming—and is
here!—when each of you will be scat-
tered to your own homes and you will
leave me alone. I'm not really alone, for
the Father is with me. 33I've said these
things to you so that you will have
peace in me. In the world you have dis-
tress. But be encouraged! I have con-
quered the world."

Jesus prays

17 When Jesus finished saying these
things, he looked up to heaven
and said, "Father, the time has come.
Glorify your Son, so that the Son can
glorify you. 2You gave him authority
over everyone so that he could give
eternal life to everyone you gave him.
3This is eternal life: to know you, the
only true God, and Jesus Christ whom
you sent. 4I have glorified you on earth
by finishing the work you gave me to
do. 5Now, Father, glorify me in your
presence with the glory I shared with
you before the world was created.

6"I have revealed your name to the
people you gave me from this world.
They were yours and you gave them
to me, and they have kept your word.
7Now they know that everything you
have given me comes from you. 8This is
because I gave them the words that you
gave me, and they received them. They
truly understood that I came from you,
and they believed that you sent me.

9"I'm praying for them. I'm not
praying for the world but for those
you gave me, because they are yours.
10Everything that is mine is yours and
everything that is yours is mine; I have
been glorified in them. 11I'm no longer
in the world, but they are in the world,
even as I'm coming to you. Holy Fa-
ther, watch over them in your name,
the name you gave me, that they will

be one just as we are one. 12When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. 13Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. 14I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. 15I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. 16They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. 17Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

20"I'm not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. 21I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. 22I've given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. 23I'm in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

24"Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

25"Righteous Father, even the world didn't know you, but I've known you, and these believers know that you sent me. 26I've made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them."

17:12 Jn 6:39, Jn 6:70, Jn 13:18, Jn 18:9; 2Th 2:3
17:13 Jn 3:29, Jn 15:11
17:14 Jn 8:23, Jn 15:19, Jn 17:16
17:15 1Ch 4:10; Mt 5:37, Mt 6:13; Lk 11:4, Lk 22:31
17:16 Jn 17:14
17:17 Jn 15:3; Eph 5:26
17:18 Mt 10:5, Jn 4:38, Jn 17:3, Jn 17:21, Jn 20:21
17:19 Jn 17:17; 1Co 1:2; Heb 2:11
17:20 Jn 17:21; Ac 4:4; Ro 10:14, Ro 10:17, Ro 16:26
17:21 Jn 17:8, Jn 17:11, Jn 17:23
17:22 Jn 1:14, Jn 14:20, Jn 17:24
17:23 Jn 16:27, Jn 17:21; Ro 8:10
17:24 Mt 25:34; Jn 1:14, Jn 12:26, Jn 17:5
17:25 Jn 7:29, Jn 8:55, Jn 10:15, Jn 15:21, Jn 16:27
17:26 Jn 15:9, Jn 17:6
18:1 2Sa 15:23; 1Ki 15:13; Mt 26:36; Mk 14:32; Lk 22:39
18:2 Lk 21:37, Lk 22:39
18:3 Mt 26:47; Mk 14:43; Lk 22:47; Jn 18:12; Ac 1:16
18:4 Jn 6:64, Jn 13:1, Jn 13:11, Jn 18:7
18:5 Mt 21:11, Mt 26:47; Mk 1:24, Mk 14:43, Mk 14:67
18:6 Rev 1:17
18:7 Jn 18:4
18:8 Mt 8:3, Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32, Mt 18:2; Jn 13:1
18:9 Jn 6:39, Jn 17:12
18:10 Mt 26:51; Mk 14:47; Jn 18:26
18:11 Mt 20:22, Mt 26:39; Mk 14:36
18:12 Mt 26:57; Jn 18:3
18:13 Mt 26:3, Mt 26:57; Lk 3:2; Jn 18:24; Ac 4:6
18:14 Mt 26:3; Jn 11:49, Jn 11:50
18:15 Mt 26:58; Mk 14:54; Lk 22:54

Arrest in the garden

18 After he said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples and crossed over to the other side of the Kidron Valley. He and his disciples entered a garden there. 2Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place because Jesus often gathered there with his disciples. 3Judas brought a company of soldiers[a] and some guards from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came there carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons. 4Jesus knew everything that was to happen to him, so he went out and asked, "Who are you looking for?"

5They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene."

He said to them, "I Am."[b] (Judas, his betrayer, was standing with them.) 6When he said, "I Am," they shrank back and fell to the ground. 7He asked them again, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

8Jesus answered, "I told you, 'I Am.'[c] If you are looking for me, then let these people go." 9This was so that the word he had spoken might be fulfilled: "I didn't lose anyone of those whom you gave me."

10Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword away! Am I not to drink the cup the Father has given me?" 12Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the guards from the Jewish leaders took Jesus into custody. They bound him 13and led him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. (14Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it was better for one person to die for the people.)

Peter denies Jesus

15Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Because this other disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's

[a]Or *cohort* (approximately six hundred soldiers) [b]Or *It is I* [c]Or *It is I*

courtyard. [16]However, Peter stood outside near the gate. Then the other disciple (the one known to the high priest) came out and spoke to the woman stationed at the gate, and she brought Peter in. [17]The servant woman stationed at the gate asked Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?"

"I'm not," he replied. [18]The servants and the guards had made a fire because it was cold. They were standing around it, warming themselves. Peter joined them there, standing by the fire and warming himself.

Jesus testifies

[19]Meanwhile, the chief priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. [20]Jesus answered, "I've spoken openly to the world. I've always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews gather. I've said nothing in private. [21]Why ask me? Ask those who heard what I told them. They know what I said."

[22]After Jesus spoke, one of the guards standing there slapped Jesus in the face. "Is that how you would answer the high priest?" he asked.

[23]Jesus replied, "If I speak wrongly, testify about what was wrong. But if I speak correctly, why do you strike me?" [24]Then Annas sent him, bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter denies Jesus again

[25]Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing with the guards, warming himself. They asked, "Aren't you one of his disciples?"

Peter denied it, saying, "I'm not."

[26]A servant of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said to him, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" [27]Peter denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

Trial before Pilate

[28]The Jewish leaders led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman governor's palace.[d] It was early in the morning. So that they could eat the Passover, the Jewish leaders wouldn't enter the palace; entering the palace would have made them ritually impure.

[29]So Pilate went out to them and asked, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

[30]They answered, "If he had done nothing wrong, we wouldn't have handed him over to you."

[31]Pilate responded, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your Law."

The Jewish leaders replied, "The Law doesn't allow us to kill anyone." ([32]This was so that Jesus' word might be fulfilled when he indicated how he was going to die.)

Pilate questions Jesus

[33]Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

[34]Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?"

[35]Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

[36]Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here."

[37]"So you are a king?" Pilate said.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice."

[38]"What is truth?" Pilate asked.

Release of Barabbas

After Pilate said this, he returned to the Jewish leaders and said, "I find no grounds for any charge against him. [39]You have a custom that I release one

18:16 Mt 26:69; Mk 14:66; Lk 22:55

18:17 Mt 26:69; Mk 14:66; Lk 22:54; Jn 18:25; Ac 12:13

18:18 Mk 14:54, Mk 14:67; Lk 22:55; Jn 18:25

18:19 Mt 26:59; Mk 14:55; Lk 22:63

18:20 Mt 4:23, Mt 26:55; Jn 7:14, Jn 7:26

18:22 Mt 26:67; Ac 23:2

18:23 Mt 5:39, Mt 20:22, Mt 26:4; Jn 18:22; Ac 23:2

18:24 Mt 26:3, Mt 26:57; Jn 18:13

18:25 Lk 22:58; Jn 18:17-18

18:26 Jn 18:1, Jn 18:10

18:27 Jn 13:38

18:28 Mt 27:2, Mt 27:27; Mk 15:1; Jn 18:33, Jn 19:9

18:29 Mt 27:2, Mt 27:11; Mk 15:1-2; Lk 23:3

18:30 Ac 3:13

18:31 Jn 19:6

18:32 Mt 20:19, Mt 26:2; Jn 3:14, Jn 12:32-33

18:33 Lk 23:3; Jn 18:28, Jn 19:9, Jn 19:12, Jn 19:19

18:34 Jn 18:33, Jn 18:36

18:35 Mt 27:2, Mt 27:13, Mt 27:24; Mk 15:2, Mk 15:15

18:36 Lk 17:21; Jn 6:15

18:37 Mt 27:11; Jn 3:32, Jn 8:14, Jn 8:47, Jn 14:6

18:38 Lk 23:4; Jn 19:4, Jn 19:6

18:39 Mt 27:15; Mk 15:6; Jn 18:40

[d]Or *praetorium*

prisoner for you at Passover. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?"

40They shouted, "Not this man! Give us Barabbas!" (Barabbas was an outlaw.)

Jesus is whipped and mocked as king

19 Then Pilate had Jesus taken and whipped. 2The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. 3Over and over they went up to him and said, "Greetings, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

4Pilate came out of the palace again and said to the Jewish leaders, "Look! I'm bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no grounds for a charge against him." 5When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here's the man."

6When the chief priests and their deputies saw him, they shouted out, "Crucify, crucify!"

Pilate told them, "You take him and crucify him. I don't find any grounds for a charge against him."

7The Jewish leaders replied, "We have a Law, and according to this Law he ought to die because he made himself out to be God's Son."

Pilate questions Jesus again

8When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid. 9He went back into the residence and spoke to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus didn't answer. 10So Pilate said, "You won't speak to me? Don't you know that I have authority to release you and also to crucify you?"

11Jesus replied, "You would have no authority over me if it had not been given to you from above. That's why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." 12From that moment on, Pilate wanted to release Jesus.

However, the Jewish leaders cried out, saying, "If you release this man, you aren't a friend of the emperor! Anyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes the emperor!"

13When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench at the place called Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, *Gabbatha*). 14It was about noon on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Here's your king."

15The Jewish leaders cried out, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

Pilate responded, "What? Do you want me to crucify your king?"

"We have no king except the emperor," the chief priests answered. 16Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Crucifixion

The soldiers took Jesus prisoner. 17Carrying his cross by himself, he went out to a place called Skull Place (in Aramaic, *Golgotha*). 18That's where they crucified him—and two others with him, one on each side and Jesus in the middle.19Pilate had a public notice written and posted on the cross. It read "Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews." 20Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. 21Therefore, the Jewish chief priests complained to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The king of the Jews' but 'This man said, "I am the king of the Jews."'"

22Pilate answered, "What I've written, I've written."

23When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and his sandals, and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. His shirt was seamless, woven as one piece from the top to the bottom. 24They said to each other, "Let's not tear it. Let's cast lots to see who will get it." This was to fulfill the scripture,

18:40 Mt 27:16; Mk 15:7; Lk 23:18; Ac 3:14

19:1 Mt 27:26; Mk 15:15

19:2 Mt 27:27

19:3 Mt 27:29

19:4 Lk 23:4; Jn 18:33, Jn 18:38, Jn 19:6

19:5 Jn 1:29, Jn 19:2

19:6 Jn 19:4; Ac 3:13

19:7 Lv 24:16; Mt 26:63; Jn 5:18, Jn 10:33, Jn 10:36

19:8 Mt 27:2, Mt 27:13, Mt 27:24; Mk 15:2, Mk 15:15

19:9 Mt 26:63; Jn 18:28, Jn 18:33

19:10 Jn 18:31, Jn 18:39, Jn 19:11

19:11 Ac 3:13; Ro 13:1

19:12 Lk 23:2; Jn 18:33

19:13 Mt 27:19

19:14 Mt 27:62; Mk 15:25, Mk 15:42; Jn 19:31, Jn 19:42

19:15 Mk 12:14, Mk 15:1, Mk 15:14; Lk 23:18; Jn 19:6

19:16 Mt 27:26; Mk 15:15; Lk 23:25

19:17 Mt 27:33; Mk 15:22; Lk 14:27, Lk 23:26, Lk 23:33

19:18 Mk 15:24; Lk 23:32

19:19 Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Lk 23:38; Jn 18:33

19:20 Jn 5:2, Jn 19:13; Ac 21:40, Ac 22:2, Ac 26:14

19:21 Jn 19:14, Jn 19:19

19:22 Gn 43:14; Est 4:16; Mt 27:2, Mt 27:13, Mt 27:24

19:23 Mt 27:35; Mk 15:24; Lk 23:34

19:24 Ps 22:18; Jn 19:28

They divided my clothes among
themselves,
and they cast lots for my clothing.[e]

That's what the soldiers did.

[25]Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. [26]When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." [27]Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

[28]After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." [29]A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. [30]When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, "It is completed." Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

Witness at the cross

[31]It was the Preparation Day and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath, especially since that Sabbath was an important day. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of those crucified broken and the bodies taken down. [32]Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men who were crucified with Jesus. [33]When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead so they didn't break his legs. [34]However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. [35]The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he speaks the truth, and he has testified so that you also can believe. [36]These things happened to fulfill the scripture, *They won't break any of his bones.*[f] [37]And another scripture says, *They will look at him whom they have pierced.*[g]

Jesus' body is buried

[38]After this Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one because he feared the Jewish authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took the body away. [39]Nicodemus, the one who at first had come to Jesus at night, was there too. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe, nearly seventy-five pounds in all.[h] [40]Following Jewish burial customs, they took Jesus' body and wrapped it, with the spices, in linen cloths. [41]There was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. [42]Because it was the Jewish Preparation Day and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus in it.

19:25 Mt 12:46, Mt 27:55-56; Mk 15:40, Lk 8:2

19:26 Jn 2:4, Jn 13:23

19:27 Jn 16:32

19:28 Ps 69:21; Jn 13:1, Jn 19:24, Jn 19:30

19:29 Ps 69:21; Mt 27:48; Mk 15:36; Lk 23:36

19:30 Mt 27:50; Lk 23:46; Jn 4:34, Jn 17:4, Jn 19:28

19:31 Dt 21:23; Josh 8:29; Mt 27:62; Jn 19:14, Jn 19:42

19:32 Jn 19:18

19:34 1Jn 5:6

19:35 Jn 15:27, Jn 20:31, Jn 21:24; 1Jn 1:1

19:36 Ex 12:46; Nm 9:12; Ps 34:20; Jn 19:24, Jn 19:28

19:37 Zec 12:10; Rev 1:7

19:38 Mt 27:57; Mk 15:42-43; Lk 23:50; Jn 7:13

19:39 Ps 45:8; Song 4:14; Jn 3:1, Jn 7:50, Jn 19:40

19:40 2Ch 16:14; Lk 24:12; Jn 11:44, Jn 19:39, Jn 20:5

19:41 2Ki 21:18, 2Ki 21:26; Lk 23:53

19:42 Jn 19:14, Jn 19:20, Jn 19:31, Jn 19:41

20:1 Mt 27:60, Mt 27:66, Mt 28:1; Mk 16:1; Lk 24:1

20:2 Jn 13:23, Jn 20:13

20:3 Lk 24:12

20:5 Jn 19:40

20:6 Mt 16:16; Lk 22:31; Jn 18:17, Jn 18:25, Jn 21:7

20:7 Jn 11:44

20:8 Jn 20:4

20:9 Mt 22:29

20:11 Mt 27:56, Mt 27:61, Mt 28:1; Mk 15:40, Mk 16:1

Empty tomb

20 Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [2]She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." [3]Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. [4]They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. [5]Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. [6]Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. [7]He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. [8]Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. [9]They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. [10]Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

Jesus appears to Mary

[11]Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down

[e]Ps 22:18 [f]Exod 12:46 [g]Zech 12:10 [h]Or *one hundred litra*; that is, one hundred Roman pounds

to look into the tomb. [12]She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. [13]The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." [14]As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

[15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

[16]Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*).

[17]Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

[18]Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Jesus appears to the disciples

[19]It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." [20]After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. [21]Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." [22]Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

20:12 Mt 28:2; Mk 16:5; Lk 24:4
20:13 Jn 20:2, Jn 20:15
20:14 Mt 28:9; Mk 16:9; Lk 24:16; Jn 21:4
20:15 Jer 29:5; Jn 1:38, Jn 18:4, Jn 18:7, Jn 20:13
20:16 Jn 1:38
20:17 Mt 28:10; Mk 16:19; Jn 7:33; Eph 1:17
20:18 Mk 16:9, Mk 16:10; Lk 24:10, Lk 24:23; Jn 20:1
20:19 Lk 24:36; Jn 7:13, Jn 14:27, Jn 20:21, Jn 20:26
20:20 Lk 24:39-40; Jn 16:20, Jn 16:22, Jn 19:34
20:21 Lk 24:36; Jn 17:18, Jn 20:19
20:22 Jn 7:39; Ac 2:38; Ga 3:2
20:23 Mt 16:19, Mt 18:18; 1Co 5:4
20:24 Jn 6:67, Jn 11:16, Jn 20:19, Jn 21:2
20:25 Mk 16:11; Jn 20:20
20:26 Jn 20:19, Jn 20:21
20:27 Mt 17:17; Lk 24:39; Jn 20:20, Jn 20:25; 1Jn 1:1
20:28 Ps 45:6, Ps 102:24; Is 7:14, Is 40:9; Jn 21:2
20:29 1Pt 1:8
20:30 Jn 2:11, Jn 21:25
20:31 Jn 3:15-16, Jn 11:27; Ac 10:43; 2Ti 3:15
21:1 Jn 6:1, Jn 20:19, Jn 20:26, Jn 21:14
21:2 Mt 4:21; Jn 1:45, Jn 2:1, Jn 11:16
21:3 Mt 4:18; Lk 5:5
21:4 Lk 24:16; Jn 20:14
21:5 Lk 24:41

Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples

[24]Thomas, the one called Didymus,[i] one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. [25]The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

[26]After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

[28]Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

[29]Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

[30]Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. [31]But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Jesus appears again to the disciples

21 Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberius. This is how it happened: [2]Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus[j]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. [3]Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. [4]Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

[5]Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

[i]Or *the twin* [j]Or *the twin*

They answered him, "No."

6He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. 7Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. 8The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

9When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. 10Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." 11Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

15When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." 17He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." 19He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

Jesus and the disciple whom he loved

20Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. This was the one who had leaned against Jesus at the meal and asked him, "Lord, who is going to betray you?" 21When Peter saw this disciple, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?"

22Jesus replied, "If I want him to remain until I come, what difference does that make to you? You must follow me." 23Therefore, the word spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple wouldn't die. However, Jesus didn't say he wouldn't die, but only, "If I want him to remain until I come, what difference does that make to you?" 24This is the disciple who testifies concerning these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. 25Jesus did many other things as well. If all of them were recorded, I imagine the world itself wouldn't have enough room for the scrolls that would be written.

21:6 Lk 5:4, Lk 5:6

21:7 Jn 13:23, Jn 21:20

21:9 Lk 24:42

21:10 Jn 6:11, Jn 21:13

21:11 Lk 5:6

21:12 Mt 16:8, Mt 16:21; Mk 8:17, Mk 9:32; Jn 21:15

21:13 Jn 21:9

21:14 Jn 20:19, Jn 20:26

21:15 Is 40:11; Mt 26:33; Mk 14:29; Lk 22:31; Jn 13:37

21:16 Ac 20:28; 1Pt 5:2

21:17 Jn 2:24, Jn 13:38, Jn 16:30, Jn 21:15-16

21:18 Jn 13:36; Ac 21:11

21:19 Mt 16:24; Jn 12:33, Jn 13:36, Jn 21:22; 2Pt 1:14

21:20 Jn 13:23, Jn 13:25, Jn 21:7

21:21 Mt 24:4; Jn 21:22

21:22 Jn 21:19

21:23 Mt 11:25; Ac 1:15-16; Ro 1:6; 1Co 4:5

21:24 Jn 15:27, Jn 19:35

21:25 Jn 20:30

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The risen Jesus with his disciples

1 Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote
concerned everything Jesus did and
taught from the beginning, 2 right up
to the day when he was taken up into
heaven. Before he was taken up, work-
ing in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus
instructed the apostles he had chosen.
3 After his suffering, he showed them
that he was alive with many convinc-
ing proofs. He appeared to them over a
period of forty days, speaking to them
about God's kingdom. 4 While they were
eating together, he ordered them not to
leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the
Father had promised. He said, "This is
what you heard from me: 5 John baptized
with water, but in only a few days you
will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 As a result, those who had gath-
ered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are
you going to restore the kingdom to
Israel now?"

7 Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to
know the times or seasons that the
Father has set by his own authority.
8 Rather, you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and
you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
end of the earth."

9 After Jesus said these things, as they
were watching, he was lifted up and a
cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While
he was going away and as they were star-
ing toward heaven, suddenly two men in
white robes stood next to them. 11 They
said, "Galileans, why are you standing
here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus,
who was taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way that you saw
him go into heaven."

Jesus' followers in Jerusalem

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem
from the Mount of Olives, which is
near Jerusalem—a sabbath day's jour-
ney away. 13 When they entered the city,
they went to the upstairs room where
they were staying. Peter, John, James,
and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bar-
tholomew and Matthew; James, Al-
phaeus' son; Simon the zealot; and
Judas, James' son— 14 all were united
in their devotion to prayer, along with
some women, including Mary the
mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

A replacement for Judas

15 During this time, the family of
believers was a company of about one
hundred twenty persons. Peter stood
among them and said, 16 "Brothers and
sisters, the scripture that the Holy
Spirit announced beforehand through
David had to be fulfilled. This was the
scripture concerning Judas, who be-
came a guide for those who arrested
Jesus. 17 This happened even though he
was one of us and received a share of
this ministry." (18 In fact, he bought a
field with the payment he received for
his injustice. Falling headfirst, he burst
open in the middle and all his intes-
tines spilled out. 19 This became known
to everyone living in Jerusalem, so
they called that field in their own lan-
guage Hakeldama, or "Field of Blood.")
20 "It is written in the Psalms scroll,

Let his home become deserted and let
there be no one living in it;[a]

and

Give his position of leadership to
another.[b]

21 "Therefore, we must select one of
those who have accompanied us dur-
ing the whole time the Lord Jesus lived
among us, 22 beginning from the bap-
tism of John until the day when Jesus
was taken from us. This person must
become along with us a witness to his
resurrection." 23 So they nominated

1:1 Lk 1:3

1:2 Mt 28:19; Mk 16:19; Jn 13:18; Ac 1:9

1:3 Lk 24:36; 1Co 15:5

1:4 Lk 24:49; Jn 14:16, Jn 14:26, Jn 15:26; Ac 2:33

1:5 Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16; Ac 2:1, Ac 11:16

1:6 Mt 17:11; Lk 17:20, Lk 19:11; Ac 3:21

1:7 Dt 29:29; Dn 2:21; Mt 24:36; Mk 13:32; 1Th 5:1

1:8 Mi 3:8; Mt 28:19; Mk 16:15; Lk 24:48; Ac 8:1

1:9 Ps 68:18; Mk 16:19; Lk 24:50, Lk 24:51; Ac 1:2

1:10 Lk 24:4; Jn 20:12

1:11 Mt 16:27; Lk 21:27; Ac 2:7; 1Th 1:10

1:12 Mt 21:1; Lk 24:50, Lk 24:52

1:13 Mt 10:2; Mk 3:16; Lk 6:14-15; Ac 9:37

1:14 Mt 12:46; Lk 8:2; Ac 2:42, Ac 4:24, Ac 6:4

1:15 Mt 4:18, Mt 16:16, Mt 17:24, Mt 18:21; Jn 21:15

1:16 Mt 26:47; Mk 14:43; Lk 22:47; Jn 13:18; Ac 1:20

1:17 Jn 6:70-71; Ac 1:25, Ac 20:24, Ac 21:19

1:18 Mt 26:14, Mt 27:3, Mt 27:5

1:19 Mt 27:8; Ac 21:40

1:20 Ps 69:25, Ps 109:8

1:21 Nm 27:17; Dt 31:2; Mt 20:25; Lk 24:3; Jn 15:27

1:22 Lk 24:48; Ac 1:8, Ac 2:32, Ac 4:33

1:23 Ac 1:26

[a] Ps 69:25 [b] Ps 109:8

two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

[24]They prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two [25]to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." [26]When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

Pentecost

2 When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. [2]Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3]They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. [4]They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

[5]There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. [6]When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. [7]They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? [8]How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? [9]Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), [11]Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" [12]They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" [13]Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

1:24 1Sa 16:7; Jer 17:10; Ac 6:6, Ac 13:3, Ac 15:8

1:25 Ac 1:17

1:26 Lv 16:8; 1Sa 14:41; Prv 16:33; Ac 1:23, Ac 2:14

2:1 Lv 23:15; Ac 20:16; 1Co 16:8

2:2 1Ki 19:11; Eze 37:9; Ac 4:31, Ac 16:26

2:3 Ac 2:4

2:4 Mk 16:17; Ac 4:8, Ac 4:31, Ac 9:17, Ac 19:6

2:5 Lk 2:25; Ac 8:2

2:6 Ac 2:2-3

2:7 Ac 1:11-12

2:9 Ac 16:6, Ac 18:2, Ac 19:10; 1Pt 1:1

2:10 Ac 13:13, Ac 14:24, Ac 15:38, Ac 16:6, Ac 18:23

2:11 2Ch 17:11, 2Ch 26:7; Ga 1:17; Ti 1:12

2:12 Ac 2:7

2:13 Ac 17:32; 1Co 14:23

2:14 Is 40:9; Mt 4:18, Mt 16:16, Mt 17:24; Ac 1:26

2:15 1Th 5:7

2:16 Jl 1:1, Jl 2:28

2:17 Jl 2:28; Ac 10:45

2:19 Jl 2:30-31

2:20 Mt 24:29; Lk 21:25; 2Pt 3:10

2:21 Jl 2:28; Ro 10:12-13; 1Co 1:2

2:22 Jn 3:2, Jn 4:48; Ac 4:10, Ac 10:38

2:23 Lk 22:22, Lk 24:20; Ac 3:13, Ac 3:18, Ac 4:28

2:24 Ac 3:15, Ac 17:31; Ro 8:11; Eph 1:20; Col 2:12

2:25 Ps 16:8

2:26 Ps 16:9

[14]Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! [15]These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! [16]Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

[17]*In the last days, God says,*
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will
prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.
[18]*Even upon my servants, men and*
women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those
days,
and they will prophesy.
[19]*I will cause wonders to occur in the*
heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
[20]*The sun will be changed into darkness,*
and the moon will be changed into
blood,
before the great and spectacular
day of the Lord comes.
[21]*And everyone who calls on the name*
of the Lord will be saved.[c]

[22]"Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. You yourselves know this. [23]In accordance with God's established plan and foreknowledge, he was betrayed. You, with the help of wicked men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross. [24]God raised him up! God freed him from death's dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him. [25]David says about him,

I foresaw that the Lord
was always with me;
because he is at my right hand
I won't be shaken.
[26]*Therefore, my heart was glad*

[c]Joel 2:28-32

and my tongue rejoiced.
Moreover, my body will live in hope,
27 *because you won't abandon me*
to the grave,
nor permit your holy one
to experience decay.
28 *You have shown me the paths of life;*
your presence will fill me with
happiness.[d]

29 "Brothers and sisters, I can speak confidently about the patriarch David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this very day. 30 Because he was a prophet, he knew that God promised him with a solemn pledge to seat one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Having seen this beforehand, David spoke about the resurrection of Christ, that *he wasn't abandoned to the grave, nor did his body experience decay.*[e] 32 This Jesus, God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact. 33 He was exalted to God's right side and received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit. He poured out this Spirit, and you are seeing and hearing the results of his having done so. 34 David didn't ascend into heaven. Yet he says,

The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right side,
35 *until I make your enemies*
a footstool for your feet.'[f]

36 "Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites." 40 With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

2:27 Mt 11:23; Lk 16:23; Ac 2:31, Ac 13:35; Rev 1:18
2:28 Ps 16:8
2:29 1Ki 2:10; Neh 3:16; Ac 7:8, Ac 13:36; Heb 7:4
2:30 Ps 132:11; Ro 1:3
2:31 Ps 16:10; Ac 2:27
2:32 Ac 1:8, Ac 1:22, Ac 2:24, Ac 3:15, Ac 4:33
2:33 Mk 16:19; Jn 7:39, Jn 16:7; Ac 1:4, Ac 5:31
2:34 Ps 110:1; Lk 20:42
2:35 Ps 110:1
2:36 Mt 28:18; Ac 2:23
2:37 Lk 3:10; Ac 16:30
2:38 Ac 3:19, Ac 8:12, Ac 8:16, Ac 10:48, Ac 22:16
2:39 Is 44:3; Is 57:19; Jl 2:32; Eph 2:13
2:40 Dt 32:5; Mt 3:7, Mt 17:17; Phi 2:15
2:41 Ac 2:47, Ac 4:4, Ac 11:21
2:42 Ac 1:14, Ac 2:46, Ac 20:7; 1Co 10:16
2:43 Ac 5:12
2:44 Ac 4:32
2:45 Lk 12:33, Lk 18:22; Ac 4:34, Ac 5:1
2:46 Lk 24:53; Ac 2:42, Ac 3:1, Ac 5:42
2:47 Ac 2:41, Ac 5:14, Ac 11:24
3:1 Ps 55:17; Mt 17:1; Lk 22:8, Lk 24:53; Ac 2:46
3:2 Lk 16:20; Jn 9:8; Ac 14:8
3:3 Lk 22:8; Ac 3:1, Ac 3:4, Ac 3:6, Ac 3:11
3:4 Ac 3:12
3:6 Mt 10:9; Ac 2:22, Ac 3:16, Ac 4:10, Ac 16:18
3:7 Mk 1:31; Ac 9:41
3:8 Is 35:6; Lk 17:15; Ac 14:10

Community of believers

42 The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. 43 A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. 44 All the believers were united and shared everything. 45 They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. 46 Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. 47 They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Healing of a crippled man

3 Peter and John were going up to the temple at three o'clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time. 2 Meanwhile, a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for money from those entering the temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he began to ask them for a gift. 4 Peter and John stared at him. Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gazed at them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Peter said, "I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!" 7 Then he grasped the man's right hand and raised him up. At once his feet and ankles became strong. 8 Jumping up, he began to walk around. He entered the temple with them, walking, leaping,

[d] Ps 16:8-11 [e] Ps 16:10 [f] Ps 110:1

and praising God. 9All the people saw him walking and praising God. 10They recognized him as the same one who used to sit at the temple's Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise at what had happened to him.

11While the healed man clung to Peter and John, all the people rushed toward them at Solomon's Porch, completely amazed. 12Seeing this, Peter addressed the people: "You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? 13The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of our ancestors—has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, even though he had already decided to release him. 14You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. 15You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus' name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes.

17"Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. 18But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. 19Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away. 20Then the Lord will provide a season of relief from the distress of this age and he will send Jesus, whom he handpicked to be your Christ. 21Jesus must remain in heaven until the restoration of all things, about which God spoke long ago through his holy prophets. 22Moses said, *The Lord your God will raise up from your own people a prophet like me. Listen to whatever he tells you.* 23*Whoever doesn't listen to that prophet will be totally cut off from the people.*[g] 24All the prophets who spoke—from Samuel forward—announced these days. 25You are the heirs of the prophets and the covenant that God made with your ancestors when he told Abraham, *Through your descendants, all the families on earth will be blessed.*[h] 26After God raised his servant, he sent him to you first—to bless you by enabling each of you to turn from your evil ways."

3:9 Ac 4:16, Ac 4:21
3:10 Ac 3:2
3:11 Lk 22:8; Jn 10:23; Ac 5:12
3:12 Gn 41:16; Ex 3:11; Ac 2:14, Ac 2:22; 2Co 3:5
3:13 Ex 3:6; Mt 22:32, Mt 27:2; Ac 5:30, Ac 7:32
3:14 Mk 1:24; Lk 23:18; Ac 4:27, Ac 7:52, Ac 22:14
3:15 Ac 1:22, Ac 2:24, Ac 5:31
3:16 Ac 3:6
3:17 Lk 23:34; Ac 13:27; 1Ti 1:13
3:19 Is 44:22; Ac 2:38, Ac 26:20
3:20 Dt 18:15; Mt 16:16, Mt 16:27; 1Ti 6:14; Heb 9:28
3:21 Mt 17:11; Lk 1:70; Ac 1:11; Ro 8:21; 2Pt 3:2
3:22 Dt 18:15, Dt 18:18; Ac 7:37
3:23 Lv 23:29; Dt 18:19; Heb 2:3
3:24 1Sa 3:20; Ac 13:20
3:25 Gn 12:3, Gn 22:18, Gn 26:4; Ac 2:39; Ga 3:8
3:26 Ac 3:22, Ac 13:46
4:1 Mt 3:7, Mt 22:23; Lk 22:4; Ac 5:17, Ac 5:24
4:2 Ac 17:18
4:3 Lk 21:12; Ac 5:18, Ac 8:3
4:4 Ac 2:41
4:5 Lk 23:13; Ac 4:8, Ac 6:12
4:6 Mt 26:3; Lk 3:2; Jn 11:49, Jn 18:13, Jn 18:24
4:8 Lk 1:15; Ac 2:4
4:9 Ac 3:7
4:10 Ac 2:22, Ac 2:24, Ac 3:6
4:11 Ps 118:22; Is 28:16; Mt 21:42; Eph 2:20; 1Pt 2:6
4:12 Mt 1:21; Ac 10:43; 1Ti 2:5

Peter and John questioned

4 While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees confronted them. 2They were incensed that the apostles were teaching the people and announcing that the resurrection of the dead was happening because of Jesus. 3They seized Peter and John and put them in prison until the next day. (It was already evening.) 4Many who heard the word became believers, and their number grew to about five thousand.

5The next day the leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem, 6along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family. 7They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

8Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders, 9are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him? 10If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. 11This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! 12Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other

[g]Deut 18:15, 19 [h]Gen 22:18; 26:4

name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

[13]The council was caught by surprise by the confidence with which Peter and John spoke. After all, they understood that these apostles were uneducated and inexperienced. They also recognized that they had been followers of Jesus. [14]However, since the healed man was standing with Peter and John before their own eyes, they had no rebuttal. [15]After ordering them to wait outside, the council members began to confer with each other. [16]"What should we do with these men? Everyone living in Jerusalem is aware of the sign performed through them. It's obvious to everyone and we can't deny it. [17]To keep it from spreading further among the people, we need to warn them not to speak to anyone in this name." [18]When they called Peter and John back, they demanded that they stop all speaking and teaching in the name of Jesus.

[19]Peter and John responded, "It's up to you to determine whether it's right before God to obey you rather than God. [20]As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." [21]They threatened them further, then released them. Because of public support for Peter and John, they couldn't find a way to punish them. Everyone was praising God for what had happened, [22]because the man who had experienced this sign of healing was over 40 years old.

The believers pray

[23]After their release, Peter and John returned to the brothers and sisters and reported everything the chief priests and elders had said. [24]They listened, then lifted their voices in unison to God, "Master, you are the one who created the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. [25]You are the one who spoke by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

4:13 Mt 11:25

4:16 Jn 11:47; Ac 3:9-10

4:19 Ac 4:20, Ac 5:29

4:20 Jer 20:9; Am 3:8; Ac 4:19, Ac 5:29; 1Co 9:16

4:22 Jn 5:5; Ac 3:2, Ac 9:33

4:23 Ac 12:12, Ac 16:40

4:24 Ex 20:11; Neh 9:6; Ps 146:6; Ac 1:14, Ac 14:15

4:25 Ps 2:1; Ac 1:16

4:26 Ps 2:1-2; Lk 4:18; Heb 1:9

4:27 Mt 27:2; Lk 23:1; Ac 3:13, Ac 4:30, Ac 10:38

4:28 Ac 2:23

4:29 Ac 4:13, Ac 4:31, Ac 9:27, Ac 13:46, Ac 14:3

4:30 Ac 3:6, Ac 4:27

4:31 Ac 2:2, Ac 2:4; Phi 1:14

4:32 Ac 2:44

4:33 Lk 24:48; Ac 1:8, Ac 1:22, Ac 2:32, Ac 3:15

4:34 Ac 2:45

4:35 Ac 2:45, Ac 4:37, Ac 5:2, Ac 6:1

4:36 Ac 9:27, Ac 11:22, Ac 11:30, Ac 12:25, Ac 13:1

4:37 Ac 4:35, Ac 4:36, Ac 5:2

5:1 Ac 5:2

Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
[26]*The kings of the earth took their stand*
and the rulers gathered together as
one against the Lord and against his
Christ.[i]

[27]Indeed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with Gentiles and Israelites, did gather in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. [28]They did what your power and plan had already determined would happen. [29]Now, Lord, take note of their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with complete confidence. [30]Stretch out your hand to bring healing and enable signs and wonders to be performed through the name of Jesus, your holy servant." [31]After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking God's word with confidence.

Sharing among the believers

[32]The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. [33]The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. [34]There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, [35]and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

[36]Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (that is, "one who encourages"), was a Levite from Cyprus. [37]He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

Pretenders of sharing

5 However, a man named Ananias, along with his wife Sapphira, sold

[i]Or *anointed one;* Ps 2:1-2

a piece of property. 2With his wife's knowledge, he withheld some of the proceeds from the sale. He brought the rest and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles. 3Peter asked, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has influenced you to lie to the Holy Spirit by withholding some of the proceeds from the sale of your land? 4Wasn't that property yours to keep? After you sold it, wasn't the money yours to do with whatever you wanted? What made you think of such a thing? You haven't lied to other people but to God!" 5When Ananias heard these words, he dropped dead. Everyone who heard this conversation was terrified. 6Some young men stood up, wrapped up his body, carried him out, and buried him.

7About three hours later, his wife entered, but she didn't know what had happened to her husband. 8Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you and your husband receive this price for the field?"

She responded, "Yes, that's the amount."

9He replied, "How could you scheme with each other to challenge the Lord's Spirit? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door. They will carry you out too." 10At that very moment, she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men entered and found her dead, they carried her out and buried her with her husband. 11Trepidation and dread seized the whole church and all who heard what had happened.

Responses to the church

12The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. They would come together regularly at Solomon's Porch. 13No one from outside the church dared to join them, even though the people spoke highly of them. 14Indeed, more and more believers in the Lord, large numbers of both men and women, were added to the church. 15As a result, they would even bring the sick out into the main streets and lay them on cots and mats so that at least Peter's shadow could fall on some of them as he passed by. 16Even large numbers of persons from towns around Jerusalem would gather, bringing the sick and those harassed by unclean spirits. Everyone was healed.

The Jerusalem Council harasses the apostles

17The high priest, together with his allies, the Sadducees, was overcome with jealousy. 18They seized the apostles and made a public show of putting them in prison. 19An angel from the Lord opened the prison doors during the night and led them out. The angel told them, 20"Go, take your place in the temple, and tell the people everything about this new life." 21Early in the morning, they went into the temple as they had been told and began to teach.

When the high priest and his colleagues gathered, they convened the Jerusalem Council, that is, the full assembly of Israel's elders. They sent word to the prison to have the apostles brought before them. 22However, the guards didn't find them in the prison. They returned and reported, 23"We found the prison locked and well-secured, with guards standing at the doors, but when we opened the doors we found no one inside!" 24When they received this news, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were baffled and wondered what might be happening. 25Just then, someone arrived and announced, "Look! The people you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" 26Then the captain left with his guards and brought the apostles back. They didn't use force because they were afraid the people would stone them.

27The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: 28"In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you!

5:2 Josh 7:11; Ac 4:35, Ac 4:37
5:3 Lk 22:3; Jn 13:2, Jn 13:27; Ac 5:4, Ac 5:9
5:4 Ac 5:3, Ac 5:9
5:5 Ac 5:10-11
5:6 Jn 19:40
5:8 Ac 5:2
5:9 Ac 5:3-4
5:10 Ac 5:5
5:11 Ac 5:5
5:12 Jn 10:23; Ac 1:14, Ac 2:43, Ac 3:11, Ac 14:3
5:13 Ac 2:47, Ac 4:21
5:14 Ac 2:41, Ac 2:47, Ac 4:4, Ac 11:24
5:15 Mk 6:56; Ac 19:11, Ac 19:12
5:16 Mk 16:17
5:17 Ac 4:1, Ac 4:6, Ac 15:5
5:18 Lk 21:12; Ac 4:3
5:19 Mt 1:20; Ac 8:26, Ac 10:3, Ac 12:7, Ac 12:23
5:20 Jn 6:63, Jn 6:68
5:21 Jn 8:2; Ac 4:6
5:22 Mt 26:58
5:24 Ac 4:1, Ac 5:26
5:25 Ac 5:21
5:26 Ac 4:21, Ac 5:13, Ac 5:24
5:27 Mt 5:22; Lk 22:66
5:28 Mt 23:35, Mt 27:25; Ac 2:23, Ac 4:18, Ac 7:52

You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man's death."

[29]Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than humans! [30]The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. [31]God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. [32]We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

[33]When the council members heard this, they became furious and wanted to kill the apostles. [34]One council member, a Pharisee and teacher of the Law named Gamaliel, well-respected by all the people, stood up and ordered that the men be taken outside for a few moments. [35]He said, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you intend to do to these people. [36]Some time ago, Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and some four hundred men joined him. After he was killed, all of his followers scattered, and nothing came of that. [37]Afterward, at the time of the census, Judas the Galilean appeared and got some people to follow him in a revolt. He was killed too, and all his followers scattered far and wide. [38]Here's my recommendation in this case: Distance yourselves from these men. Let them go! If their plan or activity is of human origin, it will end in ruin. [39]If it originates with God, you won't be able to stop them. Instead, you would actually find yourselves fighting God!" The council was convinced by his reasoning. [40]After calling the apostles back, they had them beaten. They ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, then let them go. [41]The apostles left the council rejoicing because they had been regarded as worthy to suffer disgrace for the sake of the name. [42]Every day they continued to teach and proclaim the good news that Jesus is the Christ, both in the temple and in houses.

5:29 Ac 4:19-20
5:30 Ac 2:24, Ac 3:13, Ac 10:39; Ga 3:13; 1Pt 2:24
5:31 Lk 2:11, Lk 24:47; Ac 2:33, Ac 2:38, Ac 3:15
5:32 Lk 24:48; Jn 15:26-27; Ac 1:8, Ac 15:28
5:33 Ac 2:37, Ac 7:54
5:34 Lk 2:46, Lk 5:17; Ac 22:3
5:35 Mt 27:19; Ac 2:22
5:36 Ac 8:9
5:37 Lk 2:1-2
5:38 Job 5:12; Ps 33:10; Is 8:9-10; Lam 3:37
5:39 Prv 21:30; Is 46:10; Ac 11:17
5:40 Mt 10:17; Mk 13:9; Ac 4:18
5:41 Jn 15:21; 1Pt 4:14, 1Pt 4:16
5:42 Ac 2:46, Ac 8:35, Ac 11:20
6:1 Ac 2:41, Ac 4:35, Ac 9:29, Ac 9:39; Phi 3:5
6:3 Dt 1:13; Mt 23:8; Lk 1:15, Lk 4:1; Ac 2:4
6:4 Ac 1:14
6:5 Ac 6:8, Ac 8:5, Ac 11:19, Ac 11:24, Ac 21:8
6:6 Ac 1:24, Ac 9:17, Ac 13:3; 1Ti 4:14; 2Ti 1:6
6:7 Ac 12:24, Ac 13:8, Ac 14:22, Ac 19:20; Ro 1:5
6:8 Ac 6:5
6:9 Ac 15:23, Ac 18:24, Ac 21:39, Ac 27:5

Selection of seven to serve

6 About that time, while the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose. Greek-speaking disciples accused the Aramaic-speaking disciples because their widows were being overlooked in the daily food service. [2]The Twelve called a meeting of all the disciples and said, "It isn't right for us to set aside proclamation of God's word in order to serve tables. [3]Brothers and sisters, carefully choose seven well-respected men from among you. They must be well-respected and endowed by the Spirit with exceptional wisdom. We will put them in charge of this concern. [4]As for us, we will devote ourselves to prayer and the service of proclaiming the word." [5]This proposal pleased the entire community. They selected Stephen, a man endowed by the Holy Spirit with exceptional faith, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. [6]The community presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. [7]God's word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. Even a large group of priests embraced the faith.

Arrest and murder of Stephen

[8]Stephen, who stood out among the believers for the way God's grace was at work in his life and for his exceptional endowment with divine power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. [9]Opposition arose from some who belonged to the so-called Synagogue of Former Slaves. Members from Cyrene, Alexandria, Cilicia, and Asia entered into debate with Stephen. [10]However, they couldn't resist the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke. [11]Then they secretly enticed some people to claim, "We heard him

insult Moses and God." [12]They stirred up the people, the elders, and the legal experts. They caught Stephen, dragged him away, and brought him before the Jerusalem Council. [13]Before the council, they presented false witnesses who testified, "This man never stops speaking against this holy place and the Law. [14]In fact, we heard him say that this man Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and alter the customary practices Moses gave us." [15]Everyone seated in the council stared at Stephen, and they saw that his face was radiant, just like an angel's.

7 The high priest asked, "Are these accusations true?"

[2]Stephen responded, "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. Our glorious God appeared to our ancestor Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he settled in Haran. [3]God told him, 'Leave your homeland and kin, and go to the land that I will show you.'[j] [4]So Abraham left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After Abraham's father died, God had him resettle in this land where you now live. [5]God didn't give him an inheritance here, not even a square foot of land. However, God did promise to give the land as his possession to him and to his descendants, even though Abraham had no child. [6]God put it this way: *His descendants will be strangers in a land that belongs to others, who will enslave them and abuse them for four hundred years.*[k] [7]*And I will condemn the nation they serve as slaves,* God said, *and afterward they will leave*[l] that land and serve me in this place. [8]God gave him the covenant confirmed through circumcision. Accordingly, eight days after Isaac's birth, Abraham circumcised him. Isaac did the same with Jacob, and Jacob with the twelve patriarchs.

[9]"Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him into slavery in Egypt. God was with him, however, [10]and rescued him from all his troubles. The grace and wisdom he gave Joseph were recognized by Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over Egypt and over his whole palace. [11]A famine came upon all Egypt and Canaan, and great hardship came with it. Our ancestors had nothing to eat. [12]When Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt, he sent our ancestors there for the first time. [13]During their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. [14]Joseph sent for his father Jacob and all his relatives—seventy-five in all—and invited them to live with him. [15]So Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died. [16]Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had purchased for a certain sum of money from Hamor's children, who lived in Shechem.

[17]"When it was time for God to keep the promise he made to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt had greatly expanded. [18]But then *another king rose to power over Egypt who didn't know anything about Joseph.*[m] [19]He exploited our people and abused our ancestors. He even forced them to abandon their newly born babies so they would die. [20]That's when Moses was born. He was highly favored by God, and for three months his parents cared for him in their home. [21]After he was abandoned, Pharaoh's daughter adopted and cared for him as though he were her own son. [22]Moses learned everything Egyptian wisdom had to offer, and he was a man of powerful words and deeds.

[23]"When Moses was 40 years old, he decided to visit his family, the Israelites. [24]He saw one of them being wronged so he came to his rescue and evened the score by killing the Egyptian. [25]He expected his own kin to understand that God was using him to rescue them, but they didn't. [26]The

6:13 Ps 27:12; Mt 24:15; Ac 6:11, Ac 7:58, Ac 21:28

6:14 Mt 26:61; Ac 15:1, Ac 21:21

6:15 Ecc 8:1; Mt 17:2

7:2 Gn 11:31, Gn 15:7; Neh 9:7; Ps 29:3; Ac 22:1

7:3 Gn 12:1

7:4 Gn 11:31, Gn 12:4; Gn 12:5

7:5 Gn 12:7, Gn 13:15, Gn 15:18, Gn 17:8

7:6 Gn 15:13-14; Ex 12:40

7:7 Gn 15:13-14; Ex 3:12

7:8 Gn 17:9-10, Gn 21:2, Gn 25:26, Gn 35:23

7:14 Gn 45:9, Gn 46:26-27; Ex 1:5; Dt 10:22

7:15 Gn 46:1, Gn 46:5, Gn 49:33; Ex 1:6; Ps 105:23

7:16 Gn 23:16, Gn 33:19, Gn 50:13; Ex 13:19; Josh 24:32

7:19 Ex 1:9-10, Ex 1:16, Ex 1:22

7:20 Ex 2:2; Heb 11:23

7:22 1Ki 4:30; Is 19:11

7:24 Ex 2:11-12

[j]Gen 12:1 [k]Gen 15:13 [l]Gen 15:14 [m]Exod 1:8

next day he came upon some Israelites who were caught up in an argument. He tried to make peace between them by saying, 'You are brothers! Why are you harming each other?' 27The one who started the fight against his neighbor pushed Moses aside and said, *'Who appointed you as our leader and judge? 28Are you planning to kill me like you killed that Egyptian yesterday?'*[n] 29When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he lived as an immigrant and had two sons.

30"Forty years later, an angel appeared to Moses in the flame of a burning bush in the wilderness near Mount Sinai. 31Enthralled by the sight, Moses approached to get a closer look and he heard the Lord's voice: 32*'I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.'*[o] Trembling with fear, Moses didn't dare to investigate any further. 33The Lord continued, *'Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. 34I have clearly seen the oppression my people have experienced in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning. I have come down to rescue them. Come! I am sending you to Egypt.'*[p]

35"This is the same Moses whom they rejected when they asked, 'Who appointed you as our leader and judge?' This is the Moses whom God sent as leader and deliverer. God did this with the help of the angel who appeared before him in the bush. 36This man led them out after he performed wonders and signs in Egypt at the Red Sea and for forty years in the wilderness. 37This is the Moses who told the Israelites, *'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your own people.'*[q] 38This is the one who was in the assembly in the wilderness with our ancestors and with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai. He is the one who received life-giving words to give to us. 39He's also the one whom our ancestors refused to obey. Instead, they pushed him aside and, in their thoughts and desires, returned to Egypt. 40They told Aaron, *'Make us gods that will lead us. As for this Moses who led us out of Egypt, we don't know what's happened to him!'*[r] 41That's when they made an idol in the shape of a calf, offered a sacrifice to it, and began to celebrate what they had made with their own hands. 42So God turned away from them and handed them over to worship the stars in the sky, just as it is written in the scroll of the Prophets:

Did you bring sacrifices and offerings
to me
for forty years in the wilderness,
house of Israel?
43*No! Instead, you took*
the tent of Moloch with you,
and the star of your god Rephan,
the images that you made
in order to worship them.
Therefore, I will send you far away,
farther than Babylon.[s]

44"The tent of testimony was with our ancestors in the wilderness. Moses built it just as he had been instructed by the one who spoke to him and according to the pattern he had seen. 45In time, when they had received the tent, our ancestors carried it with them when, under Joshua's leadership, they took possession of the land from the nations whom God expelled. This tent remained in the land until the time of David. 46God approved of David, who asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.[t] 47But it was Solomon who actually built a house for God. 48However, the Most High doesn't live in houses built by human hands. As the prophet says,

49*Heaven is my throne,*
and the earth is my footstool.
'What kind of house will you build for
me,' says the Lord,
'or where is my resting place?
50*Didn't I make all these things*
with my own hand?'[u]

7:27 Ac 7:35
7:29 Ex 2:15, Ex 2:22, Ex 18:3, Ex 18:4
7:30 Ex 3:2
7:31 Ex 2:14, Ex 3:1, Ex 3:3-4, Ex 3:6
7:32 Ex 3:6; Mt 22:32; Ac 3:13
7:33 Ex 3:5; Josh 5:15
7:34 Ex 3:7-8, Ex 3:10
7:35 Ac 7:27
7:36 Ex 12:41, Ex 14:21, Ex 33:1
7:37 Dt 18:15; Ac 3:22
7:38 Ac 7:53; Ro 3:2; Heb 5:12; 1Pt 4:11
7:39 Ex 16:3; Nm 11:5, Nm 14:3-4
7:40 Ex 32:1, Ex 32:23
7:41 Ex 32:4, Ex 32:6; Dt 9:16; Neh 9:18; Ps 106:19
7:42 Dt 4:19; 2Ki 21:3; Jer 19:13; Eze 20:39; Am 5:25
7:43 Lv 18:21; Am 5:25-26
7:44 Ex 25:8-9, Ex 25:40, Ex 38:21; Heb 8:5
7:45 Josh 18:1, Josh 23:9, Josh 24:18; Heb 4:8
7:47 1Ki 6:1, 1Ki 8:20; 2Ch 3:1
7:48 1Ki 8:27; 2Ch 2:6; Ac 17:24
7:49 Ps 11:4; Is 66:1-2; Mt 5:34-35

[n]Exod 2:14 [o]Exod 3:6 [p]Exod 3:5, 7 [q]Deut 18:15 [r]Exod 32:1 [s]Amos 5:25-27 [t]Critical editions of the Gk New Testament read *house of Jacob.* [u]Isa 66:1-2

51"You stubborn people! In your thoughts and hearing, you are like those who have had no part in God's covenant! You continuously set yourself against the Holy Spirit, just like your ancestors did. 52Was there a single prophet your ancestors didn't harass? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the righteous one, and you've betrayed and murdered him! 53You received the Law given by angels, but you haven't kept it."

54Once the council members heard these words, they were enraged and began to grind their teeth at Stephen. 55But Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. 56He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven on display and the Human One[v] standing at God's right side!" 57At this, they shrieked and covered their ears. Together, they charged at him, 58threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. 59As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" 60Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" Then he died. 8 1Saul was in full agreement with Stephen's murder.

The church scatters

At that time, the church in Jerusalem began to be subjected to vicious harassment. Everyone except the apostles was scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. 2Some pious men buried Stephen and deeply grieved over him. 3Saul began to wreak havoc against the church. Entering one house after another, he would drag off both men and women and throw them into prison.

Philip in Samaria

4Those who had been scattered moved on, preaching the good news along the way. 5Philip went down to a city in Samaria[w] and began to preach Christ to them. 6The crowds were united by what they heard Philip say and the signs they saw him perform, and they gave him their undivided attention. 7With loud shrieks, unclean spirits came out of many people, and many who were paralyzed or crippled were healed. 8There was great rejoicing in that city.

9Before Philip's arrival, a certain man named Simon had practiced sorcery in that city and baffled the people of Samaria. He claimed to be a great person. 10Everyone, from the least to the greatest, gave him their undivided attention and referred to him as "the power of God called Great." 11He had their attention because he had baffled them with sorcery for a long time. 12After they came to believe Philip, who preached the good news about God's kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. 13Even Simon himself came to believe and was baptized. Afterward, he became one of Philip's supporters. As he saw firsthand the signs and great miracles that were happening, he was astonished.

14When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God's word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. 15Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. (16This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18When Simon perceived that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money. 19He said, "Give me this authority too so that anyone on whom I lay my hands will receive the Holy Spirit."

7:51 Ex 32:9, Ex 33:5; Lv 26:41; Jer 6:10, Jer 9:26
7:52 Mt 5:12, Mt 23:31; Ac 3:14; 1Th 2:15
7:53 Dt 33:2; Ps 68:17; Ac 7:38; Ga 3:19; Heb 2:2
7:54 Job 16:9; Ps 35:16, Ps 37:12; Ac 5:33
7:55 Mk 16:19; Jn 11:41; Ac 6:5
7:56 Mt 8:20
7:57 Ps 58:4
7:58 Lv 24:14; Dt 17:7; Lk 4:29; Ac 8:1, Ac 22:20
7:59 Ps 31:5; Lk 23:46; 1Co 1:2
7:60 Mt 5:44; Lk 22:41, Lk 23:34; Ac 9:40, Ac 13:36
8:1 Ac 1:8, Ac 7:58, Ac 8:4, Ac 11:19, Ac 22:20
8:2 Ac 6:5
8:3 Ac 7:58, Ac 9:1, Ac 22:4; 1Co 15:9; Ga 1:13
8:4 Ac 8:1, Ac 11:19
8:5 Ac 6:5, Ac 8:35, Ac 9:20; 1Co 1:23
8:6 Jn 4:39
8:7 Mt 4:24; Mk 16:17; Ac 5:16
8:8 Ac 8:39
8:9 Ac 5:36, Ac 8:11, Ac 8:18, Ac 13:6
8:10 Ac 14:11, Ac 28:6
8:11 Ac 8:9
8:12 Ac 1:3, Ac 2:38
8:13 Ac 8:6, Ac 8:7, Ac 19:11
8:14 Lk 22:8; Ac 3:1, Ac 8:1
8:15 Ac 2:38, Ac 19:2
8:16 Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38, Ac 10:44, Ac 19:2, Ac 19:5
8:17 Ac 6:6, Ac 8:18, Ac 9:17, Ac 19:6
8:18 Ac 8:9

[v]Or *Son of Man* [w]Or *the city of Samaria*

20 Peter responded, "May your
money be condemned to hell along
with you because you believed you
could buy God's gift with money! 21 You
can have no part or share in God's word
because your heart isn't right with
God. 22 Therefore, change your heart
and life! Turn from your wickedness!
Plead with the Lord in the hope that
your wicked intent can be forgiven,
23 for I see that your bitterness has poi-
soned you and evil has you in chains."

24 Simon replied, "All of you, please,
plead to the Lord for me so that noth-
ing of what you have said will happen
to me!" 25 After the apostles had testi-
fied and proclaimed the Lord's word,
they returned to Jerusalem, preaching
the good news to many Samaritan vil-
lages along the way.

Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch

26 An angel from the Lord spoke to
Philip, "At noon, take[x] the road that
leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This
is a desert road.) 27 So he did. Mean-
while, an Ethiopian man was on his
way home from Jerusalem, where he
had come to worship. He was a eunuch
and an official responsible for the en-
tire treasury of Candace. (Candace is
the title given to the Ethiopian queen.)
28 He was reading the prophet Isaiah
while sitting in his carriage. 29 The
Spirit told Philip, "Approach this car-
riage and stay with it."

30 Running up to the carriage, Philip
heard the man reading the prophet
Isaiah. He asked, "Do you really under-
stand what you are reading?"

31 The man replied, "Without some-
one to guide me, how could I?" Then he
invited Philip to climb up and sit with
him. 32 This was the passage of scripture
he was reading:

Like a sheep he was led to the
slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is
silent
so he didn't open his mouth.
33 *In his humiliation*
justice was taken away from him.
Who can tell the story of his
descendants
because his life was taken
from the earth?[y]

34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me,
about whom does the prophet say this?
Is he talking about himself or someone
else?" 35 Starting with that passage,
Philip proclaimed the good news about
Jesus to him. 36 As they went down the
road, they came to some water.

The eunuch said, "Look! Water! What
would keep me from being baptized?"[z]
38 He ordered that the carriage halt.
Both Philip and the eunuch went down
to the water, where Philip baptized
him. 39 When they came up out of the
water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took
Philip away. The eunuch never saw him
again but went on his way rejoicing.
40 Philip found himself in Azotus. He
traveled through that area, preaching
the good news in all the cities until he
reached Caesarea.

Saul encounters the risen Jesus

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still spew-
ing out murderous threats against
the Lord's disciples. He went to the
high priest, 2 seeking letters to the
synagogues in Damascus. If he found
persons who belonged to the Way,
whether men or women, these letters
would authorize him to take them as
prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 During the
journey, as he approached Damascus,
suddenly a light from heaven encircled
him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a
voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are
you harassing me?"

5 Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harass-
ing," came the reply. 6 "Now get up and
enter the city. You will be told what you
must do."

7 Those traveling with him stood

8:20 2Ki 5:16; Dn 5:17; Mt 10:8; Ac 2:38

8:21 Ps 78:37

8:22 Dn 4:27; Ac 2:38, Ac 3:19, Ac 17:30; 2Ti 2:25

8:23 Dt 29:18, Dt 32:32; Jn 8:34

8:24 Gn 20:7; Ex 8:8, Ex 10:17; Nm 21:7; 1Ki 13:6

8:26 Ac 5:19, Ac 27:23

8:27 1Ki 8:41; Ps 68:31, Ps 87:4; Is 56:3; Jn 12:20

8:28 Lk 3:4, Lk 4:17; Ac 28:25

8:29 Ac 8:39, Ac 10:19, Ac 11:12, Ac 13:2, Ac 21:11

8:30 Mt 13:19, Mt 15:10; Jn 4:34; Ac 8:12, Ac 8:35

8:31 2Ki 10:15; Ro 10:14

8:32 Is 53:7, Is 53:8

8:33 Is 53:7, Is 53:8; Phi 2:7, Phi 2:8

8:35 Mt 5:2; Lk 24:27; Ac 17:2, Ac 18:28, Ac 28:23

8:36 Ac 10:47

8:37 Ac 2:38; 1Jn 5:1

8:38 Ac 8:39

8:39 1Ki 18:12; 2Ki 2:16; Eze 3:12, Eze 11:24; 2Co 12:2

8:40 Ac 8:25, Ac 21:8, Ac 23:23

9:1 Ac 8:3, Ac 22:3, Ac 22:4, Ac 26:9, Ac 26:10

9:2 Ac 19:9, Ac 19:23, Ac 22:4, Ac 24:14, Ac 24:22

9:3 Ac 26:13; 1Co 15:8

9:4 Ac 22:7, Ac 26:14

9:5 Mt 14:14, Mt 15:32, Mt 18:2, Mt 28:10; Ac 9:4

9:6 Ac 9:16

9:7 Dn 10:7; Ac 22:9, Ac 26:14

[x] Or *travel south along* [y] Isa 53:7-8 [z] Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include 8:37 *Philip said to him, "If you believe with all your heart, you can be." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son."*

there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. 8After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

10In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Yes, Lord."

11The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. 12In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

13Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

15The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. 16I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

17Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18Instantly, flakes fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. 19After eating, he regained his strength.

He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. 20Right away, he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared.

21Everyone who heard him was baffled. They questioned each other, "Isn't he the one who was wreaking havoc among those in Jerusalem who called on this name? Hadn't he come here to take those same people as prisoners to the chief priests?"

9:8 Ac 9:18, Ac 22:11

9:9 Est 4:16

9:10 Ac 10:3, Ac 16:9, Ac 18:9, Ac 22:12

9:11 Ac 9:30, Ac 11:25, Ac 21:39, Ac 22:3

9:12 Mk 5:23; Ac 6:6, Ac 9:10, Ac 9:17

9:13 Ac 8:3, Ac 26:10; Ro 15:25, Ro 15:26, Ro 15:31

9:14 Ac 2:21, Ac 7:59, Ac 9:2, Ac 9:21; 1Co 1:2

9:15 Ac 13:2, Ac 26:1; Ro 1:1, Ro 11:13; Ga 1:15

9:16 Ac 20:23, Ac 21:11; 2Co 11:23

9:17 Ac 2:4, Ac 6:6, Ac 9:12, Ac 22:13

9:18 Ac 2:38, Ac 22:16

9:19 Ac 26:20

9:20 Ac 9:22, Ac 13:5, Ac 14:1, Ac 17:10, Ac 17:17

9:21 Ac 8:3, Ac 9:13, Ac 9:14; Ga 1:13, Ga 1:23

9:22 Ac 5:42, Ac 17:3, Ac 18:5, Ac 18:28

9:23 1Th 2:15

9:24 Ac 20:3, Ac 20:19, Ac 23:12, Ac 23:30, Ac 25:3

9:25 Josh 2:15; 1Sa 19:12; 2Co 11:32, 2Co 11:33

9:26 Ac 22:17, Ac 26:20; Ga 1:17, Ga 1:18

9:27 Ac 4:36, Ac 9:20

9:28 Ac 1:21

9:29 Ac 6:1

9:30 Ac 8:40, Ac 9:11, Ac 11:25; Ga 1:21

9:31 Ac 8:1

9:32 Ac 9:13

9:33 Ac 9:34

9:34 Ac 3:6, Ac 4:10, Ac 16:18

22But Saul grew stronger and stronger. He confused the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

23After this had gone on for some time, the Jews hatched a plot to kill Saul. 24However, he found out about their scheme. They were keeping watch at the city gates around the clock so they could assassinate him. 25But his disciples took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the city wall.

26When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him. They didn't believe he was really a disciple. 27Then Barnabas brought Saul to the apostles and told them the story about how Saul saw the Lord on the way and that the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them about the confidence with which Saul had preached in the name of Jesus in Damascus. 28After this, Saul moved freely among the disciples in Jerusalem and was speaking with confidence in the name of the Lord. 29He got into debates with the Greek-speaking Jews as well, but they tried to kill him. 30When the family of believers learned about this, they escorted him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

31Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. God strengthened the church, and its life was marked by reverence for the Lord. Encouraged by the Holy Spirit, the church continued to grow in numbers.

Peter heals and raises the dead

32As Peter toured the whole region, he went to visit God's holy people in Lydda. 33There he found a man named Aeneas who was paralyzed and had been confined to his bed for eight years. 34Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up and make your bed." At once he got up. 35Everyone who lived in Lydda and

Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

[36]In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. [37]About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. [38]Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" [39]Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

[40]Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. [41]He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. [42]The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. [43]Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

Peter, Cornelius, and the Gentiles

10 There was a man in Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion in the Italian Company.[a] [2]He and his whole household were pious, Gentile God-worshippers. He gave generously to those in need among the Jewish people and prayed to God constantly. [3]One day at nearly three o'clock in the afternoon, he clearly saw an angel from God in a vision. The angel came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

[4]Startled, he stared at the angel and replied, "What is it, Lord?"

The angel said, "Your prayers and your compassionate acts are like a memorial offering to God. [5]Send messengers to Joppa at once and summon a certain Simon, the one known as Peter. [6]He is a guest of Simon the tanner, whose house is near the seacoast." [7]When the angel who was speaking to him had gone, Cornelius summoned two of his household servants along with a pious soldier from his personal staff. [8]He explained everything to them, then sent them to Joppa.

[9]At noon on the following day, as their journey brought them close to the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. [10]He became hungry and wanted to eat. While others were preparing the meal, he had a visionary experience. [11]He saw heaven opened up and something like a large linen sheet being lowered to the earth by its four corners. [12]Inside the sheet were all kinds of four-legged animals, reptiles, and wild birds.[b] [13]A voice told him, "Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!"

[14]Peter exclaimed, "Absolutely not, Lord! I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

[15]The voice spoke a second time, "Never consider unclean what God has made pure." [16]This happened three times, then the object was suddenly pulled back into heaven.

[17]Peter was bewildered about the meaning of the vision. Just then, the messengers sent by Cornelius discovered the whereabouts of Simon's house and arrived at the gate. [18]Calling out, they inquired whether the Simon known as Peter was a guest there.

[19]While Peter was brooding over the vision, the Spirit interrupted him, "Look! Three people are looking for you. [20]Go downstairs. Don't ask questions; just go with them because I have sent them."

[21]So Peter went downstairs and told them, "I'm the one you are looking for. Why have you come?"

[22]They replied, "We've come on behalf of Cornelius, a centurion and righteous man, a God-worshipper who is well-respected by all Jewish people.

9:36 Josh 19:46; 2Ch 2:16; Ezr 3:7; Jon 1:3; Ac 10:5
9:37 Ac 1:13, Ac 20:8
9:38 Ac 9:32, Ac 11:26
9:39 Ac 6:1, Ac 9:36
9:40 Mt 9:25; Mk 5:41; Lk 22:41; Jn 11:43; Ac 7:60
9:41 Mk 1:31; Ac 3:7, Ac 6:1, Ac 9:13
9:42 Ac 9:35
9:43 Ac 10:6, Ac 10:32
10:1 Ac 8:40, Ac 27:1
10:2 Ac 10:22, Ac 13:16, Ac 13:26
10:3 Ac 3:1, Ac 5:19, Ac 9:10, Ac 10:17, Ac 10:30
10:4 Mt 26:13; Ac 10:31; Heb 6:10; Rev 8:4
10:5 Mk 3:16; Ac 9:36, Ac 10:32
10:6 Ac 9:43
10:7 Ac 10:1
10:8 Ac 9:36
10:9 Zep 1:5; Mt 24:17; Ac 9:40, Ac 11:5
10:10 Ac 22:17
10:11 Mt 3:16; Jn 1:51; Ac 7:56; Rev 19:11
10:14 Eze 4:14
10:15 Mt 15:11; Mk 7:19; Ro 14:14; 1Co 10:25; Ti 1:15
10:16 Gn 41:32; Jn 21:17; 2Co 13:1
10:17 Ac 9:43, Ac 10:3, Ac 10:7, Ac 10:8
10:18 Ac 10:5
10:19 Ac 8:29, Ac 10:20, Ac 13:2
10:20 Is 48:16; Ac 10:19, Ac 13:4, Ac 15:7
10:22 Mk 8:38; Ac 10:1, Ac 10:2, Ac 11:14

[a]Or *cohort* (approximately six hundred soldiers) [b]Or *birds in the sky*

A holy angel directed him to summon
you to his house and to hear what you
have to say." [23]Peter invited them into
the house as his guests.

The next day he got up and went
with them, together with some of the
believers from Joppa. [24]They arrived in
Caesarea the following day. Anticipat-
ing their arrival, Cornelius had gath-
ered his relatives and close friends.
[25]As Peter entered the house, Corne-
lius met him and fell at his feet in order
to honor him. [26]But Peter lifted him
up, saying, "Get up! Like you, I'm just
a human." [27]As they continued to talk,
Peter went inside and found a large
gathering of people. [28]He said to them,
"You all realize that it is forbidden for
a Jew to associate or visit with outsid-
ers. However, God has shown me that
I should never call a person impure or
unclean. [29]For this reason, when you
sent for me, I came without objection.
I want to know, then, why you sent for
me."

[30]Cornelius answered, "Four days
ago at this same time, three o'clock in
the afternoon, I was praying at home.
Suddenly a man in radiant clothing
stood before me. [31]He said, 'Corne-
lius, God has heard your prayers, and
your compassionate acts are like a me-
morial offering to him. [32]Therefore,
send someone to Joppa and summon
Simon, who is known as Peter. He is a
guest in the home of Simon the tan-
ner, located near the seacoast.' [33]I sent
for you right away, and you were kind
enough to come. Now, here we are,
gathered in the presence of God to lis-
ten to everything the Lord has directed
you to say."

[34]Peter said, "I really am learning
that God doesn't show partiality to one
group of people over another. [35]Rather,
in every nation, whoever worships him
and does what is right is acceptable to
him. [36]This is the message of peace he
sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the
good news through Jesus Christ: He is
Lord of all! [37]You know what happened

10:23 Ac 1:15, Ac 10:45, Ac 11:12

10:24 Ac 8:40, Ac 10:1

10:25 Dn 2:46; Mt 8:2

10:26 Ac 14:15; Rev 19:10, Rev 22:8, Rev 22:9

10:27 Ac 10:24

10:28 Jn 4:9, Jn 18:28; Ac 10:15, Ac 11:3, Ac 15:9

10:30 Ac 10:3, Ac 10:7, Ac 10:24

10:31 Ac 10:4

10:32 Ac 9:43, Ac 10:5, Ac 10:6, Ac 10:17

10:33 Ac 10:2

10:34 Dt 10:17; 2Ch 19:7; Ro 2:11; Ga 2:6; Eph 6:9

10:35 Prv 1:7; Ac 10:2, Ac 10:34, Ac 15:9; Eph 1:6

10:36 Mt 28:18; Lk 2:14; Ac 2:36; Ro 5:1; Eph 2:17

10:37 Mt 4:12, Mt 21:25; Mk 1:4, Mk 1:14; Lk 7:29

10:38 Mt 3:16, Mt 4:23; Lk 4:18; Jn 3:2; Ac 2:22

10:39 Lk 24:48; Ac 1:22, Ac 3:15, Ac 5:30, Ac 10:41

10:40 Ac 2:24

10:41 Lk 24:43; Jn 14:22

10:42 Jn 5:22; Ac 17:31; Ro 14:10; 2Ti 4:1; 1Pt 4:5

10:43 Jn 20:31; Ac 2:38, Ac 15:9

10:44 Ac 11:15, Ac 15:8, Ac 19:6

10:45 Ac 2:33, Ac 2:38, Ac 10:23, Ac 11:2, Ac 15:7

10:46 Mk 16:17; Ac 2:4, Ac 19:6

10:47 Ac 8:12, Ac 8:36, Ac 11:17, Ac 15:8

10:48 Ac 2:38, Ac 8:16

11:1 Ac 1:8, Ac 8:14, Ac 10:45, Ac 11:29, Ac 13:48

11:2 Ac 10:45

11:3 Ac 10:28; Ga 2:12

11:4 Lk 1:3

11:5 Ac 9:10, Ac 10:9

throughout Judea, beginning in Gali-
lee after the baptism John preached.
[38]You know about Jesus of Nazareth,
whom God anointed with the Holy
Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus
traveled around doing good and heal-
ing everyone oppressed by the devil
because God was with him. [39]We are
witnesses of everything he did, both
in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed
him by hanging him on a tree, [40]but
God raised him up on the third day and
allowed him to be seen, [41]not by every-
one but by us. We are witnesses whom
God chose beforehand, who ate and
drank with him after God raised him
from the dead. [42]He commanded us to
preach to the people and to testify that
he is the one whom God appointed as
judge of the living and the dead. [43]All
the prophets testify about him that
everyone who believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins through his name."

[44]While Peter was still speaking,
the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who
heard the word. [45]The circumcised be-
lievers who had come with Peter were
astonished that the gift of the Holy
Spirit had been poured out even on the
Gentiles. [46]They heard them speaking
in other languages and praising God.
Peter asked, [47]"These people have re-
ceived the Holy Spirit just as we have.
Surely no one can stop them from
being baptized with water, can they?"
[48]He directed that they be baptized in
the name of Jesus Christ. Then they
invited Peter to stay for several days.

Jerusalem church questions Peter

11 The apostles and the brothers and
sisters throughout Judea heard
that even the Gentiles had welcomed
God's word. [2]When Peter went up to
Jerusalem, the circumcised believ-
ers criticized him. [3]They accused him,
"You went into the home of the uncir-
cumcised and ate with them!"

[4]Step-by-step, Peter explained what
had happened. [5]"I was in the city of
Joppa praying when I had a visionary

experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. 6As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds.[c] 7I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' 8I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' 10This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. 11At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. 12The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. 13He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. 14He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.' 15When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. 16I remembered the Lord's words: 'John will baptize with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?"

18Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, "So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life."

The Antioch church

19Now those who were scattered as a result of the trouble that occurred because of Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch. They proclaimed the word only to Jews.

11:9 Ac 10:15

11:11 Ac 8:40

11:12 Ac 8:29, Ac 10:23, Ac 15:9

11:13 Ac 12:11

11:14 Jn 4:53; Ac 10:2, Ac 16:15, Ac 16:31, Ac 18:8

11:15 Ac 2:2, Ac 2:4, Ac 10:44

11:16 Lk 3:16; Ac 1:5

11:17 Ac 2:38, Ac 10:47

11:18 Ac 5:31, Ac 21:20; 2Co 7:10

11:19 Ac 4:36, Ac 8:1, Ac 8:4, Ac 11:26, Ac 15:3

11:20 Mt 27:32; Ac 2:10, Ac 5:42, Ac 11:19, Ac 13:1

11:21 Lk 1:66; Ac 2:41, Ac 2:47, Ac 4:4, Ac 9:35

11:22 Ac 4:36, Ac 13:1

11:24 Ac 5:14, Ac 6:5, Ac 11:21

11:25 Ac 9:11, Ac 9:30

11:26 Ac 26:28; 1Pt 4:16

11:27 Ac 13:1, Ac 15:32; 1Co 12:28, 1Co 14:32; Eph 4:11

11:28 Ac 18:2, Ac 21:10, Ac 21:11

11:29 Ac 11:1; Ro 15:26

11:30 Ac 4:36, Ac 12:25; 1Ti 5:17, Ti 1:5; Jas 5:14

12:1 Ac 12:20

12:2 Mt 4:21

12:3 Ex 12:15, Ex 23:15; Ac 20:6, Ac 24:27, Ac 25:9

12:4 Jn 19:23; Ac 5:18

20Among them were some people from Cyprus and Cyrene. They entered Antioch and began to proclaim the good news about the Lord Jesus also to Jews who spoke Greek. 21The Lord's power was with them, and a large number came to believe and turned to the Lord.

22When the church in Jerusalem heard about this, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23When he arrived and saw evidence of God's grace, he was overjoyed and encouraged everyone to remain fully committed to the Lord. 24Barnabas responded in this way because he was a good man, whom the Holy Spirit had endowed with exceptional faith. A considerable number of people were added to the Lord. 25Barnabas went to Tarsus in search of Saul. 26When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. They were there for a whole year, meeting with the church and teaching large numbers of people. It was in Antioch where the disciples were first labeled "Christians."

27About that time, some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28One of them, Agabus, stood up and, inspired by the Spirit, predicted that a severe famine would overtake the entire Roman world. (This occurred during Claudius' rule.) 29The disciples decided they would send support to the brothers and sisters in Judea, with everyone contributing to this ministry according to each person's abundance. 30They sent Barnabas and Saul to take this gift to the elders.

Herod imprisons Peter

12About that time King Herod began to harass some who belonged to the church. 2He had James, John's brother, killed with a sword. 3When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he arrested Peter as well. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. 4He put Peter in prison, handing him over to four squads of soldiers, sixteen in all, who

[c] Or *birds in the sky*

guarded him. He planned to charge him publicly after the Passover. 5While Peter was held in prison, the church offered earnest prayer to God for him.

6The night before Herod was going to bring Peter's case forward, Peter was asleep between two soldiers and bound with two chains, with soldiers guarding the prison entrance. 7Suddenly an angel from the Lord appeared and a light shone in the prison cell. After nudging Peter on his side to awaken him, the angel raised him up and said, "Quick! Get up!" The chains fell from his wrists. 8The angel continued, "Get dressed. Put on your sandals." Peter did as he was told. The angel said, "Put on your coat and follow me." 9Following the angel, Peter left the prison. However, he didn't realize the angel had actually done all this. He thought he was seeing a vision. 10They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself. After leaving the prison, they proceeded the length of one street, when abruptly the angel was gone.

11At that, Peter came to his senses and remarked, "Now I'm certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod and from everything the Jewish people expected." 12Realizing this, he made his way to Mary's house. (Mary was John's mother; he was also known as Mark.) Many believers had gathered there and were praying. 13When Peter knocked at the outer gate, a female servant named Rhoda went to answer. 14She was so overcome with joy when she recognized Peter's voice that she didn't open the gate. Instead, she ran back in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate.

15"You've lost your mind!" they responded. She stuck by her story with such determination that they began to say, "It must be his guardian angel." 16Meanwhile, Peter remained outside, knocking at the gate. They finally opened the gate and saw him there, and they were astounded.

17He gestured with his hand to quiet them down, then recounted how the Lord led him out of prison. He said, "Tell this to James and the brothers and sisters." Then he left for another place.

18The next morning the soldiers were flustered about what had happened to Peter. 19Herod called for a thorough search. When Peter didn't turn up, Herod interrogated the guards and had them executed. Afterward, Herod left Judea in order to spend some time in Caesarea.

20Herod had been furious with the people of Tyre and Sidon for some time. They made a pact to approach him together, since their region depended on the king's realm for its food supply. They persuaded Blastus, the king's personal attendant, to join their cause, then appealed for an end to hostilities. 21On the scheduled day Herod dressed himself in royal attire, seated himself on the throne, and gave a speech to the people. 22Those assembled kept shouting, over and over, "This is a god's voice, not the voice of a mere human!" 23Immediately an angel from the Lord struck Herod down, because he didn't give the honor to God. He was eaten by worms and died.

24God's word continued to grow and increase. 25Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch from Jerusalem[d] after completing their mission, bringing with them John, who was also known as Mark.

Barnabas and Saul sent to minister

13 The church at Antioch included prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon (nicknamed Niger), Lucius from Cyrene, Manaen (a childhood friend of Herod the ruler), and Saul. 2As they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul to the work I have called them

12:5 2Co 1:11; Eph 6:18; Heb 13:3
12:6 Ps 3:5; Ac 5:23, Ac 21:33, Ac 28:20; 2Ti 1:16
12:7 1Ki 19:5; Ac 5:19, Ac 16:26; Heb 1:14
12:8 Mk 6:9
12:9 Ac 9:10
12:10 Ac 5:19, Ac 16:26
12:11 Ps 34:7; Dn 3:28, Dn 6:22; Lk 15:17; 2Co 1:10
12:12 Ac 12:25, Ac 13:5, Ac 13:13, Ac 15:37; Col 4:10
12:13 Jn 18:16, Jn 18:17
12:14 Lk 24:41
12:15 Mt 18:10
12:18 Ac 12:3, Ac 19:23
12:19 Ac 8:40, Ac 16:27, Ac 27:42
12:23 1Sa 25:38; 2Sa 24:16; 2Ki 19:35
12:25 Ac 4:36, Ac 11:30, Ac 12:12, Ac 13:5, Ac 13:13
13:1 Mt 14:1; Ac 4:36, Ac 11:20, Ac 11:22, Ac 11:27
13:2 Ac 8:29, Ac 9:15, Ac 14:26; Ro 15:16

[d]Critical editions of the Gk New Testament read *returned to Jerusalem.*

to undertake." [3]After they fasted and prayed, they laid their hands on these two and sent them off.

Serving in Cyprus

[4]After the Holy Spirit sent them on their way, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. [5]In Salamis they proclaimed God's word in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their assistant. [6]They traveled throughout the island until they arrived at Paphos. There they found a certain man named Bar-Jesus, a Jew who was a false prophet and practiced sorcery. [7]He kept company with the governor of that province, an intelligent man named Sergius Paulus. The governor sent for Barnabas and Saul since he wanted to hear God's word. [8]But Elymas the sorcerer[e] (for that's what people understood his name meant) opposed them, trying to steer the governor away from the faith. [9]Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Saul, also known as Paul, glared at Bar-Jesus and [10]said, "You are a deceiver and trickster! You devil! You attack anything that is right! Will you never stop twisting the straight ways of the Lord into crooked paths? [11]Listen! The Lord's power is set against you. You will be blind for a while, unable even to see the daylight." At once, Bar-Jesus' eyes were darkened, and he began to grope about for someone to lead him around by the hand. [12]When the governor saw what had taken place, he came to believe, for he was astonished by the teaching about the Lord.

Paul and Barnabas in Pisidian Antioch

[13]Paul and his companions sailed from Paphos to Perga in Pamphylia. John deserted them there and returned to Jerusalem. [14]They went on from Perga and arrived at Antioch in Pisidia. On the Sabbath, they entered and found seats in the synagogue there. [15]After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue leaders invited them, "Brothers, if one of you has a sermon for the people, please speak."

[16]Standing up, Paul gestured with his hand and said, "Fellow Israelites and Gentile God-worshippers, please listen to me. [17]The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors. God made them a great people while they lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. With his great power, he led them out of that country. [18]For about forty years, God put up with them in the wilderness. [19]God conquered seven nations in the land of Canaan and gave the Israelites their land as an inheritance. [20]This happened over a period of about four hundred fifty years.

"After this, he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. [21]The Israelites requested a king, so God gave them Saul, Kish's son, from the tribe of Benjamin, and he served as their king for forty years. [22]After God removed him, he raised up David to be their king. God testified concerning him, '*I have found* David, Jesse's son, *a man who shares my desires*.[f] Whatever my will is, he will do.' [23]From this man's descendants, God brought to Israel a savior, Jesus, just as he promised. [24]Before Jesus' appearance, John proclaimed to all the Israelites a baptism to show they were changing their hearts and lives. [25]As John was completing his mission, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I'm not the one you think I am, but he is coming after me. I'm not worthy to loosen his sandals.'

[26]"Brothers, children of Abraham's family, and you Gentile God-worshippers, the message about this salvation has been sent to us. [27]The people in Jerusalem and their leaders didn't recognize Jesus. By condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

13:3 Ac 6:6, Ac 13:2, Ac 14:23, Ac 14:26

13:4 Ac 4:36, Ac 13:2

13:5 Ac 9:20, Ac 12:12, Ac 12:25, Ac 13:14, Ac 14:1

13:6 Mt 7:15; Ac 8:9

13:7 Ac 13:8, Ac 13:12, Ac 18:12, Ac 19:38

13:8 Ac 6:7, Ac 13:6, Ac 13:7

13:9 Lk 1:15; Ac 2:4, Ac 4:8, Ac 4:31, Ac 13:7

13:10 Hos 14:9; Mt 13:38; Jn 8:44

13:11 Gn 19:11; Ex 9:3; 1Sa 5:6; Ps 32:4; Ac 9:8

13:12 Ac 13:7

13:13 Ac 2:10, Ac 12:12, Ac 13:5, Ac 14:24, Ac 15:38

13:15 Mk 5:22; Ac 13:27, Ac 15:21

13:16 Ac 10:2, Ac 12:17, Ac 13:26

13:17 Ex 1:7, Ex 6:6; Dt 7:6

13:18 Nm 14:34; Ac 7:36

13:19 Dt 7:1; Josh 14:1, Josh 19:51; Ps 78:55; Ac 7:45

13:21 1Sa 8:5, 1Sa 9:1, 1Sa 9:2, 1Sa 10:1, 1Sa 10:21

13:22 1Sa 13:14, 1Sa 15:23, 1Sa 16:1, 1Sa 16:13; Ps 89:20

13:23 2Sa 7:12; Mt 1:1; Lk 2:11; Ac 5:31; Ro 1:3

13:26 Ac 4:12, Ac 28:28

13:27 Mt 22:29; Ac 3:17, Ac 13:15, Ac 15:21

[e]Or *magician* (Gk *magos*) [f]Tg 1 Sam 13:14

28 Even though they didn't find a single
legal basis for the death penalty, they
asked Pilate to have him executed.
29 When they finished doing every-
thing that had been written about
him, they took him down from the
cross[g] and laid him in a tomb. 30 But
God raised him from the dead! 31 He
appeared over many days to those who
had traveled with him from Galilee to
Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses
to the people.

32 "We proclaim to you the good
news. What God promised to our an-
cestors, 33 he has fulfilled for us, their
children, by raising up Jesus. As it was
written in the second psalm, *You are my
son; today I have become your father.*[h]

34 "God raised Jesus from the dead,
never again to be subjected to death's
decay. Therefore, God said, *I will give
to you the holy and firm promises I made
to David.*[i] 35 In another place it is said,
*You will not let your holy one experience
death's decay.*[j] 36 David served God's
purpose in his own generation, then
he died and was buried with his an-
cestors. He experienced death's decay,
37 but the one whom God has raised up
didn't experience death's decay.

38 "Therefore, brothers and sisters,
know this: Through Jesus we proclaim
forgiveness of sins to you. From all
those sins from which you couldn't
be put in right relationship with God
through Moses' Law, 39 through Jesus
everyone who believes is put in right
relationship with God. 40 Take care that
the prophets' words don't apply to you:

41 *Look, you scoffers,*
marvel and die.
I'm going to do work in your day —
a work you won't believe
even if someone told you."[k]

42 As Paul and Barnabas were leaving
the synagogue, the people urged them
to speak about these things again on
the next Sabbath. 43 When the people
in the synagogue were dismissed,
many Jews and devout converts to
Judaism accompanied Paul and Barn-
abas, who urged them to remain faith-
ful to the message of God's grace.

44 On the next Sabbath, almost ev-
eryone in the city gathered to hear the
Lord's word. 45 When the Jews saw the
crowds, they were overcome with jeal-
ousy. They argued against what Paul
was saying by slandering him. 46 Speak-
ing courageously, Paul and Barnabas
said, "We had to speak God's word to
you first. Since you reject it and show
that you are unworthy to receive eter-
nal life, we will turn to the Gentiles.
47 This is what the Lord commanded us:

*I have made you a light for the
Gentiles,*
*so that you could bring salvation
to the end of the earth."*[l]

48 When the Gentiles heard this, they
rejoiced and honored the Lord's word.
Everyone who was appointed for eter-
nal life believed, 49 and the Lord's word
was broadcast throughout the entire
region. 50 However, the Jews provoked
the prominent women among the Gen-
tile God-worshippers, as well as the
city's leaders. They instigated others to
harass Paul and Barnabas, and threw
them out of their district. 51 Paul and
Barnabas shook the dust from their
feet and went to Iconium. 52 Because
of the abundant presence of the Holy
Spirit in their lives, the disciples were
overflowing with happiness.

Paul and Barnabas in Iconium

14 The same thing happened in Ico-
nium. Paul and Barnabas entered
the Jewish synagogue and spoke as
they had before. As a result, a huge
number of Jews and Greeks believed.
2 However, the Jews who rejected the
faith stirred up the Gentiles, poison-
ing their minds against the brothers.
3 Nevertheless, Paul and Barnabas
stayed there for quite some time, con-
fidently speaking about the Lord. And
the Lord confirmed the word about
his grace by the signs and wonders he

13:28 Ac 3:14
13:29 Lk 18:31, Lk 23:53
13:30 Mt 28:6; Ac 2:24, Ac 3:15
13:31 Lk 24:48; Ac 1:3, Ac 1:8, Ac 1:22
13:32 Ac 26:6; Ro 4:13, Ro 9:4
13:33 Ps 2:7; Ac 2:24
13:34 Is 55:3
13:35 Ps 16:10; Ac 2:27
13:36 1Ki 2:10; Ac 2:29, Ac 13:22
13:37 Ac 2:24, Ac 13:30
13:38 Lk 24:47; Ac 2:38, Ac 5:31
13:39 Jn 5:24; Ac 10:43; Ro 3:28, Ro 5:1; Ga 2:16
13:40 Heb 3:12
13:41 Hab 1:5
13:42 Ac 13:14
13:46 Ac 3:26, Ac 18:6, Ac 26:20, Ac 28:28
13:47 Is 49:6; Lk 2:32
13:48 Mt 19:16; Jn 10:27; Ac 2:41, Ac 2:47, Ac 10:45
14:1 Ac 13:5, Ac 18:4

[g] Or *tree* [h] Ps 2:7 [i] Isa 55:3 [j] Ps 16:10 [k] Hab 1:5 [l] Isa 49:6

enabled them to perform. [4]The people of the city were divided—some siding with the Jews, others with the Lord's messengers. [5]Then some Gentiles and Jews, including their leaders, hatched a plot to mistreat and stone Paul and Barnabas. [6]When they learned of it, these two messengers fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding area, [7]where they continued to proclaim the good news.

Healing a crippled man in Lystra

[8]In Lystra there was a certain man who lacked strength in his legs. He had been crippled since birth and had never walked. Sitting there, he [9]heard Paul speaking. Paul stared at him and saw that he believed he could be healed.

[10]Raising his voice, Paul said, "Stand up straight on your feet!" He jumped up and began to walk.

[11]Seeing what Paul had done, the crowd shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have taken human form and come down to visit us!" [12]They referred to Barnabas as Zeus and to Paul as Hermes, since Paul was the main speaker. [13]The priest of Zeus, whose temple was located just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates. Along with the crowds, he wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

[14]When the Lord's messengers Barnabas and Paul found out about this, they tore their clothes in protest and rushed out into the crowd. They shouted, [15]"People, what are you doing? We are humans too, just like you! We are proclaiming the good news to you: turn to the living God and away from such worthless things. He *made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them.*[m] [16]In the past, he permitted every nation to go its own way. [17]Nevertheless, he hasn't left himself without a witness. He has blessed you by giving you rain from above as well as seasonal harvests, and satisfying you with food and happiness." [18]Even with these words, they barely kept the crowds from sacrificing to them.

[19]Jews from Antioch and Iconium arrived and won the crowds over. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing he was dead. [20]When the disciples surrounded him, he got up and entered the city again. The following day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

Returning to Antioch

[21]Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the good news to the people in Derbe and made many disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, where [22]they strengthened the disciples and urged them to remain firm in the faith. They told them, "If we are to enter God's kingdom, we must pass through many troubles." [23]They appointed elders for each church. With prayer and fasting, they committed these elders to the Lord, in whom they had placed their trust.

[24]After Paul and Barnabas traveled through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. [25]They proclaimed the word in Perga, then went down to Attalia. [26]From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been entrusted by God's grace to the work they had now completed. [27]On their arrival, they gathered the church together and reported everything that God had accomplished through their activity, and how God had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. [28]They stayed with the disciples a long time.

The Jerusalem Council

15 Some people came down from Judea teaching the family of believers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom we've received from Moses, you can't be saved." [2]Paul and Barnabas took sides against these Judeans and argued strongly against their position.

The church at Antioch appointed

14:4 Ac 14:14, Ac 17:4, Ac 28:24
14:6 Mt 10:23; Ac 13:11, Ac 14:20, Ac 16:1; 2Ti 3:11
14:8 Ac 3:2
14:9 Mt 9:28, Mt 13:58; Ac 3:4
14:10 Ac 3:8, Ac 9:34
14:11 Ac 8:10, Ac 14:6, Ac 14:12, Ac 28:6
14:12 Ex 7:1; Ac 4:36, Ac 9:27, Ac 14:11, Ac 19:35
14:13 Dn 2:46; Ac 14:12
14:14 Gn 37:29; Mt 26:65
14:15 Ex 20:11; 1Sa 12:21; Ps 146:6; Ac 4:24, Ac 10:26
14:16 Ps 81:12; Mi 4:5; Ac 17:30; Eph 2:12; 1Pt 4:3
14:17 Dt 11:14; Job 5:10; Jl 2:23; Mt 5:45; Ro 1:20
14:19 Ac 13:45, Ac 13:50, Ac 14:5; 2Co 11:25; 2Ti 3:11
14:20 Ac 11:26, Ac 14:6, Ac 14:22
14:21 Mt 28:19; Ac 13:51
14:22 Jn 16:33; Ac 11:23, Ac 13:43, Ac 15:32; 2Ti 3:12
14:23 Ac 11:30, Ac 13:3, Ac 20:32; Ti 1:5
14:24 Ac 13:13, Ac 13:14
14:27 Ac 15:12, Ac 21:19; 1Co 16:9; 2Co 2:12; Col 4:3
15:1 Lv 12:3; Ac 6:14, Ac 15:5, Ac 15:24; 1Co 7:18
15:2 Ac 11:30, Ac 15:4, Ac 15:7, Ac 15:22; Ga 2:1

[m]Ps 146:6

Paul, Barnabas, and several others from Antioch to go up to Jerusalem to set this question before the apostles and the elders. 3The church sent this delegation on their way. They traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, telling stories about the conversion of the Gentiles to everyone. Their reports thrilled the brothers and sisters. 4When they arrived in Jerusalem, the church, the apostles, and the elders all welcomed them. They gave a full report of what God had accomplished through their activity. 5Some believers from among the Pharisees stood up and claimed, "The Gentiles must be circumcised. They must be required to keep the Law from Moses."

6The apostles and the elders gathered to consider this matter. 7After much debate, Peter stood and addressed them, "Fellow believers, you know that, early on, God chose me from among you as the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and come to believe. 8God, who knows people's deepest thoughts and desires, confirmed this by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. 9He made no distinction between us and them, but purified their deepest thoughts and desires through faith. 10Why then are you now challenging God by placing a burden on the shoulders of these disciples that neither we nor our ancestors could bear? 11On the contrary, we believe that we and they are saved in the same way, by the grace of the Lord Jesus."

12The entire assembly fell quiet as they listened to Barnabas and Paul describe all the signs and wonders God did among the Gentiles through their activity. 13When Barnabas and Paul also fell silent, James responded, "Fellow believers, listen to me. 14Simon reported how, in his kindness, God came to the Gentiles in the first place, to raise up from them a people of God. 15The prophets' words agree with this; as it is written,

15:3 Ac 11:19, Ac 14:27; Ro 15:24; 1Co 16:6, 1Co 16:11

15:4 Ac 14:27, Ac 15:12

15:5 Mt 3:7; Ac 5:17, Ac 15:1, Ac 26:5

15:6 Ac 15:4, Ac 15:25

15:7 Ac 10:45

15:8 Ac 1:24, Ac 10:44

15:9 Ac 10:28, Ac 10:34, Ac 10:43, Ac 26:18

15:10 Mt 23:4; Ac 5:9; Ga 5:1

15:11 Ro 3:24, Ro 5:15; Ga 2:16; Eph 2:5, Eph 2:8

15:12 Ac 14:27, Ac 15:4

15:13 Ac 12:17, Ac 21:18; Ga 1:19, Ga 2:9, Ga 2:12

15:14 Is 43:21; Ac 15:7; 2Pt 1:1

15:16 Am 9:11, Am 9:12

15:17 Nm 6:27; Is 43:7; Am 9:11, Am 9:12

15:18 Is 45:21, Is 46:10

15:19 Ac 15:28

15:20 Gn 9:4; Lv 3:17, Lv 17:10; Dt 12:16; Ac 15:29

15:21 Ac 13:15, Ac 13:27

15:22 Ac 15:27, Ac 15:40, Ac 16:19, Ac 17:4; 1Th 1:1

15:23 Ac 6:9, Ac 15:41, Ac 23:26; Ga 1:21; Jas 1:1

15:24 Ac 15:1; Ga 1:7, Ga 2:4, Ga 5:10, Ga 6:12

15:25 Ac 1:14, Ac 15:22; 2Pt 3:15

15:26 Ac 14:19

15:27 Ac 15:22, Ac 15:32

15:28 Ac 5:32, Ac 15:8, Ac 15:19

15:29 Ac 15:20, Ac 21:25

16 *After this I will return,*
and I will rebuild David's fallen tent;
I will rebuild what has been torn down.
I will restore it
17 *so that the rest of humanity*
will seek the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who belong to me.
The Lord says this,
the one who does these things[n]
18 known from earliest times.

19"Therefore, I conclude that we shouldn't create problems for Gentiles who turn to God. 20Instead, we should write a letter, telling them to avoid the pollution associated with idols, sexual immorality, eating meat from strangled animals, and consuming blood. 21After all, Moses has been proclaimed in every city for a long time, and is read aloud every Sabbath in every synagogue."

Letter to the Gentile believers

22The apostles and the elders, along with the entire church, agreed to send some delegates chosen from among themselves to Antioch, together with Paul and Barnabas. They selected Judas Barsabbas and Silas, who were leaders among the brothers and sisters. 23They were to carry this letter:

The apostles and the elders, to the Gentile brothers and sisters in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. Greetings!
24We've heard that some of our number have disturbed you with unsettling words we didn't authorize. 25We reached a united decision to select some delegates and send them to you along with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul. 26These people have devoted their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27Therefore, we are sending Judas and Silas. They will confirm what we have written. 28The Holy Spirit has led us to the decision that no burden should be placed on you other than these essentials: 29re-

[n]Amos 9:11-12

fuse food offered to idols, blood, the meat from strangled animals, and sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid such things. Farewell.

30When Barnabas, Paul, and the delegates were sent on their way, they went down to Antioch. They gathered the believers and delivered the letter. 31The people read it, delighted with its encouraging message. 32Judas and Silas were prophets, and they said many things that encouraged and strengthened the brothers and sisters. 33Judas and Silas stayed there awhile, then were sent back with a blessing of peace from the brothers and sisters to those who first sent them.° 35Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, where, together with many others, they taught and proclaimed the good news of the Lord's word.

Paul and Barnabas part company

36Some time later, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit all the brothers and sisters in every city where we preached the Lord's word. Let's see how they are doing." 37Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them. 38Paul insisted that they shouldn't take him along, since he had deserted them in Pamphylia and hadn't continued with them in their work. 39Their argument became so intense that they went their separate ways. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus. 40Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord's grace. 41He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Paul adds Timothy

16 Paul reached Derbe, and then Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy. He was the son of a believing Jewish woman and a Greek father. 2The brothers and sisters in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. 3Paul wanted to take Timothy with him, so he circumcised him. This was because of the Jews who lived in those areas, for they all knew Timothy's father was Greek. 4As Paul and his companions traveled through the cities, they instructed Gentile believers to keep the regulations put into place by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. 5So the churches were strengthened in the faith and every day their numbers flourished.

Vision of the Macedonian

6Paul and his companions traveled throughout the regions of Phrygia and Galatia because the Holy Spirit kept them from speaking the word in the province of Asia. 7When they approached the province of Mysia, they tried to enter the province of Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus wouldn't let them. 8Passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas instead. 9A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" 10Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Lydia's conversion

11We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. 12From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. 13On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. 14One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. 15Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come

15:30 Ac 6:2
15:32 Ac 13:1, Ac 14:22
15:33 Ac 16:36; 1Co 16:11; Heb 11:31
15:35 Ac 13:1
15:36 Ac 13:13
15:37 Ac 12:12, Ac 12:25, Ac 13:5, Ac 13:13; Col 4:10
15:38 Ac 13:13
15:39 Ac 4:36, Ac 13:4; Col 4:10
15:40 Ac 14:26, Ac 15:22
15:41 Ac 15:23, Ac 15:32, Ac 16:5
16:1 Ac 17:14, Ac 18:5, Ac 19:22, Ac 20:4; 2Ti 1:5
16:2 Ac 6:3, Ac 13:51
16:3 Ga 2:3
16:4 Ac 11:30, Ac 15:2, Ac 15:28, Ac 15:29
16:7 Ac 16:6; Ro 8:9; Ga 4:6; Phi 1:19; 1Pt 1:11
16:8 Ac 16:11, Ac 20:5; 2Co 2:12; 2Ti 4:13
16:10 Ac 20:5, Ac 21:1, Ac 27:1, Ac 28:16
16:13 Mt 5:1; Ac 13:14, Ac 17:2, Ac 18:4, Ac 20:7
16:14 Lk 24:45; Ac 16:40; Rev 1:11, Rev 2:18
16:15 Ac 11:14

°Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include 15:34 *Silas decided to remain there.*

and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

Paul and Silas in prison

16 One day, when we were on the way to the place for prayer, we met a slave woman. She had a spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She made a lot of money for her owners through fortune-telling. 17 She began following Paul and us, shouting, "These people are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!" 18 She did this for many days.

This annoyed Paul so much that he finally turned and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave her!" It left her at that very moment.

19 Her owners realized that their hope for making money was gone. They grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the officials in the city center. 20 When her owners approached the legal authorities, they said, "These people are causing an uproar in our city. They are Jews 21 who promote customs that we Romans can't accept or practice." 22 The crowd joined in the attacks against Paul and Silas, so the authorities ordered that they be stripped of their clothes and beaten with a rod. 23 When Paul and Silas had been severely beaten, the authorities threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to secure them with great care. 24 When he received these instructions, he threw them into the innermost cell and secured their feet in stocks.

25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison's foundations. The doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. 27 When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted loudly, "Don't harm yourself! We're all here!"

29 The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He led them outside and asked, "Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?"

31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household." 32 They spoke the Lord's word to him and everyone else in his house. 33 Right then, in the middle of the night, the jailer welcomed them and washed their wounds. He and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. 34 He brought them into his home and gave them a meal. He was overjoyed because he and everyone in his household had come to believe in God.

35 The next morning the legal authorities sent the police to the jailer with the order "Release those people."

36 So the jailer reported this to Paul, informing him, "The authorities sent word that you both are to be released. You can leave now. Go in peace."

37 Paul told the police, "Even though we are Roman citizens, they beat us publicly without first finding us guilty of a crime, and they threw us into prison. And now they want to send us away secretly? No way! They themselves will have to come and escort us out." 38 The police reported this to the legal authorities, who were alarmed to learn that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. 39 They came and consoled Paul and Silas, escorting them out of prison and begging them to leave the city.

40 Paul and Silas left the prison and made their way to Lydia's house where they encouraged the brothers and sisters. Then they left Philippi.

More troubles for Paul

17 Paul and Silas journeyed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, then came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As was Paul's

16:16 1Sa 28:7; Ac 16:13

16:17 Mk 5:7

16:18 Mk 16:17; Ac 3:6, Ac 9:34

16:19 Ac 8:3, Ac 15:22, Ac 15:40, Ac 21:30

16:22 Ac 5:40; 2Co 11:25; 1Th 2:2

16:23 Ac 5:18, Ac 16:27; 2Co 6:5

16:24 Job 13:27, Job 33:11; Jer 20:2, Jer 20:3, Jer 29:26

16:25 Ps 119:55, Ps 119:62; Eph 5:19

16:26 Ac 4:31, Ac 5:19, Ac 12:7, Ac 12:10

16:27 Ac 12:19, Ac 16:23

16:28 Ac 13:50, Ac 14:19, Ac 15:12, Ac 15:40, Ac 16:9

16:29 Is 60:14; Ac 2:37, Ac 9:6, Ac 15:22, Ac 16:19

16:30 Ac 2:37, Ac 9:6, Ac 16:17, Ac 22:10

16:31 Mk 16:16; Jn 3:36, Jn 11:25; Ac 11:14; Ro 10:9

16:32 Col 1:28; 1Th 2:8

16:33 Ac 2:38, Ac 16:25, Ac 16:34

16:34 Ac 8:39

16:35 Ac 16:20

16:36 Ac 15:33, Ac 16:27

16:37 Ac 22:25, Ac 25:10

16:38 Ac 22:29

17:1 Phi 4:16; 1Th 1:1; 2Ti 4:10

17:2 Ac 8:35, Ac 9:20, Ac 13:14, Ac 17:10, Ac 18:4

custom, he entered the synagogue and for three Sabbaths interacted with them on the basis of the scriptures. [3]Through his interpretation of the scriptures, he demonstrated that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. He declared, "This Jesus whom I proclaim to you is the Christ." [4]Some were convinced and joined Paul and Silas, including a larger number of Greek God-worshippers and quite a few prominent women.

[5]But the Jews became jealous and brought along some thugs who were hanging out in the marketplace. They formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They attacked Jason's house, intending to bring Paul and Silas before the people. [6]When they didn't find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city officials. They were shouting, "These people who have been disturbing the peace throughout the empire have also come here. [7]What is more, Jason has welcomed them into his home. Every one of them does what is contrary to Caesar's decrees by naming someone else as king: Jesus." [8]This provoked the crowd and the city officials even more. [9]After Jason and the others posted bail, they released them.

[10]As soon as it was dark, the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas on to Beroea. When they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. [11]The Beroean Jews were more honorable than those in Thessalonica. This was evident in the great eagerness with which they accepted the word and examined the scriptures each day to see whether Paul and Silas' teaching was true. [12]Many came to believe, including a number of reputable Greek women and many Greek men.

[13]The Jews from Thessalonica learned that Paul also proclaimed God's word in Beroea, so they went there too and were upsetting and disturbing the crowds. [14]The brothers and sisters sent Paul away to the seacoast at once, but Silas and Timothy remained at Beroea.

17:3 Lk 24:26, Lk 24:46; Ac 2:24, Ac 3:18, Ac 9:22

17:5 Ac 13:45, Ac 17:7, Ac 17:13; Ro 16:21; 1Th 2:14

17:6 Mt 24:14; Ac 16:19, Ac 24:5

17:7 Lk 23:2; Jn 19:12

17:9 Ac 17:5

17:10 Ac 17:2, Ac 17:13, Ac 17:14, Ac 20:4

17:11 Is 34:16; Jn 5:39

17:14 Ac 16:1, Ac 17:10

17:16 Ac 13:16, Ac 16:17, Ac 17:2, Ac 17:4, Ac 17:15

17:17 Ac 9:20, Ac 17:2, Ac 17:4

17:18 Ac 4:2, Ac 17:31, Ac 17:32

17:20 Hos 8:12; 1Pt 4:4

17:21 2Th 3:11; 1Ti 5:13

17:22 Ac 17:16

17:23 Jn 4:22

17:24 Dt 10:14; Mt 11:25; Ac 4:24, Ac 7:48, Ac 14:15

17:25 Gn 2:7; Job 27:3; Is 42:5

17:26 Dt 32:8; Job 12:23; Ps 31:15; Mal 2:10

17:27 Dt 4:7; Jer 23:23, Jer 23:24

[15]Those who escorted Paul led him as far as Athens, then returned with instructions for Silas and Timothy to come to him as quickly as possible.

[16]While Paul waited for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to find that the city was flooded with idols. [17]He began to interact with the Jews and Gentile God-worshippers in the synagogue. He also addressed whoever happened to be in the marketplace each day. [18]Certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers engaged him in discussion too. Some said, "What an amateur! What's he trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods." (They said this because he was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) [19]They took him into custody and brought him to the council on Mars Hill. "What is this new teaching? Can we learn what you are talking about? [20]You've told us some strange things and we want to know what they mean." ([21]They said this because all Athenians as well as the foreigners who live in Athens used to spend their time doing nothing but talking about or listening to the newest thing.)

[22]Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, "People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. [23]As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: 'To an unknown God.' What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to you. [24]God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn't live in temples made with human hands. [25]Nor is God served by human hands, as though he needed something, since he is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. [26]From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. [27]God made the nations so they would seek him, perhaps

even reach out to him and find him. In fact, God isn't far away from any of us. [28]In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, 'We are his offspring.'

[29]"Therefore, as God's offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. [30]God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. [31]This is because God has set a day when he intends to judge the world justly by a man he has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

[32]When they heard about the resurrection from the dead, some began to ridicule Paul. However, others said, "We'll hear from you about this again." [33]At that, Paul left the council. [34]Some people joined him and came to believe, including Dionysius, a member of the council on Mars Hill, a woman named Damaris, and several others.

Paul in Corinth

18 After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. [2]There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus. He had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul visited with them. [3]Because they practiced the same trade, he stayed and worked with them. They all worked with leather. [4]Every Sabbath he interacted with people in the synagogue, trying to convince both Jews and Greeks. [5]Once Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself fully to the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. [6]When they opposed and slandered him, he shook the dust from his clothes in protest and said to them, "You are responsible for your own fates! I'm innocent! From now on I'll go to the Gentiles!" [7]He left the synagogue and went next door to the home of Titius Justus, a Gentile God-worshipper. [8]Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household came to believe in the Lord. Many Corinthians believed and were baptized after listening to Paul.

[9]One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, "Don't be afraid. Continue speaking. Don't be silent. [10]I'm with you and no one who attacks you will harm you, for I have many people in this city." [11]So he stayed there for eighteen months, teaching God's word among them.

[12]Now when Gallio was the governor of the province of Achaia, the Jews united in their opposition against Paul and brought him before the court. [13]"This man is persuading others to worship God unlawfully," they declared.

[14]Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, "If there had been some sort of injury or criminal behavior, I would have reason to accept your complaint. [15]However, since these are squabbles about a message, names, and your own Law, deal with them yourselves. I have no desire to sit in judgment over such things." [16]He expelled them from the court, [17]but everyone seized Sosthenes, the synagogue leader, and gave him a beating in the presence of the governor. None of this mattered to Gallio.

[18]After Paul stayed in Corinth for some time, he said good-bye to the brothers and sisters. At the Corinthian seaport of Cenchreae he had his head shaved, since he had made a solemn promise. Then, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila, he sailed away to Syria. [19]After they arrived in Ephesus, he left Priscilla and Aquila and entered the synagogue and interacted with the Jews. [20]They asked him to stay longer, but he declined. [21]As he said farewell to them, though, he added, "God willing, I will return." Then he sailed off from Ephesus. [22]He arrived in Caesarea, went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch.

17:28 Job 12:10; Dn 5:23
17:29 Ro 1:23
17:30 Lk 24:47; Ac 3:19, Ac 14:16, Ac 26:20; Ro 3:25
17:31 Ps 9:8, Ps 98:9; Ac 2:24, Ac 10:42; Ro 2:16
17:32 2Ch 36:16; Ac 2:13, Ac 17:18
17:34 Ac 17:19, Ac 17:22
18:1 Ac 17:15, Ac 19:1; 1Co 1:2; 2Co 1:1; 2Ti 4:20
18:2 Ac 11:28, Ac 18:26; Ro 16:3; 1Co 16:19; 2Ti 4:19
18:3 Ac 20:34; 1Co 4:12, 1Co 9:15; 1Th 2:9; 2Th 3:8
18:4 Ac 13:14, Ac 14:1, Ac 17:2
18:7 Ac 16:14
18:8 Ac 11:14; 1Co 1:14
18:9 Ac 9:10, Ac 16:9, Ac 22:18, Ac 23:11
18:10 Mt 28:20; Jn 10:16; Ac 18:9
18:13 Ac 21:28
18:17 Ac 18:8; 1Co 1:1
18:18 Nm 6:18; Ac 18:2, Ac 21:24; Ro 16:1
18:19 Ac 18:4, Ac 18:24, Ac 19:1, Ac 19:17; 1Ti 1:3

[23]After some time there he left and traveled from place to place in the region of Galatia and the district of Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Apollos and his ministry

[24]Meanwhile, a certain Jew named Apollos arrived in Ephesus. He was a native of Alexandria and was well-educated and effective in his use of the scriptures. [25]He had been instructed in the way of the Lord and spoke as one stirred up by the Spirit. He taught accurately the things about Jesus, even though he was aware only of the baptism John proclaimed and practiced. [26]He began speaking with confidence in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they received him into their circle of friends and explained to him God's way more accurately. [27]When he wanted to travel to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples so they would open their homes to him. Once he arrived, he was of great help to those who had come to believe through grace. [28]He would vigorously defeat Jewish arguments in public debate, using the scriptures to prove that Jesus was the Christ.

Paul in Ephesus

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul took a route through the interior and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. [2]He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you came to believe?"

They replied, "We've not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

[3]Then he said, "What baptism did you receive, then?"

They answered, "John's baptism."

[4]Paul explained, "John baptized with a baptism by which people showed they were changing their hearts and lives. It was a baptism that told people about the one who was coming after him. This is the one in whom they were to believe. This one is Jesus." [5]After they listened to Paul, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6]When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in other languages and prophesying. [7]Altogether, there were about twelve people.

[8]Paul went to the synagogue and spoke confidently for the next three months. He interacted with those present and offered convincing arguments concerning the nature of God's kingdom. [9]Some people had closed their minds, though. They refused to believe and publicly slandered the Way. As a result, Paul left them, took the disciples with him, and continued his daily interactions in Tyrannus' lecture hall. [10]This went on for two years, so that everyone living in the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the Lord's word.

[11]God was doing unusual miracles through Paul. [12]Even the small towels and aprons that had touched his skin were taken to the sick, and their diseases were cured and the evil spirits left them.

[13]There were some Jews who traveled around throwing out evil spirits. They tried to use the power of the name of the Lord Jesus against some people with evil spirits. They said, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you!" [14]The seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

[15]The evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus and I'm familiar with Paul, but who are you?" [16]The person who had an evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all with such force that they ran out of that house naked and wounded. [17]This became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus. Everyone was seized with fear and they held the name of the Lord Jesus in the highest regard.

[18]Many of those who had come to believe came, confessing their past practices. [19]This included a number of

18:23 Ac 14:22, Ac 15:41, Ac 16:6

18:24 Ac 19:1; 1Co 1:12, 1Co 3:5, 1Co 16:12; Ti 3:13

18:25 Lk 7:29; Ac 9:2, Ac 19:3, Ac 19:4; Ro 12:11

18:26 Ac 18:2, Ac 18:18; Ro 16:3; 2Ti 4:19

18:27 Ac 11:23, Ac 18:12, Ac 18:18, Ac 19:1; 1Co 3:6

18:28 Jn 5:39; Ac 8:35, Ac 9:22, Ac 18:5; 1Co 15:3

19:1 Ac 18:1, Ac 18:19, Ac 18:24; 1Co 1:12, 1Co 3:4

19:2 Jn 7:39; Ac 2:38, Ac 8:15

19:3 Lk 7:29; Ac 18:25

19:4 Mt 3:11; Mk 1:4; Jn 1:7; Ac 13:24

19:5 Ac 2:38, Ac 8:12, Ac 8:16

19:6 Mk 16:17; Ac 2:4, Ac 6:6, Ac 8:17, Ac 10:46

19:8 Ac 1:3, Ac 9:20, Ac 18:4, Ac 28:23, Ac 28:31

19:9 Ac 9:2, Ac 14:4, Ac 19:23

19:10 Ac 16:6, Ac 20:31

19:11 Ac 5:15, Ac 8:13, Ac 14:3, Ac 15:12, Ac 16:18

19:12 Mk 16:17; Ac 5:15, Ac 19:11

19:13 Mt 12:27, Mt 26:63; Mk 5:7

19:14 Ac 19:13

19:15 Mt 8:29; Mk 1:24; Lk 8:28

19:18 Mt 3:6

people who practiced sorcery. They collected their sorcery texts and burned them publicly. The value of those materials was calculated at more than someone might make if they worked for one hundred sixty-five years.[P] [20]In this way the Lord's word grew abundantly and strengthened powerfully.

[21]Once these things had come to an end, Paul, guided by the Spirit, decided to return to Jerusalem, taking a route that would carry him through the provinces of Macedonia and Achaia. He said, "After I have been there, I must visit Rome as well." [22]He sent two of his assistants, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he remained awhile in the province of Asia.

[23]At that time a great disturbance erupted about the Way. [24]There was a silversmith named Demetrius. He made silver models of Artemis' temple, and his business generated a lot of profit for the craftspeople. [25]He called a meeting with these craftspeople and others working in related trades and said, "Friends, you know that we make an easy living from this business. [26]And you can see and hear that this Paul has convinced and misled a lot of people, not only in Ephesus but also throughout most of the province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands aren't really gods. [27]This poses a danger not only by discrediting our trade but also by completely dishonoring the great goddess Artemis. The whole province of Asia—indeed, the entire civilized world—worships her, but her splendor will soon be extinguished."

[28]Once they heard this, they were beside themselves with anger and began to shout, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

[29]The city was thrown into turmoil. They rushed as one into the theater. They seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from the province of Macedonia. [30]Paul wanted to appear before the assembly, but the disciples wouldn't allow him. [31]Even some officials of the province of Asia, who were Paul's friends, sent word to him, urging him not to risk going into the theater. [32]Meanwhile, the assembly was in a state of confusion. Some shouted one thing, others shouted something else, and most of the crowd didn't know why they had gathered. [33]The Jews sent Alexander to the front, and some of the crowd directed their words toward him. He gestured that he wanted to offer a defense before the assembly, [34]but when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" This continued for about two hours.

[35]The city manager brought order to the crowd and said, "People of Ephesus, doesn't everyone know that the city of Ephesus is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? [36]Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you must calm down. Don't be reckless. [37]The men you brought here have neither robbed the temple nor slandered our goddess. [38]Therefore, if Demetrius and the craftspeople with him have a charge against anyone, the courts are in session and governors are available. They can press charges against each other there. [39]Additional disputes can be resolved in a legal assembly. [40]As for us, we are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since we can't justify this unruly gathering." [41]After he said this, he dismissed the assembly.

Paul visits Macedonia and Greece

20 When the riot was over, Paul sent for the disciples, encouraged them, said good-bye, and left for the province of Macedonia. [2]He traveled through that region with a message of encouragement. When he came to Greece, [3]he stayed for three months. Because the Jews hatched a plot against Paul as he was about to sail

19:21 Ac 16:9, Ac 18:12, Ac 20:16, Ac 23:11; Ro 15:25
19:23 Ac 9:2, Ac 19:9; 2Co 1:8
19:24 Ac 16:16, Ac 19:27, Ac 19:28, Ac 19:35
19:25 Ac 16:19, Ac 19:24
19:26 Ps 115:4; Is 44:10; Jer 10:3; Ac 17:29; 1Co 8:4
19:27 Ac 19:24
19:28 Ac 19:24, Ac 19:27, Ac 19:35
19:29 Ac 20:4, Ac 27:2; Ro 16:23; Col 4:10; Phm 1:24
19:30 2Sa 21:17; Ac 14:14, Ac 17:22, Ac 21:39
19:32 Ac 21:34
19:33 Ac 12:17
19:34 Ac 19:28
19:35 Ac 14:12, Ac 19:24, Ac 19:28
19:37 Ro 2:22
19:38 Ac 13:7, Ac 18:12, Ac 19:24
19:40 Ac 17:5
20:1 Ac 16:9, Ac 19:21
20:3 Ac 9:23, Ac 9:24, Ac 20:19

[P]Or *fifty thousand silver drachmen* (a drachme is equivalent in value to a denarion, a typical day's wage)

for Syria, he decided instead to return through Macedonia. 4He was accompanied by Sopater, Pyrrhus' son from Beroea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. 5They went on ahead and waited for us in Troas. 6We sailed from Philippi after the Festival of Unleavened Bread and met them five days later in Troas, where we stayed for a week.

Meeting with believers in Troas

7On the first day of the week, as we gathered together for a meal, Paul was holding a discussion with them. Since he was leaving the next day, he continued talking until midnight. 8There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we had gathered. 9A young man named Eutychus was sitting in the window. He was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell from the third floor and died. 10Paul went down, fell on him and embraced him, then said, "Don't be alarmed. He's alive!" 11Then Paul went back upstairs and ate. He talked for a long time—right up until daybreak—then he left. 12They took the young man away alive, and they were greatly comforted.

Farewell to the Ephesian leaders

13We went on to the ship and sailed for Assos, where we intended to take Paul on board. Paul had arranged this, since he intended to make his way there by land. 14When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and went on to Mitylene. 15The next day we sailed from there and arrived opposite Chios. On the day after, we sailed to Samos, and on the following day we came to Miletus. 16Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he wouldn't need to spend too much time in the province of Asia. He was hurrying to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by Pentecost Day.

20:4 Ac 16:1, Ac 19:29, Ac 21:29; Eph 6:21; Col 4:7

20:5 Ac 16:8, Ac 16:10; 2Co 2:12; 2Ti 4:13

20:6 Ac 12:3, Ac 16:8, Ac 16:12

20:7 Ac 2:42; 1Co 16:2; Rev 1:10

20:8 Ac 1:13, Ac 9:37

20:9 2Ki 1:2; Ac 14:19

20:10 1Ki 17:21; 2Ki 4:34; Mt 9:24; Mk 5:39

20:11 Ac 20:7

20:16 Ac 2:1, Ac 18:19, Ac 19:21; 1Co 16:8

20:17 Ac 11:30

20:18 Ac 18:19, Ac 19:1, Ac 19:10; 1Th 1:5

20:19 Ac 20:3, Ac 20:31; Ro 12:11; 2Co 2:4; Phi 3:18

20:20 Ac 20:27

20:21 Mk 1:15; Ac 2:38, Ac 11:18, Ac 18:5; Eph 1:15

20:22 Jas 4:14

20:23 Ac 8:29, Ac 9:16, Ac 14:22, Ac 21:4, Ac 21:33

20:24 Ac 20:32, Ac 21:13; Ga 1:1; 2Ti 4:7; Ti 1:3

20:25 Mt 4:23; Ac 28:31

20:26 Ac 18:6

20:27 Ac 2:23, Ac 20:20

20:28 Jn 21:15; 1Co 10:32; Eph 1:7; 1Pt 1:19; Rev 5:9

20:29 Mt 7:15, Mt 10:16; Jn 10:12; Ac 20:28

20:30 Mk 13:22; 1Co 11:19; 1Ti 1:19; 2Ti 4:3; 2Pt 2:1

20:31 Ac 19:8, Ac 19:10, Ac 20:19

20:32 Ac 14:3, Ac 26:18; Col 1:12, Col 3:24; 1Pt 1:4

17From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus calling for the church's elders to meet him. 18When they arrived, he said to them, "You know how I lived among you the whole time I was with you, beginning with the first day I arrived in the province of Asia. 19I served the Lord with great humility and with tears in the midst of trials that came upon me because of the Jews' schemes. 20You know I held back nothing that would be helpful so that I could proclaim to you and teach you both publicly and privately in your homes. 21You know I have testified to both Jews and Greeks that they must change their hearts and lives as they turn to God and have faith in our Lord Jesus. 22Now, compelled by the Spirit, I'm going to Jerusalem. I don't know what will happen to me there. 23What I do know is that the Holy Spirit testifies to me from city to city that prisons and troubles await me. 24But nothing, not even my life, is more important than my completing my mission. This is nothing other than the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus: to testify about the good news of God's grace.

25"I know that none of you will see me again—you among whom I traveled and proclaimed the kingdom. 26Therefore, today I testify to you that I'm not responsible for anyone's fate. 27I haven't avoided proclaiming the entire plan of God to you. 28Watch yourselves and the whole flock, in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as supervisors, to shepherd God's church, which he obtained with the death of his own Son.[q] 29I know that, after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you and won't spare the flock. 30Some of your own people will distort the word in order to lure followers after them. 31Stay alert! Remember that for three years I constantly and tearfully warned each one of you. I never stopped warning you! 32Now I entrust you to God and the message of

[q]Or *with the death of his own*, or *with his own death*

his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all whom God has made holy. 33I haven't craved anyone's silver, gold, or clothing. 34You yourselves know that I have provided for my own needs and for those of my companions with my own hands. 35In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

36After he said these things, he knelt down with all of them to pray. 37They cried uncontrollably as everyone embraced and kissed Paul. 38They were especially grieved by his statement that they would never see him again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

Paul travels to Jerusalem

21 After we tore ourselves away from them, we set sail on a straight course to Cos, reaching Rhodes the next day, and then Patara. 2We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, boarded, and put out to sea. 3We spotted Cyprus, but passed by it on our left. We sailed on to the province of Syria and landed in Tyre, where the ship was to unload its cargo. 4We found the disciples there and stayed with them for a week. Compelled by the Spirit, they kept telling Paul not to go to Jerusalem. 5When our time had come to an end, we departed. All of them, including women and children, accompanied us out of town where we knelt on the beach and prayed. 6We said good-bye to each other, then we boarded the ship and they returned to their homes.

7Continuing our voyage, we sailed from Tyre and arrived in Ptolemais. We greeted the brothers and sisters there and spent a day with them. 8The next day we left and came to Caesarea. We went to the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven, and stayed with him. 9He had four unmarried daughters who were involved in the work of prophecy. 10After staying there for several days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11He came to us, took Paul's belt, tied his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In Jerusalem the Jews will bind the man who owns this belt, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles.' " 12When we heard this, we and the local believers urged Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.

13Paul replied, "Why are you doing this? Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I'm ready not only to be arrested but even to die in Jerusalem for the sake of the name of the Lord Jesus."

14Since we couldn't talk him out of it, the only thing we could say was, "The Lord's will be done."

15After this, we got ready and made our way up to Jerusalem. 16Some of the disciples from Caesarea accompanied us and led us to Mnason's home, where we were guests. He was from Cyprus and had been a disciple a long time. 17When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters welcomed us warmly.

Meeting the Jerusalem church leaders

18On the next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James. All of the elders were present. 19After greeting them, he gave them a detailed report of what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20Those who heard this praised God. Then they said to him, "Brother, you see how many thousands of Jews have become believers, and all of them keep the Law passionately. 21They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to reject Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to live according to our customs. 22What about this? Without a doubt, they will hear that you have arrived. 23You must therefore do what

20:33 1Co 9:12; 2Co 7:2, 2Co 11:9, 2Co 12:14

20:34 Ac 18:3, Ac 19:22; 1Co 4:12; 1Th 2:9; 2Th 3:8

20:35 Ro 15:1; 2Co 8:9; Eph 4:28; 1Th 5:14

20:38 Ac 15:3, Ac 20:25, Ac 21:5

21:1 Ac 16:10, Ac 16:11

21:2 Ac 11:19, Ac 15:3

21:3 Is 23:1; Ac 4:36, Ac 12:20, Ac 13:4, Ac 27:4

21:5 Lk 22:41; Ac 9:40, Ac 20:36, Ac 20:38

21:8 Ac 6:5, Ac 8:5, Ac 8:40; Eph 4:11; 2Ti 4:5

21:9 Jgs 4:4; Lk 2:36; Ac 2:17; 1Co 11:5

21:10 Ac 11:28

21:11 Jer 13:1; Mt 20:19; Ac 8:29, Ac 21:33

21:12 Mt 16:21

21:13 Ac 9:16, Ac 20:24; Phi 2:17

21:14 Mt 6:10, Mt 26:39; Lk 22:42

21:17 Ac 15:4

21:18 Ac 11:30, Ac 12:17, Ac 15:13; Ga 1:19, Ga 2:9

21:19 Ac 1:17, Ac 14:27

21:20 Ac 11:18, Ac 15:1, Ac 22:3; Ro 10:2; Ga 1:14

21:21 Ac 6:14, Ac 15:1, Ac 21:28

21:23 Nm 6:2; Ac 18:18

we tell you. Four men among us have made a solemn promise. 24Take them with you, go through the purification ritual with them, and pay the cost of having their heads shaved. Everyone will know there is nothing to those reports about you but that you too live a life in keeping with the Law. 25As for the Gentile believers, we wrote a letter about what we decided, that they avoid food offered to idols, blood, the meat from strangled animals, and sexual immorality." 26The following day Paul took the men with him and went through the purification ritual with them. He entered the temple and publicly announced the completion of the days of purification, when the offering would be presented for each one of them.

Paul seized by the people

27When the seven days of purification were almost over, the Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul in the temple. Grabbing him, they threw the whole crowd into confusion by shouting, 28"Fellow Israelites! Help! This is the man who teaches everyone everywhere against our people, the Law, and this place. Not only that, he has even brought Greeks into the temple and defiled this holy place." (29They said this because they had seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him earlier, and they assumed Paul had brought him into the temple.) 30The entire city was stirred up. The people came rushing, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple. Immediately the gates were closed. 31While they were trying to kill him, a report reached the commander of a company of soldiers that all Jerusalem was in a state of confusion. 32Without a moment's hesitation, he took some soldiers and officers and ran down to the mob. When the mob saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. 33When the commander arrived, he arrested Paul and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Only then did he begin to ask who Paul was and what he had done.

34Some in the crowd shouted one thing, others shouted something else. Because of the commotion, he couldn't learn the truth, so he ordered that Paul be taken to the military headquarters. 35When Paul reached the steps, he had to be carried by the soldiers in order to protect him from the violence of the crowd. 36The mob that followed kept screaming, "Away with him!"

37As Paul was about to be taken into the military headquarters, he asked the commander, "May I speak with you?"

He answered, "Do you know Greek? 38Aren't you the Egyptian who started a revolt and led four thousand terrorists into the desert some time ago?"

39Paul replied, "I'm a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of an important city. Please, let me speak to the people." 40With the commander's permission, Paul stood on the steps and gestured to the people. When they were quiet, he addressed them in Aramaic.

Paul's defense before his accusers

22 "Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense." 2When they heard him address them in Aramaic, they became even more quiet. 3Paul continued, "I'm a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia but raised in this city. Under Gamaliel's instruction, I was trained in the strict interpretation of our ancestral Law. I am passionately loyal to God, just like you who are gathered here today. 4I harassed those who followed this Way to their death, arresting and delivering both men and women into prison. 5The high priest and the whole Jerusalem Council can testify about me. I received letters from them, addressed to our associates in Damascus, then went there to bring those who were arrested to Jerusalem so they could be punished.

6"During that journey, about noon,

21:24 Ac 18:18, Ac 21:26, Ac 24:18

21:25 Ac 15:20, Ac 15:29

21:26 Nm 6:13; Ac 21:24, Ac 24:18

21:28 Mt 24:15; Ac 6:13, Ac 24:5, Ac 24:6

21:29 Ac 18:19, Ac 20:4; 2Ti 4:20

21:31 Ac 10:1, Ac 23:23

21:32 Ac 23:27

21:33 Ac 12:6, Ac 20:23, Ac 21:11, Ac 28:20; Eph 6:20

21:38 Mt 24:26; Ac 5:36

21:39 Ac 6:9, Ac 9:11, Ac 16:37, Ac 22:3, Ac 22:25

21:40 Jn 5:2; Ac 12:17, Ac 22:2, Ac 26:14

22:1 Ac 7:2

22:3 Ac 5:34, Ac 9:11, Ac 21:20, Ac 21:39, Ac 26:5

22:5 Lk 22:66; Ac 9:1, Ac 9:2

as I approached Damascus, suddenly a
bright light from heaven encircled me.
7I fell to the ground and heard a voice
asking me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you
harassing me?' 8I answered, 'Who are
you, Lord?' 'I am Jesus the Nazarene,
whom you are harassing,' he replied.
9My traveling companions saw the
light, but they didn't hear the voice
of the one who spoke to me. 10I asked,
'What should I do, Lord?' 'Get up,' the
Lord replied, 'and go into Damascus.
There you will be told everything you
have been appointed to do.' 11I couldn't
see because of the brightness of that
light, so my companions led me by the
hand into Damascus.

12"There was a certain man named
Ananias. According to the standards of
the Law, he was a pious man who en-
joyed the respect of all the Jews living
there. 13He came and stood beside me.
'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' he
said. Instantly, I regained my sight and
I could see him. 14He said, 'The God of
our ancestors has selected you to know
his will, to see the righteous one, and
to hear his voice. 15You will be his wit-
ness to everyone concerning what you
have seen and heard. 16What are you
waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and
wash away your sins as you call on his
name.'

17"When I returned to Jerusalem
and was praying in the temple, I had a
visionary experience. 18I saw the Lord
speaking to me. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Leave
Jerusalem at once because they won't
accept your testimony about me.' 19I
responded, 'Lord, these people know
I used to go from one synagogue to
the next, beating those who believe in
you and throwing them into prison.
20When Stephen your witness was
being killed, I stood there giving my
approval, even watching the clothes
that belonged to those who were kill-
ing him.' 21Then the Lord said to me,
'Go! I will send you far away to the
Gentiles.' "

22The crowd listened to Paul until
he said this. Then they shouted, "Away
with this man! He's not fit to live!"
23As they were screaming, throwing
off their garments, and flinging dust
into the air, 24the commander directed
that Paul be taken into the military
headquarters. He ordered that Paul be
questioned under the whip so that he
could find out why they were shouting
at him like this.

25As they were stretching him out
and tying him down with straps, Paul
said to the centurion standing there,
"Can you legally whip a Roman citi-
zen who hasn't been found guilty in
court?"

26When the centurion heard this, he
went to the commander and reported
it. He asked, "What are you about to
do? This man is a Roman citizen!"

27The commander went to Paul and
demanded, "Tell me! Are you a Roman
citizen?"

He said, "Yes."

28The commander replied, "It cost me
a lot of money to buy my citizenship."

Paul said, "I'm a citizen by birth."
29At once those who were about to
examine him stepped away. The com-
mander was alarmed when he realized
he had bound a Roman citizen.

Paul appears before the Jewish council

30The commander still wanted to
know the truth about why Paul was
being accused by the Jews. Therefore,
the next day he ordered the chief
priests and the entire Jerusalem Coun-
cil to assemble. Then he took Paul out
of prison and had him stand before
them.

23 Paul stared at the council and
said, "Brothers, I have lived my
life with an altogether clear conscience
right up to this very day." 2The high
priest Ananias ordered those standing
beside Paul to strike him in the mouth.
3Then Paul said to him, "God is about
to strike you, you whitewashed wall!
You sit and judge me according to the

22:8 Ac 26:9
22:9 Ac 9:7
22:11 Ac 9:8
22:13 Ac 9:17
22:14 Ac 3:13, Ac 3:14, Ac 7:52; 1Co 9:1, 1Co 15:8
22:15 Jn 15:27; Ac 1:8, Ac 22:14, Ac 23:11, Ac 26:16
22:16 Ac 2:38; 1Co 6:11; Heb 10:22
22:17 Ac 3:1, Ac 9:26, Ac 10:10
22:18 Ac 9:29, Ac 18:9
22:19 Mt 10:17; Ac 8:3, Ac 22:4, Ac 26:11
22:20 Ac 7:58, Ac 8:1; Ro 1:32
22:21 Ac 9:15
22:25 Ac 16:37, Ac 23:17
22:28 Ac 16:37, Ac 22:25
22:29 Ac 16:38, Ac 21:33, Ac 22:24, Ac 22:25
23:1 Ac 22:30, Ac 24:16; 2Co 1:12; 2Ti 1:3; Heb 13:18
23:2 1Ki 22:24; Jn 18:22; Ac 24:1
23:3 Dt 25:1, Dt 25:2; Mt 23:27; Jn 7:51

Law, yet disobey the Law by ordering that I be struck."

[4]Those standing near him asked, "You dare to insult God's high priest?"

[5]Paul replied, "Brothers, I wasn't aware that he was the high priest. It is written, *You will not speak evil about a ruler of your people.*"[r]

[6]Knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, Paul exclaimed in the council, "Brothers, I'm a Pharisee and a descendant of Pharisees. I am on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead!"

[7]These words aroused a dispute between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. [8]This is because Sadducees say that there's no resurrection, angel, or spirit, but Pharisees affirm them all. [9]Council members were shouting loudly. Some Pharisees who were legal experts stood up and insisted forcefully, "We find nothing wrong with this man! What if a spirit or angel has spoken to him?" [10]The dispute became so heated that the commander feared they might tear Paul to pieces. He ordered soldiers to go down and remove him by force from their midst. Then they took him back to the military headquarters.

[11]The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Be encouraged! Just as you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so too you must testify in Rome."

A murder plot discovered

[12]The next morning some Jewish leaders formulated a plot and solemnly promised that they wouldn't eat or drink until they had killed Paul. [13]More than forty people were involved in the conspiracy. [14]They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have solemnly promised to eat nothing until we have killed Paul. [15]You and the council must explain to the commander that you need Paul brought down to you. Pretend that you want to examine his case more closely. We're prepared to kill him before he arrives."

[16]Paul's sister had a son who heard about the ambush and he came to the military headquarters and reported it to Paul. [17]Paul called for one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the commander because he has something to report to him."

[18]He took him to the commander and said, "The prisoner Paul asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to tell you."

[19]The commander took him by the hand and withdrew to a place where they could speak privately. He asked, "What do you have to report to me?"

[20]He replied, "The Jewish leaders have conspired to ask that you bring Paul down to the council tomorrow. They will pretend that they want to investigate his case more closely. [21]Don't fall for it! More than forty of them are waiting to ambush him. They have solemnly promised not to eat or drink until they have killed him. They are ready now, awaiting your consent."

[22]The commander dismissed the young man, ordering him, "Don't tell anyone that you brought this to my attention."

[23]The commander called two centurions and said, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to leave for Caesarea at nine o'clock tonight. [24]Have horses ready for Paul to ride, so they may take him safely to Governor Felix." [25]He wrote the following letter:

> [26]Claudius Lysias, to the most honorable Governor Felix: Greetings. [27]This man was seized by the Jews and was almost killed by them. I was nearby with a unit of soldiers, and I rescued him when I discovered that he was a Roman citizen. [28]I wanted to find out why they were accusing him, so I brought him to their council. [29]I discovered that they were accusing him about

23:5 Ex 22:28; Ecc 10:20; Ac 23:1; Jud 1:8

23:6 Ac 24:15, Ac 24:21, Ac 26:5, Ac 28:20; Phi 3:5

23:8 Mt 22:23; Mk 12:18; Lk 20:27; Ac 4:1; 1Co 15:12

23:9 Mk 2:16; Lk 5:30; Jn 12:29; Ac 22:7, Ac 23:29

23:11 Mt 14:27; Ac 18:9, Ac 19:21, Ac 28:23

23:12 Ac 23:14, Ac 23:21, Ac 23:30

23:14 Ac 23:12

23:15 Ac 22:30, Ac 23:1

23:16 Ac 21:34, Ac 23:10, Ac 23:32

23:17 Mt 8:5, Mt 8:8; Ac 21:32, Ac 22:25, Ac 27:11

23:18 Ac 28:17; Eph 3:1

23:20 Ac 23:1, Ac 23:12, Ac 23:14, Ac 23:15

23:21 Ac 23:12, Ac 23:14

23:23 Ac 8:40

23:24 Ac 23:26, Ac 23:33, Ac 24:1, Ac 24:10, Ac 25:14

23:26 Lk 1:3; Ac 15:23, Ac 24:3, Ac 26:25

23:27 Ac 21:32, Ac 21:33, Ac 22:25

23:28 Ac 22:30

23:29 Ac 18:15, Ac 23:9, Ac 25:19, Ac 25:25, Ac 26:31

[r]Exod 22:28

questions related to their Law. I found no charge deserving of death or imprisonment. 30When I was informed of a conspiracy against his life, I sent him to you at once and ordered his accusers to bring their case against him before you.

31Following their orders, the soldiers took Paul during the night and brought him to Antipatris. 32The following day they let the horsemen continue on with Paul while they returned to the military headquarters in Jerusalem. 33The horsemen entered Caesarea, delivered the letter to the governor, and brought Paul before him. 34After he read the letter, he asked Paul about his home province. When he learned that he was from Cilicia, 35the governor said, "I will hear your case when your accusers arrive." Then he ordered that Paul be kept in custody in Herod's palace.

Paul's trial before Felix

24 Five days later the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a lawyer named Tertullus. They pressed charges against Paul before the governor. 2After the governor summoned Paul, Tertullus began to make his case against him. He declared, "Under your leadership, we have experienced substantial peace, and your administration has brought reforms to our nation. 3Always and everywhere, most honorable Felix, we acknowledge this with deep gratitude. 4I don't want to take too much of your time, so I ask that you listen with your usual courtesy to our brief statement of the facts. 5We have found this man to be a troublemaker who stirs up riots among all the Jews throughout the empire. He's a ringleader of the Nazarene faction 6and even tried to defile the temple. That's when we arrested him.[s] 8By examining him yourself, you will be able to verify the allegations we are bringing against him." 9The Jews reinforced the action against Paul, affirming the truth of these accusations.

10The governor nodded at Paul, giving him permission to speak.

He responded, "I know that you have been judge over this nation for many years, so I gladly offer my own defense. 11You can verify that I went up to worship in Jerusalem no more than twelve days ago. 12They didn't find me arguing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd, whether in the synagogue or anywhere else in the city. 13Nor can they prove to you the allegations they are now bringing against me. 14I do admit this to you, that I am a follower of the Way, which they call a faction. Accordingly, I worship the God of our ancestors and believe everything set out in the Law and written in the Prophets. 15The hope I have in God I also share with my accusers, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. 16On account of this, I have committed myself to maintaining a clear conscience before God and with all people. 17After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring gifts for the poor of my nation and to offer sacrifices. 18When they found me in the temple, I was ritually pure. There was no crowd and no disturbance. 19But there were some Jews from the province of Asia. They should be here making their accusations, if indeed they have something against me. 20In their absence, have these people who are here declare what crime they found when I stood before the Jerusalem Council. 21Perhaps it concerns this one statement that I blurted out when I was with them: 'I am on trial before you today because of the resurrection of the dead.'"

22Felix, who had an accurate understanding of the Way, adjourned the meeting. He said, "When Lysias the commander arrives from Jerusalem,

23:30 Ac 23:20, Ac 23:35, Ac 24:18, Ac 25:16
23:31 Ac 23:24
23:32 Ac 23:10
23:33 Ac 23:24
23:34 Ac 21:39, Ac 25:1
24:1 Ac 23:2, Ac 23:24, Ac 25:2
24:5 Lk 23:2; Ac 17:6, Ac 24:14, Ac 28:22
24:15 Dn 12:2; Jn 5:28; Ac 23:6, Ac 28:20; Rev 20:13
24:17 Ac 11:29; Ro 15:25; 1Co 16:1; 2Co 8:1; Ga 2:10
24:18 Ac 21:26, Ac 21:27
24:19 Ac 23:30
24:22 Ac 9:2, Ac 24:7, Ac 24:14

[s]Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include *We wanted to put him on trial according to our Law, 7 but Lysias the commander arrived and took him from our hands with great force. 8 Then he ordered his accusers to appear before you.*

I will decide this case." [23]He arranged for a centurion to guard Paul. He was to give Paul some freedom, and his friends were not to be hindered in their efforts to provide for him.

Paul in custody

[24]After several days, Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and summoned Paul. He listened to him talk about faith in Christ Jesus. [25]When he spoke about upright behavior, self-control, and the coming judgment, Felix became fearful and said, "Go away for now! When I have time, I'll send for you." [26]At the same time, he was hoping that Paul would offer him some money, so he often sent for him and talked with him.

[27]When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. Since Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.

Paul appeals to Caesar

25 Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. [2]The chief priests and Jewish leaders presented their case against Paul. Appealing to him, [3]they asked as a favor from Festus that he summon Paul to Jerusalem. They were planning to ambush and kill him along the way. [4]But Festus responded by keeping Paul in Caesarea, since he was to return there very soon himself. [5]"Some of your leaders can come down with me," he said. "If he's done anything wrong, they can bring charges against him."

[6]He stayed with them for no more than eight or ten days, then went down to Caesarea. The following day he took his seat in the court and ordered that Paul be brought in. [7]When he arrived, many Jews who had come down from Jerusalem surrounded him. They brought serious charges against him, but they couldn't prove them. [8]In his own defense, Paul said, "I've done nothing wrong against the Jewish Law, against the temple, or against Caesar."

[9]Festus, wanting to put the Jews in his debt, asked Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem to stand trial before me concerning these things?"

[10]Paul replied, "I'm standing before Caesar's court. I ought to be tried here. I have done nothing wrong to the Jews, as you well know. [11]If I'm guilty and have done something that deserves death, then I won't try to avoid death. But if there is nothing to their accusations against me, no one has the authority to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar!"

[12]After Festus conferred with his advisors, he responded, "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go."

King Agrippa informed about Paul

[13]After several days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived in Caesarea to welcome Festus. [14]Since they were staying there for many days, Festus discussed the case against Paul with the king. He said, "There is a man whom Felix left in prison. [15]When I was in Jerusalem, the Jewish chief priests and elders brought charges against him and requested a guilty verdict in his case. [16]I told them it is contrary to Roman practice to hand someone over before they have faced their accusers and had opportunity to offer a defense against the charges. [17]When they came here, I didn't put them off. The very next day I took my seat in the court and ordered that the man be brought before me. [18]When the accusers took the floor, they didn't charge him with any of the crimes I had expected. [19]Instead, they quibbled with him about their own religion and about some dead man named Jesus, who Paul claimed was alive. [20]Since I had no idea how to investigate these matters, I asked if he would be willing to go to Jerusalem to stand trial there on these issues. [21]However, Paul appealed that

24:23 Ac 27:3, Ac 28:16
24:25 Ac 10:42; Ga 5:23; Ti 2:12; 2Pt 1:6
24:26 Ps 26:9; Prv 17:23; Is 1:23; Mi 3:11, Mi 7:3
25:1 Ac 23:34
25:2 Ac 24:1, Ac 25:15
25:3 Ac 23:12
25:11 Ac 25:10, Ac 25:12, Ac 25:21, Ac 26:32, Ac 28:19
25:16 Ac 23:30, Ac 25:4, Ac 25:5

he be held in custody pending a decision from His Majesty the emperor, so I ordered that he be held until I could send him to Caesar."

[22]Agrippa said to Festus, "I want to hear the man myself."

"Tomorrow," Festus replied, "you will hear him."

[23]The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great fanfare. They entered the auditorium with the military commanders and the city's most prominent men. Festus then ordered that Paul be brought in. [24]Festus said, "King Agrippa and everyone present with us: You see this man! The entire Jewish community, both here and in Jerusalem, has appealed to me concerning him. They've been calling for his immediate death. [25]I've found that he has done nothing deserving death. When he appealed to His Majesty, I decided to send him to Rome. [26]I have nothing definite to write to our lord emperor. Therefore, I've brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after this investigation, I might have something to write. [27]After all, it would be foolish to send a prisoner without specifying the charges against him."

Paul's defense before Agrippa

26 Agrippa said to Paul, "You may speak for yourself."

So Paul gestured with his hand and began his defense. [2]"King Agrippa, I consider myself especially fortunate that I stand before you today as I offer my defense concerning all the accusations the Jews have brought against me. [3]This is because you understand well all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I ask you to listen to me patiently. [4]Every Jew knows the way of life I have followed since my youth because, from the beginning, I was among my people and in Jerusalem. [5]They have known me for a long time. If they wanted to, they could testify that I followed the way of life set out by the most exacting group of our religion. I am a Pharisee. [6]Today I am standing trial because of the hope in the promise God gave our ancestors. [7]This is the promise our twelve tribes hope to receive as they earnestly worship night and day. The Jews are accusing me, King Agrippa, because of this hope! [8]Why is it inconceivable to you that God raises the dead?

[9]"I really thought that I ought to oppose the name of Jesus the Nazarene in every way possible. [10]And that's exactly what I did in Jerusalem. I locked up many of God's holy people in prison under the authority of the chief priests. When they were condemned to death, I voted against them. [11]In one synagogue after another—indeed, in all the synagogues—I would often torture them, compelling them to slander God. My rage bordered on the hysterical as I pursued them, even to foreign cities.

[12]"On one such journey, I was going to Damascus with the full authority of the chief priests. [13]While on the road at midday, King Agrippa, I saw a light from heaven shining around me and my traveling companions. That light was brighter than the sun. [14]We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice that said to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me? It's hard for you to kick against a spear.'[t] [15]Then I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord replied, 'I am Jesus, whom you are harassing. [16]Get up! Stand on your feet! I have appeared to you for this purpose: to appoint you as my servant and witness of what you have seen and what I will show you. [17]I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you [18]to open their eyes. Then they can turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, and receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are made holy by faith in me.'

25:23 Ac 25:13, Ac 26:30
26:1 Ac 24:10
26:2 Ac 25:7, Ac 26:7
26:3 Ac 6:14, Ac 25:19
26:5 Ac 22:3, Ac 23:6, Ac 24:5; Php 3:5
26:6 Ac 13:32, Ac 23:6, Ac 24:15, Ac 28:20
26:7 Ac 26:2; Jas 1:1
26:8 Ac 4:2, Ac 23:6; 1Co 15:12
26:12 Ac 9:1, Ac 9:3, Ac 22:5, Ac 22:6, Ac 26:10
26:13 Ac 9:3
26:14 Jn 5:2; Ac 9:4, Ac 9:7, Ac 21:40, Ac 22:2
26:16 Eze 2:1; Dn 10:11; Ac 22:14, Ac 22:15
26:17 Jer 1:8, Jer 1:19; Ac 9:15
26:18 Is 35:5, Is 42:7; Ac 20:32; Col 1:12; 1Pt 2:9

[t]Or *goads*

19"So, King Agrippa, I wasn't disobedient to that heavenly vision. 20Instead, I proclaimed first to those in Damascus and Jerusalem, then to the whole region of Judea and to the Gentiles. My message was that they should change their hearts and lives and turn to God, and that they should demonstrate this change in their behavior. 21Because of this, some Jews seized me in the temple and tried to murder me. 22God has helped me up to this very day. Therefore, I stand here and bear witness to the lowly and the great. I'm saying nothing more than what the Prophets and Moses declared would happen: 23that the Christ would suffer and that, as the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to my people and to the Gentiles."

24At this point in Paul's defense, Festus declared with a loud voice, "You've lost your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you mad!"

25But Paul replied, "I'm not mad, most honorable Festus! I'm speaking what is sound and true. 26King Agrippa knows about these things, and I have been speaking openly to him. I'm certain that none of these things have escaped his attention. This didn't happen secretly or in some out-of-the-way place. 27King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do."

28Agrippa said to Paul, "Are you trying to convince me that, in such a short time, you've made me a Christian?"

29Paul responded, "Whether it is a short or a long time, I pray to God that not only you but also all who are listening to me today will become like me, except for these chains."

30The king stood up, as did the governor, Bernice, and those sitting with them. 31As they left, they were saying to each other, "This man is doing nothing that deserves death or imprisonment."

32Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been released if he hadn't appealed to Caesar."

26:22 Lk 24:27, Lk 24:44; Ac 10:43, Ac 24:14, Ac 28:23

26:23 Lk 2:32; Ac 3:18; 1Co 15:20; Col 1:18; Rev 1:5

26:24 Jn 10:20; 1Co 4:10

26:25 Ac 23:26

26:26 Ac 26:3

26:28 Ac 11:26; 1Pt 4:16

26:29 Ac 21:33

26:30 Ac 25:23

26:31 Ac 23:29, Ac 25:25

26:32 Ac 25:11, Ac 25:12, Ac 28:18, Ac 28:19

27:1 Ac 10:1, Ac 16:10, Ac 18:2, Ac 25:12, Ac 25:25

27:2 Jon 1:3; Ac 19:29, Ac 20:4; Col 4:10; Phm 1:24

27:5 Ac 2:10, Ac 6:9, Ac 13:13

Paul's voyage to Rome

27When it was determined that we were to sail to Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were placed in the custody of a centurion named Julius of the Imperial Company.[u] 2We boarded a ship from Adramyttium that was about to sail for ports along the coast of the province of Asia. So we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, came with us. 3The next day we landed in Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly and permitted him to go to some friends so they could take care of him. 4From there we sailed off. We passed Cyprus, using the island to shelter us from the headwinds. 5We sailed across the open sea off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, and landed in Myra in Lycia. 6There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship headed for Italy and put us on board. 7After many days of slow and difficult sailing, we arrived off the coast of Cnidus. The wind wouldn't allow us to go farther, so we sailed under the shelter of Crete off Salmone. 8We sailed along the coast only with difficulty until we came to a place called Good Harbors,[v] near the city of Lasea.

9Much time had been lost, and the voyage was now dangerous since the Day of Reconciliation had already passed. Paul warned them, 10"Men, I see that our voyage will suffer damage and great loss, not only for the cargo and ship but also for our lives." 11But the centurion was persuaded more by the ship's pilot and captain than by Paul's advice. 12Since the harbor was unsuitable for spending the winter, the majority supported a plan to put out to sea from there. They thought they might reach Phoenix in Crete and spend the winter in its harbor, which faced southwest and northwest.

13When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they could carry out their plan. They pulled up anchor and sailed closely along the coast of

[u]Or *cohort* (approximately six hundred soldiers) [v]Or *Fair Havens*

Crete. 14Before long, a hurricane-
strength wind known as a northeaster
swept down from Crete. 15The ship
was caught in the storm and couldn't
be turned into the wind. So we gave
in to it, and it carried us along. 16After
sailing under the shelter of an island
called Cauda, we were able to control
the lifeboat only with difficulty. 17They
brought the lifeboat aboard, then
began to wrap the ship with cables to
hold it together. Fearing they might
run aground on the sandbars of the
Gulf of Syrtis, they lowered the an-
chor and let the ship be carried along.
18We were so battered by the violent
storm that the next day the men began
throwing cargo overboard. 19On the
third day, they picked up the ship's
gear and hurled it into the sea. 20When
neither the sun nor the moon appeared
for many days and the raging storm
continued to pound us, all hope of our
being saved from this peril faded.

21For a long time no one had eaten.
Paul stood up among them and said,
"Men, you should have complied with
my instructions not to sail from Crete.
Then we would have avoided this dam-
age and loss. 22Now I urge you to be
encouraged. Not one of your lives will
be lost, though we will lose the ship.
23Last night an angel from the God
to whom I belong and whom I wor-
ship stood beside me. 24The angel said,
'Don't be afraid, Paul! You must stand
before Caesar! Indeed, God has also
graciously given you everyone sailing
with you.' 25Be encouraged, men! I
have faith in God that it will be exactly
as he told me. 26However, we must run
aground on some island."

27On the fourteenth night, we were
being carried across the Adriatic Sea.
Around midnight the sailors began
to suspect that land was near. 28They
dropped a weighted line to take sound-
ings and found the water to be about
one hundred twenty feet deep. After
proceeding a little farther, we took
soundings again and found the water
to be about ninety feet deep. 29Afraid
that we might run aground somewhere
on the rocks, they hurled out four an-
chors from the stern and began to
pray for daylight. 30The sailors tried
to abandon the ship by lowering the
lifeboat into the sea, pretending they
were going to lower anchors from the
bow. 31Paul said to the centurion and
his soldiers, "Unless they stay in the
ship, you can't be saved from peril."
32The soldiers then cut the ropes to the
lifeboat and let it drift away.

33Just before daybreak, Paul urged
everyone to eat. He said, "This is the
fourteenth day you've lived in sus-
pense, and you've not had even a bite
to eat. 34I urge you to take some food.
Your health depends on it. None of you
will lose a single hair from his head."
35After he said these things, he took
bread, gave thanks to God in front of
them all, then broke it and began to
eat. 36Everyone was encouraged and
took some food. (37In all, there were
two hundred seventy-six of us on the
ship.) 38When they had eaten as much
as they wanted, they lightened the ship
by throwing the grain into the sea.

39In the morning light they saw a bay
with a sandy beach. They didn't know
what land it was, but they thought
they might possibly be able to run the
ship aground. 40They cut the anchors
loose and left them in the sea. At the
same time, they untied the ropes that
ran back to the rudders. They raised
the foresail to catch the wind and
made for the beach. 41But they struck a
sandbar and the ship ran aground. The
bow was stuck and wouldn't move, and
the stern was broken into pieces by
the force of the waves. 42The soldiers
decided to kill the prisoners to keep
them from swimming to shore and
escaping. 43However, the centurion
wanted to save Paul, so he stopped
them from carrying out their plan. He
ordered those who could swim to jump
overboard first and head for land. 44He
ordered the rest to grab hold of planks

27:23 Ac 5:19, Ac 18:9, Ac 23:11; Ro 1:9

27:24 Ac 18:9, Ac 23:11

27:30 Ac 27:16, Ac 27:32

27:31 Ac 27:43

27:33 Ac 27:9, Ac 27:21

27:35 1Sa 9:13; Mt 14:19, Mt 15:36; Mk 8:6; Jn 6:11

27:37 Ac 2:41

27:40 Ac 27:29

or debris from the ship. In this way, everyone reached land safely.

On the Island of Malta

28 After reaching land safely, we learned that the island was called Malta. [2]The islanders showed us extraordinary kindness. Because it was rainy and cold, they built a fire and welcomed all of us. [3]Paul gathered a bunch of dry sticks and put them on the fire. As he did, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, latched on to his hand. [4]When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer! He was rescued from the sea, but the goddess Justice hasn't let him live!" [5]Paul shook the snake into the fire and suffered no harm. [6]They expected him to swell up with fever or suddenly drop dead. After waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and began to claim that he was a god.

[7]Publius, the island's most prominent person, owned a large estate in that area. He welcomed us warmly into his home as his guests for three days. [8]Publius' father was bedridden, sick with a fever and dysentery. Paul went to see him and prayed. He placed his hand on him and healed him. [9]Once this happened, the rest of the sick on the island came to him and were healed. [10]They honored us in many ways. When we were getting ready to sail again, they supplied us with what we needed.

Paul makes it to Rome

[11]After three months we put out to sea in a ship that had spent the winter at the island. It was an Alexandrian ship with carvings of the twin gods Castor and Pollux as its figurehead. [12]We landed in Syracuse where we stayed three days. [13]From there we sailed to Rhegium. After one day a south wind came up, and we arrived on the second day in Puteoli. [14]There we found brothers and sisters who urged us to stay with them for a week. In this way we came to Rome. [15]When the brothers and sisters there heard about us, they came as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. When Paul saw them, he gave thanks to God and was encouraged. [16]When we entered Rome, Paul was permitted to live by himself, with a soldier guarding him.

Paul meets Jewish leaders in Rome

[17]Three days later, Paul called the Jewish leaders together. When they gathered, he said, "Brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, I'm a prisoner from Jerusalem. They handed me over to the Romans, [18]who intended to release me after they examined me, because they couldn't find any reason for putting me to death. [19]When the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar. Don't think I appealed to Caesar because I had any reason to bring charges against my nation. [20]This is why I asked to see you and speak with you: it's because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

[21]They responded, "We haven't received any letters about you from Judea, nor have any of our brothers come and reported or said anything bad about you. [22]But we think it's important to hear what you think, for we know that people everywhere are speaking against this faction."

[23]On the day scheduled for this purpose, many people came to the place where he was staying. From morning until evening, he explained and testified concerning God's kingdom and tried to convince them about Jesus through appealing to the Law from Moses and the Prophets. [24]Some were persuaded by what he said, but others refused to believe. [25]They disagreed with each other and were starting

28:1 Ac 27:26, Ac 27:39

28:2 Ac 28:4; Ro 1:14; 1Co 14:11; Col 3:11

28:3 Ac 13:50, Ac 14:19, Ac 15:12, Ac 15:40, Ac 16:9

28:4 Lk 13:2, Lk 13:4; Jn 9:2; Ac 28:2

28:5 Mk 16:18; Lk 10:19

28:7 Ac 28:2, Ac 28:8

28:10 1Ti 5:17

28:11 Ac 27:6

28:13 Ac 27:13

28:14 Gn 7:4; Jn 21:23; Ac 20:6, Ac 21:4

28:15 Ps 68:19; Dn 2:23; 1Ti 1:12

28:17 Ac 6:14, Ac 25:2, Ac 25:8

28:18 Ac 22:24, Ac 26:31, Ac 26:32

28:19 Ac 25:10, Ac 25:11, Ac 25:21, Ac 26:32

28:20 Ac 21:33, Ac 23:6, Ac 26:6, Ac 26:7

28:21 Ac 22:5

28:22 Lk 2:34; Ac 24:5, Ac 24:14; 1Pt 2:12, 1Pt 4:14

28:23 Lk 24:27; Ac 8:35, Ac 17:3, Ac 19:8, Ac 26:22

28:24 Ac 14:4, Ac 17:4, Ac 17:5, Ac 18:6, Ac 19:9

28:25 Mt 15:7

to leave when Paul made one more statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke correctly when he said to your ancestors through Isaiah the prophet,

26 *Go to this people and say:*
You will hear, to be sure,
but never understand;
and you will certainly see but never
recognize what you are seeing.
27 *This people's senses have become*
calloused,
and they've become hard of hearing,
and they've shut their eyes
so that they won't see with their eyes
or hear with their ears
or understand with their minds,
and change their hearts and lives
that I may heal them.[w]

28 "Therefore, be certain of this: God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles. They will listen!"[x]

28:26 Is 6:9, Is 6:10; Eze 12:2; Mt 13:15; Lk 8:10
28:27 Is 6:9, Is 6:10
28:28 Lk 2:30; Ac 13:26, Ac 13:46
28:30 Ac 28:16
28:31 Mt 4:23; Ac 28:23

Paul's ministry in Rome

30 Paul lived in his own rented quarters for two full years and welcomed everyone who came to see him. 31 Unhindered and with complete confidence, he continued to preach God's kingdom and to teach about the Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS

Greeting

1 From Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for God's good news. 2-3 God promised this good news about his Son ahead of time through his prophets in the holy scriptures. His Son was descended from David. 4 He was publicly identified as God's Son with power through his resurrection from the dead, which was based on the Spirit of holiness. This Son is Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him we have received God's grace and our appointment to be apostles. This was to bring all Gentiles to faithful obedience for his name's sake. 6 You who are called by Jesus Christ are also included among these Gentiles.

7 To those in Rome who are dearly loved by God and called to be God's people.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:1 Ro 15:16; 1Co 1:1, 1Co 9:1; 2Co 1:1; Ga 1:1
1:2 Lk 1:70; Ro 3:21, Ro 16:26; Ti 1:2
1:3 Mt 1:1; Jn 1:14, Jn 7:42; Ac 2:30; Ro 9:5
1:4 Mt 4:3; Ac 2:24, Ac 13:33
1:5 Ac 6:7, Ac 9:15; Ro 16:26
1:6 Rev 17:14
1:7 1Co 1:3; 2Co 1:2; Ga 1:3; Eph 1:2; Phi 1:2
1:8 Ro 16:19; 1Co 1:4
1:9 Job 16:19; Ro 9:1; 2Co 1:23; Eph 1:16; 2Ti 1:3
1:10 Ac 18:21; Ro 15:32
1:11 Ac 19:21; Ro 15:23
1:12 Ps 119:63; Mal 3:16; Ro 15:24, Ro 15:32; 2Pt 1:1
1:13 Ro 11:25, Ro 15:22
1:14 1Co 9:16; Col 3:11

Thanksgiving and Paul's plans to visit

8 First of all, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because the news about your faithfulness is being spread throughout the whole world. 9 I serve God in my spirit by preaching the good news about God's Son, and God is my witness that I continually mention you 10 in all my prayers. I'm always asking that somehow, by God's will, I might succeed in visiting you at last. 11 I really want to see you to pass along some spiritual gift to you so that you can be strengthened. 12 What I mean is that we can mutually encourage each other while I am with you. We can be encouraged by the faithfulness we find in each other, both your faithfulness and mine.

13 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I planned to visit you many times, although I have been prevented from coming until now. I want to harvest some fruit among you, just as I have done among the other Gentiles. 14 I have a responsibility both to Greeks and to those who don't speak Greek, both to the wise and to the foolish.

[w] Isa 6:9-10 [x] Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include 28:29 *After he said this, the Jews left, debating among themselves.*

God's righteousness is revealed

15 That's why I'm ready to preach the
gospel also to you who are in Rome.
16 I'm not ashamed of the gospel: it is
God's own power for salvation to all
who have faith in God, to the Jew first
and also to the Greek. 17 God's right-
eousness is being revealed in the gos-
pel, from faithfulness[a] for faith,[b] as it
is written, *The righteous person will live*
by faith.[c]

Gentiles are without excuse

18 God's wrath is being revealed
from heaven against all the ungodly
behavior and the injustice of human
beings who silence the truth with
injustice. 19 This is because what is
known about God should be plain to
them because God made it plain to
them. 20 Ever since the creation of
the world, God's invisible qualities—
God's eternal power and divine
nature—have been clearly seen, be-
cause they are understood through
the things God has made. So humans
are without excuse. 21 Although they
knew God, they didn't honor God as
God or thank him. Instead, their rea-
soning became pointless, and their
foolish hearts were darkened. 22 While
they were claiming to be wise, they
made fools of themselves. 23 They ex-
changed the glory of the immortal God
for images that look like mortal hu-
mans: birds, animals, and reptiles. 24 So
God abandoned them to their hearts'
desires, which led to the moral cor-
ruption of degrading their own bodies
with each other. 25 They traded God's
truth for a lie, and they worshipped
and served the creation instead of the
creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 That's why God abandoned them
to degrading lust. Their females traded
natural sexual relations for unnatural
sexual relations. 27 Also, in the same
way, the males traded natural sexual
relations with females, and burned with
lust for each other. Males performed
shameful actions with males, and they
were paid back with the penalty they
deserved for their mistake in their own
bodies. 28 Since they didn't think it was
worthwhile to acknowledge God, God
abandoned them to a defective mind
to do inappropriate things. 29 So they
were filled with all injustice, wicked be-
havior, greed, and evil behavior. They
are full of jealousy, murder, fighting,
deception, and malice. They are gos-
sips, 30 they slander people, and they
hate God. They are rude and proud, and
they brag. They invent ways to be evil,
and they are disobedient to their par-
ents. 31 They are without understand-
ing, disloyal, without affection, and
without mercy. 32 Though they know
God's decision that those who persist
in such practices deserve death, they
not only keep doing these things but
also approve others who practice them.

Jews are without excuse

2 So every single one of you who
judge others is without any excuse.
You condemn yourself when you judge
another person because the one who is
judging is doing the same things. 2 We
know that God's judgment agrees with
the truth, and his judgment is against
those who do these kinds of things. 3 If
you judge those who do these kinds of
things while you do the same things
yourself, think about this: Do you be-
lieve that you will escape God's judg-
ment? 4 Or do you have contempt for
the riches of God's generosity, toler-
ance, and patience? Don't you real-
ize that God's kindness is supposed
to lead you to change your heart and
life? 5 You are storing up wrath for
yourself because of your stubbornness
and your heart that refuses to change.
God's just judgment will be revealed on
the day of wrath. 6 *God will repay every-*
one based on their works.[d] 7 On the one
hand, he will give eternal life to those
who look for glory, honor, and im-
mortality based on their patient good

1:15 Ro 12:18, Ro 15:20; 1Co 9:17
1:16 Mk 8:38; Ro 2:9; 1Co 1:18, 1Co 1:24; 2Ti 1:8
1:17 Hab 2:4; Ro 3:21; Ga 3:11; Phi 3:9; Heb 10:38
1:18 Eph 5:6; Col 3:6
1:19 Ac 14:17; Ro 1:20
1:20 Ps 19:1; Is 40:26; Ro 2:1
1:21 Gn 6:5, Gn 8:21; 2Ki 17:15; Jer 2:5; Eph 4:17
1:22 Jer 10:14; 1Co 1:20
1:23 Dt 4:16; Ps 106:20; Jer 2:11; Ac 17:29; 1Co 12:2
1:24 Ro 1:26, Ro 1:28; Eph 4:19
1:25 Is 44:20; Jer 10:14; Ro 9:5; 2Co 11:31
1:26 Lv 18:22; Ro 1:24, Ro 1:28; 1Th 4:5
1:27 Lv 18:22, Lv 20:13; 1Co 6:9
1:28 Ro 1:24
1:29 2Co 12:20
1:30 2Ti 3:2
1:31 2Ti 3:3
1:32 Ps 50:18; Ac 8:1, Ac 22:20; Ro 6:21
2:1 2Sa 12:5; Mt 7:1; Ro 1:20
2:2 Gn 18:25; Ps 96:13; Is 45:21; Zep 3:5; Rev 15:3
2:3 Prv 11:21, Prv 16:5; Mt 23:33; Ro 2:1; 1Th 5:3
2:4 Ex 34:6; Ro 3:25, Ro 9:22, Ro 9:23; 2Pt 3:9
2:5 Ps 110:5; Jud 1:6; Rev 6:17
2:6 Ps 62:12; Prv 24:12; Jer 32:19; Mt 16:27
2:7 Mt 25:46; Lk 8:15; 1Co 15:53; Ga 6:9; 2Ti 1:10

[a] Or *faith* [b] Or *faithfulness* [c] Hab 2:4 [d] Ps 62:12; Prv 24:12

work. [8]But on the other hand, there will be wrath and anger for those who obey wickedness instead of the truth because they are acting out of selfishness and disobedience. [9]There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. [10]But there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. [11]God does not have favorites.

[12]Those who have sinned outside the Law will also die outside the Law, and those who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. [13]It isn't the ones who hear the Law who are righteous in God's eyes. It is the ones who do what the Law says who will be treated as righteous. [14]Gentiles don't have the Law. But when they instinctively do what the Law requires they are a Law in themselves, though they don't have the Law. [15]They show the proof of the Law written on their hearts, and their consciences affirm it. Their conflicting thoughts will accuse them, or even make a defense for them, [16]on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the hidden truth about human beings through Christ Jesus.

Jews will be judged as well

[17] But,
if you call yourself a Jew;
if you rely on the Law;
if you brag about your relationship to God;
[18]if you know the will of God;
if you are taught by the Law
so that you can figure out
the things that really matter;
[19]if you have persuaded yourself that you are:
a guide for the blind;
a light to those who are in darkness;
[20]an educator of the foolish;
a teacher of infants (since
you have the full content of
knowledge and truth in the Law);
[21]then why don't you who are
teaching others teach yourself?
If you preach, "No stealing," do you steal?
[22]If you say, "No adultery," do you commit adultery?
If you hate idols, do you rob temples?
[23]If you brag about the Law, do you shame God by breaking the Law? [24]As it is written: *The name of God is discredited by the Gentiles because of you.*[e]

[25]Circumcision is an advantage if you do what the Law says. But if you are a person who breaks the Law, your status of being circumcised has changed into not being circumcised. [26]So if the person who isn't circumcised keeps the Law, won't his status of not being circumcised be counted as if he were circumcised? [27]The one who isn't physically circumcised but keeps the Law will judge you. You became a lawbreaker after you had the written Law and circumcision. [28]It isn't the Jew who maintains outward appearances who will receive praise from God, and it isn't people who are outwardly circumcised on their bodies. [29]Instead, it is the person who is a Jew inside, who is circumcised in spirit, not literally. That person's praise doesn't come from people but from God.

God's faithfulness and justice

3 So what's the advantage of being a Jew? Or what's the benefit of circumcision? [2]Plenty in every way. First of all, the Jews were trusted with God's revelations. [3]What does it matter, then, if some weren't faithful? Their lack of faith won't cancel God's faithfulness, will it? [4]Absolutely not! God must be true, even if every human being is a liar, as it is written:

So that it can show
that you are right in your words;
and you will triumph when you are judged.[f]

[5]But if our lack of righteousness confirms God's justice, what will we

2:8 Ro 1:18; 2Th 2:12
2:9 Ro 1:16; 1Pt 4:17
2:10 Job 22:21; Ps 15:2; Is 57:19; Ro 2:7; 1Pt 1:7
2:11 Dt 10:17; Ac 10:34; Ga 2:6; Eph 6:9; Col 3:25
2:12 1Co 9:21
2:13 Mt 7:21; Jas 1:22
2:14 Ac 10:35; Ro 1:19, Ro 2:15
2:15 Jer 31:33; Ac 23:1; Ro 2:14, Ro 9:1; 1Co 8:7
2:16 Ac 10:42, Ac 17:31; Ro 14:10, Ro 16:25; 1Co 4:5
2:17 Mi 3:11; Jn 5:45; Ro 2:23, Ro 9:4
2:18 Ps 147:19; Phi 1:10
2:19 Mt 15:14, Mt 23:16
2:20 2Ti 1:13
2:21 Mt 23:3
2:22 Ac 19:37
2:23 Ro 2:17
2:24 2Sa 12:14; Is 52:5; Eze 36:20; 2Pt 2:2
2:25 Jer 4:4, Jer 9:26; Ga 5:3
2:26 Ro 8:4; 1Co 7:19
2:27 Mt 12:41; Ro 7:6; 2Co 3:6
2:28 Ro 9:6; Ga 6:15
2:29 Dt 10:16, Dt 30:6; 2Co 10:18; Phi 3:3; Col 2:11
3:1 Ro 3:2, Ro 9:4
3:2 Dt 4:8; Ps 147:19; Ac 7:38; Ro 9:4; 1Pt 4:11
3:3 Ro 10:16; 2Ti 2:13; Heb 4:2
3:4 Ps 51:4, Ps 116:11
3:5 Ro 6:19; 1Co 9:8; Ga 3:15

[e]Isa 52:5 LXX [f]Ps 51:4

say? That God, who brings wrath upon us, isn't just (I'm speaking rhetorically)? [6]Absolutely not! If God weren't just, how could he judge the world? [7]But if God's truth is demonstrated by my lie and it increases his glory, why am I still judged as a sinner? [8]Why not say, "Let's do evil things so that good things will come out of it"? (Some people who slander us accuse us of saying that, but these people deserve criticism.)

All are under the power of sin

[9]So what are we saying? Are we better off? Not at all. We have already stated the charge: both Jews and Greeks are all under the power of sin. [10]As it is written,

There is no righteous person,
not even one.
[11]*There is no one who understands.*
There is no one who looks for God.
[12]*They all turned away.*
They have become worthless together.
There is no one who shows kindness.
There is not even one.[g]
[13]*Their throat is a grave that has been opened.*
They are deceitful with their tongues,
and the poison of vipers is under their lips.[h]
[14]*Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.*[i]
[15]*Their feet are quick to shed blood;*
[16]*destruction and misery are in their ways;*
[17]*and they don't know the way of peace.*[j]
[18]*There is no fear of God*
in their view of the world.[k]

[19]Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, in order to shut every mouth and make it so the whole world has to answer to God. [20]It follows that no human being will be treated as righteous in his presence by doing what the Law says, because the knowledge of sin comes through the Law.

3:6 Gn 18:25; Ro 2:16
3:7 Ro 3:4, Ro 9:19
3:8 Ro 6:1, Ro 6:15
3:9 Ro 2:1, Ro 3:19, Ro 3:23, Ro 11:32; Ga 3:22
3:10 Ps 14:1, Ps 53:1
3:11 Ps 14:2-3
3:12 Ecc 7:20; Mt 25:30
3:13 Ps 5:9, Ps 140:3
3:14 Ps 10:7, Ps 59:12
3:15 Prv 1:16; Is 59:7-8
3:17 Is 59:7-8
3:18 Ps 36:1
3:19 Ps 107:42; Eze 16:63; Jn 10:34; Ro 2:12, Ro 3:9
3:20 Ps 143:2; Ac 13:39; Ro 7:7, Ro 9:32; Ga 2:16
3:21 Ac 10:43; Ro 1:2, Ro 1:17
3:22 Ro 5:1, Ro 10:12; Ga 2:16, Ga 3:28; Col 3:11
3:23 Ro 3:9
3:24 Ac 15:11; Ro 4:16; 1Co 1:30; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14
3:25 Ac 17:30; Ro 2:4, Ro 5:9; 1Jn 2:2, 1Jn 4:10
3:26 Ps 85:10; Is 45:21
3:27 Ro 2:17, Ro 2:23, Ro 4:2; 1Co 1:29
3:28 Ac 13:38-39; Ro 3:20-21; Ga 2:16
3:29 Ro 9:24, Ro 10:12, Ro 15:9
3:30 Ga 3:8
3:31 Mt 5:17; Ro 3:4
4:1 Mt 3:9
4:2 Ro 3:27; 1Co 1:31
4:3 Gn 15:6; Ro 4:9, Ro 4:22; Ga 3:6; Jas 2:23

God's righteousness through faithfulness of Christ

[21]But now God's righteousness has been revealed apart from the Law, which is confirmed by the Law and the Prophets. [22]God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There's no distinction. [23]All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, [24]but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus. [25]Through his faithfulness, God displayed Jesus as the place of sacrifice where mercy is found by means of his blood. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness in passing over sins that happened before, [26]during the time of God's patient tolerance. He also did this to demonstrate that he is righteous in the present time, and to treat the one who has faith in Jesus as righteous.

[27]What happens to our bragging? It's thrown out. With which law? With what we have accomplished under the Law? [28]No, not at all, but through the law of faith. We consider that a person is treated as righteous by faith, apart from what is accomplished under the Law. [29]Or is God the God of Jews only? Isn't God the God of Gentiles also? Yes, God is also the God of Gentiles. [30]Since God is one, then the one who makes the circumcised righteous by faith will also make the one who isn't circumcised righteous through faith. [31]Do we then cancel the Law through this faith? Absolutely not! Instead, we confirm the Law.

Abraham's faith was credited as righteousness

4 So what are we going to say? Are we going to find that Abraham is our ancestor on the basis of genealogy? [2]Because if Abraham was made righteous because of his actions, he would have had a reason to brag, but not in front of God. [3]What does the scripture

[g]Ps 14:1-3 [h]Ps 5:9 [i]Ps 10:7 [j]Isa 59:7-8 [k]Ps 36:1

say? *Abraham had faith in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.*[l]
[4]Workers' salaries aren't credited to them on the basis of an employer's grace but rather on the basis of what they deserve. [5]But faith is credited as righteousness to those who don't work, because they have faith in God who makes the ungodly righteous. [6]In the same way, David also pronounces a blessing on the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from actions:

[7]*Happy are those whose actions*
outside the Law are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered.
[8]*Happy are those whose sin isn't*
counted against them by the Lord.[m]

[9]Is this state of happiness only for the circumcised or is it also for those who aren't circumcised? We say, "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness." [10]So how was it credited? When he was circumcised, or when he wasn't circumcised? In fact, it was credited while he still wasn't circumcised, not after he was circumcised. [11]He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that comes from the faith he had while he still wasn't circumcised. It happened this way so that Abraham could be the ancestor of all those people who aren't circumcised, who have faith in God, and so are counted as righteous. [12]He could also be the ancestor of those circumcised people, who aren't only circumcised but who also walk in the path of faith, like our ancestor Abraham did while he wasn't circumcised.

Abraham's promise is received through faith

[13]The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. [14]If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. [15]The Law brings about wrath. But when there isn't any law, there isn't any violation of the law. [16]That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. [17]As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.*[n] So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence. [18]When it was beyond hope, he had faith in the hope that he would become the father of many nations, in keeping with the promise God spoke to him: *That's how many descendants you will have.*[o] [19]Without losing faith, Abraham, who was nearly 100 years old, took into account his own body, which was as good as dead, and Sarah's womb, which was dead. [20]He didn't hesitate with a lack of faith in God's promise, but he grew strong in faith and gave glory to God. [21]He was fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised. [22]Therefore, it was credited to him as righteousness.

[23]But the scripture that says *it was credited to him*[p] wasn't written only for Abraham's sake. [24]It was written also for our sake, because it is going to be credited to us too. It will be credited to those of us who have faith in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. [25]He was handed over because of our mistakes, and he was raised to meet the requirements of righteousness for us.

Therefore, we have peace with God

5 Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness combined with our faith,[q] we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2]We have access by faith into

4:4 Ro 11:6
4:5 Ro 3:22, Ro 4:3, Ro 4:24
4:6 Ps 32:1
4:7 Ps 32:1-2
4:8 Ps 32:1-2; 2Co 5:19
4:9 Gn 15:6; Ro 3:30, Ro 4:3, Ro 4:13; Ga 3:6
4:11 Gn 17:10, Gn 17:11; Lk 19:9; Ro 3:22, Ro 4:16
4:12 Mt 3:9; Lk 16:23; Jn 8:39, Jn 8:40; Ro 9:7
4:13 Gn 17:4; Ga 3:16, Ga 3:29
4:14 Ga 3:18
4:15 Ro 3:20, Ro 5:13, Ro 7:7; 1Co 15:56; Ga 3:10
4:16 Ro 3:24, Ro 4:11
4:17 Gn 17:5; Jn 5:21; 1Co 1:28
4:18 Gn 15:5; Ro 4:17
4:19 Gn 17:17, Gn 18:11; Heb 11:11, Heb 11:12
4:20 Mt 9:8
4:21 Gn 18:14; Mt 19:26; Heb 11:19
4:22 Ro 4:3
4:23 Ro 15:4; 1Co 9:10, 1Co 10:11
4:24 Ac 2:24; Ro 10:9; 1Pt 1:21
4:25 Is 53:5; Ro 5:6, Ro 5:8, Ro 8:32; 1Co 15:17
5:1 Ac 10:36, Ac 13:39; Ro 3:22, Ro 3:28; Ga 2:16
5:2 1Co 15:1; Eph 2:18, Eph 3:12; Heb 10:19; 1Pt 3:18

[l]Gen 15:6 [m]Ps 32:1-2 [n]Gen 17:5 [o]Gen 15:5 [p]Gen 15:6 [q]Or *faith*

this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. [3]But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, [4]endurance produces character, and character produces hope. [5]This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

[6]While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. [7]It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. [8]But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. [9]So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. [10]If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? [11]And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

Grace now rules

[12]So, in the same way that sin entered the world through one person, and death came through sin, so death spread to all human beings with the result that all sinned. [13]Although sin was in the world, since there was no Law, it wasn't taken into account until the Law came. [14]But death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who didn't sin in the same way Adam did—Adam was a type of the one who was coming.

[15]But the free gift of Christ isn't like Adam's failure. If many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied even more for many people with the gift—of the one person Jesus Christ—that comes through grace. [16]The gift isn't like the consequences of one person's sin. The judgment that came from one person's sin led to punishment, but the free gift that came out of many failures led to the verdict of acquittal. [17]If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

[18]So now the righteous requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person, just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person. [19]Many people were made righteous through the obedience of one person, just as many people were made sinners through the disobedience of one person. [20]The Law stepped in to amplify the failure, but where sin increased, grace multiplied even more. [21]The result is that grace will rule through God's righteousness, leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, just as sin ruled in death.

Our new life in Christ

6 So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? [2]Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? [3]Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4]Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. [5]If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. [6]This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, [7]because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. [8]But if we died with Christ,

5:3 Lk 21:19; Jas 1:3
5:4 Jas 1:12; 1Pt 1:7
5:5 Ps 119:116; Ac 2:33; Ga 4:6; Phi 1:20; Ti 3:6
5:6 Ro 4:25, Ro 5:8; Ga 4:4
5:7 2Sa 23:14; Ro 16:4
5:8 Jn 3:16, Jn 15:13; Ro 5:6; 1Pt 3:18; 1Jn 4:9
5:9 Ro 1:18, Ro 3:25; 1Th 1:10
5:10 2Co 5:18, 2Co 5:19; Col 1:20, Col 1:21; Heb 7:25
5:11 Ro 5:10; 2Co 5:18, 2Co 5:19; Phi 3:3
5:12 Gn 2:17, Gn 3:6, Gn 3:19; Ro 6:23; 1Co 15:21
5:13 Ro 4:15
5:14 Hos 6:7; 1Co 15:22, 1Co 15:45
5:15 Ac 15:11; Ro 5:12, Ro 5:17, Ro 5:19, Ro 6:23
5:16 1Co 11:32
5:17 Ro 5:15; Rev 22:5
5:18 Ro 5:12; 1Co 15:22
5:19 Ro 5:12; Phi 2:7
5:20 Ro 3:20, Ro 6:1, Ro 7:7; Ga 3:19; 1Ti 1:14
5:21 Jn 1:17; Ro 5:12, Ro 5:14, Ro 6:23
6:1 Ro 3:5, Ro 3:8, Ro 6:15
6:2 Ro 6:11, Ro 7:4; Col 2:20, Col 3:3; 1Pt 2:24
6:3 Mt 28:19; Ro 6:4; Ga 2:20, Ga 3:27; 1Pt 3:21
6:4 Ro 6:9; 2Co 5:17; Ga 6:15; Col 2:12, Col 3:10
6:5 Ro 6:8; 2Co 4:10; Phi 3:10; Col 2:12, Col 3:1
6:6 Ro 7:24; Ga 5:24, Ga 6:14; Eph 4:22; Col 3:9
6:7 Ro 6:18; 1Pt 4:1
6:8 2Ti 2:11

we have faith that we will also live with him. [9]We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. [10]He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. [11]In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

[12]So then, don't let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. [13]Don't offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right. [14]Sin will have no power over you, because you aren't under Law but under grace.

Freedom from sin

[15]So what? Should we sin because we aren't under Law but under grace? Absolutely not! [16]Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That's true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of obedience that leads to righteousness. [17]But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern. [18]Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. [19](I'm speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behavior that leads to still more lawless behavior. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy. [20]When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. [21]What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. [22]But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. [23]The wages that sin pays are death, but God's gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

6:9 Ac 2:24; Ro 6:4; Rev 1:18
6:10 2Co 5:15; Heb 7:27
6:11 Jn 20:31; Ro 6:2; Ga 2:19; Col 3:3
6:12 Ps 19:13
6:13 Ro 6:16, Ro 6:19, Ro 7:5, Ro 12:1; Col 3:5
6:14 Ro 6:12, Ro 7:4, Ro 8:2; Ga 4:21
6:15 Ro 6:1
6:16 Jn 8:34; Ro 6:21; 2Pt 2:19
6:17 Ro 1:8; 2Ti 1:13
6:18 Jn 8:32; Ro 6:7, Ro 6:22, Ro 8:2
6:19 Ro 3:5, Ro 6:13
6:20 Ro 6:16
6:21 Prv 14:12; Ro 1:32, Ro 6:16, Ro 6:23; Ga 6:8
6:22 Mt 25:46; Ro 6:18; 1Pt 2:16
6:23 Eze 18:4; Ro 2:7, Ro 5:12, Ro 5:21; Ga 6:8
7:1 Ro 1:13
7:2 1Co 7:39
7:3 Mt 5:32
7:4 Ro 7:6, Ro 8:2; 2Co 11:2; Ga 2:19, Ga 5:18
7:5 Ro 6:13, Ro 7:23; Ga 5:24
7:6 Eze 11:19; Ro 2:29, Ro 6:4, Ro 7:4; 2Co 3:6
7:7 Ex 20:17; Dt 5:21; Ro 3:5, Ro 3:20, Ro 13:9
7:8 Ro 4:15, Ro 7:11; 1Co 15:56

Freedom from the Law

7 Brothers and sisters, I'm talking to you as people who know the Law. Don't you know that the Law has power over someone only as long as he or she lives? [2]A married woman is united with her husband under the Law while he is alive. But if her husband dies, she is released from the Law concerning her husband. [3]So then, if she lives with another man while her husband is alive, she's committing adultery. But if her husband dies, she's free from the Law, so she won't be committing adultery if she marries someone else. [4]Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you also died with respect to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you could be united with someone else. You are united with the one who was raised from the dead so that we can bear fruit for God. [5]When we were self-centered, the sinful passions aroused through the Law were at work in all the parts of our body, so that we bore fruit for death. [6]But now we have been released from the Law. We have died with respect to the thing that controlled us, so that we can be slaves in the new life under the Spirit, not in the old life under the written Law.

The function of the Law

[7]So what are we going to say? That the Law is sin? Absolutely not! But I wouldn't have known sin except through the Law. I wouldn't have known the desire for what others have if the Law had not said, *Don't desire what others have.*[r] [8]But sin seized the

[r]Exod 20:17; Deut 5:21

opportunity and used this commandment to produce all kinds of desires in me. Sin is dead without the Law. 9I used to be alive without the Law, but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life, 10and I died. So the commandment that was intended to give life brought death. 11Sin seized the opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and killed me. 12So the Law itself is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.

Living under the Law

13So did something good bring death to me? Absolutely not! But sin caused my death through something good so that sin would be exposed as sin. That way sin would become even more thoroughly sinful through the commandment. 14We know that the Law is spiritual, but I'm made of flesh and blood, and I'm sold as a slave to sin. 15I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate. 16But if I'm doing the thing that I don't want to do, I'm agreeing that the Law is right. 17But now I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it's sin that lives in me. 18I know that good doesn't live in me—that is, in my body. The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can't do it. 19I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don't want to do. 20But if I do the very thing that I don't want to do, then I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.

21So I find that, as a rule, when I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me. 22I gladly agree with the Law on the inside, 23but I see a different law at work in my body. It wages a war against the law of my mind and takes me prisoner with the law of sin that is in my body. 24I'm a miserable human being. Who will deliver me from this dead corpse? 25Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then I'm a slave to God's Law in my mind, but I'm a slave to sin's law in my body.

7:10 Lv 18:5; Ro 10:5; Ga 3:12
7:11 Gn 3:13; Ro 7:8; Eph 4:22; Heb 3:13
7:12 Ps 19:7; Ro 7:7, Ro 7:14, Ro 7:16; 1Ti 1:8
7:13 Ro 5:20
7:14 1Ki 21:20, 1Ki 21:25; 2Ki 17:17; Is 50:1; 1Co 3:1
7:15 Ps 101:3, Ps 119:104, Ps 119:113; Ro 7:19; Ga 5:17
7:16 Ro 7:12
7:17 Ro 7:20
7:18 Gn 6:5, Gn 8:21; Ro 7:25
7:19 Ro 7:15
7:20 Ro 7:17
7:21 Ro 7:23
7:22 Ps 1:2, Ps 40:8; 2Co 4:16; Eph 3:16; 1Pt 3:4
7:23 Ro 6:16, Ro 6:19, Ro 7:5; Ga 5:17; 1Pt 2:11
7:24 Ro 6:6, Ro 8:2; Col 2:11
7:25 1Co 15:57; 2Co 12:9
8:1 Jn 5:24; Ro 8:34, Ro 8:39; 2Co 5:17
8:2 Jn 8:32, Jn 8:36; Ro 6:18, Ro 7:4, Ro 7:25
8:3 Phi 2:7; Heb 2:14, Heb 7:18, Heb 10:1
8:4 Ro 2:26; Ga 5:16
8:5 Ga 5:19, Ga 5:22
8:6 Ro 6:21, Ro 8:13; Ga 6:8
8:7 Col 1:21; Jas 4:4
8:8 Ro 7:5
8:9 Jn 14:17; Ro 8:11; 1Co 3:16, 1Co 6:19; 2Ti 1:14
8:10 2Co 13:5; Eph 3:17; Col 1:27
8:11 Ac 2:24; Ro 4:24, Ro 6:4; Eph 1:20; 1Pt 3:18
8:12 Ro 8:4; 1Co 6:19, 1Co 6:20; Ga 5:24; 1Pt 4:2
8:13 Col 3:5

Set free by the Spirit

8 So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. 4He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. 5People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. 6The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. 7So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. 8People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

9But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. 10If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. 11If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

12So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. 13If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if you put to death the actions of the body with the Spirit, you will live.

14 All who are led by God's Spirit are
God's sons and daughters. 15 You didn't
receive a spirit of slavery to lead you
back again into fear, but you received
a Spirit that shows you are adopted
as his children. With this Spirit, we
cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The same Spirit
agrees with our spirit, that we are
God's children. 17 But if we are children,
we are also heirs. We are God's heirs
and fellow heirs with Christ, if we re-
ally suffer with him so that we can also
be glorified with him.

Our suffering and our hope

18 I believe that the present suffer-
ing is nothing compared to the coming
glory that is going to be revealed to us.
19 The whole creation waits breathless
with anticipation for the revelation of
God's sons and daughters. 20 Creation
was subjected to frustration, not by its
own choice—it was the choice of the
one who subjected it—but in the hope
21 that the creation itself will be set free
from slavery to decay and brought into
the glorious freedom of God's children.
22 We know that the whole creation is
groaning together and suffering labor
pains up until now. 23 And it's not only
the creation. We ourselves who have
the Spirit as the first crop of the har-
vest also groan inside as we wait to be
adopted and for our bodies to be set
free. 24 We were saved in hope. If we see
what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who
hopes for what they already see? 25 But
if we hope for what we don't see, we
wait for it with patience.

26 In the same way, the Spirit comes
to help our weakness. We don't know
what we should pray, but the Spirit him-
self pleads our case with unexpressed
groans. 27 The one who searches hearts
knows how the Spirit thinks, because
he pleads for the saints, consistent with
God's will. 28 We know that God works
all things together for good for the ones
who love God, for those who are called
according to his purpose. 29 We know
this because God knew them in ad-
vance, and he decided in advance that
they would be conformed to the image
of his Son. That way his Son would be
the first of many brothers and sisters.
30 Those who God decided in advance
would be conformed to his Son, he also
called. Those whom he called, he also
made righteous. Those whom he made
righteous, he also glorified.

31 So what are we going to say about
these things? If God is for us, who is
against us? 32 He didn't spare his own
Son but gave him up for us all. Won't
he also freely give us all things with
him?

33 Who will bring a charge against
God's elect people? It is God who ac-
quits them. 34 Who is going to convict
them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even
more, who was raised, and who also is at
God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who
also pleads our case for us.

35 Who will separate us from Christ's
love? Will we be separated by trouble,
or distress, or harassment, or famine,
or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As
it is written,

We are being put to death all day long
for your sake.
We are treated like sheep for slaughter.[s]

37 But in all these things we win a
sweeping victory through the one who
loved us. 38 I'm convinced that noth-
ing can separate us from God's love
in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death
or life, not angels or rulers, not pres-
ent things or future things, not pow-
ers 39 or height or depth, or any other
thing that is created.

The tragedy of Israel's unbelief

9 I'm speaking the truth in Christ—
I'm not lying, as my conscience as-
sures me with the Holy Spirit: 2 I have
great sadness and constant pain in my
heart. 3 I wish I could be cursed, cut
off from Christ if it helped my broth-
ers and sisters, who are my flesh-and-
blood relatives. 4 They are Israelites.

8:14 Hos 1:10; Jn 1:12; Ga 3:26, Ga 5:18; 1Jn 3:1
8:15 Mk 14:36; Ga 4:5, Ga 4:6; 2Ti 1:7
8:16 Mt 5:9; Jn 1:12; Ro 8:14; 2Co 1:22; Eph 1:13
8:17 Ga 3:29, Ga 4:7; Eph 3:6; 2Ti 2:12; Ti 3:7
8:18 2Co 4:17; Col 3:4; 1Pt 1:5, 1Pt 4:13, 1Pt 5:1
8:19 Phi 1:20; 1Jn 3:2
8:20 Gn 3:17, Gn 5:29
8:21 Ac 3:21; 2Pt 3:13; Rev 21:1
8:22 Jer 12:4, Jer 12:11
8:23 Ro 8:19; 2Co 5:2
8:24 1Th 5:8; Heb 11:1
8:25 1Th 1:3
8:26 Jn 14:16; Eph 6:18
8:27 1Ch 28:9; Prv 17:3; Jer 17:10; Ro 8:34; Rev 2:23
8:28 Ro 9:24; 1Co 1:9; Ga 1:15; Eph 3:11; 2Ti 1:9
8:29 Ro 11:2; 1Co 15:49; Eph 1:5; Phi 3:21; 1Pt 1:2
8:30 1Co 6:11
8:31 Ps 118:6; Ro 4:1
8:32 Jn 3:16; Ro 4:25
8:33 Is 50:8, Is 50:9; Lk 18:7
8:34 Mk 16:19; Ro 5:6, Ro 8:1, Ro 8:27; Heb 7:25
8:35 1Co 4:11
8:36 Ps 44:22; 2Co 4:11, 2Co 11:23
8:37 1Co 15:57; Eph 5:2; Rev 1:5
8:38 Ro 8:39; 1Co 3:22; Eph 1:21; 2Ti 1:12; 1Pt 3:22
8:39 Ro 5:8
9:1 Ro 1:9, Ro 2:15; 2Co 11:10; Ga 1:20; 1Ti 2:7
9:2 Lk 19:41
9:3 Ex 32:32; Ro 1:3, Ro 11:14; 1Co 12:3, 1Co 16:22
9:4 Gn 17:2; Ex 4:22; Ps 147:19; Ac 13:32; Ro 9:6

[s] Ps 44:22

The adoption as God's children, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship, and the promises belong to them. [5]The Jewish ancestors are theirs, and the Christ descended from those ancestors. He is the one who rules over all things, who is God, and who is blessed forever. Amen.

Israel and God's choice

[6]But it's not as though God's word has failed. Not all who are descended from Israel are part of Israel. [7]Not all of Abraham's children are called Abraham's descendants, but instead *your descendants will be named through Isaac.*[t] [8]That means it isn't the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children from the promise who are counted as descendants. [9]The words in the promise were: *A year from now I will return, and Sarah will have a son.*[u]

[10]Not only that, but also Rebecca conceived children with one man, our ancestor Isaac. [11]When they hadn't been born yet and when they hadn't yet done anything good or bad, it was shown that God's purpose would continue because it was based on his choice. [12]It wasn't because of what was done but because of God's call. This was said to her: *The older child will be a slave to the younger one.*[v] [13]As it is written, *I loved Jacob, but I hated Esau.*[w]

[14]So what are we going to say? Isn't this unfair on God's part? Absolutely not! [15]He says to Moses, *I'll have mercy on whomever I choose to have mercy, and I'll show compassion to whomever I choose to show compassion.*[x] [16]So then, it doesn't depend on a person's desire or effort. It depends entirely on God, who shows mercy. [17]Scripture says to Pharaoh, *I have put you in this position for this very thing: so I can show my power in you and so that my name can be spread through the entire earth.*[y] [18]So then, God has mercy on whomever he wants to, but he makes resistant whomever he wants to.

[19]So you are going to say to me, "Then why does he still blame people? Who has ever resisted his will?" [20]You are only a human being. Who do you think you are to talk back to God? *Does the clay say to the potter, "Why did you make me like this?"*[z] [21]Doesn't the potter have the power over the clay to make one pot for special purposes and another for garbage from the same lump of clay? [22]What if God very patiently puts up with pots made for wrath that were designed for destruction, because he wanted to show his wrath and to make his power known? [23]What if he did this to make the wealth of his glory known toward pots made for mercy, which he prepared in advance for glory? [24]We are the ones God has called. We don't come only from the Jews but we also come from the Gentiles.

[25]As it says also in Hosea,

I will call "my people" those
who aren't my people,
and the one who isn't well loved,
I will call "loved one."[a]

[26]And in the place where it was said to them,

"You aren't my people,"
there they will be called
"the living God's children."[b]

[27]But Isaiah cries out for Israel,

Though the number of Israel's children
will be like the sand of the sea,
only a remaining part will be saved,
[28]*because the Lord does what he says*
completely and quickly.[c]

[29]As Isaiah prophesied,

If the Lord of the heavenly forces
had not left descendants for us,
we would have been like Sodom,
and we would have become
like Gomorrah.[d]

Israel and God's righteousness

[30]So what are we going to say? Gentiles who weren't striving for

9:5 Mt 1:1; Jn 1:1; Ro 1:3, Ro 1:25, Ro 11:28
9:6 Ga 6:16
9:7 Gn 21:12; Jn 8:33; Heb 11:18
9:8 Ro 8:14; Ga 3:29, Ga 4:28
9:9 Gn 18:10, Gn 18:14; Heb 11:11
9:10 Gn 25:21; Ro 5:3
9:11 Ro 4:17, Ro 8:28
9:12 Gn 25:23
9:13 Mal 1:2, Mal 1:3
9:14 2Ch 19:7
9:15 Ex 33:19
9:16 Eph 2:8; Ti 3:5
9:17 Ex 9:16
9:18 Ex 4:21, Ex 7:3; Dt 2:30; Josh 11:20; Ro 9:15
9:19 2Ch 20:6; Job 9:12; Dn 4:35; 1Co 15:35
9:20 Job 33:13, Job 40:2; Is 29:16, Is 45:9; Ro 2:1
9:21 Is 64:8; Jer 18:6; 2Ti 2:20
9:22 Prv 16:4; Ro 2:4; 1Pt 2:8, 1Pt 3:20
9:23 Ro 2:4; Eph 3:16
9:24 Ro 3:29, Ro 8:28
9:25 Hos 2:23; 1Pt 2:10
9:26 Hos 1:10
9:27 Is 10:22; Hos 1:10; Ro 11:5
9:28 Is 10:22, Is 10:23
9:29 Dt 29:23; Is 1:9, Is 13:19; Jer 49:18, Jer 50:40
9:30 Ro 1:17, Ro 3:22, Ro 10:6; Phi 3:9; Heb 11:7

[t]Gen 21:12 [u]Gen 18:10, 14 [v]Gen 25:23 [w]Mal 1:2-3 [x]Exod 33:19 [y]Exod 9:16 [z]Isa 29:16; 45:9 [a]Hos 2:23 [b]Hos 1:10 [c]Isa 10:22-23 LXX [d]Isa 1:9

righteousness achieved righteousness, the righteousness that comes from faith. [31]But though Israel was striving for a Law of righteousness, they didn't arrive. [32]Why? It's because they didn't go for it by faith but they went for it as if it could be reached by doing something. They have tripped over a stumbling block. [33]As it is written:

Look! I'm putting a stumbling block in Zion,
which is a rock that offends people.
And the one who has faith in him
will not be put to shame.[e]

10 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire is for Israel's salvation. That's my prayer to God for them. [2]I can vouch for them: they are enthusiastic about God. However, it isn't informed by knowledge. [3]They don't submit to God's righteousness because they don't understand his righteousness, and they try to establish their own righteousness. [4]Christ is the goal of the Law, which leads to righteousness for all who have faith in God.

[5]Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: *The person who does these things will live by them.*[f] [6]But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: *Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up into heaven?"*[g] (that is, to bring Christ down) [7]or *"Who will go down into the region below?"*[h] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8]But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*[i] (that is, the message of faith that we preach). [9]Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. [11]The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won't be put to shame.*[j] [12]There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. [13]*All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.*[k]

[14]So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? [15]And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*[l]

[16]But everyone hasn't obeyed the good news. As Isaiah says, *Lord, who has had faith in our message?*[m] [17]So, faith comes from listening, but it's listening by means of Christ's message. [18]But I ask you, didn't they hear it? Definitely! *Their voice has gone out into the entire earth, and their message has gone out to the corners of the inhabited world.*[n] [19]But I ask you again, didn't Israel understand? First, Moses says, *I will make you jealous of those who aren't a people, of a people without understanding.*[o] [20]And Isaiah even dares to say, *I was found by those who didn't look for me; I revealed myself to those who didn't ask for me.*[p] [21]But he says about Israel, *All day long I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.*[q]

Israel and God's faithfulness

11 So I ask you, has God rejected his people? Absolutely not! I'm an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. [2]God hasn't rejected his people, whom he knew in advance. Or don't you know what the scripture says in the case of Elijah, when he pleads with God against Israel? [3]Lord, *they have killed your prophets, and they have torn down your altars. I'm the only one left, and they are trying to take my life.*[r] [4]But what is God's reply to him? *I have kept for myself seven thousand people who haven't bowed their knees to Baal.*[s] [5]So also in

9:31 Ro 11:7; Ga 5:4
9:32 Is 8:14; 1Pt 2:8
9:33 Is 8:14, Is 28:16; Ro 10:11; 1Pt 2:6, 1Pt 2:8
10:1 Ex 32:13, Ex 32:32; Nm 10:29, Nm 10:36; Ru 2:12
10:2 Ac 21:20; Ga 1:14
10:3 Lk 18:9; Ro 1:17
10:4 Ro 3:22; Ga 3:24
10:5 Lv 18:5; Neh 9:29; Eze 20:11, Eze 20:13; Ga 3:12
10:6 Dt 30:12; Ro 9:30
10:7 Heb 13:20
10:8 Dt 30:14
10:9 Mt 10:32; Lk 12:8; Ac 16:31; 1Co 12:3; Phi 2:11
10:10 Ro 10:9
10:11 Is 28:16; Ro 9:33
10:12 Ac 10:36; Ro 3:22, Ro 3:29; Ga 3:28
10:13 Jl 2:32; Ac 2:21
10:14 Ac 8:31; Ti 1:3
10:15 Is 52:7; Na 1:15; Eph 6:15
10:16 Is 53:1; Jn 12:38; Ro 3:3
10:17 Jer 23:28, Jer 23:29; Ga 3:2, Ga 3:5; Col 3:16
10:18 Ps 19:4; Mt 24:14; Ro 1:8; Col 1:6, Col 1:23
10:19 Dt 32:21; Ro 11:11
10:20 Is 65:1; Ro 9:30
10:21 Is 65:2
11:1 1Sa 12:22; Jer 31:37, Jer 33:24; 2Co 11:22; Phi 3:5
11:2 Ps 94:14; Ro 8:29
11:3 1Ki 19:10, 1Ki 19:14
11:4 1Ki 19:18
11:5 Ro 9:27

[e]Isa 28:16; 8:14 [f]Lev 18:5 [g]Deut 9:4; 30:12 [h]Deut 30:13 [i]Deut 30:14 [j]Isa 28:16 [k]Joel 2:32 [l]Isa 52:7; Nah 1:15 [m]Isa 53:1 [n]Ps 19:4 [o]Deut 32:21 [p]Isa 65:1 [q]Isa 65:2 [r]1 Kgs 19:10, 14 [s]1 Kgs 19:18

the present time there is a remaining group by the choice of God's grace. [6]But if it is by grace, it isn't by what's done anymore. If it were, God's grace wouldn't be grace.

[7]So what? Israel didn't find what it was looking for. Those who were chosen found it, but the others were resistant. [8]As it is written, *God gave them a dull spirit, so that their eyes would not see and their ears not hear, right up until the present day.*[t] [9]And David says,

Their table should become a pitfall
and a trap,
a stumbling block and payback to
them for what they have done.
[10]*Their eyes should be darkened*
so they can't see,
and their backs always bent.[u]

[11]So I'm asking you: They haven't stumbled so that they've fallen permanently, have they? Absolutely not! But salvation has come to the Gentiles by their failure, in order to make Israel jealous. [12]But if their failure brings riches to the world, and their defeat brings riches to the Gentiles, how much more will come from the completion of their number! [13]I'm speaking to you Gentiles. Considering that I'm an apostle to the Gentiles, I publicize my own ministry [14]in the hope that somehow I might make my own people jealous and save some of them. [15]If their rejection has brought about a close relationship between God and the world, how can their acceptance mean anything less than life from the dead?

[16]But if part of a batch of dough is offered to God as holy, the whole batch of dough is holy too. If a root is holy, the branches will be holy too. [17]If some of the branches were broken off, and you were a wild olive branch, and you were grafted in among the other branches and shared the root that produces the rich oil of the olive tree, [18]then don't brag like you're better than the other branches. If you do brag, be careful: it's not you that sustains the root, but it's the root that sustains you. [19]You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." [20]Fine. They were broken off because they weren't faithful, but you stand only by your faithfulness.[v] So don't think in a proud way; instead be afraid. [21]If God didn't spare the natural branches, he won't spare you either. [22]So look at God's kindness and harshness. It's harshness toward those who fell, but it's God's kindness for you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise, you could be cut off too. [23]And even those who were cut off will be grafted back in if they don't continue to be unfaithful, because God is able to graft them in again. [24]If you were naturally part of a wild olive tree and you were cut off from it, and then, contrary to nature, you were grafted into the cultivated olive tree, won't these natural branches stand an even better chance of being grafted back onto their own olive tree?

All Israel will be saved

[25]I don't want you to be unaware of this secret,[w] brothers and sisters. That way you won't think too highly of yourselves. A part of Israel has become resistant until the full number of the Gentiles comes in. [26]In this way, all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

The deliverer will come from Zion.
He will remove ungodly behavior
from Jacob.
[27]*This is my covenant with them,*
when I take away their sins.[x]

[28]According to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake, but according to God's choice, they are loved for the sake of their ancestors. [29]God's gifts and calling can't be taken back. [30]Once you were disobedient to God, but now you have mercy because they were disobedient. [31]In the same way, they have also been disobedient because of the mercy that you received, so now they can receive mercy too. [32]God has

11:6 Ro 4:4; 2Ti 1:9; Ti 3:5
11:7 Ro 9:18, Ro 9:31, Ro 11:25
11:8 Dt 29:4; Is 6:9, Is 29:10; Eze 12:2
11:9 Ps 69:22, Ps 69:23
11:10 Ps 69:22, Ps 69:23; Ro 11:8
11:11 Ac 13:46, Ac 28:28; Ro 10:19, Ro 11:14
11:12 Ro 11:25
11:13 Ac 9:15; Ro 15:16
11:14 Ro 11:11; 1Co 7:16, 1Co 9:22
11:15 Lk 15:24; Ro 5:10, Ro 5:11
11:16 Ex 22:29; Nm 15:18; Dt 18:4; Neh 10:35, Neh 10:37
11:17 Jgs 9:9; Ps 52:8; Jer 11:16; Zec 4:3; Jn 15:2
11:18 Jn 4:22
11:20 Prv 28:14; Ro 12:16; 1Co 10:12; 2Co 1:24; 1Pt 1:17
11:21 Ro 11:17
11:22 Jn 15:2; Ro 2:4; 1Co 15:2; Heb 3:6, Heb 3:14
11:23 2Co 3:16
11:24 Ro 11:17
11:25 Lk 21:24; Ro 11:7, Ro 12:16, Ro 16:25; 2Co 3:14
11:26 Is 45:17, Is 59:20
11:27 Is 27:9, Is 59:21; Jer 31:31; Heb 8:8
11:28 Dt 7:8, Dt 10:15; Jer 31:3; Ro 5:10, Ro 9:5
11:29 Ro 8:28; 2Pt 1:10
11:30 Eph 2:2; Ti 3:3
11:32 Ro 3:9; Ga 3:22

[t]Deut 29:4; Isa 29:10 [u]Ps 69:22-23 [v]Or *faith* [w]Or *mystery* [x]Isa 59:20-21; 27:9; Jer 31:33-34

locked up all people in disobedience, in order to have mercy on all of them.

[33]God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge are so deep! They are as mysterious as his judgments, and they are as hard to track as his paths!

[34]*Who has known the Lord's mind?*
Or who has been his mentor?[y]
[35]*Or who has given him a gift*
and has been paid back by him?[z]
[36]All things are from him and through him and for him.
May the glory be to him forever.
Amen.

Living sacrifice and transformed lives

12 So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. [2]Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

Transformed relationships

[3]Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. [4]We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. [5]In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. [6]We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. [7]If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. [8]If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

[9]Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. [10]Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. [11]Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! [12]Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. [13]Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. [14]Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. [15]Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. [16]Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. [17]Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

[18]If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. [19]Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.*[a] [20]Instead, *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.*[b] [21]Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

13 Every person should place themselves under the authority of the government. There isn't any authority unless it comes from God, and the authorities that are there have been put in place by God. [2]So anyone who opposes the authority is standing against what God has established. People who take this kind of stand will get punished. [3]The authorities don't frighten people who are doing the right thing.

11:33 Job 5:9, Job 11:7; Is 40:28; Eph 3:10; Col 2:3
11:34 Is 40:13; 1Co 2:16
11:35 Job 35:7, Job 41:11
11:36 Ro 16:27; 1Co 8:6; Eph 3:21; Phi 4:20; Jud 1:25
12:1 Ro 6:13, Ro 6:16, Ro 6:19; 1Co 6:20; 1Pt 2:5
12:2 Ro 12:1; Eph 4:23; Ti 3:5; 1Pt 1:14; 1Jn 2:15
12:3 Ro 11:20, Ro 12:16, Ro 15:15; Ga 2:9; Eph 4:7
12:4 1Co 12:12; Eph 4:4, Eph 4:16
12:5 1Co 10:17, 1Co 12:12, 1Co 12:20, 1Co 12:27; Eph 4:25
12:6 Ro 12:3; 1Co 7:7, 1Co 12:4, 1Co 12:10; 1Pt 4:10
12:7 Ac 6:1
12:8 2Co 9:7
12:9 Ps 97:10; Am 5:15; 2Co 6:6; 1Th 5:22; 1Ti 1:5
12:10 Phi 2:3; 1Th 4:9; Heb 13:1; 1Pt 2:17; 2Pt 1:7
12:11 Ac 18:25
12:12 Lk 21:19; Ro 5:2; Heb 10:36; Jas 1:4, Jas 5:7
12:13 Ac 20:35; 1Ti 3:2; Heb 6:10, Heb 13:2; 1Pt 4:9
12:14 Mt 5:44; Lk 6:28; 1Co 4:12; 1Pt 3:9
12:15 Job 30:25; 1Co 12:26; Heb 13:3
12:16 Ps 131:1; Prv 3:7; Ro 11:25, Ro 12:3, Ro 15:5
12:17 Prv 20:22, Prv 24:29; Mt 5:39; 2Co 8:21; 1Pt 3:9
12:18 Mk 9:50; Ro 14:19; Heb 12:14
12:19 Dt 32:35; Ps 94:1; Prv 24:29; Ro 12:17; Heb 10:30
12:20 Ex 23:4-5; Prv 25:21-22; Mt 5:44
13:1 Dn 2:21; Jn 19:11; Ti 3:1; 1Pt 2:13-14
13:2 1Pt 2:13
13:3 1Pt 2:14

[y]Isa 40:13 [z]Job 41:11 [a]Deut 32:35 [b]Prov 25:21-22

Rather, they frighten people who are doing wrong. Would you rather not be afraid of authority? Do what's right, and you will receive its approval. 4It is God's servant given for your benefit. But if you do what's wrong, be afraid because it doesn't have weapons to enforce the law for nothing. It is God's servant put in place to carry out his punishment on those who do what is wrong. 5That is why it is necessary to place yourself under the government's authority, not only to avoid God's punishment but also for the sake of your conscience. 6You should also pay taxes for the same reason, because the authorities are God's assistants, concerned with this very thing. 7So pay everyone what you owe them. Pay the taxes you owe, pay the duties you are charged, give respect to those you should respect, and honor those you should honor.

8Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. 9The commandments, *Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have,*[c] and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself.*[d] 10Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

The day is near

11As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. 12The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. 13Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. 14Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

13:4 1Th 4:6

13:5 1Pt 2:13

13:6 Mt 22:17

13:7 Mt 17:25, Mt 22:21; Lk 20:25

13:8 Jn 13:34; Ro 13:10; Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8

13:9 Ex 20:13, Ex 20:15, Ex 20:17; Lv 19:18; Dt 5:17

13:10 Ro 13:8; Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8

13:11 1Co 15:34; 1Th 5:6; 1Pt 4:7

13:12 2Co 6:7; Eph 5:11, Eph 6:11; 1Th 5:8; 1Jn 2:8

13:13 Lk 21:34; Ga 5:21; Eph 5:18; 1Th 4:12; 1Pt 4:3

13:14 Ga 3:27, Ga 5:16, Ga 5:24; Eph 4:24; 1Pt 2:11

14:1 Ro 15:1, Ro 15:7; 1Co 8:9, 1Co 9:22; 1Th 5:14

14:2 Prv 15:17; Ro 14:14

14:3 Lk 18:9; Ro 14:10, Ro 14:13; Col 2:16

14:4 Mt 7:1; Ro 9:20; 1Co 4:5; Jas 4:12; Jud 1:24

14:5 Ro 14:23; Ga 4:10

14:6 Mt 14:19, Mt 15:36; 1Co 10:30-31; 1Ti 4:3

14:7 2Co 5:15; Ga 2:19; 1Th 5:10

14:8 Phi 1:20; 1Th 5:10; Rev 14:13

14:9 Mt 28:18; Ac 10:42; Rev 1:18

14:10 Jn 5:22; Ac 10:42; Ro 2:16, Ro 14:3; 2Co 5:10

14:11 Is 45:23, Is 49:18; Phi 2:10-11

14:12 Mt 12:36; 1Pt 4:5

14:13 Mt 7:1; 1Co 8:9

14:14 Ac 10:15; Ro 14:2, Ro 14:20; 1Co 8:7; Ti 1:15

Welcoming each other like Christ

14 Welcome the person who is weak in faith—but not in order to argue about differences of opinion. 2One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don't, and the ones who don't eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them. 4Who are you to judge someone else's servants? They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand). 5One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same. Each person must have their own convictions. 6Someone who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don't eat, don't eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too. 7We don't live for ourselves and we don't die for ourselves. 8If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God. 9This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister? We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God. 11Because it is written,

As I live, says the Lord,
every knee will bow to me,
and every tongue will give praise to God.[e]

12So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

13So stop judging each other. Instead, this is what you should decide: never put a stumbling block or obstacle in the way of your brother or sister. 14I know and I'm convinced in the Lord

[c]Exod 20:13-15, 17; Deut 5:17-19, 21 [d]Lev 19:18 [e]Isa 45:23

Jesus that nothing is wrong to eat in itself. But if someone thinks something is wrong to eat, it becomes wrong for that person. 15 If your brother or sister is upset by your food, you are no longer walking in love. Don't let your food destroy someone for whom Christ died. 16 And don't let something you consider to be good be criticized as wrong. 17 God's kingdom isn't about eating food and drinking but about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever serves Christ this way pleases God and gets human approval.

19 So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up. 20 Don't destroy what God has done because of food. All food is acceptable, but it's a bad thing if it trips someone else. 21 It's a good thing not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything that trips your brother or sister. 22 Keep the belief that you have to yourself—it's between you and God. People are blessed who don't convict themselves by the things they approve. 23 But those who have doubts are convicted if they go ahead and eat, because they aren't acting on the basis of faith. Everything that isn't based on faith is sin.

15 We who are powerful need to be patient with the weakness of those who don't have power, and not please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please our neighbors for their good in order to build them up. 3 Christ didn't please himself, but, as it is written, *The insults of those who insulted you fell on me.*[f] 4 Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. 6 That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice.

7 So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory. 8 I'm saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, in order to confirm the promises given to the ancestors, 9 and so that the Gentiles could glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

Because of this I will confess you
among the Gentiles,
and I will sing praises to your name.[g]

10 And again, it says,

Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people.[h]

11 And again,

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and all the people should sing his praises.[i]

12 And again, Isaiah says,

There will be a root of Jesse,
who will also rise to rule the Gentiles.
The Gentiles will place their hope in him.[j]

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's ministry to the Gentiles

14 My brothers and sisters, I myself am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and are able to teach each other. 15 But I've written to you in a sort of daring way, partly to remind you of what you already know. I'm writing to you in this way because of the grace that was given to me by God. 16 It helps me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. I'm working as a priest of God's gospel so that the offering of the Gentiles can be acceptable and made holy by the Holy Spirit. 17 So in Christ Jesus I brag about things that have to do with God. 18 I don't dare speak about anything except what Christ has done through me to bring about the obedience of the Gentiles. He did it by what I've said and what I've done, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, and by the power of God's Spirit. So

14:15 1Co 8:11; Eph 5:2
14:16 1Co 10:30
14:17 Ro 15:13; 1Co 8:8; Ga 5:22
14:18 2Co 8:21
14:19 Ps 34:14; Ro 12:18, Ro 15:2; 1Co 14:26; 2Co 12:19
14:20 Ac 10:15; Ro 14:14-15; 1Co 8:9
14:21 1Co 8:13, 1Co 10:24
14:23 Lk 18:8; Ro 14:5; Ti 1:15; Heb 11:6; Jas 1:6
15:1 Ro 14:1; Ga 6:1-2; 1Th 5:14
15:2 Ro 14:19; 1Co 10:24
15:3 Ps 69:9; 2Co 8:9
15:4 Ro 4:23
15:5 Ro 12:16; 1Co 1:10; 2Co 1:3; Phi 2:2, Phi 2:5
15:6 Jn 20:17; 1Pt 1:3
15:8 Mt 15:24; Ac 3:26; 2Co 1:20
15:9 2Sa 22:50; Ps 18:49; Ac 28:28; Ro 3:29
15:10 Dt 32:43
15:12 Is 11:1, Is 11:10; Mt 12:21; Rev 5:5
15:13 Ro 14:17, Ro 15:19
15:14 Col 3:16
15:15 Ro 12:3; 1Co 3:10; Ga 2:9
15:16 Ro 1:1, Ro 11:13, Ro 15:19; 1Co 4:1
15:17 Phi 3:3; Heb 2:17, Heb 5:1
15:18 Ac 15:12, Ac 21:19; Ro 1:5
15:19 Jn 4:48; Ac 19:11; 2Co 12:12

[f] Ps 69:9 [g] Ps 18:49 [h] Deut 32:43 [i] Ps 117:1 [j] Isa 11:10

I've completed the circuit of preaching Christ's gospel from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum. [20]In this way, I have a goal to preach the gospel where they haven't heard of Christ yet, so that I won't be building on someone else's foundation. [21]Instead, as it's written, *Those who hadn't been told about him will see, and those who hadn't heard will understand.*[k]

Travel plans to visit Rome

[22]That's why I've been stopped so many times from coming to see you. [23]But now, since I don't have any place to work in these regions anymore, and since I've wanted to come to see you for many years, [24]I'll visit you when I go to Spain. I hope to see you while I'm passing through. And I hope you will send me on my way there, after I have first been reenergized by some time in your company.

[25]But now I'm going to Jerusalem, to serve God's people. [26]Macedonia and Achaia have been happy to make a contribution for the poor among God's people in Jerusalem. [27]They were happy to do this, and they are actually in debt to God's people in Jerusalem. If the Gentiles got a share of the Jewish people's spiritual resources, they ought to minister to them with material resources. [28]So then after I have finished this job and have safely delivered the final amount of the Gentiles' offering to them, I will leave for Spain, visiting you on the way. [29]And I know that when I come to you I will come with the fullest blessing of Christ.

[30]Brothers and sisters, I urge you, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggles in your prayers to God for me. [31]Pray that I will be rescued from the people in Judea who don't believe. Also, pray that my service for Jerusalem will be acceptable to God's people there [32]so that I can come to you with joy by God's will and be reenergized with your company. [33]May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

15:20 1Co 3:10; Eph 2:20
15:21 Is 52:15
15:22 Ro 1:13; 1Th 2:18
15:23 Ac 19:21; Ro 1:11, Ro 15:32
15:24 Ac 15:3; Ro 1:12, Ro 15:28
15:25 Ac 19:21, Ac 24:17
15:26 Ac 16:9; 2Co 8:1, 2Co 9:2
15:27 1Co 9:11; Ga 6:6
15:28 Ro 15:24
15:29 Ps 16:11; Jn 1:17; Ac 10:36; Ro 1:11; Eph 3:8
15:30 2Co 1:11; Eph 6:19; Phi 2:1; Col 1:8, Col 4:12
15:33 Ro 16:20; 2Co 13:11; Phi 4:9; 1Th 5:23; Heb 13:20
16:1 Ac 18:18; Ro 16:2; 2Co 3:1
16:2 Ro 16:1; Phi 2:29; 3Jn 1:5
16:3 Ac 18:2, Ac 18:26; Ro 16:9; 1Co 16:19; 2Ti 4:19
16:4 1Jn 3:16
16:5 1Co 16:15, 1Co 16:19; 2Co 1:1; Col 4:15; Phm 1:2
16:6 Ro 16:12
16:7 Col 4:10; Phm 1:23
16:11 Ro 9:3, Ro 16:7, Ro 16:21
16:12 Ro 16:6
16:15 Ro 16:2
16:16 1Co 16:20; 2Co 13:12; 1Th 5:26; 1Pt 5:14

Introduction to Phoebe

16 I'm introducing our sister Phoebe to you, who is a servant[l] of the church in Cenchreae. [2]Welcome her in the Lord in a way that is worthy of God's people, and give her whatever she needs from you, because she herself has been a sponsor of many people, myself included.

Greetings to Roman Christians

[3]Say hello to Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, [4]who risked their own necks for my life. I'm not the only one who thanks God for them, but all the churches of the Gentiles do the same. [5]Also say hello to the church that meets in their house. Say hello to Epaenetus, my dear friend, who was the first convert[m] in Asia for Christ. [6]Say hello to Mary, who has worked very hard for you. [7]Say hello to Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and my fellow prisoners. They are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. [8]Say hello to Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord. [9]Say hello to Urbanus, our coworker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. [10]Say hello to Apelles, who is tried and true in Christ. Say hello to the members of the household of Aristobulus. [11]Say hello to my relative Herodion. Say hello to the members of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. [12]Say hello to Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who are workers for the Lord. Say hello to my dear friend Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. [13]Say hello to Rufus, who is an outstanding believer, along with his mother and mine. [14]Say hello to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. [15]Say hello to Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. [16]Say hello to each

[k]Isa 52:15 [l]Or *deacon* [m]Or *is the firstfruits*

other with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ say hello to you.

Warning against divisions

17 Brothers and sisters, I urge you to watch out for people who create divisions and problems against the teaching that you learned. Keep away from them. 18 People like that aren't serving the Lord. They are serving their own feelings. They deceive the hearts of innocent people with smooth talk and flattery. 19 The news of your obedience has reached everybody, so I'm happy for you. But I want you to be wise about what's good, and innocent about what's evil. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan[n] under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Greetings from Paul's coworkers

21 Timothy my coworker says hello to you, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives. 22 I'm Tertius, and I'm writing this letter to you in the Lord—hello! 23 Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, says hello to you. Erastus the city treasurer says hello to you, along with our brother Quartus.[o]

Final prayer

25 May the glory be to God who can strengthen you with my good news and the message that I preach about Jesus Christ. He can strengthen you with the announcement of the secret[p] that was kept quiet for a long time. 26 Now that secret is revealed through what the prophets wrote. It is made known to the Gentiles[q] in order to lead to their faithful obedience based on the command of the eternal God. 27 May the glory be to God, who alone is wise! May the glory be to him through Jesus Christ forever! Amen.

16:17 2Th 3:6; 1Ti 1:3, 1Ti 6:3; 2Ti 3:5; 2Jn 1:10

16:18 Ro 14:18; Phi 3:19; Col 2:4; 2Pt 2:3

16:19 Mt 10:16; Ro 1:8; 1Co 14:20

16:20 Ro 15:33; 2Co 13:14; Ga 6:18; 1Th 5:28; Rev 22:21

16:21 Ac 13:1, Ac 16:1, Ac 17:5, Ac 20:4

16:22 Ga 6:11

16:24 Ro 1:7, Ro 15:5, Ro 15:6, Ro 16:20; 1Th 5:28

16:25 Ro 2:16; 1Co 2:7; Eph 1:9, Eph 3:3, Eph 3:9

16:26 Ro 1:2, Ro 1:5; Col 1:26; 2Ti 1:10

16:27 Ro 11:36; 1Ti 1:17

1 CORINTHIANS

Greeting

1 From Paul, called by God's will to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and from Sosthenes our brother.

2 To God's church that is in Corinth:
To those who have been made holy to God in Christ Jesus,
who are called to be God's people.
Together with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place—
he's their Lord and ours!

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving for the Corinthians

4 I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus. 5 That is, you were made rich through him in everything: in all your communication and every kind of knowledge, 6 in the same way that the testimony about Christ was confirmed with you. 7 The result is that you aren't missing any spiritual gift while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will also confirm your testimony about Christ until the end so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, and you were called by him to partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rival groups in Corinth

10 Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups.

1:1 Ro 1:1; 2Co 1:1; Ga 1:1; Eph 1:1; 2Ti 1:1

1:2 Ac 7:59, Ac 18:1; Ro 1:7; 1Co 1:30; 2Co 1:1

1:3 Ro 1:7

1:4 Ro 1:8

1:5 Ro 15:14; 2Co 8:7, 2Co 9:11

1:6 1Ti 2:6; 2Ti 1:8; Rev 1:2

1:7 Lk 17:30; Phi 3:20; 1Th 1:10; Ti 2:13; 2Pt 3:12

1:8 1Co 5:5; 2Co 1:14; Phi 1:6, Phi 2:16; 1Th 3:13

1:9 Dt 7:9; Is 49:7; 1Co 10:13; 1Th 5:24; 1Jn 1:3

1:10 Ro 15:5; 1Co 11:18; 2Co 13:11; Phi 1:27

[n] Or *the Adversary* [o] Critical editions of the Gk New Testament do not include 16:24 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.* [p] Or *mystery* [q] Or *all the Gentiles*

Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. [11]My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. [12]What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." [13]Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? [14]Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, [15]so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! [16]Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. [17]Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning.

Human wisdom versus the cross

[18]The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. [19]It is written in scripture: *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent.*[a] [20]Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today's debaters? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? [21]In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. [22]Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, [23]but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. [24]But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. [25]This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

1:11 1Co 3:3

1:12 Jn 1:42; Ac 18:24, Ac 19:1; 1Co 3:4, 1Co 3:22

1:13 Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38

1:14 Ac 18:8; Ro 16:23

1:16 1Co 16:15, 1Co 16:17

1:17 1Co 2:1, 1Co 2:4, 1Co 2:13

1:18 Ro 1:16; 1Co 1:21, 1Co 1:23-25

1:19 Job 5:13; Is 29:14; 1Co 3:19

1:20 Ro 1:22; 1Co 3:19

1:21 Mt 11:25; Lk 10:21; 1Co 1:18, 1Co 6:2, 1Co 11:32

1:22 Mt 12:38; Mk 8:11; Jn 4:48

1:23 1Co 1:18, 1Co 2:2; Ga 3:1, Ga 5:11; 1Pt 2:8

1:24 Ro 1:16; 1Co 1:18, 1Co 1:30; Col 2:3

1:25 Ro 11:33; 1Co 1:18; 2Co 13:4

1:26 Mt 11:25; 1Co 1:20

1:27 Ps 8:2; Jas 2:5

1:28 Job 34:19; Ro 4:17; 1Co 2:6

1:29 Ro 3:27; Eph 2:9

1:30 Jer 23:5; Ro 3:24; 1Co 1:2; 2Co 5:21; Phi 3:9

1:31 Jer 9:23-24; 2Co 10:17

2:1 1Co 1:17, 1Co 2:4, 1Co 2:13

2:2 1Co 1:23; Ga 6:14

2:3 1Co 4:10; 2Co 11:30, 2Co 12:5, 2Co 13:9; Ga 4:13

2:4 Ro 15:13, Ro 15:19; 1Co 2:1, 1Co 4:20; 1Th 1:5

2:5 2Co 4:7, 2Co 6:7

2:6 Phi 3:15

2:7 Ro 16:25; 1Co 2:1; Col 1:26

2:8 Ps 24:7; Ac 7:2; Jas 2:1

[26]Look at your situation when you were called, brothers and sisters! By ordinary human standards not many were wise, not many were powerful, not many were from the upper class. [27]But God chose what the world considers foolish to shame the wise. God chose what the world considers weak to shame the strong. [28]And God chose what the world considers low-class and low-life—what is considered to be nothing—to reduce what is considered to be something to nothing. [29]So no human being can brag in God's presence. [30]It is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus. He became wisdom from God for us. This means that he made us righteous and holy, and he delivered us. [31]This is consistent with what was written: *The one who brags should brag in the Lord!*[b]

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I didn't come preaching God's secrets to you like I was an expert in speech or wisdom. [2]I had made up my mind not to think about anything while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and to preach him as crucified. [3]I stood in front of you with weakness, fear, and a lot of shaking. [4]My message and my preaching weren't presented with convincing wise words but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. [5]I did this so that your faith might not depend on the wisdom of people but on the power of God.

Definition of wisdom

[6]What we say is wisdom to people who are mature. It isn't a wisdom that comes from the present day or from today's leaders who are being reduced to nothing. [7]We talk about God's wisdom, which has been hidden as a secret. God determined this wisdom in advance, before time began, for our glory. [8]It is a wisdom that none of the present-day rulers have understood, because if they did understand it, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory!

[a]Isa 29:14 [b]Jer 9:24

9But this is precisely what is written:
God has prepared things for those who
love him that no eye has seen, or ear has
heard, or that haven't crossed the mind
of any human being.[c] 10God has revealed
these things to us through the Spirit.
The Spirit searches everything, includ-
ing the depths of God. 11Who knows a
person's depths except their own spirit
that lives in them? In the same way, no
one has known the depths of God ex-
cept God's Spirit. 12We haven't received
the world's spirit but God's Spirit so
that we can know the things given to
us by God. 13These are the things we are
talking about—not with words taught
by human wisdom but with words
taught by the Spirit—we are interpret-
ing spiritual things to spiritual people.
14But people who are unspiritual don't
accept the things from God's Spirit.
They are foolishness to them and can't
be understood, because they can only
be comprehended in a spiritual way.
15Spiritual people comprehend every-
thing, but they themselves aren't un-
derstood by anyone. 16*Who has known*
the mind of the Lord, who will advise
him?[d] But we have the mind of Christ.

Wisdom applied to divisions in the church

3 Brothers and sisters, I couldn't
talk to you like spiritual people
but like unspiritual people, like ba-
bies in Christ. 2I gave you milk to
drink instead of solid food, because
you weren't up to it yet. 3Now you
are still not up to it because you are
still unspiritual. When jealousy and
fighting exist between you, aren't you
unspiritual and living by human stan-
dards? 4When someone says, "I belong
to Paul," and someone else says, "I be-
long to Apollos," aren't you acting like
people without the Spirit? 5After all,
what is Apollos? What is Paul? They
are servants who helped you to believe.
Each one had a role given to them by
the Lord: 6I planted, Apollos watered,
but God made it grow. 7Because of this,
neither the one who plants nor the one
who waters is anything, but the only
one who is anything is God who makes
it grow. 8The one who plants and the
one who waters work together, but
each one will receive their own reward
for their own labor. 9We are God's co-
workers, and you are God's field, God's
building.

10I laid a foundation like a wise mas-
ter builder according to God's grace
that was given to me, but someone else
is building on top of it. Each person
needs to pay attention to the way they
build on it. 11No one can lay any other
foundation besides the one that is al-
ready laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12So,
whether someone builds on top of the
foundation with gold, silver, precious
stones, wood, grass, or hay, 13each
one's work will be clearly shown. The
day will make it clear, because it will
be revealed with fire—the fire will
test the quality of each one's work. 14If
anyone's work survives, they'll get a
reward. 15But if anyone's work goes up
in flames, they'll lose it. However, they
themselves will be saved as if they had
gone through a fire. 16Don't you know
that you are God's temple and God's
Spirit lives in you? 17If someone de-
stroys God's temple, God will destroy
that person, because God's temple is
holy, which is what you are.

18Don't fool yourself. If some of you
think they are worldly-wise, then they
should become foolish so that they can
become wise. 19This world's wisdom
is foolishness to God. As it's written,
He catches the wise in their cleverness.[e]
20And also, *The Lord knows that the*
thoughts of the wise are silly.[f] 21So then,
no one should brag about human be-
ings. Everything belongs to you—
22Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life,
death, things in the present, things
in the future—everything belongs
to you, 23but you belong to Christ, and
Christ belongs to God.

2:9 Is 64:4, Is 65:17; Mt 25:34; Ro 8:28; Heb 11:16
2:10 Mt 13:11, Mt 16:17; Jn 14:26; Eph 3:3, Eph 3:5
2:11 Prv 20:27
2:12 Ro 8:15; 1Co 1:27
2:13 Lk 12:12; 1Co 1:17, 1Co 2:1, 1Co 2:4
2:14 Jn 14:17; 1Co 1:18
2:15 Prv 28:5; 1Co 3:1, 1Co 14:37; Ga 6:1
2:16 Is 40:13; Ro 11:34; Phi 2:5
3:1 Ro 7:14; 1Co 2:6, 1Co 2:14-15
3:2 Jn 16:12; 1Co 3:1; Heb 5:12-13; 1Pt 2:2
3:3 Ro 13:13; 1Co 1:11, 1Co 11:18; 2Co 12:20
3:4 Ac 18:24, Ac 19:1; 1Co 1:12, 1Co 3:3, 1Co 4:6
3:5 2Co 6:4
3:6 Ac 18:4, Ac 18:24; 1Co 4:15, 1Co 9:1, 1Co 15:1
3:7 Ga 6:3
3:8 1Co 4:5
3:9 Mk 16:20; 1Co 3:16; 2Co 6:1; Eph 2:20; 1Pt 2:5
3:10 Ro 12:3, Ro 15:20; 1Co 15:10
3:11 Is 28:16; Eph 2:20
3:12 Ac 20:30; Ro 16:17; 2Co 2:17; Col 2:8, Col 2:18
3:13 1Co 4:5; 2Th 1:7
3:14 1Co 3:8, 1Co 9:17
3:15 Jud 1:23
3:16 Jn 14:17; Ro 8:9; 1Co 6:19; 2Co 6:16; Eph 2:21
3:17 Is 64:11; Eph 2:21
3:18 Prv 3:7; Is 5:21; 1Co 1:20, 1Co 8:2; Ga 6:3
3:19 Job 5:13; Is 29:14; Ro 1:22; 1Co 1:19, 1Co 1:20
3:20 Ps 94:11
3:21 Ro 8:28, Ro 8:32; 1Co 3:4, 1Co 4:6
3:22 Ro 8:38; 1Co 1:12, 1Co 3:5-6
3:23 1Co 11:3, 1Co 15:23; 2Co 10:7; Ga 3:29

[c]Isa 64:4 [d]Isa 40:13 [e]Job 5:13 [f]Ps 94:11

Paul's role as an apostle

4 So a person should think about us this way—as servants of Christ and managers of God's secrets. [2]In this kind of situation, what is expected of a manager is that they prove to be faithful. [3]I couldn't care less if I'm judged by you or by any human court; I don't even judge myself. [4]I'm not aware of anything against me, but that doesn't make me innocent, because the Lord is the one who judges me. [5]So don't judge anything before the right time—wait until the Lord comes. He will bring things that are hidden in the dark to light, and he will make people's motivations public. Then there will be recognition for each person from God.

[6]Brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit. I've done this so that you can learn what it means not to go beyond what has been written and so none of you will become arrogant by supporting one of us against the other. [7]Who says that you are better than anyone else? What do you have that you didn't receive? And if you received it, then why are you bragging as if you didn't receive it? [8]You've been filled already! You've become rich already! You rule like kings without us! I wish you did rule so that we could be kings with you! [9]I suppose that God has shown that we apostles are at the end of the line. We are like prisoners sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle in the world, both to angels and to humans. [10]We are fools for Christ, but you are wise through Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, but we are dishonored! [11]Up to this very moment we are hungry, thirsty, wearing rags, abused, and homeless. [12]We work hard with our own hands. When we are insulted, we respond with a blessing; when we are harassed, we put up with it; [13]when our reputation is attacked, we are encouraging. We have become the scum of the earth, the waste that runs off everything, up to the present time.

[14]I'm not writing these things to make you ashamed but to warn you, since you are my loved children. [15]You may have ten thousand mentors in Christ, but you don't have many fathers. I gave birth to you in Christ Jesus through the gospel, [16]so I encourage you to follow my example. [17]This is why I've sent Timothy to you; he's my loved and trusted child in the Lord; he'll remind you about my way of life in Christ Jesus. He'll teach the same way as I teach everywhere in every church. [18]Some have become arrogant as if I'm not coming to see you. [19]But, if the Lord is willing, I'll come to you soon. Then I won't focus on what these arrogant people say, but I'll find out what power they possess. [20]God's kingdom isn't about words but about power. [21]Which do you want? Should I come to you with a big stick to punish you, or with love and a gentle spirit?

Confronting sexual immorality in the church

5 Everyone has heard that there is sexual immorality among you. This is a type of immorality that isn't even heard of among the Gentiles—a man is having sex with his father's wife! [2]And you're proud of yourselves instead of being so upset that the one who did this thing is expelled from your community. [3]Though I'm absent physically, I'm present in the spirit and I've already judged the man who did this as if I were present. [4]When you meet together in the name of our Lord Jesus, I'll be present in spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus. [5]At that time we need to hand this man over to Satan to destroy his human weakness so that his spirit might be saved on the day of the Lord.

[6]Your bragging isn't good! Don't you know that a tiny grain of yeast makes a whole batch of dough rise? [7]Clean out the old yeast so you can be a new batch

4:1 Ro 16:25; 1Co 9:17; Ti 1:7; 1Pt 4:10
4:2 Lk 12:42, Lk 16:10
4:3 Jn 7:24; 1Co 3:13
4:4 Ps 143:2; Ac 23:1; 2Co 1:12
4:5 Ecc 12:14; Mt 7:1; Ro 2:1, Ro 2:16; 1Co 3:13
4:6 1Co 1:12, 1Co 3:4, 1Co 13:4
4:7 Jn 3:27; Ro 12:6; 1Pt 4:10
4:8 Rev 3:17
4:9 Ro 8:36; 2Co 11:23; Heb 10:33
4:10 Ac 17:18, Ac 26:24; 1Co 1:18, 1Co 2:3, 1Co 3:18
4:11 Ro 8:35; 2Co 6:5, 2Co 11:23, 2Co 11:27
4:12 Jn 15:20; Ac 18:3; Ro 12:14; 1Pt 3:9
4:13 Lam 3:45
4:14 1Co 6:5, 1Co 15:34; 1Th 2:11
4:15 Ga 4:19; Phm 1:10
4:16 1Co 11:1; Phi 3:17, Phi 4:9; 1Th 1:6; 2Th 3:9
4:17 Ac 16:1; 1Co 7:17, 1Co 16:10; 1Ti 1:2; 2Ti 1:2
4:18 1Co 4:6, 1Co 4:21
4:19 Ac 18:21; 1Co 16:5; 2Co 1:15
4:20 Ro 14:17; 1Co 2:4
4:21 2Co 1:23, 2Co 2:1, 2Co 12:20, 2Co 13:2, 2Co 13:10
5:1 Lv 18:8; Dt 22:30, Dt 27:20; 2Co 12:21
5:2 Ezr 10:1; 1Co 4:6, 1Co 5:13; 2Co 7:7
5:3 Col 2:5; 1Th 2:17
5:4 Jn 20:23; 2Co 2:10, 2Co 13:3, 2Co 13:10; 2Th 3:6
5:5 1Co 1:8; 1Ti 1:20
5:6 Mt 16:6; 1Co 5:2, 1Co 15:33; Ga 5:9; Jas 4:16
5:7 Heb 9:28; 1Pt 1:19

of dough, given that you're supposed to be unleavened bread. Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed, [8]so let's celebrate the feast with the unleavened bread of honesty and truth, not with old yeast or with the yeast of evil and wickedness.

[9]I wrote to you in my earlier letter not to associate with sexually immoral people. [10]But I wasn't talking about the sexually immoral people in the outside world by any means—or the greedy, or the swindlers, or people who worship false gods—otherwise, you would have to leave the world entirely! [11]But now I'm writing to you not to associate with anyone who calls themselves "brother" or "sister" who is sexually immoral, greedy, someone who worships false gods, an abusive person, a drunk, or a swindler. Don't even eat with anyone like this. [12]What do I care about judging outsiders? Isn't it your job to judge insiders? [13]God will judge outsiders. *Expel the evil one from among you!*[g]

Confronting lawsuits in the church

6 When someone in your assembly has a legal case against another member, do they dare to take it to court to be judged by people who aren't just, instead of by God's people? [2]Or don't you know that God's people will judge the world? If the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to judge trivial cases? [3]Don't you know that we will judge angels? Why not ordinary things? [4]So then if you have ordinary lawsuits, do you appoint people as judges who aren't respected by the church? [5]I'm saying this because you should be ashamed of yourselves! Isn't there one person among you who is wise enough to pass judgment between believers? [6]But instead, does a brother or sister have a lawsuit against another brother or sister, and do they do this in front of unbelievers? [7]The fact that you have lawsuits against each other means that you've already lost your case. Why not be wronged instead? Why not be cheated? [8]But instead you are doing wrong and cheating—and you're doing it to your own brothers and sisters.

[9]Don't you know that people who are unjust won't inherit God's kingdom? Don't be deceived. Those who are sexually immoral, those who worship false gods, adulterers, both participants in same-sex intercourse,[h] [10]thieves, the greedy, drunks, abusive people, and swindlers won't inherit God's kingdom. [11]That is what some of you used to be! But you were washed clean, you were made holy to God, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Avoid sexual immorality

[12]I have the freedom to do anything, but not everything is helpful. I have the freedom to do anything, but I won't be controlled by anything. [13]Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, and yet God will do away with both. The body isn't for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. [14]God has raised the Lord and will raise us through his power. [15]Don't you know that your bodies are parts of Christ? So then, should I take parts of Christ and make them a part of someone who is sleeping around?[i] No way! [16]Don't you know that anyone who is joined to someone who is sleeping around is one body with that person? The scripture says, *The two will become one flesh.*[j] [17]The one who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. [18]Avoid sexual immorality! Every sin that a person can do is committed outside the body, except those who engage in sexual immorality commit sin against their own bodies. [19]Or don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? Don't

5:8 Ex 12:15; Dt 16:3; 2Co 1:12; 1Pt 2:1

5:9 2Co 6:14; Eph 5:11; 2Th 3:6, 2Th 3:14

5:10 Jn 17:15; 1Co 10:27; Eph 5:5

5:11 Ro 16:17; 2Th 3:6

5:12 Mk 4:11; 1Co 6:1

5:13 Dt 13:5, Dt 17:7, Dt 21:21, Dt 22:21, Dt 22:24

6:1 Mt 18:17; 1Co 1:2

6:2 Dn 7:22; Mt 19:28; Lk 22:30; Rev 20:4

6:3 Lk 21:34; 2Pt 2:4

6:4 1Co 5:12

6:5 1Co 4:14, 1Co 15:34

6:6 1Co 1:11; 1Ti 5:8

6:7 Prv 20:22; Mt 5:39, Mt 5:40

6:8 Lv 19:13; 1Th 4:6

6:9 1Co 15:50; Ga 5:19, Ga 5:21; Eph 5:5; Rev 22:15

6:10 1Co 5:11; Ga 5:21; Eph 4:28, Eph 5:5; 1Pt 4:15

6:11 Ac 22:16; Ro 5:1, Ro 8:30; 1Co 1:2; Eph 5:26

6:12 1Co 10:23

6:13 Mt 15:17; 1Co 6:15, 1Co 6:19; Col 2:22

6:14 Ac 2:24; 2Co 4:14; Eph 1:19, Eph 1:20

6:15 Ro 12:5; 1Co 6:13, 1Co 12:27; Eph 5:30

6:16 Gn 2:24; Mt 19:5; Mk 10:8; Eph 5:31

6:17 Jn 17:21

6:18 2Co 12:21; Eph 5:3; 1Th 4:3

6:19 Jn 2:21; 1Co 3:16; 2Co 6:16

[g]Deut 17:7; 19:19; 22:21, 24; 24:7 [h]Or *submissive and dominant male sexual partners* [i]Or *a prostitute;* commonly, women who sell their bodies to multiple sex partners but includes those who are sexually immoral [j]Gen 2:2

you know that you have the Holy Spirit from God, and you don't belong to yourselves? [20]You have been bought and paid for, so honor God with your body.

Marriage and celibacy

7 Now, about what you wrote: "It's good for a man not to have sex with a woman." [2]Each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband because of sexual immorality. [3]The husband should meet his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should do the same for her husband. [4]The wife doesn't have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband doesn't have authority over his own body, but the wife does. [5]Don't refuse to meet each other's needs unless you both agree for a short period of time to devote yourselves to prayer. Then come back together again so that Satan might not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. [6]I'm saying this to give you permission; it's not a command. [7]I wish all people were like me, but each has a particular gift from God: one has this gift, and another has that one.

[8]I'm telling those who are single and widows that it's good for them to stay single like me. [9]But if they can't control themselves, they should get married, because it's better to marry than to burn with passion. [10]I'm passing on the Lord's command to those who are married: A wife shouldn't leave her husband, [11]but if she does leave him, then she should stay single or be reconciled to her husband. And a man shouldn't divorce his wife.

[12]I'm telling everyone else (the Lord didn't say this specifically): If a believer has a wife who doesn't believe, and she agrees to live with him, then he shouldn't divorce her. [13]If a woman has a husband who doesn't believe and he agrees to live with her, then she shouldn't divorce him. [14]The husband who doesn't believe belongs to God because of his wife, and the wife who doesn't believe belongs to God because of her husband. Otherwise, your children would be contaminated by the world, but now they are spiritually set apart. [15]But if a spouse who doesn't believe chooses to leave, then let them leave. The brother or sister isn't tied down in these circumstances. God has called you to peace. [16]How do you know as a wife if you will save your husband? Or how do you know as a husband if you will save your wife?

[17]Nevertheless, each person should live the kind of life that the Lord assigned when he called each one. This is what I teach in all the churches. [18]If someone was circumcised when called, he shouldn't try to reverse it. If someone wasn't circumcised when he was called, he shouldn't be circumcised. [19]Circumcision is nothing; not being circumcised is nothing. What matters is keeping God's commandments. [20]Each person should stay in the situation they were in when they were called. [21]If you were a slave when you were called, don't let it bother you. But if you are actually able to be free, take advantage of the opportunity. [22]Anyone who was a slave when they were called by the Lord has the status of being the Lord's free person. In the same way, anyone who was a free person when they were called is Christ's slave. [23]You were bought and paid for. Don't become slaves of people. [24]So then, brothers and sisters, each of you should stay with God in the situation you were in when you were called.

[25]I don't have a command from the Lord about people who have never been married,[k] but I'll give you my opinion as someone you can trust because of the Lord's mercy. [26]So I think this advice is good because of the present crisis: Stay as you are. [27]If you are married, don't get a divorce. If you are divorced, don't try to find

6:20 Ac 20:28; Ro 12:1; 1Co 7:23; Phi 1:20; 1Pt 1:18
7:1 1Co 7:8, 1Co 7:26
7:2 Prv 18:22, Prv 19:14
7:3 Ex 21:10; 1Pt 3:7
7:5 Ex 19:15; 1Sa 21:4; 1Th 3:5
7:6 1Co 7:12, 1Co 7:25; 2Co 8:8
7:7 Ro 12:6; 1Co 7:8, 1Co 9:5, 1Co 12:4, 1Co 12:11
7:8 1Co 7:1, 1Co 7:7, 1Co 7:26, 1Co 9:5
7:9 1Ti 5:14
7:10 Mt 5:32; Lk 16:18
7:11 Ro 7:2; 1Co 7:10
7:12 1Co 7:6, 1Co 7:10; 2Co 11:17
7:14 Ezr 9:2; Mal 2:15
7:15 Ro 12:18, Ro 14:19; 2Co 13:11; Heb 12:14
7:16 Ro 11:14; 1Pt 3:1, 1Pt 3:2
7:17 Ro 12:3; 1Co 4:17, 1Co 14:33; 2Co 8:18, 2Co 11:28
7:18 Ac 15:1, Ac 15:5; Ga 5:2
7:19 Ro 2:25; Ga 5:6, Ga 6:15; Col 3:11
7:20 1Co 7:21, 1Co 7:24
7:21 Heb 13:5
7:22 Jn 8:32; Eph 6:6; Col 3:24; Phm 1:16; 1Pt 2:16
7:23 Lv 25:42; 1Co 6:20
7:24 1Co 7:20
7:25 1Co 7:6, 1Co 7:40; 2Co 4:1; 1Ti 1:13, 1Ti 1:16
7:26 1Co 7:1, 1Co 7:8
7:27 1Co 7:20

[k] *Or virgins*

a spouse. [28]But if you do marry, you haven't sinned; and if someone who hasn't been married gets married, they haven't sinned. But married people will have a hard time, and I'm trying to spare you that. [29]This is what I'm saying, brothers and sisters: The time has drawn short. From now on, those who have wives should be like people who don't have them. [30]Those who are sad should be like people who aren't crying. Those who are happy should be like people who aren't happy. Those who buy something should be like people who don't have possessions. [31]Those who use the world should be like people who aren't preoccupied with it, because this world in its present form is passing away.

[32]I want you to be free from concerns. A man who isn't married is concerned about the Lord's concerns—how he can please the Lord. [33]But a married man is concerned about the world's concerns—how he can please his wife. [34]His attention is divided. A woman who isn't married or who is a virgin is concerned about the Lord's concerns so that she can be dedicated to God in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the world's concerns—how she can please her husband. [35]I'm saying this for your own advantage. It's not to restrict you but rather to promote effective and consistent service to the Lord without distraction.

[36]If someone thinks he is acting inappropriately toward an unmarried woman whom he knows, and if he has strong feelings and it seems like the right thing to do, he should do what he wants—he's not sinning—they should get married. [37]But if a man stands firm in his decision, and doesn't feel the pressure, but has his own will under control, he does right if he decides in his own heart not to marry the woman. [38]Therefore, the one who marries the unmarried woman does right, and the one who doesn't get married will do even better. [39]A woman is obligated to stay in her marriage as long as her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry whomever she wants, only it should be a believer in the Lord. [40]But in my opinion, she will be happier if she stays the way she is. And I think that I have God's Spirit too.

7:28 1Co 7:36

7:29 Ro 13:11; 1Co 7:31

7:31 1Co 7:29; 1Jn 2:17

7:32 Mt 6:25, Mt 13:22; Phi 4:6; 1Ti 5:5

7:33 1Co 7:3, 1Co 7:32; Col 3:19; 1Ti 5:8; 1Pt 3:7

7:34 Lk 2:37; 1Co 6:20; 1Th 5:23

7:36 1Co 7:28, 1Co 7:37

7:38 Heb 13:4

7:39 Ro 7:2, Ro 7:3; 2Co 6:14

7:40 1Co 7:6, 1Co 7:25

8:1 Ac 15:20; Ro 14:19; 1Co 8:4, 1Co 8:7, 1Co 8:10

8:2 1Co 3:18, 1Co 13:8; Ga 6:3; 1Ti 6:4

8:3 Ro 8:29; Ga 4:9

8:4 Dt 6:4; Ac 14:15; 1Co 8:6, 1Co 10:19; Eph 4:6

8:5 Ga 4:8; 2Th 2:4

8:6 Mal 2:10; Jn 1:3; Ro 11:36; Eph 4:6; 1Ti 2:5

8:7 Ac 23:1; Ro 14:14; 1Co 10:28, 1Co 10:29

8:8 Ro 14:17

8:9 Ro 14:1, Ro 14:13, Ro 14:21; Ga 5:13

8:10 1Co 8:1, 1Co 8:4

8:11 Ro 14:15, Ro 14:20

Meat sacrificed to false gods

8 Now concerning meat that has been sacrificed to a false god: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds people up. [2]If anyone thinks they know something, they don't yet know as much as they should know. [3]But if someone loves God, then they are known by God.

[4]So concerning the actual food involved in these sacrifices to false gods, we know that a false god isn't anything in this world, and that there is no God except for the one God. [5]Granted, there are so-called "gods," in heaven and on the earth, as there are many gods and many lords. [6]However, for us believers,

There is one God the Father.
All things come from him, and we belong to him.
And there is one Lord Jesus Christ.
All things exist through him, and we live through him.

[7]But not everybody knows this. Some are eating this food as though it really is food sacrificed to a real idol, because they were used to idol worship until now. Their conscience is weak because it has been damaged. [8]Food won't bring us close to God. We're not missing out if we don't eat, and we don't have any advantage if we do eat. [9]But watch out or else this freedom of yours might be a problem for those who are weak. [10]Suppose someone sees you (the person who has knowledge) eating in an idol's temple. Won't the person with a weak conscience be encouraged to eat the meat sacrificed to false gods? [11]The weak brother or sis-

ter for whom Christ died is destroyed by your knowledge. [12]You sin against Christ if you sin against your brothers and sisters and hurt their weak consciences this way. [13]This is why, if food causes the downfall of my brother or sister, I won't eat meat ever again, or else I may cause my brother or sister to fall.

Waiving rights for the gospel

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus our Lord? Aren't you my work in the Lord? [2]If I'm not an apostle to others, at least I am to you! You are the seal that shows I'm an apostle. [3]This is my defense against those who criticize me. [4]Don't we have the right to eat and drink? [5]Don't we have the right to travel with a wife who believes like the rest of the apostles, the Lord's brothers, and Cephas? [6]Or is it only I and Barnabas who don't have the right to not work for our living? [7]Who joins the army and pays their own way? Who plants a vineyard and doesn't eat its fruit? Who shepherds a flock and doesn't drink its milk? [8]I'm not saying these things just based on common sense, am I? Doesn't the Law itself say these things? [9]In Moses' Law it's written: *You will not muzzle the ox when it is threshing.*[1] Is God worried about oxen, [10]or did he say this entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake because the one who plows and the one who threshes should each do so with the hope of sharing the produce. [11]If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it so much to ask to harvest some material things from you?

[12]If others have these rights over you, don't we deserve them all the more? However, we haven't made use of this right, but we put up with everything so we don't put any obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. [13]Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get to eat food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share part of what is sacrificed on the altar? [14]In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who preach the gospel should get their living from the gospel. [15]But I haven't taken advantage of this. And I'm not writing this so that it will be done for me. It's better for me to die than to lose my right to brag about this! [16]If I preach the gospel, I have no reason to brag, since I'm obligated to do it. I'm in trouble if I don't preach the gospel. [17]If I do this voluntarily, I get rewarded for it. But if I'm forced to do it, then I've been charged with a responsibility. [18]What reward do I get? That when I preach, I offer the good news free of charge. That's why I don't use the rights to which I'm entitled through the gospel.

[19]Although I'm free from all people, I make myself a slave to all people, to recruit more of them. [20]I act like a Jew to the Jews, so I can recruit Jews. I act like I'm under the Law to those under the Law, so I can recruit those who are under the Law (though I myself am not under the Law). [21]I act like I'm outside the Law to those who are outside the Law, so I can recruit those outside the Law (though I'm not outside the law of God but rather under the law of Christ). [22]I act weak to the weak, so I can recruit the weak. I have become all things to all people, so I could save some by all possible means. [23]All the things I do are for the sake of the gospel, so I can be a partner with it.

[24]Don't you know that all the runners in the stadium run, but only one gets the prize? So run to win. [25]Everyone who competes practices self-discipline in everything. The runners do this to get a crown of leaves that shrivel up and die, but we do it to receive a crown that never dies. [26]So now this is how I run—not without a clear goal in sight. I fight like a boxer in the ring, not like someone who is shadowboxing. [27]Rather, I'm landing punches on my own body and subduing it like a

8:12 Mt 25:45

8:13 Ro 14:21; 2Co 11:29

9:1 Ro 1:1; 1Co 1:1, 1Co 3:6, 1Co 4:15, 1Co 15:8

9:2 2Co 3:2

9:4 1Co 9:14; 1Th 2:6; 2Th 3:9

9:5 Mt 8:14, Mt 12:46, Mt 13:55; Jn 1:42; 1Co 1:12

9:6 Ac 4:36

9:7 Dt 20:6; Prv 27:18; 1Co 3:6; 2Ti 2:3

9:9 Dt 25:4; 1Ti 5:18

9:10 Ro 4:23, Ro 4:24, Ro 15:4; 2Ti 2:6

9:11 Ro 15:27; Ga 6:6

9:12 1Co 4:15, 1Co 9:15, 1Co 9:18; 2Co 6:3, 2Co 11:7

9:13 Lv 6:16, Lv 6:26, Lv 7:6; Nm 18:8; Dt 18:1

9:14 Mt 10:10; Lk 10:7; 1Co 9:4; 1Ti 5:18

9:15 Ac 18:3, Ac 20:33, Ac 20:34; 1Co 9:12; 2Co 11:10

9:16 Ac 4:20, Ac 9:15, Ac 26:16; Ro 1:14

9:17 1Co 3:14, 1Co 4:1; Ga 2:7; Col 1:25

9:18 1Co 9:12; 2Co 11:7, 2Co 12:13

9:19 Mt 18:15; 1Co 9:1; 2Co 4:5; Ga 5:13; 1Pt 3:1

9:20 Ac 16:3

9:21 Ro 2:12, Ro 2:14; 1Co 7:22; Ga 2:3, Ga 6:2

9:22 Ro 11:14, Ro 14:1, Ro 15:1; 1Co 10:33; 2Co 11:29

9:23 Mk 8:35; Ac 21:13; 1Co 9:12, 1Co 9:25, 1Co 10:24

9:24 Ga 2:2, Ga 5:7; Phi 2:16, Phi 3:14; Heb 12:1

9:25 2Ti 2:5, 2Ti 4:8; Jas 1:12; 1Pt 5:4; Rev 3:11

9:26 1Co 14:9

9:27 Ro 8:13

[1]Deut 25:4

slave. I do this to be sure that I myself won't be disqualified after preaching to others.

Warning from the wilderness generation

10 Brothers and sisters, I want you to be sure of the fact that our ancestors were all under the cloud and they all went through the sea. 2 All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 All ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. They drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 However, God was unhappy with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 These things were examples for us, so we won't crave evil things like they did. 7 Don't worship false gods like some of them did, as it is written, *The people sat down to eat and drink and they got up to play.*[m] 8 Let's not practice sexual immorality, like some of them did, and twenty-three thousand died in one day. 9 Let's not test Christ, like some of them did, and were killed by the snakes. 10 Let's not grumble, like some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them as an example and were written as a warning for us to whom the end of time has come. 12 So those who think they are standing need to watch out or else they may fall. 13 No temptation has seized you that isn't common for people. But God is faithful. He won't allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.

Avoid false gods to glorify God

14 So then, my dear friends, run away from the worship of false gods! 15 I'm talking to you like you are sensible people. Think about what I'm saying. 16 Isn't the cup of blessing that we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Isn't the loaf of bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread. 18 Look at the people of Israel. Don't those who eat the sacrifices share from the altar? 19 What am I saying then? That food sacrificed to a false god is anything, or that a false god is anything? 20 No, but this kind of sacrifice is sacrificed to demons and not to God. I don't want you to be sharing in demons. 21 You can't drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you can't participate in the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 22 Or should we make the Lord jealous? We aren't stronger than he is, are we?

23 Everything is permitted, but everything isn't beneficial. Everything is permitted, but everything doesn't build others up. 24 No one should look out for their own advantage, but they should look out for each other. 25 Eat everything that is sold in the marketplace, without asking questions about it because of your conscience. 26 *The earth and all that is in it belong to the Lord.*[n] 27 If an unbeliever invites you to eat with them and you want to go, eat whatever is served, without asking questions because of your conscience. 28 But if someone says to you, "This meat was sacrificed in a temple," then don't eat it for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. 29 Now when I say "conscience" I don't mean yours but the other person's. Why should my freedom be judged by someone else's conscience? 30 If I participate with gratitude, why should I be blamed for food I thank God for? 31 So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, you should do it all for God's glory. 32 Don't offend either Jews or Greeks, or God's church. 33 This is the same thing that I do. I please everyone in everything I do. I don't look out for my own advantage, but I look out for many people so that they can be saved.

10:1 Ex 13:21, Ex 14:22; Ps 66:6
10:2 Ro 6:3; 1Co 1:13
10:3 Ex 16:4, Ex 16:35; Neh 9:20; Jn 6:31
10:4 Ex 17:6
10:5 Nm 14:29, Nm 26:65; Heb 3:17; Jud 1:5
10:6 Nm 11:4; Ps 106:14; 1Co 10:11
10:7 Ex 32:4, Ex 32:6, Ex 32:19; 1Co 5:11, 1Co 10:14
10:8 Nm 25:1, Nm 25:9; 1Co 6:18
10:9 Nm 21:5, Nm 21:6; Dt 6:16
10:10 Ex 12:23; Nm 14:2; 1Ch 21:15; Phi 2:14
10:11 Ro 4:23, Ro 13:11; 1Co 9:10, 1Co 10:6
10:12 Ro 11:20; 2Pt 3:17
10:13 1Co 1:9; 2Pt 2:9
10:14 1Co 10:7; Heb 6:9; 1Jn 5:21
10:15 1Co 4:10, 1Co 8:1, 1Co 11:13
10:16 Mt 26:26; Lk 22:19; Ac 2:42; 1Co 11:23, 1Co 11:25
10:17 Ro 12:5; 1Co 12:12; Col 3:15
10:18 Lv 7:6; Ro 1:3
10:19 1Co 8:4
10:20 Lv 17:7; Dt 32:17; 2Ch 11:15; Ps 106:37; Rev 9:20
10:21 Is 65:11; 2Co 6:15, 2Co 6:16
10:22 Dt 32:21; Ecc 6:10
10:23 Ro 14:19; 1Co 6:12, 1Co 8:1
10:24 Ro 15:2; 1Co 10:33, 1Co 13:5; Phi 2:4, Phi 2:21
10:25 1Co 8:7
10:26 Ex 9:29, Ex 19:5; Job 41:11; Ps 24:1, Ps 50:12
10:27 Lk 10:7, Lk 10:8
10:28 1Co 8:7, 1Co 8:10
10:29 Ro 14:16; 1Co 8:9, 1Co 9:19, 1Co 10:32
10:30 Ro 14:6; 1Ti 4:3
10:31 Col 3:17; 1Pt 4:11
10:32 Ac 20:28; 2Co 6:3
10:33 1Co 9:22, 1Co 10:24; Ga 1:10

[m] Exod 32:6 [n] Ps 24:1

11 Follow my example, just like I follow Christ's.

Appropriate dress in worship

[2]I praise you because you remember all my instructions, and you hold on to the traditions exactly as I handed them on to you. [3]Now I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God. [4]Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered shames his head. [5]Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered disgraces her head. It is the same thing as having her head shaved. [6]If a woman doesn't cover her head, then she should have her hair cut off. If it is disgraceful for a woman to have short hair or to be shaved, then she should keep her head covered. [7]A man shouldn't have his head covered, because he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is man's glory. [8]Man didn't have his origin from woman, but woman from man; [9]and man wasn't created for the sake of the woman, but the woman for the sake of the man. [10]Because of this a woman should have authority over her head, because of the angels. [11]However, woman isn't independent from man, and man isn't independent from woman in the Lord. [12]As woman came from man so also man comes from woman. But everything comes from God. [13]Judge for yourselves: Is it appropriate for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? [14]Doesn't nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him; [15]but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? This is because her long hair is given to her for a covering. [16]But if someone wants to argue about this, we don't have such a custom, nor do God's churches.

The community meal

[17]Now I don't praise you as I give the following instruction because when you meet together, it does more harm than good. [18]First of all, when you meet together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. [19]It's necessary that there are groups among you, to make it clear who is genuine. [20]So when you get together in one place, it isn't to eat the Lord's meal. [21]Each of you goes ahead and eats a private meal. One person goes hungry while another is drunk. [22]Don't you have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you look down on God's churches and humiliate those who have nothing? What can I say to you? Will I praise you? No, I don't praise you in this.

[23]I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. [24]After giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." [25]He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me." [26]Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.

[27]This is why those who eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord inappropriately will be guilty of the Lord's body and blood. [28]Each individual should test himself or herself, and eat from the bread and drink from the cup in that way. [29]Those who eat and drink without correctly understanding the body are eating and drinking their own judgment. [30]Because of this, many of you are weak and sick, and quite a few have died. [31]But if we had judged ourselves, we wouldn't be judged. [32]However, we are disciplined by the Lord when we are judged so that we won't be judged and condemned along with the whole world. [33]For these reasons, my brothers and sisters, when you get together to eat, wait for each other. [34]If some of you are

11:1 1Co 4:16; Phi 3:17

11:2 1Co 4:17, 1Co 11:17, 1Có 11:22, 1Co 15:2; 2Th 2:15

11:3 Gn 3:16; 1Co 3:23; Eph 1:22, Eph 4:15, Eph 5:23

11:4 1Co 14:1

11:5 Dt 21:12; Lk 2:36; Ac 21:9; 1Co 14:34

11:7 Gn 1:26, Gn 1:27, Gn 5:1, Gn 9:6; Jas 3:9

11:8 Gn 2:21; 1Ti 2:13

11:9 Gn 2:18

11:11 1Co 7:10; Ga 3:28

11:12 Ro 11:36; 2Co 5:18

11:13 Lk 12:57

11:14 2Sa 14:26

11:16 1Co 7:17; 1Ti 6:3

11:17 1Co 11:2, 1Co 11:22

11:18 1Co 1:10, 1Co 5:11, 1Co 3:3

11:19 Dt 13:3; Mt 18:7; 1Ti 4:1; 2Pt 2:1; 1Jn 2:19

11:21 2Pt 2:13; Jud 1:12

11:22 1Co 10:32, 1Co 11:2; Jas 2:6

11:23 Mt 26:26; Mk 14:22; 1Co 15:3; Ga 1:12

11:24 1Sa 9:13; Mt 14:19, Mt 15:36, Mt 26:26; Lk 22:19

11:25 Lk 22:20; 1Co 10:16

11:26 Jn 21:22; 1Co 4:5

11:27 Heb 10:29

11:28 Lam 3:40; 1Co 11:31; 2Co 13:5; Ga 6:4

11:31 1Co 11:28; 1Jn 1:9

11:32 Dt 8:5; Ps 94:12; Prv 3:12; Heb 12:7; Rev 3:19

11:34 1Co 4:19, 1Co 7:17, 1Co 11:21, 1Co 11:22; Ti 1:5

hungry, they should eat at home so that getting together doesn't lead to judgment. I will give directions about the other things when I come.

Spiritual gifts

12 Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. [2]You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. [3]So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. [4]There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; [5]and there are different ministries and the same Lord; [6]and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. [7]A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. [8]A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, [9]faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, [10]performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues° to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. [11]All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

[12]Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. [13]We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. [14]Certainly the body isn't one part but many. [15]If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? [16]If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? [17]If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? [18]But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. [19]If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? [20]But as it is, there are many parts but one body. [21]So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." [22]Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. [23]The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. [24]The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor [25]so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. [26]If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. [27]You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. [28]In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. [29]All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? [30]All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? [31]Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

Love: the universal spiritual gift

13 If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. [2]If I have the gift of

12:1 1Co 14:1

12:2 Ps 115:5; Hab 2:18, Hab 2:19; 1Co 6:11; 1Pt 4:3

12:3 Ro 9:3, Ro 10:9; 1Co 8:6; 1Jn 4:2, 1Jn 4:3

12:4 Ro 12:6; Eph 4:11; Heb 2:4

12:5 1Co 8:6; Eph 4:11

12:6 Eph 1:23; Phi 2:13

12:7 1Co 14:12, 1Co 14:26

12:8 1Co 2:6

12:9 1Co 12:28, 1Co 12:30, 1Co 13:2

12:10 Mk 16:17; Ac 10:46; 1Co 12:28, 1Co 12:30, 1Co 14:26

12:11 Jn 3:8; 1Co 12:4

12:12 Ro 12:4, Ro 12:5; 1Co 10:17, 1Co 12:27; Ga 3:28

12:13 Jn 7:37; Ro 6:3; Ga 3:28; Eph 2:18; Col 3:11

12:14 1Co 12:12, 1Co 12:20

12:18 1Co 12:11, 1Co 12:28

12:20 1Co 12:12

12:24 1Co 12:25

12:25 Jn 17:21; 1Co 12:24

12:26 Ro 12:15

12:27 Ro 12:5; 1Co 12:12; Eph 1:23, Eph 4:12; Col 1:24

12:28 Ac 13:1; 1Co 12:9, 1Co 12:10; Eph 4:11

12:30 1Co 12:10

12:31 1Co 14:1, 1Co 14:39

13:1 Ps 150:5; 1Co 8:1; Ga 5:6; 1Ti 1:5; 1Pt 4:8

13:2 Mt 7:22, Mt 17:20; 1Co 12:9, 1Co 14:1

°Or *ecstatic speech* or *languages* could be used for *tongues* or *tongue* throughout chaps 12–14

prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. 3If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

4Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, 5it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, 6it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. 7Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

8Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. 9We know in part and we prophesy in part; 10but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. 11When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. 12Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. 13Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

Spiritual gifts and church order

14 Pursue love, and use your ambition to try to get spiritual gifts but especially so that you might prophesy. 2This is because those who speak in a tongue don't speak to people but to God; no one understands it—they speak mysteries by the Spirit. 3Those who prophesy speak to people, building them up, and giving them encouragement and comfort. 4People who speak in a tongue build up themselves; those who prophesy build up the church. 5I wish that all of you spoke in tongues, but I'd rather you could prophesy. Those who prophesy are more important than those who speak in tongues, unless they are able to interpret them so that the church might be built up. 6After all, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I help you unless I speak to you with a revelation, some knowledge, a prophecy, or a teaching? 7Likewise, things that aren't alive like a harp or a lyre can make a sound, but if there aren't different notes in the sounds they make, how will the tune from the harp or the lyre be recognized? 8And if a trumpet call is unrecognizable, then who will prepare for battle? 9It's the same way with you: If you don't use language that is easy to understand when you speak in a tongue, then how will anyone understand what is said? 10It will be as if you are speaking into the air! There are probably many language families in the world, and none of them are without meaning. 11So if I don't know the meaning of the language, then I will be like a foreigner to those who speak it, and they will be like foreigners to me. 12The same holds true for you: since you are ambitious for spiritual gifts, use your ambition to try to work toward being the best at building up the church.

13Therefore, those who speak in a tongue should pray to be able to interpret. 14If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind isn't productive. 15What should I do? I'll pray in the Spirit, but I'll pray with my mind too; I'll sing a psalm in the Spirit, but I'll sing the psalm with my mind too. 16After all, if you praise God in the Spirit, how will the people who aren't trained in that language say "Amen!" to your thanksgiving, when they don't know what you are saying? 17You may offer a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving, but the other person is not being built up. 18I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. 19But in

13:3 Lk 19:8

13:4 1Co 4:6; Ga 5:22; Eph 4:32; Col 3:12; 1Th 5:14

13:5 1Co 10:24

13:6 2Th 2:12; 2Jn 1:4; 3Jn 1:3

13:7 1Co 9:12

13:8 1Co 12:10, 1Co 13:1, 1Co 14:39

13:9 1Co 8:2, 1Co 13:12

13:10 1Co 13:12; Rev 22:4, Rev 22:5

13:11 1Co 3:1, 1Co 14:20

13:12 Nm 12:8; 1Co 8:3; 2Co 3:18; Jas 1:23; 1Jn 3:2

13:13 Ga 5:6; Col 1:5

14:1 1Co 12:1, 1Co 12:31, 1Co 13:2, 1Co 14:39, 1Co 16:14

14:2 Mk 16:17; 1Co 12:10, 1Co 12:28, 1Co 12:30, 1Co 13:1

14:5 Nm 11:29; 1Co 12:10, 1Co 12:30, 1Co 14:13, 1Co 14:26

14:6 Ro 6:17; 1Co 12:8, 1Co 14:26; Eph 1:17

14:8 Nm 10:9; Job 39:24; Jer 4:19; Eze 33:3; Jl 2:1

14:9 1Co 9:26

14:11 Ac 28:2; Ro 1:14; Col 3:11

14:13 1Co 14:5

14:14 1Co 14:2, 1Co 14:19

14:15 Ps 47:7; Eph 5:19; Col 3:16; Jas 5:13

14:16 Dt 27:15; 1Ch 16:36; Neh 8:6; Ps 106:48; Rev 5:14

14:19 1Co 14:4

the church I'd rather speak five words in my right mind than speak thousands of words in a tongue so that I can teach others.

[20]Brothers and sisters, don't be like children in the way you think. Well, be babies when it comes to evil, but be adults in your thinking. [21]In the Law it is written: *I will speak to this people with foreign languages and foreigners' lips, but they will not even listen to me this way,*[p] says the Lord. [22]So then, tongues are a sign for those who don't believe, not for those who believe. But prophecy is a sign for believers, not for those who don't believe. [23]So suppose that the whole church is meeting and everyone is speaking in tongues. If people come in who are outsiders or unbelievers, won't they say that you are out of your minds? [24]But if everyone is prophesying when an unbeliever or outsider comes in, they are tested by all and called to account by all. [25]The secrets of their hearts are brought to light. When that happens, they will fall on their faces and worship God, proclaiming out loud that truly God is among you!

[26]What is the outcome of this, brothers and sisters? When you meet together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. All these things must be done to build up the church. [27]If some speak in a tongue, then let two or at most three speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. [28]However, if there is no interpreter, then they should keep quiet in the meeting. They should speak privately to themselves and to God. [29]In the case of prophets, let two or three speak and have the rest evaluate what is said. [30]And if some revelation comes to someone else who is sitting down, the first one should be quiet. [31]You can all prophesy one at a time so that everyone can learn and be encouraged. [32]The spirits of prophets are under the control of the prophets.

14:20 Ps 131:2; Mt 18:3; Ro 16:19; Eph 4:14; 1Pt 2:2

14:21 Dt 28:49; Is 28:11, Is 28:12; Jn 10:34

14:22 1Co 14:1

14:23 Ac 2:13; 1Co 11:18

14:24 Ac 2:37; 1Co 14:1

14:25 Is 45:14; Zec 8:23; Lk 17:16

14:26 Ro 14:19; 1Co 12:7, 1Co 12:10, 1Co 14:5, 1Co 14:6

14:29 1Co 12:10

14:30 1Th 5:19, 1Th 5:20

14:31 1Co 14:3; 1Th 4:18, 1Th 5:11, 1Th 5:14

14:32 1Sa 10:10; Job 32:8; Jer 20:9; 1Jn 4:1

14:33 1Co 7:17, 1Co 14:40

14:34 Gn 3:16; 1Co 11:5; 1Ti 2:11, 1Ti 2:12; 1Pt 3:1

14:35 1Co 14:34

14:37 1Co 2:15; 2Co 10:7; 1Jn 4:6

14:38 1Ti 6:3

14:40 1Co 11:34, 1Co 14:33; Col 2:5; Ti 1:5

15:1 Ro 5:2; 2Co 1:24

15:2 Ga 3:4

15:3 Jn 1:29; 1Co 11:23; Ga 1:4, Ga 1:12; 1Pt 2:24

15:4 Ac 2:24

15:5 Mk 16:14; Lk 24:34, Lk 24:36; Jn 20:19; 1Co 1:12

15:6 Ac 7:60, Ac 13:36; 1Co 15:18

15:7 Ac 1:3, Ac 12:17, Ac 15:13; Ga 1:19

15:8 Ac 9:3; 1Co 9:1

15:9 Ac 8:3; 2Co 12:11; Eph 3:8

15:10 2Co 3:5, 2Co 11:23; Phi 2:13; Col 1:29

[33]God isn't a God of disorder but of peace. Like in all the churches of God's people, [34]the women should be quiet during the meeting. They are not allowed to talk. Instead, they need to get under control, just as the Law says. [35]If they want to learn something, they should ask their husbands at home. It is disgraceful for a woman to talk during the meeting.

[36]Did the word of God originate with you? Has it come only to you? [37]If anyone thinks that they are prophets or "spiritual people," then let them recognize that what I'm writing to you is the Lord's command. [38]If someone doesn't recognize this, they aren't recognized. [39]So then, brothers and sisters, use your ambition to try to get the gift of prophecy, but don't prevent speaking in tongues. [40]Everything should be done with dignity and in proper order.

The resurrection

15 Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. [2]You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. [3]I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, [4]he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. [5]He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, [6]and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. [7]Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, [8]and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. [9]I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. [10]I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for

[p]Isa 28:11-12

nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. [11]So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

[12]So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, "There's no resurrection of the dead"? [13]If there's no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn't been raised either. [14]If Christ hasn't been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. [15]We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn't raise him if it's the case that the dead aren't raised. [16]If the dead aren't raised, then Christ hasn't been raised either. [17]If Christ hasn't been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, [18]and what's more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. [19]If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest[q] of those who have died. [21]Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. [22]In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. [23]Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest,[r] then those who belong to Christ at his coming, [24]and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. [25]It is necessary for him to rule until *he puts all enemies under his feet.*[s] [26]Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end, [27]since he has brought everything under control under his feet. When it says that everything has been brought under his control, this clearly means everything except for the one who placed everything under his control. [28]But when all things have been brought under his control, then the Son himself will also be under the control of the one who gave him control over everything so that God may be all in all.

[29]Otherwise, what are those who are getting baptized for the dead doing? If the dead aren't raised, then why are they being baptized for them? [30]And what about us? Why are we in danger all day every day? [31]Brothers and sisters, I swear by the pride I have in you in Christ Jesus our Lord, I'm facing death every day. [32]From a human point of view, what good does it do me if I fought wild animals in Ephesus? If the dead aren't raised, *let's eat and drink because tomorrow we'll die.*[t] [33]Don't be deceived, bad company corrupts good character. [34]Sober up by acting like you should and don't sin. Some of you are ignorant about God—I say this because you should be ashamed of yourselves!

[35]But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? What kind of body will they have when they come back?" [36]Look, fool! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't come back to life unless it dies. [37]What you put in the ground doesn't have the shape that it will have, but it's a bare grain of wheat or some other seed. [38]God gives it the sort of shape that he chooses, and he gives each of the seeds its own shape. [39]All flesh isn't alike. Humans have one kind of flesh, animals have another kind of flesh, birds have another kind of flesh, and fish have another kind. [40]There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. The heavenly bodies have one kind of glory, and the earthly bodies have another kind of glory. [41]The sun has one kind of glory, the moon has another kind of glory, and the stars have another kind of glory (but one star is different from another

15:12 Ac 17:32, Ac 23:8; 2Ti 2:18
15:13 Ro 1:3, Ro 8:11; 1Co 15:12, 1Co 15:14, 1Co 15:20
15:14 1Co 15:17
15:15 Ac 2:24
15:17 Ro 4:25; 1Pt 1:3
15:18 1Co 15:6; 1Th 4:14, 1Th 4:16; Rev 14:13
15:19 1Co 4:9; 2Ti 3:12
15:20 Ac 26:23; 1Co 15:23; 1Pt 1:3; Rev 1:5
15:21 Gn 3:19; Jn 11:25; Ro 5:12; 1Co 15:22
15:22 Ro 5:14; 1Co 15:45
15:23 Ac 26:23; 1Co 3:23, 1Co 15:20; 1Th 2:19, 1Th 4:16
15:24 Dn 2:44, Dn 7:14, Dn 7:27
15:25 Ps 110:1; Mt 22:44
15:26 Is 25:8; Hos 13:14; 2Ti 1:10; Rev 20:14, Rev 21:4
15:27 Ps 8:6; Mt 11:27, Mt 28:18; Eph 1:22; Heb 2:8
15:28 1Co 3:23, 1Co 11:3; Phi 3:21
15:29 Ro 6:3, Ro 6:4; 1Co 15:16
15:30 2Co 11:26
15:31 Ro 8:36; 2Co 4:10; 1Th 2:19
15:32 Is 22:13, Is 56:12; Lk 12:19; Ac 18:19; 2Co 1:8
15:33 1Co 5:6, 1Co 6:9; Ga 6:7; Eph 5:6
15:34 Ro 13:11; 1Co 6:5
15:35 Eze 37:3; Ro 9:19
15:36 Jn 12:24
15:38 Gn 1:11
15:41 Ps 8:3

[q]Or *firstfruits* [r]Or *firstfruits* [s]Ps 110:1 [t]Isa 22:13

star in its glory). 42It's the same with the resurrection of the dead: a rotting body is put into the ground, but what is raised won't ever decay. 43It's degraded when it's put into the ground, but it's raised in glory. It's weak when it's put into the ground, but it's raised in power. 44It's a physical body when it's put into the ground, but it's raised as a spiritual body.

If there's a physical body, there's also a spiritual body. 45So it is also written, *The first human, Adam, became a living person,*[u] and the last Adam became a spirit that gives life. 46But the physical body comes first, not the spiritual one—the spiritual body comes afterward. 47The first human was from the earth made from dust; the second human is from heaven. 48The nature of the person made of dust is shared by people who are made of dust, and the nature of the heavenly person is shared by heavenly people. 49We will look like[v] the heavenly person in the same way as we have looked like the person made from dust.

50This is what I'm saying, brothers and sisters: Flesh and blood can't inherit the kingdom of heaven. Something that rots can't inherit something that doesn't decay. 51Listen, I'm telling you a secret: All of us won't die, but we will all be changed—52in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the final trumpet. The trumpet will blast, and the dead will be raised with bodies that won't decay, and we will be changed. 53It's necessary for this rotting body to be clothed with what can't decay, and for the body that is dying to be clothed in what can't die. 54And when the rotting body has been clothed in what can't decay, and the dying body has been clothed in what can't die, then this statement in scripture will happen:

Death has been swallowed up by a victory.[w]

55*Where is your victory, Death?*
Where is your sting, Death?[x]

(56Death's sting is sin, and the power of sin is the Law.) 57Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 58As a result of all this, my loved brothers and sisters, you must stand firm, unshakable, excelling in the work of the Lord as always, because you know that your labor isn't going to be for nothing in the Lord.

Collection for Jerusalem

16 Concerning the collection of money for God's people: You should do what I have directed the churches in Galatia to do. 2On the first day of the week, each of you should set aside whatever you can afford from what you earn so that the collection won't be delayed until I come. 3Then when I get there, I'll send whomever you approve to Jerusalem with letters of recommendation to bring your gift. 4If it seems right for me to go too, they'll travel with me.

Plans to visit

5I'll come to you after I go through Macedonia, and because I'm going through Macedonia, 6I may stay with you or even spend the winter there in Corinth so that you can send me on my way to wherever I'm off to next. 7I don't want to make a quick visit to you, since I hope to spend some time with you if the Lord lets it happen. 8I'll stay here in Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost. 9In spite of the fact that there are many opponents, a big and productive opportunity has opened up for my mission here.

10If Timothy comes to you, be sure that he has no reason to be afraid while he's with you, because he does the work of the Lord just like I do. 11So don't let anyone disrespect him, but send him on in peace so he can join me. I'm waiting for him along with the brothers and sisters. 12Concerning Apollos our

15:42 Dn 12:3; Mt 13:43; 1Co 15:50
15:43 Phi 3:21; Col 3:4
15:44 1Co 2:14, 1Co 15:50
15:45 Gn 2:7; Jn 5:21; Ro 5:14, Ro 8:2
15:47 Gn 2:7, Gn 3:19; Jn 3:13, Jn 3:31
15:48 Phi 3:20
15:49 Gn 5:3; Ro 8:29; 2Co 3:18; 1Jn 3:2
15:50 Mt 16:17; 1Co 6:9
15:51 1Co 13:2; 2Co 5:4; Phi 3:21; 1Th 4:15, 1Th 4:17
15:52 Mt 24:31; Jn 5:25; 1Th 4:16
15:53 Ro 2:7; 2Co 5:2, 2Co 5:4
15:54 Is 25:8; Hos 13:14; Heb 2:14; Rev 20:14, Rev 21:4
15:55 Hos 13:14
15:56 Ro 4:15, Ro 5:12
15:57 Ro 7:25, Ro 8:37; 2Co 2:14; 1Jn 5:4
15:58 1Co 16:10; Ga 6:9; 2Pt 3:14
16:1 Ac 16:6, Ac 24:17
16:2 Ac 20:7; 2Co 8:11; Rev 1:10
16:3 2Co 3:1, 2Co 8:18, 2Co 8:19
16:5 Ac 19:21; 1Co 4:19
16:6 Ac 15:3; 1Co 16:11
16:7 Ac 18:21; 1Co 4:19; Jas 4:15
16:8 Ac 2:1, Ac 20:16
16:9 Ac 14:27, Ac 19:9; Rev 3:8
16:10 Ac 16:1; Ro 16:21; 1Co 4:17, 1Co 15:58; 1Th 3:2
16:11 Ac 15:33; 1Co 16:6; 1Ti 4:12; Ti 2:15
16:12 Ac 18:24, Ac 19:1; 1Co 1:12

[u]Gen 2:7 [v]Or *bear the image of* [w]Isa 25:8 [x]Hos 13:14

brother: I strongly encouraged him to visit you with the brothers and sisters, but he didn't want to go now. He'll come when he has an opportunity.

Final greeting

[13]Stay awake, stand firm in your faith, be brave, be strong. [14]Everything should be done in love.

[15]Brothers and sisters, I encourage you to do something else. You know that the people in Stephanas' household were the first crop of the harvest to come from the mission to Achaia. They have dedicated themselves to the service of God's people. [16]So accept the authority of people like them and of anyone who cooperates and works hard.

16:13 Mt 24:42; Ga 5:1; Eph 6:10; Phi 4:1; 1Th 3:8

16:14 1Co 14:1

16:15 Ro 16:5; 1Co 1:16, 1Co 16:17; 2Co 1:1

16:18 Ro 15:32; 2Co 7:13; Phi 2:29; 1Th 5:12; Phm 1:7

16:19 Ac 18:2; Ro 16:5

16:20 Ro 16:16

16:21 Ga 6:11; Col 4:18; 2Th 3:17; Phm 1:19

16:22 Ro 9:3; Eph 6:24

16:23 Ro 16:20

[17]I'm so happy that Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus have arrived; they've made up for my missing you. [18]Indeed they've provided my spirit and yours with a much-needed rest. Therefore, give them proper recognition.

[19]The churches in the province of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you warmly in the Lord, together with the church that meets in their house. [20]All the brothers and sisters greet you. You in turn should greet each other with a holy kiss. [21]Here is my greeting in my own handwriting—Paul.

[22]A curse on anyone who doesn't love the Lord. Come, Lord! [23]The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. [24]My love is with all of you in Christ Jesus.

2 CORINTHIANS

Greeting

1 From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother.

To God's church that is in Corinth, along with all of God's people throughout Achaia.

[2]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's comfort in trouble

[3]May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! He is the compassionate Father and God of all comfort. [4]He's the one who comforts us in all our trouble so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God. [5]That is because we receive so much comfort through Christ in the same way that we share so many of Christ's sufferings. [6]So if we have trouble, it is to bring you comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is to bring you comfort from the experience of endurance while you

1:1 Ac 16:1; 1Co 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1; 2Ti 1:1

1:2 Ro 1:7

1:3 Ro 15:5; Eph 1:3; 1Pt 1:3

1:4 Is 51:12, Is 66:13; 2Co 7:6

1:5 2Co 4:10; Phi 3:10; Col 1:24

1:6 2Co 4:15; 2Ti 2:10

1:7 Ro 8:17; 2Ti 2:12

1:8 Ac 19:23; 1Co 15:32

1:9 Jer 17:5; Lk 18:9; 2Co 4:14

1:10 1Sa 17:37; Ro 15:31; 1Ti 4:10

1:11 Ro 15:30; 2Co 4:15, 2Co 9:11; Phi 1:19; Phm 1:22

1:12 Ac 23:1; 1Co 1:17, 1Co 2:4, 1Co 2:13; 2Co 2:17

go through the same sufferings that we also suffer. [7]Our hope for you is certain, because we know that as you are partners in suffering, so also you are partners in comfort.

[8]Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to be unaware of the troubles that we went through in Asia. We were weighed down with a load of suffering that was so far beyond our strength that we were afraid we might not survive. [9]It certainly seemed to us as if we had gotten the death penalty. This was so that we would have confidence in God, who raises the dead, instead of ourselves. [10]God rescued us from a terrible death, and he will rescue us. We have set our hope on him that he will rescue us again, [11]since you are helping with your prayer for us. Then many people can thank God on our behalf for the gift that was given to us through the prayers of many people.

Paul explains his change of plans

[12]We have conducted ourselves with godly sincerity and pure motives in the

world, and especially toward you. This is why we are confident, and our conscience confirms this. We didn't act with human wisdom but we relied on the grace of God. [13]We don't write anything to you except what you can read and also understand. I hope that you will understand totally [14]since you have already understood us partly. Understand that in the day of our Lord Jesus, we will make you proud as you will also make us proud.

[15]Because I was sure of this, I wanted to visit you first so that you could have a second opportunity to see me. [16]I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and then come to you again on my way back from Macedonia, at which point I was hoping you would help me on my way to Judea.

[17]So I wasn't unreliable when I planned to do this, was I? Or do I make decisions with a substandard human process so that I say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time? [18]But as God is faithful, our message to you isn't both yes and no. [19]God's Son, Jesus Christ, is the one who was preached among you by us—through me, Silvanus, and Timothy—he wasn't yes and no. In him it is always yes. [20]All of God's promises have their yes in him. That is why we say Amen through him to the glory of God.

[21]God is the one who establishes us with you in Christ and who anointed us. [22]God also sealed us and gave the Spirit as a down payment in our hearts. [23]I call on God as my witness—I didn't come again to Corinth because I wanted to spare you. [24]It isn't that we are trying to control your faith, but we are working with you for your happiness, because you stand firm in your faith.

2 [1]So I decided that, for my own sake, I wouldn't visit you again while I was upset. [2]If I make you sad, who will be there to make me glad when you are sad because of me?

Paul's former letter

[3]That's why I wrote this very thing to you, so that when I came I wouldn't be made sad by the ones who ought to make me happy. I have confidence in you, that my happiness means your happiness. [4]I wrote to you in tears, with a very troubled and anxious heart. I didn't write to make you sad but so you would know the overwhelming love that I have for you.

[5]But if someone has made anyone sad, that person hasn't hurt me but all of you to some degree (not to exaggerate). [6]The punishment handed out by the majority is enough for this person. [7]This is why you should try your best to forgive and to comfort this person now instead, so that this person isn't overwhelmed by too much sorrow. [8]So I encourage you to show your love for this person.

[9]This is another reason why I wrote you. I wanted to test you and see if you are obedient in everything. [10]If you forgive anyone for anything, I do too. And whatever I've forgiven (if I've forgiven anything), I did it for you in the presence of Christ. [11]This is so that we won't be taken advantage of by Satan, because we are well aware of his schemes.

Paul's ministry

[12]When I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, the Lord gave me an opportunity to preach. [13]But I was worried because I couldn't find my brother Titus there. So I said good-bye to them and went on to Macedonia.

[14]But thank God, who is always leading us around through Christ as if we were in a parade. He releases the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere through us. [15]We smell like the aroma of Christ's offering to God, both to those who are being saved and to those who are on the road to destruction. [16]We smell like a contagious dead person to those who are dying, but we smell like the fountain of life to those who are being saved.

Who is qualified for this kind of ministry? [17]We aren't like so many people who hustle the word of God to

1:14 1Co 1:8

1:15 Ro 1:11, Ro 15:29; 1Co 4:19

1:16 Ac 19:21; 1Co 16:5

1:17 2Co 10:2, 2Co 10:3, 2Co 11:18

1:18 1Co 1:9

1:19 Mt 4:3, Mt 16:16, Mt 26:63; 1Th 1:1; Heb 13:8

1:20 Ro 15:8

1:21 1Co 1:8; 1Jn 2:20, 1Jn 2:27

1:22 Jn 6:27; 2Co 5:5; Eph 1:13, Eph 1:14, Eph 4:30

1:23 Ro 1:9; 1Co 4:21; 2Co 2:1, 2Co 2:3; Ga 1:20

1:24 Ro 11:20; 1Co 15:1; 2Co 4:5; 1Pt 5:3

2:1 1Co 4:21; 2Co 1:23, 2Co 12:21

2:2 2Co 7:8

2:3 2Co 2:9, 2Co 8:22, 2Co 12:21; Ga 5:10; 2Th 3:4

2:4 2Co 7:8, 2Co 7:12

2:5 1Co 5:1, 1Co 5:2

2:6 1Co 5:4, 1Co 5:5; 2Co 7:11

2:7 Ga 6:1; Eph 4:32

2:8 Ga 5:13

2:9 2Co 7:15, 2Co 10:6; Phi 2:22

2:10 1Co 5:4

2:11 1Ch 21:1; Lk 22:31; 2Co 11:14; 1Pt 5:8; Rev 12:9

2:12 Ac 14:27, Ac 16:8; Ro 1:1; 1Th 3:2

2:13 2Co 7:5, 2Co 7:6, 2Co 8:6; Ga 2:1; Ti 1:4

2:14 Song 1:3; 1Co 15:57; 2Co 9:15; Eph 5:2; Phi 4:18

2:15 1Co 1:18; Eph 5:2

2:16 Lk 2:34; Jn 9:39; 2Co 3:5, 2Co 3:6

2:17 2Co 1:12, 2Co 4:2, 2Co 12:19; 1Pt 4:11

make a profit. We are speaking through Christ in the presence of God, as those who are sincere and as those who are sent from God.

3 Are we starting to commend ourselves again? We don't need letters of introduction to you or from you like other people, do we? [2]You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. [3]You show that you are Christ's letter, delivered by us. You weren't written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God. You weren't written on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

[4]This is the confidence that we have through Christ in the presence of God. [5]It isn't that we ourselves are qualified to claim that anything came from us. No, our qualification is from God. [6]He has qualified us as ministers of a new covenant, not based on what is written but on the Spirit, because what is written kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Ministers of the new covenant

[7]The ministry that brought death was carved in letters on stone tablets. It came with such glory that the Israelites couldn't look for long at Moses' face because his face was shining with glory, even though it was a fading glory. [8]Won't the ministry of the Spirit be much more glorious? [9]If the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness? [10]In fact, what was glorious isn't glorious now, because of the glory that is brighter. [11]If the glory that fades away was glorious, how much more glorious is the one that lasts!

[12]So, since we have such a hope, we act with great confidence. [13]We aren't like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the Israelites couldn't watch the end of what was fading away. [14]But their minds were closed. Right up to the present day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. The veil is not removed because it is taken away by Christ. [15]Even today, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. [16]But whenever someone turns back to the Lord, the veil is removed. [17]The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom. [18]All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4 This is why we don't get discouraged, given that we received this ministry in the same way that we received God's mercy. [2]Instead, we reject secrecy and shameful actions. We don't use deception, and we don't tamper with God's word. Instead, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God by the public announcement of the truth. [3]And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are on the road to destruction. [4]The god of this age has blinded the minds of those who don't have faith so they couldn't see the light of the gospel that reveals Christ's glory. Christ is the image of God.

[5]We don't preach about ourselves. Instead, we preach about Jesus Christ as Lord, and we describe ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. [6]God said that light should shine out of the darkness. He is the same one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Physical bodies and eternal glory

[7]But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us. [8]We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed. We are confused, but we aren't depressed. [9]We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned. We are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out.

[10]We always carry Jesus' death

3:1 Ac 18:27; 1Co 16:3; 2Co 5:12, 2Co 10:12, 2Co 12:11

3:2 1Co 9:2

3:3 Ex 24:12; Prv 3:3, Prv 7:3; Jer 31:33; Mt 16:16

3:4 Eph 3:12

3:5 1Co 15:10; 2Co 2:16

3:6 Jer 31:31; Lk 22:20; Jn 6:63; Ro 7:6; 1Co 3:5

3:7 Ex 34:29; 2Co 3:9, 2Co 3:13

3:8 Is 11:2, Is 44:3, Is 59:21; Jl 2:28, Jl 2:29

3:9 Dt 27:26; Ro 1:17, Ro 3:21; 2Co 3:7; Heb 12:18

3:10 Hg 2:3, Hg 2:7; 2Co 3:9

3:13 Ex 34:33; 2Co 3:7

3:14 Ac 13:15; Ro 11:7, Ro 11:25; 2Co 3:6, 2Co 4:4

3:15 Ac 13:27

3:16 Ex 34:34; Is 25:7; Ro 11:23

3:17 Is 61:1; Jn 8:32; Ga 4:6, Ga 5:13

3:18 Jn 17:22; Ro 8:29; 1Co 13:12; 2Co 4:4, 2Co 4:6

4:1 1Co 7:25; 2Co 3:6, 2Co 4:16, 2Co 5:18

4:2 Ro 6:21; 1Co 4:5; 2Co 2:17, 2Co 5:11

4:3 1Co 1:18; 2Co 2:12, 2Co 2:15, 2Co 3:14, 2Co 4:4

4:4 Jn 12:31; 2Co 3:14, 2Co 4:6; Col 1:15; Heb 1:3

4:5 1Co 1:13, 1Co 1:23, 1Co 9:19

4:6 Gn 1:3; Jn 8:12; 2Co 4:4; 2Pt 1:19

4:7 Jgs 7:2; Job 4:19, Job 10:9; 2Co 5:1; 2Ti 2:20

4:8 2Co 1:8, 2Co 7:5

4:9 Ps 37:24; Prv 24:16; Jn 15:20; Heb 13:5

4:10 Ro 6:5; Ga 6:17

around in our bodies so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies. [11]We who are alive are always being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies that are dying. [12]So death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

[13]We have the same faithful spirit as what is written in scripture: *I had faith, and so I spoke.*[a] We also have faith, and so we also speak. [14]We do this because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and he will bring us into his presence along with you. [15]All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory.

[16]So we aren't depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. [17]Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. [18]We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen. The things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal.

5 We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down, we have a building from God. It's a house that isn't handmade, which is eternal and located in heaven. [2]We groan while we live in this residence. We really want to dress ourselves with our building from heaven—[3]since we assume that when we take off this tent, we won't find out that we are naked. [4]Yes, while we are in this tent we groan, because we are weighed down. We want to be dressed not undressed, so that what is dying can be swallowed up by life. [5]Now the one who prepared us for this very thing is God, and God gave us the Spirit as a down payment for our home.

[6]So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. [7]We live by faith and not by sight. [8]We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. [9]So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. [10]We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad.

Ministry of reconciliation

[11]So we try to persuade people, since we know what it means to fear the Lord. We are well known by God, and I hope that in your heart we are well known by you as well. [12]We aren't trying to commend ourselves to you again. Instead, we are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us so that you could answer those who take pride in superficial appearance, and not in what is in the heart.

[13]If we are crazy, it's for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake. [14]The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. [15]He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised.

[16]So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. [17]So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

[18]All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. [19]In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them.

4:11 Ps 141:7; Mt 16:21, Mt 17:22; Ro 8:11, Ro 8:36
4:12 2Co 13:9
4:13 Ps 116:10; 1Co 12:9
4:14 Ac 2:24; 1Th 4:14; Jud 1:24
4:15 Ro 8:28; 2Co 1:11, 2Co 9:11
4:16 Is 40:31; Ro 7:22; 2Co 4:1; Col 3:10
4:17 Ps 30:5; Ro 8:18; 1Pt 1:6
4:18 Ro 8:24; 2Co 5:7; Heb 11:1
5:1 Job 4:19, Job 19:25; 2Co 4:7; Heb 11:10; 2Pt 1:13
5:2 Ro 8:23; 1Co 15:53, 1Co 15:54; 2Co 5:4
5:3 Rev 3:18, Rev 16:15
5:4 1Co 15:53, 1Co 15:54; 2Co 5:2
5:5 Ro 8:23; 2Co 1:22; Eph 1:14
5:6 2Co 5:8
5:7 1Co 13:12; 2Co 4:18
5:8 Jn 12:26; Phi 1:23
5:9 Col 1:10; 1Th 4:1
5:10 Mt 16:27, Mt 25:31; Ac 10:42; Ro 2:16, Ro 14:10
5:11 2Co 4:2; Heb 10:31; Jud 1:23
5:12 2Co 1:14, 2Co 3:1
5:13 2Co 11:1, 2Co 11:16, 2Co 11:17, 2Co 12:11
5:14 Ro 5:15; Col 3:3
5:15 Ro 6:11, Ro 14:7
5:16 Mt 1:1; 2Co 11:18; Phi 3:7, Phi 3:8; 1Ti 5:21
5:17 Is 65:17; Jn 3:3; Ro 6:4, Ro 16:7; Ga 6:15
5:18 Ro 5:10, Ro 5:11; 2Co 5:19; Col 1:20; Heb 2:17
5:19 Ro 4:8; 2Co 5:18

[a] Ps 116:10 (115:1 LXX)

He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation.

20So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" 21God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

6 1Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2He says, *I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation.*[b] Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!

3We don't give anyone any reason to be offended about anything so that our ministry won't be criticized. 4Instead, we commend ourselves as ministers of God in every way. We did this with our great endurance through problems, disasters, and stressful situations. 5We went through beatings, imprisonments, and riots. We experienced hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger. 6We displayed purity, knowledge, patience, and generosity. We served with the Holy Spirit, genuine love, 7telling the truth, and God's power. We carried the weapons of righteousness in our right hand and our left hand. 8We were treated with honor and dishonor and with verbal abuse and good evaluation. We were seen as both fake and real, 9as unknown and well known, as dying—and look, we are alive! We were seen as punished but not killed, 10as going through pain but always happy, as poor but making many rich, and as having nothing but owning everything.

Call to relationship and holiness

11Corinthians, we have spoken openly to you, and our hearts are wide open. 12There are no limits to the affection that we feel for you. You are the ones who placed boundaries on your affection for us. 13But as a fair trade—I'm talking to you like you are children—open your hearts wide too.

14Don't be tied up as equal partners with people who don't believe. What does righteousness share with that which is outside the Law? What relationship does light have with darkness? 15What harmony does Christ have with Satan?[c] What does a believer have in common with someone who doesn't believe? 16What agreement can there be between God's temple and idols? Because we are the temple of the living God. Just as God said, *I live with them, and I will move among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*[d] 17Therefore, *come out from among them and be separated, says the Lord. Don't touch what is unclean. Then I will welcome you.*[e] 18*I will be a father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.*[f]

7 1My dear friends, since we have these promises, let's cleanse ourselves from anything that contaminates our body or spirit so that we make our holiness complete in the fear of God.

2Make room in your hearts for us. We didn't do anything wrong to anyone. We didn't ruin anyone. We didn't take advantage of anyone. 3I'm not saying this to make you feel guilty. I've already said that you are in our hearts so that we die and live together with you. 4I have every confidence in you. I'm terribly proud of you. I'm filled with encouragement. I'm overwhelmed with happiness while in the middle of our problems.

Titus' good report

5Even after we arrived in Macedonia, we couldn't rest physically. We were surrounded by problems. There was external conflict, and there were internal fears. 6However, God comforts people who are discouraged, and he comforted us by Titus' arrival. 7We weren't comforted only by his arrival

5:20 Mal 2:7; 2Co 6:1; Eph 6:20
5:21 Ro 1:17; 1Co 1:30; Heb 7:26; 1Pt 2:22; 1Jn 3:5
6:1 1Co 3:9; 2Co 5:20
6:2 Ps 69:13, Ps 95:7; Is 49:8, Is 55:6; Lk 4:19
6:3 1Co 8:9, 1Co 8:13, 1Co 9:12, 1Co 10:32, 1Co 10:33
6:4 1Co 3:5; 2Co 11:23, 2Co 12:10, 2Co 12:12; 2Ti 2:24
6:5 Ac 16:23; 1Co 4:11; 2Co 11:23
6:6 Ro 12:9; 1Co 2:4; 2Co 11:6; 1Th 1:5
6:7 Ro 13:12; 1Co 2:5; 2Co 4:2, 2Co 10:4; Eph 6:11
6:8 Mt 27:63; Ro 3:8; 1Co 4:10, 1Co 4:13
6:9 Ro 8:36; 2Co 1:8, 2Co 4:10, 2Co 4:11
6:10 Jn 16:22; Ac 3:6; 2Co 7:4, 2Co 8:9; Phi 4:4
6:11 Ps 119:32; 2Co 7:3
6:12 2Co 7:2
6:13 1Co 4:14; Ga 4:12
6:14 Dt 7:3; 1Co 5:9; Eph 5:7, Eph 5:11; 1Jn 1:6
6:15 1Co 10:21
6:16 Ex 29:45; Lv 26:12; Eze 37:27; 1Co 3:16, 1Co 6:19
6:17 Is 52:11; Eze 20:41; Rev 18:4
6:18 2Sa 7:14; Hos 1:10; Ro 8:14
7:1 1Jn 3:3
7:2 Ac 20:33
7:3 2Co 6:11; Phi 1:7
7:4 2Co 1:4, 2Co 6:10, 2Co 8:24
7:5 Dt 32:25; 2Co 2:13, 2Co 4:8
7:6 2Co 1:3, 2Co 1:4, 2Co 2:13, 2Co 7:13
7:7 Ps 126:5, Ps 126:6; Ro 1:12; 2Co 1:14; Col 2:5

[b] Isa 49:8 [c] Or *Beliah* [d] Lev 26:11-12 [e] Isa 52:11; Ezek 20:34, 41 [f] 2 Sam 7:14

but also by the comfort he had received from you. He told us about your desire to see me, how you were sorry, and about your concern for me, so that I was even happier.

[8]Even though my letter hurt you, I don't regret it. Well—I did regret it just a bit because I see that that letter made you sad, though only for a short time. [9]Now I'm glad—not because you were sad but because you were made sad enough to change your hearts and lives. You felt godly sadness so that no one was harmed by us in any way. [10]Godly sadness produces a changed heart and life that leads to salvation and leaves no regrets, but sorrow under the influence of the world produces death. [11]Look at what this very experience of godly sadness has produced in you: such enthusiasm, what a desire to clear yourselves of blame, such indignation, what fear, what purpose, such concern, what justice! In everything you have shown yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

[12]So although I wrote to you, it wasn't for the sake of the one who did wrong, or for the sake of the one who was wronged, but to show you your own enthusiasm for us in the sight of God. [13]Because of this we have been encouraged. And in addition to our own encouragement, we were even more pleased at how happy Titus was. His mind has been put at rest by all of you. [14]If I've bragged about you to him in any way, I haven't been embarrassed. Instead, our bragging to Titus has also been proven to be true, just like everything we said to you was true. [15]His devotion to you is growing even more as he remembers how all of you were obedient when you welcomed him with fear and trembling. [16]I'm happy, because I can completely depend on you.

Encouragement to give generously

8 Brothers and sisters, we want to let you know about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia. [2]While they were being tested by many problems, their extra amount of happiness and their extreme poverty resulted in a surplus of rich generosity. [3]I assure you that they gave what they could afford and even more than they could afford, and they did it voluntarily. [4]They urgently begged us for the privilege[g] of sharing in this service for the saints. [5]They even exceeded our expectations, because they gave themselves to the Lord first and to us, consistent with God's will. [6]As a result, we challenged Titus to finish this work of grace with you the way he had started it.

[7]Be the best in this work of grace in the same way that you are the best in everything, such as faith, speech, knowledge, total commitment, and the love we inspired in you. [8]I'm not giving an order, but by mentioning the commitment of others, I'm trying to prove the authenticity of your love also. [9]You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although he was rich, he became poor for our sakes, so that you could become rich through his poverty.

[10]I'm giving you my opinion about this. It's to your advantage to do this, since you not only started to do it last year but you wanted to do it too. [11]Now finish the job as well so that you finish it with as much enthusiasm as you started, given what you can afford. [12]A gift is appreciated because of what a person can afford, not because of what that person can't afford, if it's apparent that it's done willingly. [13]It isn't that we want others to have financial ease and you financial difficulties, but it's a matter of equality. [14]At the present moment, your surplus can fill their deficit so that in the future their surplus can fill your deficit. In this way there is equality. [15]As it is written, *The one who gathered more didn't have too much, and the one who gathered less didn't have too little.*[h]

7:8 2Co 2:2, 2Co 2:4
7:9 Ps 38:18; Jer 31:18; Lk 15:7, Lk 15:17; 2Co 7:10
7:10 Ac 11:18
7:11 2Co 2:6, 2Co 7:7
7:13 Ro 15:32; 1Co 16:18; 2Co 2:13, 2Co 7:6, 2Co 7:14
7:15 1Co 2:3; 2Co 2:9, 2Co 10:6; Phi 2:12
8:1 Ac 16:9; Ro 15:26
8:2 2Co 9:11
8:3 1Co 16:2; 2Co 8:11
8:4 Ac 24:17; Ro 15:25; 2Co 9:1
8:5 Ro 6:13, Ro 12:1; 1Co 1:1; 2Co 8:1
8:6 2Co 2:13, 2Co 7:13, 2Co 8:16, 2Co 8:17, 2Co 12:18
8:7 Ro 15:14; 1Co 1:5; 2Co 9:8
8:8 Ro 12:9; 1Co 7:6; 2Co 8:24; 1Pt 1:22
8:9 Mt 20:28; 2Co 6:10, 2Co 13:14; Phi 2:6
8:10 1Co 7:25, 1Co 7:40; 2Co 9:2
8:11 2Co 8:12
8:12 Mk 12:43; 2Co 9:7
8:14 Ac 4:34; 2Co 9:12
8:15 Ex 16:18

[g]Or *grace* [h]Exod 16:18

Plans for the Collection

16 But thank God, who put the same commitment that I have for you in Titus' heart. 17 Not only has he accepted our challenge but he's on his way to see you voluntarily, and he's excited. 18 We are sending the brother who is famous in all the churches because of his work for the gospel along with him.

19 In addition to this, he is chosen by the churches to be our traveling companion in this work of grace, which we are taking care of for the sake of the glory of the Lord himself, and to show our desire to help. 20 We are trying to avoid being blamed by anyone for the way we take care of this large amount of money. 21 We care about doing the right thing, not only in the Lord's eyes but also in the eyes of other people.

22 We are sending our brother with them. We have tested his commitment in many ways and many times. Now he's even more committed, because he has so much confidence in you. 23 If there is any question about Titus, he is my partner and coworker among you. If there is any question about our brothers, they are the churches' apostles and an honor to Christ. 24 So show them the proof of your love and the reason we are so proud of you, in such a way that the churches can see it.

9 It's unnecessary for me to write to you about this service for God's people. 2 I know about your willingness to help. I brag about you to the Macedonians, saying, "Greece has been ready since last year," and your enthusiasm has motivated most of them.

3 But I'm sending the brothers so that our bragging about you in this case won't be empty words, and so that you can be prepared, just as I keep telling them you will be. 4 If some Macedonians should come with me and find out that you aren't ready, we (not to mention you) would be embarrassed as far as this project goes.

5 This is why I thought it was necessary to encourage the brothers to go to you ahead of time and arrange in advance the generous gift you have already promised. I want it to be a real gift from you. I don't want you to feel like you are being forced to give anything. 6 What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop.

7 Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. 8 God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. 9 As it is written, *He scattered everywhere; he gave to the needy; his righteousness remains forever.*[i]

10 The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. 12 Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. 13 They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ's gospel. They will do this because this service provides evidence of your obedience, and because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. 14 They will also pray for you, and they will care deeply for you because of the outstanding grace that God has given to you.

8:16 2Co 2:13, 2Co 2:14, 2Co 8:6; Rev 17:17
8:17 2Co 8:6
8:18 1Co 7:17; 2Co 12:18
8:19 Ac 14:23; 1Co 16:3, 1Co 16:4; 2Co 8:6
8:21 Ro 12:17, Ro 14:18; Phi 4:8; 1Pt 2:12
8:23 2Co 2:13; Phm 1:17
9:1 2Co 8:4, 2Co 9:12; 1Th 4:9
9:2 2Co 8:10, 2Co 8:19
9:4 Ro 15:26
9:5 Gn 33:11; Phi 4:17
9:6 Prv 11:24, Prv 11:25, Prv 22:9; Lk 6:38; Ga 6:7
9:7 Ex 25:2; Dt 15:10; 1Ch 29:17; Ro 12:8; 2Co 8:12
9:8 Mal 3:10; Eph 3:20; Phi 4:19; Col 1:10; 2Th 2:17
9:9 Ps 112:9
9:10 Is 55:10; Hos 10:12; Phi 1:11
9:11 1Co 1:5; 2Co 1:11, 2Co 4:15, 2Co 8:2
9:12 2Co 8:14
9:13 Heb 3:1
9:14 Prv 11:26; Ro 1:11; 2Co 1:11, 2Co 8:1

[i] Ps 112:9

15 Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!

Paul's personal request for obedience

10 I, Paul, make a personal request to you with the gentleness and kindness of Christ. I'm shy when I'm with you, but I'm bossy when I'm away from you! 2 I beg you that when I'm with you in person, I won't have to boss you around. I'm afraid that I may have to use that kind of behavior with those people who think we live by human standards. 3 Although we live in the world, we don't fight our battles with human methods. 4 Our weapons that we fight with aren't human, but instead they are powered by God for the destruction of fortresses. They destroy arguments, 5 and every defense that is raised up to oppose the knowledge of God. They capture every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 Once your obedience is complete, we are ready to punish any disobedience.

7 Look at what is right in front of you! If anyone is sure about belonging to Christ, that person should think again. We belong to Christ just like that person. 8 Even if I went on to brag about our authority, I wouldn't be ashamed of it. The Lord gave us that authority to build you up and not to destroy you.

9 I don't want it to seem like I'm trying to intimidate you with my letters. 10 I know what some people are saying: "His letters are severe and powerful, but in person he is weak and his speech is worth nothing." 11 These people need to think about this—that when we are with you, our actions will show that we are the same as the words we wrote when we were away from you. 12 We won't dare to place ourselves in the same league or to compare ourselves with some of those who are promoting themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they have no understanding.

13 We won't take pride in anything more than what is appropriate. Let's look at the boundaries of our work area that God has assigned to us. It's an area that includes you. 14 We aren't going out of bounds, as if our work area doesn't extend as far as you. We were the first ones to travel as far as Corinth with the gospel of Christ. 15 We don't take pride in what other people do outside of our boundaries. We hope that our work will be extended even more by you as your faith grows, until it expands fully (within the boundaries, of course). 16 We hope that our work grows even to the point of the gospel being preached in places beyond Corinth, without bragging about what has already been done in another person's work area. 17 But, *the one who brags should brag in the Lord.*[j] 18 It isn't the person who promotes himself or herself who is approved but the person whom the Lord commends.

Confrontation of the super-apostles

11 I hope that you will put up with me while I act like a fool. Well, in fact, you are putting up with me! 2 I'm deeply concerned about you with the same concern that God has. As your father, I promised you in marriage to one husband. I promised to present you as an innocent virgin to Christ himself. 3 But I'm afraid that your minds might be seduced in the same way as the snake deceived Eve with his devious tricks. You might be unable to focus completely on a genuine and innocent commitment to Christ.

4 If a person comes and preaches some other Jesus than the one we preached, or if you receive a different Spirit than the one you had received, or a different gospel than the one you embraced, you put up with it so easily! 5 I don't consider myself as second-rate in any way compared to the "super-

9:15 Jn 3:16; Ro 5:15; 2Co 2:14

10:1 Mt 11:29, Mt 21:5; 2Co 10:10; Ga 5:2; Eph 3:1

10:2 1Co 4:21; 2Co 13:2, 2Co 13:10

10:3 Ro 8:4; 2Co 1:17; 1Ti 1:18; Heb 12:1; 1Pt 4:1

10:4 Jer 1:10; 2Co 6:7

10:5 Is 2:11; 2Co 9:13

10:6 2Co 2:9, 2Co 7:15

10:7 Jn 7:24; 1Co 1:12, 1Co 3:23, 1Co 9:1; 2Co 5:12

10:8 2Co 7:4, 2Co 12:19, 2Co 13:10

10:10 1Co 1:17, 1Co 2:3; 2Co 10:1, 2Co 11:6; Ga 4:13

10:12 Prv 26:12, Prv 27:2; 2Co 3:1, 2Co 10:18

10:13 Ro 12:3; 2Co 10:15

10:14 2Co 2:12

10:15 Ro 15:20; 2Co 10:13; 2Th 1:3

10:16 Ac 19:21

10:17 Jer 9:23, Jer 9:24; 1Co 1:31

10:18 Ro 2:29; 1Co 4:5; 2Co 10:12

11:1 2Co 5:13, 2Co 11:4, 2Co 11:16, 2Co 11:17, 2Co 11:21

11:2 Ro 7:4; Col 1:28

11:3 Gn 3:1, Gn 3:4, Gn 3:13; 1Ti 2:14; Rev 12:9

11:4 1Co 3:11; Ga 1:6

11:5 2Co 12:11; Ga 2:6

[j] Jer 9:24

apostles." 6But even if I'm uneducated in public speaking, I'm not uneducated in knowledge. We have shown this to you in every way and in everything we have done. 7Did I commit a sin by humbling myself to give you an advantage because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge? 8I robbed other churches by taking a salary from them in order to serve you! 9While I was with you, I didn't burden any of you even though I needed things. The believers who came from Macedonia gave me everything I needed. I kept myself from being a financial drain on you in any way, and I will continue to keep myself from being a burden.

10Since Christ's truth is in me, I won't stop telling the entire area of Greece that I'm proud of what I did. 11Why? Is it because I don't love you? God knows that I do! 12But I'm going to continue to do what I'm doing. I want to contradict the claims of the people who want to be treated like they are the same as us because of what they brag about. 13Such people are false apostles and dishonest workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. 14And no wonder! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15It is no great surprise then that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

Paul defends himself

16I repeat, no one should take me for a fool. But if you do, then allow me to be a fool so that I can brag like a fool for a bit. 17I'm not saying what I'm saying because the Lord tells me to. I'm saying it like I'm a fool. I'm putting my confidence in this business of bragging. 18Since so many people are bragging based on human standards, that is how I'm going to brag too. 19Because you, who are so wise, are happy to put up with fools. 20You put up with it if someone enslaves you, if someone exploits you, if someone takes advantage of you, if someone places themselves over you, or if someone hits you in the face. 21I'm ashamed to say that we have been weak in comparison! But in whatever they challenge me, I challenge them (I'm speaking foolishly).

22Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. 23Are they ministers of Christ? I'm speaking like a crazy person. What I've done goes well beyond what they've done. I've worked much harder. I've been imprisoned much more often. I've been beaten more times than I can count. I've faced death many times. 24I received the "forty lashes minus one" from the Jews five times. 25I was beaten with rods three times. I was stoned once. I was shipwrecked three times. I spent a day and a night on the open sea. 26I've been on many journeys. I faced dangers from rivers, robbers, my people, and Gentiles. I faced dangers in the city, in the desert, on the sea, and from false brothers and sisters. 27I faced these dangers with hard work and heavy labor, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, and in the cold without enough clothes.

28Besides all the other things I could mention, there's my daily stress because I'm concerned about all the churches. 29Who is weak without me being weak? Who is led astray without me being furious about it? 30If it's necessary to brag, I'll brag about my weaknesses. 31The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, the one who is blessed forever, knows that I'm not lying. 32At Damascus the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to capture me, 33but I got away from him by being lowered in a basket through a window in the city wall.

Paul's visions and revelations from the Lord

12 It is necessary to brag, not that it does any good. I'll move on to visions and revelations from the Lord. 2I

11:6 1Co 1:17; 2Co 4:2, 2Co 10:10; Eph 3:4

11:7 Ro 1:1; 1Co 9:12, 1Co 9:18; 2Co 12:13

11:8 Phi 4:15

11:9 2Co 12:13, 2Co 12:14, 2Co 12:16; Phi 4:15

11:10 Ro 9:1; 1Co 9:15; 2Co 1:1

11:11 2Co 11:31, 2Co 12:15

11:12 1Co 9:12

11:13 Ga 1:7, Ga 2:4; Phi 1:15; Ti 1:10; Rev 2:2

11:14 Mt 4:10

11:15 Phi 3:19

11:16 2Co 11:1, 2Co 12:6

11:17 1Co 7:12; 2Co 11:21

11:18 2Co 5:16; Phi 3:4

11:19 1Co 4:10

11:20 2Co 1:24; Ga 2:4, Ga 4:3, Ga 4:9, Ga 5:1

11:21 2Co 10:10, 2Co 11:17

11:22 Gn 40:15; Ac 6:1; Ro 9:4, Ro 11:1; Phi 3:5

11:23 Ac 16:23; Ro 8:36; 1Co 3:5, 1Co 15:10; 2Co 6:5

11:24 Dt 25:3

11:25 Ac 14:19, Ac 16:22

11:26 Ac 9:23, Ac 17:5, Ac 20:3, Ac 20:19

11:27 1Co 4:11; 2Co 6:5; Phi 4:12; 1Th 2:9; 2Th 3:8

11:28 1Co 7:17

11:29 1Co 8:13, 1Co 9:22

11:30 1Co 2:3; 2Co 11:16, 2Co 12:5, 2Co 12:9

11:31 Ro 9:5; 2Co 11:11

11:32 Ac 9:24

11:33 Ac 9:25

12:1 Ga 2:2

12:2 Ac 8:39; 2Co 11:11, 2Co 12:4; 1Th 4:17; Rev 12:5

know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. I don't know whether it was in the body or out of the body. God knows. 3-4I know that this man was caught up into paradise and that he heard unspeakable words that were things no one is allowed to repeat. I don't know whether it was in the body or apart from the body. God knows. 5I'll brag about this man, but I won't brag about myself, except to brag about my weaknesses.

6If I did want to brag, I wouldn't make a fool of myself because I'd tell the truth. I'm holding back from bragging so that no one will give me any more credit than what anyone sees or hears about me. 7I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I've received so that I wouldn't be conceited. It's a messenger from Satan sent to torment me so that I wouldn't be conceited.

8I pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me alone. 9He said to me, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness." So I'll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ's power can rest on me. 10Therefore, I'm all right with weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then I'm strong.

11I've become a fool! You made me do it. Actually, I should have been commended by you. I'm not inferior to the super-apostles in any way, even though I'm a nonentity. 12The signs of an apostle were performed among you with continuous endurance through signs, wonders, and miracles. 13How were you treated worse than the other churches, except that I myself wasn't a financial burden on you? Forgive me for this wrong!

Paul's plans to visit and a warning

14Look, I'm ready to visit you a third time, and I won't be a burden on you. I don't want your things; I want you. It isn't the children's responsibility to save up for their parents but parents for children. 15I will very gladly spend and be spent for your sake. If I love you more, will you love me less?

16We all know that I didn't place a burden on you, but in spite of that you think I'm a con artist who fooled you with a trick. 17I haven't taken advantage of you through any of the people I sent to you, have I? 18I strongly encouraged Titus to go to you and sent the brother with him. Titus didn't take advantage of you, did he? Didn't we live by the same Spirit? Didn't we walk in the same footsteps?

19Have you been thinking up to now that we are defending ourselves to you? Actually, we are speaking in the sight of God and in Christ. Dear friends, everything is meant to build you up. 20I'm afraid that maybe when I come you will be different from the way I want you to be, and that I'll be different from the way you want me to be. I'm afraid that there might be fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, backstabbing, gossip, conceit, and disorderly conduct. 21I'm afraid that when I come again, my God may embarrass me in front of you. I might have to go into mourning over all the people who have sinned before and haven't changed their hearts and lives from what they used to practice: moral corruption, sexual immorality, and doing whatever feels good.

13 This is the third time that I'm coming to visit you. Every matter is settled on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 2When I was with you on my second visit, I already warned those who continued to sin. Now I'm repeating that warning to all the rest of you while I'm at a safe distance: if I come again, I won't spare anyone. 3Since you are demanding proof that Christ speaks through me, Christ isn't weak in dealing with you but shows his power among you. 4Certainly he was

12:4 Lk 23:43; 2Co 12:2; Rev 2:7

12:5 1Co 2:3; 2Co 11:30, 2Co 12:9

12:6 2Co 11:16, 2Co 12:11

12:7 Nm 33:55; Lk 13:16; 1Co 5:5

12:8 Mt 26:39, Mt 26:44; 2Co 12:9

12:9 1Co 2:5; 2Co 12:10; Phi 4:13

12:10 2Co 6:4, 2Co 12:9, 2Co 13:4; Phi 1:29; 2Th 1:4

12:11 1Co 3:7, 1Co 15:9, 1Co 15:10; 2Co 11:5

12:12 Jn 4:48; Ro 15:19; 1Co 9:1; 2Co 6:4

12:13 1Co 9:12; 2Co 11:7, 2Co 11:9, 2Co 12:14

12:14 Prv 19:14; 1Co 4:14, 1Co 4:15, 1Co 10:33; 2Co 13:1

12:15 2Co 1:6; Phi 2:17; Col 1:24; 1Th 2:8; 2Ti 2:10

12:16 2Co 11:9

12:17 2Co 9:5

12:18 Ro 4:12; 2Co 2:13, 2Co 8:6, 2Co 8:16, 2Co 8:18

12:19 Ro 9:1, Ro 14:19; 2Co 2:17, 2Co 10:8; Eph 4:12

12:20 Ro 1:29, Ro 1:30; 1Co 1:11, 1Co 3:3; 2Co 2:1

12:21 1Co 5:1; 2Co 13:2

13:1 Nm 35:30; Dt 17:6, Dt 19:15; Mt 18:16; 2Co 12:14

13:2 1Co 4:21; 2Co 1:23, 2Co 10:1, 2Co 12:21, 2Co 13:10

13:3 Mt 10:20; 1Co 5:4

13:4 Ro 6:4, Ro 6:8; 1Co 6:14; 1Pt 3:18

crucified because of weakness, but he lives by the power of God. Certainly we also are weak in him, but we will live together with him, because of God's power that is directed toward you.

[5]Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Don't you understand that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test. [6]But I hope that you will realize that we don't fail the test. [7]We pray to God that you don't do anything wrong, not because we want to appear to pass the test but so that you might do the right thing, even if we appear to fail.

[8]We can't do anything against the truth but only to help the truth. [9]We are happy when we are weak but you are strong. We pray for this: that you will be made complete. [10]This is why I'm writing these things while I'm away. I'm writing so that I won't need to act harshly when I'm with you by using the authority that the Lord gave me. He gave it to me so that I could build you up, not tear you down.

13:5 Lam 3:40; Ro 8:10; 1Co 6:15, 1Co 11:28; Ga 6:4

13:7 Phi 1:9, Phi 4:8; 1Th 5:23; 1Ti 2:2; 1Pt 2:12

13:9 2Co 13:11; 1Th 3:10

13:10 2Co 2:3, 2Co 10:8; Ti 1:13

13:11 Mk 9:50; Ro 12:16, Ro 15:33; 1Co 1:10; 1Th 5:13

13:12 Ro 16:16; 1Co 16:20; 1Pt 5:14

13:13 Mt 28:19; Ro 5:5, Ro 16:20; Phi 2:1; Jud 1:21

Final greeting

[11]Finally, brothers and sisters, goodbye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace—and the God of love and peace will be with you.

[12]Say hello to each other with a holy kiss.[k] All of God's people say hello to you.

[13]The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GALATIANS

Greeting

1 From Paul, an apostle who is not sent from human authority or commissioned through human agency, but sent through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead; [2]and from all the brothers and sisters with me.

To the churches in Galatia.

[3]Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]He gave himself for our sins, so he could deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. [5]To God be the glory forever and always! Amen.

The gospel challenged in Galatia

[6]I'm amazed that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ to follow another gospel. [7]It's not really another gospel, but certain people are confusing you and they want to change the gospel of Christ. [8]However, even if we ourselves or a heavenly angel should ever preach anything different from what we preached to you, they should be under a curse. [9]I'm repeating what we've said before: if anyone preaches something different from what you received, they should be under a curse!

1:1 Ac 2:24, Ac 9:15; Ro 1:1; 1Co 1:1; 2Co 1:1

1:2 Ac 16:6; 1Co 16:1; Phi 4:21

1:3 Ro 1:7; 1Co 1:3

1:4 Mt 20:28; Ro 4:25; 1Co 15:3; Eph 5:2; 1Jn 2:2

1:5 Ro 11:36

1:6 2Co 11:4; Ga 1:7, Ga 5:8

1:7 Ac 15:24; Ga 5:10

1:8 Ro 9:3; 1Co 16:22; 2Co 11:14; Ga 1:9

1:9 Ga 1:8

1:10 Ro 1:1; 1Co 10:33; 1Th 2:4

1:11 1Co 15:1

1:12 1Co 11:23, 1Co 15:3; Ga 1:1

1:13 Ac 8:3, Ac 9:1, Ac 22:4, Ac 26:4; Phi 3:6

Paul's leadership

[10]Am I trying to win over human beings or God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I wouldn't be Christ's slave. [11]Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the gospel I preached isn't human in origin. [12]I didn't receive it or learn it from a human. It came through a revelation from Jesus Christ.

[13]You heard about my previous life in Judaism, how severely I harassed God's church and tried to destroy it.

[k]2 Cor 13:12-13 is in some versions equivalent to 13:12-14.

14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many
of my peers, because I was much more
militant about the traditions of my
ancestors. 15 But God had set me apart
from birth and called me through
his grace. He was pleased 16 to reveal
his Son to me, so that I might preach
about him to the Gentiles. I didn't im-
mediately consult with any human
being. 17 I didn't go up to Jerusalem to
see the men who were apostles before
me either, but I went away into Ara-
bia and I returned again to Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to
Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed
with him fifteen days. 19 But I didn't see
any other of the apostles except James
the brother of the Lord. 20 Before God,
I'm not lying about the things that I'm
writing to you! 21 Then I went into the
regions of Syria and Cilicia, 22 but I
wasn't known personally by the Chris-
tian churches in Judea. 23 They only
heard a report about me: "The man
who used to harass us now preaches
the faith that he once tried to destroy."
24 So they were glorifying God because
of me.

Confirmation of Paul's leadership

2 Then after fourteen years I went up
to Jerusalem again with Barnabas,
and I took Titus along also. 2 I went
there because of a revelation, and I
laid out the gospel that I preach to the
Gentiles for them. But I did it privately
with the influential leaders to make
sure that I wouldn't be working or that
I hadn't worked for nothing. 3 How-
ever, not even Titus, who was with me
and who was a Greek, was required to
be circumcised. 4 But false brothers and
sisters, who were brought in secretly,
slipped in to spy on our freedom,
which we have in Christ Jesus, and to
make us slaves. 5 We didn't give in and
submit to them for a single moment,
so that the truth of the gospel would
continue to be with you.

6 The influential leaders didn't add
anything to what I was preaching—
and whatever they were makes no
difference to me, because God doesn't
show favoritism. 7 But on the contrary,
they saw that I had been given the re-
sponsibility to preach the gospel to the
people who aren't circumcised, just
as Peter had been to the circumcised.
8 The one who empowered Peter to
become an apostle to the circumcised
empowered me also to be one to the
Gentiles. 9 James, Cephas, and John,
who are considered to be key leaders,
shook hands with me and Barnabas as
equals when they recognized the grace
that was given to me. So it was agreed
that we would go to the Gentiles, while
they continue to go to the people who
were circumcised. 10 They asked only
that we would remember the poor,
which was certainly something I was
willing to do.

The Jewish-Gentile controversy

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch,
I opposed him to his face, because he
was wrong. 12 He had been eating with
the Gentiles before certain people
came from James. But when they
came, he began to back out and sepa-
rate himself, because he was afraid of
the people who promoted circumci-
sion. 13 And the rest of the Jews also
joined him in this hypocrisy so that
even Barnabas got carried away with
them in their hypocrisy. 14 But when
I saw that they weren't acting consis-
tently with the truth of the gospel, I
said to Cephas in front of everyone,
"If you, though you're a Jew, live like a
Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you
require the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 We are born Jews—we're not Gen-
tile sinners. 16 However, we know that
a person isn't made righteous by the
works of the Law but rather through
the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. We
ourselves believed in Christ Jesus so
that we could be made righteous by
the faithfulness of Christ and not by
the works of the Law—because no one
will be made righteous by the works of

1:14 Mt 15:2; Mk 7:3; Ac 21:20, Ac 22:3; Ro 10:2

1:15 Is 49:1, Is 49:5; Jer 1:5; Ro 1:1

1:16 Ac 9:15

1:17 Ac 9:2

1:18 Ac 9:26

1:19 Mt 13:55; Mk 6:3; Ac 12:17; 1Co 9:5; Ga 2:9

1:20 Ro 9:1

1:21 Ac 6:9, Ac 9:30, Ac 15:23, Ac 15:41

1:22 Ro 16:7; 1Th 2:14

1:23 Ac 6:7

1:24 Ac 11:18; 2Co 9:13

2:1 Ac 4:36, Ac 15:2; Ga 2:13

2:2 Phi 2:16

2:3 Ac 16:3; 1Co 9:21; 2Co 2:13; Ga 2:1, Ga 5:2

2:4 Ac 15:24; 2Co 11:20, 2Co 11:26; Ga 5:1; Jud 1:4

2:5 Ga 2:14; Col 1:5

2:6 Dt 10:17; Ac 10:34; Ro 2:11; 2Co 11:5, 2Co 12:11

2:7 Ac 9:15; 1Co 9:17; Ga 1:16; 1Th 2:4; 1Ti 1:11

2:8 Ac 1:25

2:9 Ro 12:3; Ga 1:18, Ga 1:19, Ga 2:1; Rev 3:12

2:10 Ac 24:17

2:11 Ac 11:19; Ga 1:18, Ga 2:7, Ga 2:9, Ga 2:14

2:12 Ac 10:28, Ac 11:3; Ga 2:9

2:13 Ac 4:36; Ga 2:1

2:14 Ga 2:5, Ga 2:11, Ga 2:12

2:15 1Sa 15:18; Eph 2:12

2:16 Ps 143:2; Ro 3:20, Ro 3:28, Ro 5:1; Ga 3:11

the Law. 17But if it is discovered that we ourselves are sinners while we are trying to be made righteous in Christ, then is Christ a servant of sin? Absolutely not! 18If I rebuild the very things that I tore down, I show that I myself am breaking the Law. 19I died to the Law through the Law, so that I could live for God. 20I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. And the life that I now live in my body, I live by faith, indeed, by the faithfulness of God's Son, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21I don't ignore the grace of God, because if we become righteous through the Law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Works versus the Spirit

3 You irrational Galatians! Who put a spell on you? Jesus Christ was put on display as crucified before your eyes! 2I just want to know this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the Law or by believing what you heard? 3Are you so irrational? After you started with the Spirit, are you now finishing up with your own human effort? 4Did you experience so much for nothing? I wonder if it really was for nothing. 5So does the one providing you with the Spirit and working miracles among you do this by you doing the works of the Law or by you believing what you heard?

Abraham: an example of righteousness

6Understand that in the same way that Abraham *believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness,*[a] 7those who believe are the children of Abraham. 8But when it saw ahead of time that God would make the Gentiles righteous on the basis of faith, scripture preached the gospel in advance to Abraham: *All the Gentiles will be blessed in you.*[b] 9Therefore, those who believe are blessed together with Abraham who believed.

2:17 Ro 3:4, Ro 6:1, Ro 7:4; Ga 2:15, Ga 3:21

2:19 Ro 6:2, Ro 6:11, Ro 7:4; 2Co 5:15

2:20 Ro 6:6, Ro 8:10, Ro 8:37; Ga 1:4, Ga 5:24

2:21 Ga 3:21

3:1 1Co 1:23; Ga 5:7

3:3 Ga 5:4

3:4 1Co 15:2; 2Jn 1:8

3:5 1Co 12:10; Ga 3:2

3:6 Gn 15:6; Ro 4:3, Ro 4:9

3:7 Lk 19:9; Jn 8:39; Ga 3:9, Ga 3:26

3:8 Gn 12:3, Gn 18:18, Gn 22:18; Ac 3:25

3:9 Ro 4:16; Ga 3:7, Ga 3:8

3:10 Dt 27:26; Jer 11:3; Ro 4:15

3:11 Hab 2:4; Ro 1:17; Ga 2:16; Heb 10:38

3:12 Lv 18:5; Ro 10:5

3:13 Dt 21:23; Ac 5:30; Ro 3:24; Ga 4:5; Heb 9:28

3:14 Jl 2:28; Jn 7:39; Ac 2:33; Ga 3:2; Eph 1:13

3:15 Ro 3:5; Heb 9:17

3:16 Gn 12:7, Gn 13:15, Gn 17:7, Gn 22:18; Ac 3:25

3:17 Gn 15:13; Ex 12:40, Ex 12:41; Ac 7:6

3:18 Ro 4:13, Ro 4:14; Heb 6:14

3:19 Ex 20:19; Dt 5:5; Ac 7:53; Ro 5:20; Ga 3:16

3:20 1Ti 2:5; Heb 8:6, Heb 9:15, Heb 12:24

3:21 Ga 2:17, Ga 2:21

10All those who rely on the works of the Law are under a curse, because it is written, *Everyone is cursed who does not keep on doing all the things that have been written in the Law scroll.*[c] 11But since no one is made righteous by the Law as far as God is concerned, it is clear that *the righteous one will live on the basis of faith.*[d] 12The Law isn't based on faith; rather, *the one doing these things will live by them.*[e] 13Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us—because it is written, *Everyone who is hung on a tree is cursed.*[f] 14He redeemed us so that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, and that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15Brothers and sisters, I'll use an example from human experience. No one ignores or makes additions to a validated will. 16The promises were made to Abraham and to his descendant. It doesn't say, "and to the descendants," as if referring to many rather than just one. It says, "and to your descendant," who is Christ. 17I'm saying this: the Law, which came four hundred thirty years later, doesn't invalidate the agreement that was previously validated by God so that it cancels the promise. 18If the inheritance were based upon the Law, it would no longer be from the promise. But God has given it graciously to Abraham through a promise.

The Law's origin and purpose

19So why was the Law given? It was added because of offenses, until the descendant would come to whom the promise had been made. It was put in place through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20Now the mediator does not take one side; but God is one. 21So, is the Law against the promises of God? Absolutely not! If a Law had been given that was able to give life, then righteousness would in fact have

[a]Gen 15:6 [b]Gen 12:3 [c]Deut 27:26 [d]Hab 2:4 [e]Lev 18:5 [f]Deut 21:23

come from the Law. [22]But scripture locked up all things under sin, so that the promise based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ might be given to those who have faith. [23]Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, [24]so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

God's children are heirs in Christ

[25]But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

[26]You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. [27]All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. [28]There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29]Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

4 I'm saying that as long as the heirs are minors, they are no different from slaves, though they really are the owners of everything. [2]However, they are placed under trustees and guardians until the date set by the parents. [3]In the same way, when we were minors, we were also enslaved by this world's system. [4]But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. [5]This was so he could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. [6]Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" [7]Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are his child, then you are also an heir through God.

Paul's concern for the Galatians

[8]At the time, when you didn't know God, you were enslaved by things that aren't gods by nature. [9]But now, after knowing God (or rather, being known by God), how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless world system? Do you want to be slaves to it again? [10]You observe religious days and months and seasons and years. [11]I'm afraid for you! Perhaps my hard work for you has been for nothing.

[12]I beg you to be like me, brothers and sisters, because I have become like you! You haven't wronged me. [13]You know that I first preached the gospel to you because of an illness. [14]Though my poor health burdened you, you didn't look down on me or reject me, but you welcomed me as if I were an angel from God, or as if I were Christ Jesus! [15]Where then is the great attitude that you had? I swear that, if possible, you would have dug out your eyes and given them to me. [16]So then, have I become your enemy by telling you the truth? [17]They are so concerned about you, though not with good intentions. Rather, they want to shut you out so that you would run after them. [18]However, it's always good to have people concerned about you with good intentions, and not just when I'm there with you. [19]My little children, I'm going through labor pains again until Christ is formed in you. [20]But I wish I could be with you now and change how I sound, because I'm at a loss about you.

Slave versus free

[21]Tell me—those of you who want to be under the Law—don't you listen to the Law? [22]It's written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and one by the free woman. [23]The son by the slave woman was conceived the normal way, but the son by the free woman was conceived through a promise. [24]These things are an allegory: the women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, which gives birth to slave children; this is Hagar. [25]Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and she corresponds to the present-day Jerusalem, because the city is in slavery with her children. [26]But the Jerusalem

3:22 Ro 3:9, Ro 11:32
3:23 Ro 11:32; Ga 3:25, Ga 4:4, Ga 4:5, Ga 4:21
3:24 Ro 10:4; 1Co 4:15; Ga 2:16
3:25 Ro 7:4; Ga 4:1
3:26 Jn 1:12; Ro 8:14; Ga 4:5; Eph 1:5
3:27 Mt 28:19; Ro 6:3, Ro 13:14; 1Co 12:13; 1Pt 3:21
3:28 Jn 17:11; Ro 10:12; 1Co 12:12, 1Co 12:13; Col 3:11
3:29 Ro 4:13, Ro 8:17; 1Co 3:23; Ga 4:7; Eph 3:6
4:1 2Ki 10:1; Ga 4:2
4:2 2Ki 10:1; Ga 4:1
4:3 Ga 2:4, Ga 4:9; Col 2:8, Col 2:20
4:4 Gn 3:15; Mk 1:15; Jn 1:14; Eph 1:10
4:5 Jn 1:12; Ga 3:13, Ga 3:26; Eph 1:5
4:6 Ac 16:7; Ro 5:5, Ro 8:15
4:7 Ro 8:17; Ga 3:29
4:8 Is 37:19; Jer 2:11; 1Co 1:21; 1Th 4:5; 2Th 1:8
4:9 1Co 8:3; Ga 4:3; Col 2:20
4:10 Ro 14:5; Col 2:16
4:11 2Co 12:20; Ga 2:2; Phi 2:16; 1Th 3:5
4:12 2Co 2:5, 2Co 6:13; Ga 6:18
4:13 1Co 2:3; 2Co 12:7
4:14 Mt 10:40; 2Co 5:20
4:15 Ps 106:12, Ps 106:13; Mt 24:12; Ro 10:2; Rev 2:4
4:16 Am 5:10
4:17 2Pt 2:3, 2Pt 2:18
4:18 Ps 69:9, Ps 119:139; Phi 1:27; Ti 2:14; Rev 3:19
4:19 1Co 4:15; Eph 4:13
4:21 Lk 16:29; Ro 9:30; Ga 2:14, Ga 3:23-24
4:22 Gn 16:15, Gn 21:2
4:23 Gn 18:10, Gn 21:1; Ro 9:7-8; Heb 11:11
4:24 Ga 4:25
4:25 Ga 4:24
4:26 Heb 12:22; Rev 3:12, Rev 21:2, Rev 21:10

that is above is free, and she is our mother. [27]It's written:

Rejoice, barren woman, you who
have not given birth.
Break out with a shout, you who
have not suffered labor pains;
because the woman who has been
deserted will have many more
children
than the woman who has a
husband.[g]

[28]Brothers and sisters, you are children of the promise like Isaac. [29]But just as it was then, so it is now also: the one who was conceived the normal way harassed the one who was conceived by the Spirit. [30]But what does the scripture say? *Throw out the slave woman and her son, because the slave woman's son won't share the inheritance with the free woman's son.*[h] [31]Therefore, brothers and sisters, we aren't the slave woman's children, but we are the free woman's children. [1]Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.

Arguments against being circumcised

[2]Look, I, Paul, am telling you that if you have yourselves circumcised, having Christ won't help you. [3]Again I swear to every man who has himself circumcised that he is required to do the whole Law. [4]You people who are trying to be made righteous by the Law have been estranged from Christ. You have fallen away from grace! [5]We eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness through the Spirit by faith. [6]Being circumcised or not being circumcised doesn't matter in Christ Jesus, but faith working through love does matter.

[7]You were running well—who stopped you from obeying the truth? [8]This line of reasoning doesn't come from the one who calls you. [9]A little yeast works through the whole lump of dough. [10]I'm convinced about you in the Lord that you won't think any other way. But the one who is confusing you will pay the penalty, whoever that may be. [11]Brothers and sisters, if I'm still preaching circumcision, why am I still being harassed? In that case, the offense of the cross would be canceled. [12]I wish that the ones who are upsetting you would castrate themselves!

[13]You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. [14]All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.*[i] [15]But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

Two different ways of living

[16]I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. [17]A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. [18]But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. [19]The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, [20]idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, [21]jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

[22]But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23]gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. [24]Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self with its passions and its desires.

4:27 Is 54:1
4:28 Ro 9:8; Ga 3:29, Ga 4:23
4:29 Gn 21:9; Ga 5:11
4:30 Gn 21:10; Jn 8:35
4:31 Ga 4:22
5:1 Jn 8:32; Ac 15:10; 1Co 16:13; Ga 2:4, Ga 5:13
5:2 Ac 15:1; 2Co 10:1; Ga 5:6
5:3 Ro 2:25; Ga 3:10
5:4 Ga 2:21; Heb 12:15; 2Pt 3:17
5:5 Ro 8:23, Ro 8:24, Ro 8:25
5:6 1Co 7:19; Ga 6:15; 1Th 1:3
5:7 1Co 9:24; Ga 3:1
5:8 Ga 1:6
5:9 Lk 13:21; 1Co 5:6, 1Co 15:33
5:10 2Co 2:3; Ga 1:7, Ga 5:12; Phi 3:15
5:11 1Co 1:23; Ga 4:29, Ga 6:12
5:12 Ga 5:10
5:13 1Co 8:9, 1Co 9:19; Ga 5:1; 1Pt 2:16
5:14 Lv 19:18; Mt 7:12, Mt 19:19; Ro 13:8, Ro 13:10
5:15 1Co 3:3; 2Co 12:20; Phi 3:2; Jas 3:14, Jas 4:1
5:16 Ro 8:4, Ro 13:14; Ga 5:24-25; Eph 2:3
5:17 Ro 7:15, Ro 7:18, Ro 7:23, Ro 8:5
5:18 Ro 6:14, Ro 8:14; Ga 5:16
5:19 1Co 6:9; 2Co 12:21
5:20 Ga 5:19
5:21 Ro 13:13; 1Co 6:9-10; Eph 5:5; Rev 22:15
5:22 Ro 14:17; 1Co 13:4; 2Co 6:6; Eph 5:9; Col 3:12
5:23 Ac 24:25; Ga 5:18; Ga 5:22; Eph 4:2; Ti 2:2
5:24 Ro 6:6, Ro 7:5, Ro 8:13, Ro 13:14; Ga 5:16

[g]Isa 54:1 [h]Gen 21:10 [i]Lev 19:18

[25]If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit. [26]Let's not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.

Caring and sharing

6 Brothers and sisters, if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual should restore someone like this with a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves so you won't be tempted too. [2]Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. [3]If anyone thinks they are important when they aren't, they're fooling themselves. [4]Each person should test their own work and be happy with doing a good job and not compare themselves with others. [5]Each person will have to carry their own load.

[6]Those who are taught the word should share all good things with their teacher. [7]Make no mistake, God is not mocked. A person will harvest what they plant. [8]Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. [9]Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up. [10]So then, let's work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith.

5:25 Ga 5:16
5:26 Phi 2:3; Jas 3:14
6:1 Ro 15:1; 1Co 2:15, 1Co 4:21; 2Th 3:15; Heb 12:13
6:2 Ro 15:1; 1Co 9:21; 1Th 5:14
6:3 1Co 3:18, 1Co 8:2
6:4 1Co 11:28; 2Co 13:5
6:5 Prv 9:12; Is 3:10–11; Jer 17:10; 1Co 3:8
6:6 Mt 10:10; Ro 15:27; 1Co 9:11, 1Co 9:14; 1Ti 5:18
6:7 Job 4:8; Hos 10:12; 1Co 6:9, 1Co 15:33; 2Co 9:6
6:8 Job 4:8; Prv 22:8; Hos 8:7; Ga 6:7; Jas 3:18
6:9 Ro 2:7; 1Co 15:58; 2Co 4:1; 2Th 3:13; Heb 12:3
6:10 Prv 3:27; Jn 12:35; Eph 2:19
6:11 1Co 16:21
6:12 Ac 15:1; Ga 2:3, Ga 5:11
6:13 Ro 2:25
6:14 Ro 6:6; 1Co 2:2; Ga 2:20, Ga 5:24; Phi 3:3
6:15 1Co 7:19; 2Co 5:17; Ga 5:6; Eph 2:10; Col 3:10
6:16 Ps 125:5; Ro 9:6
6:17 2Co 11:23

Final greeting

[11]Look at the large letters I'm making with my own handwriting! [12]Whoever wants to look good by human standards will try to get you to be circumcised, but only so they won't be harassed for the cross of Christ. [13]Those who are circumcised don't observe the Law themselves, but they want you to be circumcised, so they can boast about your physical body.[j]

[14]But as for me, God forbid that I should boast about anything except for the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through him, and I have been crucified to the world. [15]Being circumcised or not being circumcised doesn't mean anything. What matters is a new creation. [16]May peace and mercy be on whoever follows this rule and on God's Israel.

[17]From now on, no one should bother me because I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

[18]Brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

EPHESIANS

Greeting

1 From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will.

To the holy and faithful people in Christ Jesus in Ephesus.[a]

[2]Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:1 Ro 1:1; 1Co 1:1; 2Co 1:1; Ga 1:1; Col 1:2
1:3 2Co 1:3; Eph 1:20, Eph 2:6, Eph 3:10; 1Pt 1:3
1:4 Mt 25:34; Ro 8:29; Eph 2:10, Eph 4:15, Eph 5:27
1:5 Jn 1:12; Ro 8:29–30; Ga 4:5; Eph 1:11

The believers' blessings

[3]Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. [4]God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. [5]God destined us to be

[j]In Gk the word traditionally rendered as *flesh* is rendered here as *physical body*, but it has a wide range of meaning. Gal 5:13-25; 6:8, 12 contain nine close occurrences of the same word in Gk, but it is rendered as *selfish* in regard to impulses, desires, motives, or benefit, and *human standards* in 6:12. [a]The location of Ephesus was added in some later manuscripts, probably to make the opening of this letter similar to the others in the collection of Paul's letters.

his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan
6 and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. 7 We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace,
8 which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. 9 God revealed his hidden design[b] to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. 10 This is what God planned for the climax of all times:[c] to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. 11 We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. 12 We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. 13 You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. 14 The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians

15 Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that 16 I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers.
17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers,
19 and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. 20 God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, 21 far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. 22 God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, 23 which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

1:6 Mt 3:17; Eph 1:12, Eph 1:14
1:7 Ac 20:28; Ro 2:4, Ro 3:24; Eph 2:7; Col 1:14
1:8 Eph 3:10
1:9 Ro 16:25; Eph 1:10, Eph 3:3
1:10 Mk 1:15; Ga 4:4; Eph 3:15; Col 1:16, Col 1:20
1:11 Eph 1:5; Heb 6:17
1:12 Eph 1:6, Eph 1:14
1:13 Ac 2:33; 2Co 1:22; Eph 4:30; Col 1:5
1:14 Ac 20:32; 2Co 1:22, 2Co 5:5; Eph 1:6, Eph 1:12
1:15 Col 1:4; Phm 1:5
1:16 Ro 1:9; Eph 3:14; Phi 1:4; Col 1:9, 1Th 1:2
1:17 Is 11:2; Jn 20:17; Ro 15:6; Col 1:9
1:18 Ac 26:18; 2Co 4:6; Eph 1:7, Eph 4:4; Col 1:12
1:19 Eph 3:7, Eph 3:20, Eph 6:10; Col 1:29
1:20 Mk 16:19; Ac 2:24, Ac 4:10; Ro 8:34; Eph 1:3
1:21 Mt 12:32; Eph 3:10; Phi 2:9; Col 1:16, Col 2:10
1:22 1Co 11:3; Eph 4:15, Eph 5:23; Col 1:18, Col 2:19
1:23 Jn 1:16; 1Co 12:27; Eph 3:19; Col 1:18, Col 1:24
2:1 Eph 2:5; Col 2:13, Col 3:1
2:2 Jn 12:31; Ac 5:3; 1Co 6:11; Eph 2:3, Eph 5:6
2:3 Ro 5:12; Ga 5:16
2:4 Jn 3:16
2:5 Ac 15:11; Ro 5:8; Eph 2:1, Eph 2:8; Col 2:13
2:6 Eph 1:3, Eph 1:20; Col 2:12, Col 3:1
2:7 Ro 2:4; Eph 1:7, Eph 2:4; Ti 3:4
2:8 Jn 4:10; Eph 2:5; 2Ti 1:9; 1Pt 1:5
2:9 Ro 3:20, Ro 3:28; 1Co 1:29; 2Ti 1:9; Ti 3:5
2:10 2Co 5:17; Ga 6:15; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10; Ti 2:14

Saved from sin to life

2 At one time you were like a dead person because of the things you did wrong and your offenses against God. 2 You used to act like most people in our world do. You followed the rule of a destructive spiritual power. This is the spirit of disobedience to God's will that is now at work in persons whose lives are characterized by disobedience. 3 At one time you were like those persons. All of you used to do whatever felt good and whatever you thought you wanted so that you were children headed for punishment just like everyone else.

4-5 However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! 6 And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. 7 God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

8 You are saved by God's grace because of your faith.[d] This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. 9 It's not something you did that you can be proud of. 10 Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God

[b] Or *mystery* [c] Or *the fullness of times* [d] Or *through his faithfulness*

planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

The reconciliation of God's people

[11]So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called "uncircumcised" by Jews who are physically circumcised. [12]At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God's promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. [13]But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

[14]Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. [15]He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. [16]He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

[17]When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. [18]We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. [19]So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. [20]As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21]The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. [22]Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

Paul, apostle to the Gentiles

3 This is why I, Paul, am a prisoner of Christ for you Gentiles.

[2]You've heard, of course, about the responsibility to distribute God's grace, which God gave to me for you, right? [3]God showed me his secret plan[e] in a revelation, as I mentioned briefly before ([4]when you read this, you'll understand my insight into the secret plan[f] about Christ). [5]Earlier generations didn't know this hidden plan that God has now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets through the Spirit. [6]This plan is that the Gentiles would be coheirs and parts of the same body, and that they would share with the Jews in the promises of God in Christ Jesus through the gospel. [7]I became a servant of the gospel because of the grace that God showed me through the exercise of his power.

[8]God gave his grace to me, the least of all God's people, to preach the good news about the immeasurable riches of Christ to the Gentiles. [9]God sent me to reveal the secret plan[g] that had been hidden since the beginning of time by God, who created everything. [10]God's purpose is now to show the rulers and powers in the heavens the many different varieties of his wisdom through the church. [11]This was consistent with the plan he had from the beginning of time that he accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord. [12]In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in him.[h] [13]So then, I ask you not to become discouraged by what I'm suffering for you, which is your glory.

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians

[14]This is why I kneel before the Father. [15]Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. [16]I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. [17]I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, [18]I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. [19]I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so

2:11 Col 2:11
2:12 Ga 3:17; Eph 4:18; Col 1:21; 1Th 4:13
2:13 Ac 2:39; Eph 2:17; Col 1:20; 1Pt 3:18
2:14 Lk 2:14; 1Co 12:13; Ga 3:28; Col 1:20, Col 3:11
2:15 Col 2:14, Col 2:20
2:16 2Co 5:18; Eph 2:14; Col 1:20-21, Col 2:14
2:17 Is 57:19; Ro 5:1; Eph 2:13-14
2:18 Jn 10:7; Ro 5:2; 1Co 12:13; Eph 3:12, Eph 4:4
2:19 Ga 6:10; Eph 2:12, Eph 3:6; Phi 3:20; Heb 12:22
2:20 Ps 118:22; Is 28:16; Mt 16:18; 1Co 3:11; Rev 21:14
2:21 1Co 3:16-17
2:22 1Co 3:16; Eph 3:17; 1Pt 2:5
3:1 Ac 23:18; Eph 4:1; 2Ti 1:8; Phm 1:1, Phm 1:9
3:2 Eph 1:10; Col 1:25
3:3 Ro 16:25; Ga 1:12; Eph 1:9
3:4 2Co 11:6; Col 4:3
3:5 Eph 2:20, Eph 4:11
3:6 Ga 3:29; Eph 2:16
3:7 Eph 1:19; Col 1:23, Col 1:25
3:8 1Co 15:9
3:9 Ro 16:25; Eph 3:3; Col 1:26
3:10 Ro 11:33; 1Co 2:7; Eph 1:3, Eph 1:21; 1Pt 1:12
3:11 Prv 16:4; Mt 11:25; Eph 1:4, Eph 1:10; 2Ti 1:9
3:13 2Co 1:6; Eph 3:1
3:14 Eph 1:16; Phi 2:10
3:15 Eph 1:10
3:16 Ro 7:22; Eph 1:18, Eph 3:8; Phi 4:13; Col 1:11
3:17 Ga 2:20, Ga 5:6; Col 1:23, Col 2:7
3:18 Job 11:8; Eph 1:15, Eph 3:19
3:19 Eph 1:23; Phi 4:7; Col 2:10

[e]Or *mystery* [f]Or *mystery* [g]Or *mystery* [h]Or *through his faithfulness*

that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

20 Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; 21 glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

Unity of the body of Christ

4 Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. 2 Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, 3 and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. 4 You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

7 God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ. 8 That's why scripture says, *When he climbed up to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people.*[i]

9 What does the phrase "he climbed up" mean if it doesn't mean that he had first gone down into the lower regions, the earth? 10 The one who went down is the same one who climbed up above all the heavens so that he might fill everything.

11 He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. 12 His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ 13 until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. 15 Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, 16 who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does their part.

The old and new life

17 So I'm telling you this, and I insist on it in the Lord: you shouldn't live your life like the Gentiles anymore. They base their lives on pointless thinking, 18 and they are in the dark in their reasoning. They are disconnected from God's life because of their ignorance and their closed hearts. 19 They are people who lack all sense of right and wrong, and who have turned themselves over to doing whatever feels good and to practicing every sort of corruption along with greed.

20 But you didn't learn that sort of thing from Christ. 21 Since you really listened to him and you were taught how the truth is in Jesus, 22 change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. 23 Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit 24 and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

25 Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, *Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor*[j] because we are parts of each other in the same body. 26 *Be angry without sinning.*[k] Don't let the sun set on your anger. 27 Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. 28 Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

29 Don't let any foul words come

3:20 Ro 16:25; 2Co 9:8; Eph 3:7
3:21 Ro 11:36, Ro 16:27
4:1 Eph 3:1; Phi 1:27; Col 1:10
4:2 1Co 13:7; Col 3:12-13
4:3 Ro 14:17, Ro 14:19; 1Co 1:10; 2Co 13:11; 1Th 5:13
4:4 Ro 12:5; Eph 1:18, Eph 2:18; Col 3:15
4:5 1Co 1:13, 1Co 8:6
4:6 Dt 6:4; 1Co 8:6
4:7 Ro 12:3
4:8 Ps 68:18; Col 2:15
4:9 Jn 3:13
4:10 Heb 4:14, Heb 7:26
4:11 Jer 3:15; Ac 13:1, Ac 21:8; 1Co 12:28; 2Ti 4:5
4:12 1Co 12:27; 2Co 12:19; Eph 4:16, Eph 4:29
4:13 Jn 1:16; Eph 1:23, Eph 4:3, Eph 4:5; Col 1:28
4:14 Ro 16:18; 1Co 14:20; Heb 13:9; Jas 1:6
4:15 Eph 1:22, Eph 5:23; Col 1:18, Col 2:19
4:16 Eph 1:4, Eph 4:15; Col 2:19
4:17 Ro 1:21; Eph 2:1; 1Pt 4:3
4:18 Ro 1:21, Ro 11:25; 2Co 3:14, 2Co 4:4; Eph 2:12
4:19 Ro 1:24; Col 3:5; 1Ti 4:2; 1Pt 4:3
4:20 Mt 11:29; Ro 6:1, Ro 7:4, Ro 8:1; 1Co 5:7
4:21 Mk 5:19-20; Lk 8:35; Eph 1:13; Col 2:7
4:22 Ro 6:6; Eph 4:25; Col 3:8-9; Heb 3:13
4:23 Ps 51:10; Ro 12:2; Col 3:10
4:24 Ro 6:4, Ro 13:14; Eph 2:10; Col 3:10
4:25 Zec 8:16; Ro 12:5; Col 3:9
4:26 Dt 24:15; Ps 4:4, Ps 37:8
4:27 2Co 2:11; Eph 6:11; Jas 4:7; 1Pt 5:8
4:28 Ac 20:35; Ga 6:10; 1Th 4:11
4:29 Ecc 10:12; Mt 12:34; Eph 5:4; Col 3:8, Col 4:6

[i] Ps 68:18 [j] Zech 8:16 [k] Ps 4:4

out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. 30 Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. 31 Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. 32 Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

5 Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. 2 Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

3 Sexual immorality, and any kind of impurity or greed, shouldn't even be mentioned among you, which is right for holy persons. 4 Obscene language, silly talk, or vulgar jokes aren't acceptable for believers. Instead, there should be thanksgiving. 5 Because you know for sure that persons who are sexually immoral, impure, or greedy—which happens when things become gods—those persons won't inherit the kingdom of Christ and God.

Be children of light

6 Nobody should deceive you with stupid ideas. God's anger comes down on those who are disobedient because of this kind of thing. 7 So you shouldn't have anything to do with them. 8 You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light. 9 Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth. 10 Therefore, test everything to see what's pleasing to the Lord, 11 and don't participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them. 12 It's embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret. 13 But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light. 14 Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, *Wake up, sleeper!* [l] *Get up from the dead,* [m] *and Christ will shine on you.* [n]

Be filled with the Spirit

15 So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. 16 Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. 17 Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. 18 Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: 19 speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; 20 always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 and submit to each other out of respect for Christ. 22 For example, wives should submit to their husbands as if to the Lord. 23 A husband is the head of his wife like Christ is head of the church, that is, the savior of the body. 24 So wives submit to their husbands in everything like the church submits to Christ. 25 As for husbands, love your wives just like Christ loved the church and gave himself for her. 26 He did this to make her holy by washing her in a bath of water with the word. 27 He did this to present himself with a splendid church, one without any sort of stain or wrinkle on her clothes, but rather one that is holy and blameless. 28 That's how husbands ought to love their wives—in the same way as they do their own bodies. Anyone who loves his wife loves himself. 29 No one ever hates his own body, but feeds it and takes care of it just like Christ does for the church 30 because we are parts of his body. 31 *This is why a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two of them will be one body.* [o] 32 Marriage is a

4:30 Is 63:10; Eph 1:13-14; 1Th 5:19
4:31 Ro 3:14; Col 3:8; Jas 4:11; 1Pt 2:1
4:32 Mt 6:14; 1Co 13:4; Col 3:12-13; 1Pt 3:8
5:1 Mt 5:45, Mt 5:48; Lk 6:36; Jn 1:12; Eph 4:32
5:2 Jn 13:34; Ga 1:4, Ga 2:20; Eph 5:25; Heb 10:10
5:3 1Co 6:18; Eph 4:19; Col 3:5; Heb 13:5
5:4 Ro 1:28; Eph 4:29, Eph 5:20
5:5 1Co 6:9; Ga 5:21; Col 3:5; Rev 22:15
5:6 Ro 1:18; Eph 2:2; Col 2:8, Col 3:6
5:7 Ps 50:18; Prv 1:10, Prv 9:6, Prv 13:20; Rev 18:4
5:8 Lk 16:8; Jn 8:12, Jn 12:36; Ac 26:18; Eph 2:2
5:9 Ro 15:14; Ga 5:22-23; Phi 1:11
5:10 Ro 12:2; 1Th 5:21
5:11 Lv 19:17; Ro 13:12; 1Co 5:9; 2Co 6:14; 1Ti 5:20
5:12 Eph 5:3
5:13 Jn 3:20-21
5:14 Is 26:19, Is 51:17, Is 52:1, Is 60:1; Ro 13:11
5:15 Col 4:5
5:16 Ecc 12:1; Am 5:13; 1Co 7:29; Eph 6:13; Col 4:5
5:17 Ro 12:2; Col 1:9; 1Th 4:3, 1Th 5:18
5:18 Prv 20:1, Prv 23:20; Lk 1:15; Ro 13:13; 1Th 5:7
5:19 Ac 16:25; 1Co 14:15, 1Co 14:26; Col 3:16; Jas 5:13
5:20 Jn 14:13; Eph 5:4; Col 3:17; 1Th 5:18; Heb 13:15
5:21 2Co 7:1; Phi 2:3; 1Pt 5:5
5:22 Gn 3:16; 1Co 14:34; Eph 6:5; Col 3:18; 1Pt 3:1
5:23 1Co 11:3; Eph 1:22, Eph 4:15; Col 1:18
5:24 Ro 7:4; Eph 5:22, Eph 5:23, Eph 5:32; Col 3:20
5:25 Ac 20:28; Eph 5:2; Col 3:19; 1Pt 3:7; Rev 1:5
5:26 Jn 15:3, Jn 17:17; Ti 3:5; Heb 10:10, Heb 13:12
5:27 2Co 4:14, 2Co 11:2; Eph 1:4
5:28 Eph 5:25, Eph 5:33; Col 3:19
5:29 Is 40:11; Mt 23:37
5:30 Ro 12:5; 1Co 6:15, 1Co 12:27; Eph 1:23
5:31 Gn 2:24; Mt 19:5; Mk 10:7-8; 1Co 6:16
5:32 Ps 45:9; Ro 7:4, Ro 8:1; 2Co 11:2; Col 2:2

[l] Isa 26:19; 51:17; 52:1; 60:1 [m] Isa 26:19 [n] Isa 60:1 [o] Gen 2:24

significant allegory,[p] and I'm applying it to Christ and the church. [33]In any case, as for you individually, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and wives should respect[q] their husbands.

6 As for children, obey your parents in the Lord, because it is right. [2]The commandment *Honor your father and mother* is the first one with a promise attached: [3]*so that things will go well for you, and you will live for a long time in the land.*[r] [4]As for parents, don't provoke your children to anger, but raise them with discipline and instruction about the Lord.

[5]As for slaves, obey your human masters with fear and trembling and with sincere devotion to Christ. [6]Don't work to make yourself look good and try to flatter people, but act like slaves of Christ carrying out God's will from the heart. [7]Serve your owners enthusiastically, as though you were serving the Lord and not human beings. [8]You know that the Lord will reward every person who does what is right, whether that person is a slave or a free person. [9]As for masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Stop threatening them, because you know that both you and your slaves have a master in heaven. He doesn't distinguish between people on the basis of status.

Put on the armor of God

[10]Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. [11]Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. [12]We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. [13]Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. [14]So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, [15]and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. [16]Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17]Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

[18]Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. [19]As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this secret plan[s] of the gospel known. [20]I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say.

Final greeting

[21]Tychicus, my loved brother and faithful servant of the Lord, can inform you about my situation and what I'm doing. [22]I've sent him for this reason—so that you will know about us. He can reassure you.

[23]May there be peace with the brothers and sisters as well as love with the faith that comes from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [24]May grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ forever.

5:33 Eph 5:25, Eph 5:28; Col 3:19; 1Pt 3:2

6:1 Prv 1:8, Prv 6:20, Prv 23:22; Col 3:20

6:2 Ex 20:12

6:3 Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16, Eph 6:2

6:4 Gn 18:19; Dt 6:7; Prv 22:6, Prv 29:17; Col 3:21

6:5 2Co 11:3; Col 3:22; 1Ti 6:1; Ti 2:9; 1Pt 2:18

6:6 1Co 7:22; Ga 1:10; Col 3:22

6:7 Col 3:23

6:8 Mt 16:27; 1Co 12:13; Ga 3:28; Col 3:11, Col 3:24

6:9 Lv 25:43; Job 31:13; Jn 13:13; Ac 10:34; Col 4:1

6:10 1Co 16:13; Eph 1:19; 2Ti 2:1

6:11 Ro 13:12; 2Co 6:7, 2Co 10:4; Eph 6:13; 1Th 5:8

6:12 Jn 12:31; Eph 1:3, Eph 1:21, Eph 2:2; Col 1:13

6:13 Eph 5:16, Eph 6:11

6:14 Is 11:5, Is 59:17; Lk 12:35; 1Th 5:8; 1Pt 1:13

6:15 Is 52:7; Ro 10:15

6:16 Ps 120:4; Mt 5:37; 1Th 5:8; 1Jn 5:4

6:17 Is 59:17; Mt 4:4; 1Th 5:8; Heb 4:12

6:18 Mt 26:41; Lk 18:1; Phl 4:6; Col 4:2; 1Ti 2:1

6:19 Ac 4:29; Ro 15:30; Eph 3:3; Col 4:3; 1Th 5:25

6:20 2Co 5:20

6:21 Ac 20:4; Col 4:7; 2Ti 4:12; Ti 3:12

6:22 Col 2:2, Col 4:7-8

6:23 Ga 5:6, Ga 6:16; 2Th 3:16; 1Pt 5:14

6:24 2Co 13:14

[p]Or *mystery* [q]Or *fear* [r]Exod 20:12; Deut 5:16 [s]Or *mystery*

PHILIPPIANS

Greeting

1 From Paul and Timothy, slaves of
Christ Jesus.
To all those in Philippi who are God's
people in Christ Jesus, along with
your supervisors[a] and servants.[b]
2 May the grace and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

Thanksgiving and prayer

3 I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. 4 I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. 5 I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. 6 I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. 7 I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. 8 God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

9 This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. 10 I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. 11 I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

Priority of the gospel

12 Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the things that have happened to me have actually advanced the gospel. 13 The whole Praetorian Guard and everyone else knows that I'm in prison for Christ. 14 Most of the brothers and sisters have had more confidence through the Lord to speak the word boldly and bravely because of my jail time. 15 Some certainly preach Christ with jealous and competitive motives, but others preach with good motives. 16 They are motivated by love, because they know that I'm put here to give a defense of the gospel; 17 the others preach Christ because of their selfish ambition. They are insincere, hoping to cause me more pain while I'm in prison.

18 What do I think about this? Just this: since Christ is proclaimed in every possible way, whether from dishonest or true motives, I'm glad and I'll continue to be glad. 19 I'm glad because I know that this will result in my release through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 20 It is my expectation and hope that I won't be put to shame in anything. Rather, I hope with daring courage that Christ's greatness will be seen in my body, now as always, whether I live or die. 21 Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. 22 If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. 23 But I don't know what I prefer. I'm torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 However, it's more important for me to stay in this world for your sake. 25 I'm sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, 26 and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again.

Live worthy of the gospel

27 Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I'm

1:1 Ac 16:1; Ro 1:1; 2Co 1:1; 1Ti 3:1, 1Ti 3:8
1:2 Ro 1:7; 1Th 1:1
1:3 Ro 1:8
1:4 Ro 1:9
1:5 Ac 2:42, Ac 16:12; Phi 4:15; 1Jn 1:7
1:6 Ps 138:8; 1Co 1:8; Phi 1:10, Phi 2:16
1:7 2Co 7:3; Phi 1:13, Phi 1:16-17
1:8 Ro 1:9, Ro 9:1; Phi 4:1
1:9 Col 1:9; 1Th 3:12; 2Th 1:3
1:10 Ac 24:16; 1Co 1:8; Phi 1:6; 1Th 3:13, 1Th 5:23
1:11 Jn 15:8; 2Co 9:10; Eph 1:12; Col 1:10; Jas 3:18
1:12 Ac 8:4, Ac 11:19; 2Ti 2:9
1:13 Eph 3:1; Phi 1:7; Col 4:3; 2Ti 2:9
1:14 Ac 4:31
1:15 Phi 1:16
1:16 Phi 2:3
1:17 Phi 1:7, Phi 1:12, Phi 1:27; Jud 1:3
1:18 Mk 9:38; Lk 9:50; Ac 5:42, Ac 8:12; Phi 1:15
1:19 Ac 16:7; 2Co 1:11
1:20 Ro 8:19, Ro 14:8; 1Co 6:20
1:21 Phi 1:20
1:22 2Co 10:3; Col 2:1; 1Pt 4:2
1:23 Lk 23:43; Jn 12:26; 2Co 5:8; 1Th 4:17; 2Ti 4:6
1:24 Jn 16:7
1:25 Phi 2:24
1:26 2Co 1:14; Phi 2:16
1:27 1Co 1:10, 1Co 16:13; Eph 4:1; Phi 4:1; Jud 1:3

[a] Or *overseers, bishops* [b] Or *deacons*

absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. [28]That way, you won't be afraid of anything your enemies do. Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. [29]God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ's sake. [30]You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I'm still facing.

Imitate Christ

2 Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, [2]complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. [3]Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. [4]Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. [5]Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

[6]Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal
with God something to exploit.
[7]But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human
beings.
When he found himself
in the form of a human,
[8]he humbled himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
[9]Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all
names,
[10]so that at the name of Jesus
everyone
in heaven, on earth,
and under the earth might bow
[11]and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

1:28 2Th 1:5

1:29 Ac 5:41

1:30 Ac 16:19; Col 2:1; 1Th 2:2; Heb 10:32

2:1 2Co 13:14; Col 3:12

2:2 Jn 3:29; Ro 12:16, Ro 15:5; Phi 4:2

2:3 Ro 12:10; Ga 5:26; Eph 5:21; Phi 1:16; 1Pt 5:5

2:4 1Co 10:24, 1Co 10:33, 1Co 13:5

2:5 Mt 11:29; Ro 15:3, Ro 15:5; 1Pt 2:21, 1Pt 4:1

2:6 Jn 1:1, Jn 5:18, Jn 10:33; 2Co 4:4; Col 1:15

2:7 Mt 20:28; Lk 22:27; Jn 1:14; Ro 8:3; 2Co 8:9

2:8 Mt 26:39; Jn 10:18; Ac 8:33; Heb 5:8, Heb 12:2

2:9 Is 52:13, Is 53:12; Mt 28:18; Eph 1:20; Heb 2:9

2:10 Is 45:23; Mt 28:18; Ro 14:11; Eph 1:10

2:11 Jn 13:13; Ro 10:9, Ro 14:9

2:12 2Co 7:15; Heb 5:9

2:13 Is 26:12; 1Co 12:6, 1Co 15:10; Eph 1:5; Heb 13:21

2:14 1Co 10:10; 1Pt 4:9

2:15 Dt 32:5; Mt 5:14, Mt 5:45; Eph 5:1, Eph 5:8

2:16 Ga 2:2, Ga 4:11; 1Th 2:19, 1Th 3:5

2:17 Ro 12:1, Ro 15:16; 2Co 12:15; Col 1:24; 2Ti 4:6

2:18 Phi 3:1

2:19 Ac 16:1; 1Co 4:17; Phi 1:1, Phi 2:23; 1Th 3:2

2:20 1Co 16:10

2:21 1Co 10:24

2:22 1Co 4:17; 1Ti 1:2; 2Ti 1:2

2:23 Phi 2:19

2:24 Phi 1:25

2:25 Phi 4:3, Phi 4:18; Phm 1:2

2:26 Phi 1:8

2:27 2Ki 20:1; Ac 9:37; Phi 2:30

2:29 Ro 16:2; 1Co 16:18; 1Th 5:12-13; 1Ti 5:17

Carry out your salvation

[12]Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. [13]God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes. [14]Do everything without grumbling and arguing [15]so that you may be blameless and pure, innocent children of God surrounded by people who are crooked and corrupt. Among these people you shine like stars in the world [16]because you hold on to the word of life. This will allow me to say on the day of Christ that I haven't run for nothing or worked for nothing. [17]But even if I am poured out like a drink offering upon the altar of service for your faith, I am glad. I'm glad with all of you. [18]You should be glad about this in the same way. Be glad with me!

Sending Timothy and Epaphroditus

[19]I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to see you soon so that I may be encouraged by hearing about you. [20]I have no one like him. He is a person who genuinely cares about your well-being. [21]All the others put their own business ahead of Jesus Christ's business. [22]You know his character, how he labors with me for the gospel like a son works with his father. [23]So he is the one that I hope to send as soon as I find out how things turn out here for me. [24]I trust in the Lord that I also will visit you soon.

[25]I think it is also necessary to send Epaphroditus to you. He is my brother, coworker, and fellow soldier; and he is your representative who serves my needs. [26]He misses you all, and he was upset because you heard he was sick. [27]In fact, he was so sick that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him—and not just on him but also on me, because his death would have caused me great sorrow. [28]Therefore, I am sending him immediately so that when you see him again you can be glad and I won't worry. [29]So welcome him in the Lord

with great joy and show great respect for people like him. 30He risked his life and almost died for the work of Christ, and he did this to make up for the help you couldn't give me.

Values and priorities

3 So then, my brothers and sisters, be glad in the Lord. It's no trouble for me to repeat the same things to you because they will help keep you on track. 2Watch out for the "dogs." Watch out for people who do evil things. Watch out for those who insist on circumcision, which is really mutilation. 3We are the circumcision. We are the ones who serve by God's Spirit and who boast in Christ Jesus. We don't put our confidence in rituals performed on the body, 4though I have good reason to have this kind of confidence. If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more:

5I was circumcised on the eighth day.
I am from the people of Israel
and the tribe of Benjamin.
I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.
With respect to observing the
Law, I'm a Pharisee.
6With respect to devotion to the faith,
I harassed the church.
With respect to righteousness
under the Law, I'm blameless.

7These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. 8But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ 9and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. 10The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death 11so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

12It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. 13Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. 14The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus. 15So all of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, and if anyone thinks differently, God will reveal it to him or her. 16Only let's live in a way that is consistent with whatever level we have reached.

Imitate Paul

17Brothers and sisters, become imitators of me and watch those who live this way—you can use us as models. 18As I have told you many times and now say with deep sadness, many people live as enemies of the cross. 19Their lives end with destruction. Their god is their stomach, and they take pride in their disgrace because their thoughts focus on earthly things. 20Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to a savior that comes from there—the Lord Jesus Christ. 21He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his glorious body, by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself.

Stand firm in the Lord

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, 2I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. 3Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

4Be glad in the Lord always! Again I

2:30 1Co 16:17; Phi 4:10
3:1 Ps 32:11; Phi 2:18, Phi 4:4; 1Th 5:16
3:2 Ps 22:16; 2Co 11:13; Ga 5:15; Rev 22:15
3:3 Ro 2:29, Ro 5:11; Ga 6:14-15; Col 2:11
3:4 2Co 11:18
3:5 Ac 23:6; Ro 11:1; 2Co 11:22
3:6 Ac 8:3, Ac 22:3-4; Ga 1:13; Phi 3:9
3:7 Lk 14:33; Phi 3:8
3:8 Jn 17:3; Ac 20:24; Phi 3:7
3:9 Ro 1:17, Ro 9:30, Ro 10:4-5; 1Co 1:30
3:10 Ro 6:5, Ro 8:17; 2Co 1:5; 2Ti 2:12
3:11 Ac 26:7
3:12 1Ti 6:12
3:13 Lk 9:62; Phi 3:14
3:14 Ro 8:28; 1Co 9:24; Heb 3:1; 1Pt 5:10
3:15 1Co 2:6; Ga 5:10
3:16 Ga 6:16
3:17 1Co 4:16, 1Co 11:1; Phi 4:9, 1Ti 4:12; 1Pt 5:3
3:18 Ac 20:31
3:19 Ro 6:21, Ro 16:18; 2Co 11:15; Col 3:2; Jud 1:13
3:20 Ac 1:11; 1Co 1:7; Eph 2:19; Col 3:1; Ti 2:13
3:21 Ro 8:29; 1Co 15:43; Eph 1:19; Col 3:4; 1Jn 3:2
4:1 1Co 16:13; Phi 1:8, Phi 1:27; 1Th 2:19; 2Th 2:15
4:2 Phi 2:2
4:3 Ps 69:28; Lk 10:20; Rev 20:12
4:4 Phi 3:1

say, be glad! 5Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. 6Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. 7Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

8From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. 9Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

Paul's thanks for gifts

10I was very glad in the Lord because now at last you have shown concern for me again. (Of course you were always concerned but had no way to show it.) 11I'm not saying this because I need anything, for I have learned how to be content in any circumstance. 12I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. 13I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength. 14Still, you have done well to share my distress.

15You Philippians know from the time of my first mission work in Macedonia how no church shared in supporting my ministry except you. 16You sent contributions repeatedly to take care of my needs even while I was in Thessalonica. 17I'm not hoping for a gift, but I am hoping for a profit that accumulates in your account. 18I now have plenty and it is more than enough. I am full to overflowing because I received the gifts that you sent from Epaphroditus. Those gifts give off a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice that pleases God. 19My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus. 20Let glory be given to God our Father forever and always. Amen.

Final greeting

21Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters with me send you their greeting. 22All God's people here, especially those in Caesar's household, send you their greeting. 23The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits.

4:5 Jas 5:8; 1Pt 4:7

4:6 Mt 6:25, Mt 7:7, Mt 13:22; 1Co 7:32; Eph 6:18

4:7 Is 26:3; Jn 14:27; Eph 3:19; Col 3:15; 1Pt 1:5

4:8 Prv 11:1; Ro 2:29; 2Co 8:21; Jas 3:17; 1Pt 2:12

4:9 Ro 15:33; Phi 3:17

4:10 2Co 11:9

4:11 Lk 3:14; 1Ti 6:6, 1Ti 6:8; Heb 13:5

4:12 1Co 4:11; 2Co 11:9

4:13 2Co 12:9; Eph 3:16; 1Ti 1:12; 2Ti 4:17

4:14 Phi 1:7; Rev 1:9

4:15 2Co 11:8, 2Co 11:9; Phi 1:5

4:16 Ac 17:1; 1Th 2:9

4:17 1Co 9:12

4:18 Ro 12:1; Eph 5:2; Phi 2:25; Heb 13:16

4:19 Ps 23:1; Ro 2:4; 2Co 9:8; Eph 2:7

4:22 Phi 1:13

COLOSSIANS

Greeting

1From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother.

2To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

Thanksgiving and prayer for the Colossians

3We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. 4We've done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people. 5You have this faith and love because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You previously heard about this hope through the true message, the good news, 6which has come to you. This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace, in the same way that it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world.

1:1 Ac 16:1; Ro 1:1; 1Co 1:1; 2Co 1:1; Eph 1:1

1:2 Ro 1:7; Eph 1:1

1:3 Ro 1:8; 1Co 1:4; Eph 1:15, Eph 3:14; 1Th 1:2

1:4 Ga 5:6; Eph 1:15; 1Th 1:3; Phm 1:5

1:5 Ac 23:6; Eph 1:13; Col 1:23; 2Ti 4:8; 1Pt 1:4

1:6 Ro 10:18; Col 1:23

7You learned it from Epaphras, who is
the fellow slave we love and Christ's
faithful minister for your sake. 8He
informed us of your love in the Spirit.

9Because of this, since the day we
heard about you, we haven't stopped
praying for you and asking for you to
be filled with the knowledge of God's
will, with all wisdom and spiritual un-
derstanding. 10We're praying this so
that you can live lives that are wor-
thy of the Lord and pleasing to him in
every way: by producing fruit in every
good work and growing in the knowl-
edge of God; 11by being strengthened
through his glorious might so that
you endure everything and have pa-
tience; 12and by giving thanks with joy
to the Father. He made it so you could
take part in the inheritance, in light
granted to God's holy people. 13He res-
cued us from the control of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom
of the Son he loves. 14He set us free
through the Son and forgave our sins.

Hymn about Christ's work

15The Son is the image
of the invisible God,
the one who is first over all
creation,[a]

16Because all things were created by
him:
both in the heavens and on the
earth,
the things that are visible
and the things that are invisible.
Whether they are thrones or
powers,
or rulers or authorities,
all things were created
through him and for him.

17He existed before all things,
and all things are held together
in him.

18He is the head of the body, the
church,
who is the beginning,
the one who is firstborn
from among the dead[b]
so that he might occupy
the first place in everything.

19Because all the fullness of God
was pleased to live in him,
20and he reconciled all things to
himself through him—
whether things on earth
or in the heavens.
He brought peace
through the blood of his cross.

21Once you were alienated from
God and you were enemies with him
in your minds, which was shown by
your evil actions. 22But now he has
reconciled you by his physical body
through death, to present you before
God as a people who are holy, faultless,
and without blame. 23But you need
to remain well established and rooted
in faith and not shift away from the
hope given in the good news that you
heard. This message has been preached
throughout all creation under heaven.
And I, Paul, became a servant of this
good news.

Paul's service for the church

24Now I'm happy to be suffering for
you. I'm completing what is missing
from Christ's sufferings with my own
body. I'm doing this for the sake of his
body, which is the church. 25I became
a servant of the church by God's com-
mission, which was given to me for you,
in order to complete God's word. 26I'm
completing it with a secret plan[c] that
has been hidden for ages and genera-
tions but which has now been revealed
to his holy people. 27God wanted to
make the glorious riches of this se-
cret plan[d] known among the Gentiles,
which is Christ living in you, the hope
of glory. 28This is what we preach as we
warn and teach every person with all
wisdom so that we might present each

1:7 1Co 4:17; Col 4:7, Col 4:12; Phm 1:23
1:8 Ro 15:30; Ga 5:22
1:9 Eph 1:15-17; Phi 1:9; Col 1:4
1:10 Eph 4:1
1:11 Eph 3:16, Eph 4:2
1:12 Ac 20:32, Ac 26:18; Eph 5:20
1:13 Ac 26:18; Eph 1:6, Eph 6:12; 2Pt 1:11
1:14 Ro 3:24; Eph 1:7
1:15 Jn 1:18; Ro 8:29; 2Co 4:4; 1Ti 1:17; Heb 1:3
1:16 Jn 1:3; Ro 11:36; 1Co 8:6; Eph 1:21; Col 2:10
1:17 Mi 5:2; Jn 1:1, Jn 8:58; Heb 1:3
1:18 Ac 26:23; Ro 8:29; Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:24
1:19 Jn 1:16; Eph 1:5, Eph 1:23; Col 2:9
1:20 Ro 5:1; 2Co 5:18; Eph 1:10, Eph 2:13-14
1:21 Ro 5:10, Ro 8:7; Eph 2:12; Ti 1:15
1:22 Ro 7:4; Eph 1:4, Eph 5:27
1:23 Mk 16:15; Eph 3:7, Eph 3:17; Col 1:5-6
1:24 2Co 1:5; Eph 1:23; Phi 2:17; Col 1:18; 2Ti 2:10
1:25 Eph 3:2; Col 1:23
1:26 Mt 13:11; Ro 16:25-26; 1Co 2:7
1:27 Ro 5:2, Ro 8:10; Eph 1:18, Eph 3:16; 1Ti 1:1
1:28 Mt 5:48; Ac 20:31; Eph 4:13; Col 3:16; Heb 13:21

[a]Or *firstborn of all creation* [b]Or *first over the dead* [c]Or *mystery* [d]Or *mystery*

one mature in Christ. [29]I work hard and struggle for this goal with his energy, which works in me powerfully.

2 I want you to know how much I struggle for you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who haven't known me personally. [2]My goal is that their hearts would be encouraged and united together in love so that they might have all the riches of assurance that come with understanding, so that they might have the knowledge of the secret plan[e] of God, namely Christ. [3]All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him. [4]I'm telling you this so that no one deceives you with convincing arguments, [5]because even though I am absent physically, I'm with you in spirit. I'm happy to see the discipline and stability of your faith in Christ.

Error threatening the church

[6]So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. [7]Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. [8]See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. [9]All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. [10]And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. [11]You were also circumcised by him. This wasn't performed by human hands—the whole body was removed through this circumcision by Christ. [12]You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. [13]When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. [14]He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross. [15]When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

[16]So don't let anyone judge you about eating or drinking or about a festival, a new moon observance, or sabbaths. [17]These religious practices are only a shadow of what was coming—the body that cast the shadow is Christ. [18]Don't let anyone who wants to practice harsh self-denial and worship angels rob you of the prize. They go into detail about what they have seen in visions and have become unjustifiably arrogant by their selfish way of thinking. [19]They don't stay connected to the head. The head nourishes and supports the whole body through the joints and ligaments, so the body grows with a growth that is from God.

[20]If you died with Christ to the way the world thinks and acts, why do you submit to rules and regulations as though you were living in the world? [21]"Don't handle!" "Don't taste!" "Don't touch!" [22]All these things cease to exist when they are used. Such rules are human commandments and teachings. [23]They look like they are wise with this self-made religion and their self-denial by the harsh treatment of the body, but they are no help against indulging in selfish immoral behavior.

Your life hidden in Christ

3 Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. [2]Think about the things above and not things on earth. [3]You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4]When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

[5]So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is

2:1 Ga 4:19; Col 1:29, Col 4:12-13; Rev 1:11
2:2 Ro 16:25; Eph 6:22; Col 1:27, Col 4:3, Col 4:8
2:3 Is 11:2; Lk 2:40; Ro 11:33; 1Co 1:24, 1Co 1:30
2:4 Ro 16:18
2:5 1Co 5:3, 1Co 14:40; 1Pt 5:9
2:6 1Th 4:1
2:7 Eph 2:20, Eph 3:17, Eph 4:21
2:8 Ga 4:3; Eph 5:6; Col 2:20; 1Ti 6:20
2:9 Col 1:19
2:10 Eph 1:21; Col 1:16
2:11 Dt 30:6; Ro 2:29; Eph 2:11; Phi 3:3
2:12 Ac 2:24; Ro 6:4-5; Eph 1:20; Col 3:1
2:13 Eph 2:1, Eph 2:5
2:14 Eph 2:14-15; Col 2:20; 1Pt 2:24
2:15 Jn 12:31
2:16 Ro 14:3, Ro 14:5, Ro 14:17; Ga 4:10; Heb 9:10
2:17 Heb 8:5, Heb 10:1
2:18 Ro 8:7; 1Co 9:24; Col 2:23
2:19 Eph 1:22, Eph 4:15-16; Col 1:18
2:20 Ro 6:2; Ga 4:9; Col 2:8, Col 2:14, Col 2:16
2:21 1Ti 4:3
2:22 Is 29:13; Mt 15:9; 1Co 6:13; Ti 1:14
2:23 Col 2:18; 1Ti 4:8
3:1 Mk 16:19; Ro 6:4, Ro 8:34; Eph 1:20; Col 2:12
3:2 Mt 16:23; Phi 3:19
3:3 Ro 6:2, Ro 6:11; Ga 2:20; Col 2:20, Col 3:4
3:4 Jn 11:25; Ga 2:20; Phi 3:21; 1Pt 1:13; 1Jn 3:2
3:5 Ro 8:13; Ga 5:24; Eph 4:19, Eph 5:3, Eph 5:5

[e]Or *mystery*

idolatry). 6The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. 7You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. 8But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. 9Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices 10and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. 11In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

12Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. 14And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. 16The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

18Wives, submit to your husbands in a way that is appropriate in the Lord. 19Husbands, love your wives and don't be harsh with them. 20Children, obey your parents in everything, because this pleases the Lord. 21Parents, don't provoke your children in a way that ends up discouraging them.

22Slaves, obey your masters on earth in everything. Don't just obey like people pleasers when they are watching. Instead, obey with the single motivation of fearing the Lord. 23Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. 24You know that you will receive an inheritance as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ. 25But evildoers will receive their reward for their evil actions. There is no discrimination.

4 Masters, be just and fair to your slaves, knowing that you yourselves have a master in heaven.

2Keep on praying and guard your prayers with thanksgiving. 3At the same time, pray for us also. Pray that God would open a door for the word so we can preach the secret plan[f] of Christ—which is why I'm in chains. 4Pray that I might be able to make it as clear as I ought to when I preach. 5Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6Your speech should always be gracious and sprinkled with insight so that you may know how to respond to every person.

Final greeting

7Tychicus, our dearly loved brother, faithful minister, and fellow slave in the Lord, will inform you about everything that has happened to me. 8This is why I sent him to you, so that you'll know all about us and so he can encourage your hearts. 9I sent him with Onesimus, our faithful and dearly loved brother, who is one of you. They will let you know about everything here.

10Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, says hello to you. So does Mark, Barnabas' cousin (you received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him). 11Jesus, called Justus, also says hello. These are my only fellow workers for God's kingdom who are Jewish converts. They have been an encouragement to me. 12Epaphras, who is one of you, says hello. He's a slave of Christ Jesus who always wrestles for you in prayers so that you will stand firm and be fully mature and complete in the entire will of God. 13I can

3:6 Ro 1:18; Eph 2:2, Eph 5:6
3:7 Eph 2:2; Ti 3:3
3:8 Eph 4:22, Eph 4:29, Eph 4:31; 1Pt 2:1
3:9 Lv 19:11; Ro 6:6; Eph 4:22, Eph 4:25
3:10 Ro 8:29, Ro 12:2; Eph 2:10, Eph 4:23-24
3:11 Ro 10:12; 1Co 12:13; Ga 3:28, Ga 5:6; Eph 1:23
3:12 Eph 4:2, Eph 4:32; Phi 2:1
3:13 Mk 11:25; Ro 15:7; Eph 4:2, Eph 4:32; 1Pt 2:21
3:14 1Co 13:1; Eph 4:3, Eph 5:2; Heb 6:1
3:15 Jn 14:27; Phi 4:7
3:16 1Co 14:15; Eph 5:19; Col 1:28
3:17 Ro 1:8; 1Co 10:31; Eph 5:20; Col 1:12; 1Th 5:18
3:18 Est 1:20; Eph 5:22; 1Pt 3:1
3:19 Eph 5:25, Eph 5:28, Eph 5:33; 1Pt 3:7
3:20 Prv 6:20; Eph 6:1
3:21 Eph 6:4
3:22 Eph 6:5-6; 1Pt 2:18
3:23 Eph 6:7; Col 3:17
3:24 Ac 20:32; 1Co 7:22; Eph 6:8
3:25 Dt 10:17; Ac 10:34; Ro 2:11; Eph 6:9; 1Pt 1:17
4:1 Job 31:13; Eph 6:9
4:2 Lk 18:1; Ro 12:12; Eph 6:18; Phi 4:6
4:3 Ac 14:27; Ro 16:25; Eph 6:19-20; Col 2:2
4:4 Eph 6:20
4:5 Mk 4:11; Eph 5:15-16
4:6 Mk 9:50; Eph 4:29; 1Pt 3:15
4:7 Ac 20:4; Eph 6:21-22; Col 1:7; 2Ti 4:12
4:8 Eph 6:22; Col 2:2
4:9 Phm 1:10
4:10 Ac 15:37, Ac 19:29, Ac 27:2; 2Ti 4:11; Phm 1:24
4:12 Ro 15:30; Col 1:7, Col 1:28; Phm 1:23
4:13 Col 2:1

[f] Or *mystery*

vouch for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and Hierapolis. 14Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas say hello.

15Say hello to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, along with Nympha and the church that meets in her house. 16After this letter has been read to you publicly, make sure that the church in Laodicea reads it and that you read the one from Laodicea. 17And tell Archippus, "See to it that you complete the ministry that you received in the Lord."

18I, Paul, am writing this greeting personally. Remember that I'm in prison. Grace be with you.

4:14 2Ti 4:10-11; Phm 1:24
4:15 Ro 16:5; Phm 1:2
4:16 1Th 5:27
4:17 2Ti 4:5; Phm 1:2
4:18 1Co 16:21; 2Th 3:17; 1Ti 6:21; 2Ti 4:22; Heb 13:3

1 THESSALONIANS

Greeting

1From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.
To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace and peace to all of you.

Thanksgiving to God

2We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. 3This is because we remember your work that comes from faith,[a] your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. 4Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. 5We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. 6You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. 7As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. 9People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving[b] the living and true God, 10and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

1:1 Ac 16:1, Ac 17:1; Ro 1:7; 2Co 1:19; 2Th 1:1
1:2 Ro 1:8-9; Eph 1:16, Eph 5:20; Col 1:3
1:3 Ro 8:25; 1Co 13:13; Ga 5:6; 2Th 1:3, 2Th 1:11
1:5 Ro 1:16, Ro 15:19; 1Co 2:4; Col 2:2; 2Th 2:14
1:6 Ac 13:52, Ac 17:5; 1Co 4:16, 1Co 11:1; Ga 5:22
1:8 Ro 1:8, Ro 10:18, Ro 16:19; 2Th 3:1
1:9 Ac 14:15; 1Co 12:2
1:10 Mt 3:7; Ac 2:24; Ro 5:9; 1Co 1:7; 1Th 5:9
2:1 1Th 1:9; 2Th 1:10
2:3 2Co 2:17, 2Co 4:2; 1Th 4:7
2:4 Ro 8:27; Ga 1:10, Ga 2:7; 1Ti 1:11
2:5 Ac 20:33; Ro 1:9; 1Th 2:10
2:6 Jn 5:41; 1Co 9:1; 2Co 4:5
2:7 1Th 2:11; 2Ti 2:24
2:8 Ro 1:1; 2Co 12:15; 1Jn 3:16

Paul's ministry in Thessalonica

2As you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, our visit with you wasn't a waste of time. 2On the contrary, we had the courage through God to speak God's good news in spite of a lot of opposition, although we had already suffered and were publicly insulted, as you know. 3Our appeal isn't based on false information, the wrong motives, or deception. 4Rather, we have been examined and approved by God to be trusted with the good news, and that's exactly how we speak. We aren't trying to please people, but we are trying to please God, who continues to examine our hearts. 5As you know, we never used flattery, and God is our witness that we didn't have greedy motives. 6We didn't ask for special treatment from people—not from you or from others—7although we could have thrown our weight around as Christ's apostles. Instead, we were gentle with you like a nursing mother caring for her own children. 8We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but

[a]Or *faithfulness* [b]Or *to become slaves of*

also our very lives because we cared for you so much. 9You remember, brothers and sisters, our efforts and hard work. We preached God's good news to you, while we worked night and day so we wouldn't be a burden on any of you. 10You and God are witnesses of how holy, just, and blameless we were toward you believers. 11Likewise, you know how we treated each of you like a father treats his own children. 12We appealed to you, encouraged you, and pleaded with you to live lives worthy of the God who is calling you into his own kingdom and glory.

How the Thessalonians received God's message

13We also thank God constantly for this: when you accepted God's word that you heard from us, you welcomed it for what it truly is. Instead of accepting it as a human message, you accepted it as God's message, and it continues to work in you who are believers. 14Brothers and sisters, you became imitators of the churches of God in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus. This was because you also suffered the same things from your own people as they did from the Jews. 15They killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove us out. They don't please God, and they are hostile to the entire human race 16when they try to stop us from speaking to the Gentiles so they can be saved. Their sins are constantly pushing the limit.[c] God's wrath has caught up with them in the end.

Paul's desire to visit

17Brothers and sisters, we were separated from you for a while physically but not in our hearts. We made every effort in our desire to see you again face-to-face. 18We wanted to come to you—I, Paul, tried over and over again—and Satan stopped us. 19What is our hope, joy, or crown that we can brag about in front of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Isn't it all of you? 20You are our glory and joy!

3 So when we couldn't stand it any longer, we thought it was a good idea to stay on in Athens by ourselves, 2and we sent you Timothy, who is our brother and God's coworker in the good news about Christ. We sent him to strengthen and encourage you in your faithfulness. 3We didn't want any of you to be shaken by these problems. You know very well that we were meant to go through this. 4In fact, when we were with you, we kept on predicting that we were going to face problems exactly like what happened, as you know. 5That's why I sent Timothy to find out about your faithfulness when I couldn't stand it anymore. I was worried that the tempter might have tempted you so that our work would have been a waste of time.

Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians

6Now Timothy has returned to us from you and has given us good news about your faithfulness and love! He says that you always have good memories about us and that you want to see us as much as we want to see you. 7Because of this, brothers and sisters, we were encouraged in all our distress and trouble through your faithfulness. 8For now we are alive if you are standing your ground in the Lord. 9How can we thank God enough for you, given all the joy we have because of you before our God? 10Night and day, we pray more than ever to see all of you in person and to complete whatever you still need for your faith. 11Now may our God and Father himself guide us on our way back to you. 12May the Lord cause you to increase and enrich your love for each other and for everyone in the same way as we also love you. 13May the love cause your hearts to be strengthened, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his people. Amen.

2:9 Ac 18:3, Ac 20:34; 2Co 11:9; 2Th 3:8

2:10 2Co 1:12; 1Th 1:5, 1Th 2:5

2:11 1Co 4:14

2:12 Ro 8:28; Eph 4:1; 1Th 5:24; 2Th 2:14; 1Pt 5:10

2:13 Ro 10:17; 1Th 1:2; Heb 4:12

2:14 Ac 8:1, Ac 17:5; Ga 1:22; 1Th 1:6, 1Th 3:4

2:15 Mt 5:12; Ac 7:52

2:16 Ac 13:50, Ac 17:5; 1Th 1:10

2:17 1Co 5:3; Col 2:5; 1Th 3:10

2:18 Zec 3:1; Ro 1:13, Ro 15:22

2:19 2Co 1:14; Phi 4:1; 1Th 3:13, 1Th 5:23; 2Th 2:1

2:20 2Co 1:14; 1Th 2:19

3:1 Ac 17:15; 1Th 3:5

3:2 Ac 16:1; 1Co 16:10; 2Co 1:1; Phi 2:19; Col 1:1

3:3 Ac 9:16, Ac 14:22; Ro 5:3

3:4 1Th 2:14

3:5 Mt 4:3; 1Co 7:5; 2Co 11:3; Phi 2:16; 1Th 3:1

3:6 Ac 18:5; 1Co 11:2; 1Th 1:3; 2Th 1:3

3:7 2Co 1:4

3:8 1Co 16:13

3:10 Lk 2:37; 2Co 13:9; 1Th 2:17; 2Ti 1:3

3:11 1Th 3:13; 2Th 2:16, 2Th 3:5

3:12 Phi 1:9; 1Th 4:9-10; 2Th 1:3

3:13 1Co 1:8; Phi 2:15; 1Th 2:19, 1Th 3:11, 1Th 5:23

[c]Or *They constantly fill up the measure of their sin.*

Living that pleases God

4 So then, brothers and sisters, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus to keep living the way you already are and even do better in how you live and please God—just as you learned from us. [2]You know the instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. [3]God's will is that your lives are dedicated to him.[d] This means that you stay away from sexual immorality [4]and learn how to control your own body in a pure[e] and respectable way. [5]Don't be controlled by your sexual urges like the Gentiles who don't know God. [6]No one should mistreat or take advantage of their brother or sister in this issue. The Lord punishes people for all these things, as we told you before and sternly warned you. [7]God didn't call us to be immoral but to be dedicated to him.[f] [8]Therefore, whoever rejects these instructions isn't rejecting a human authority. They are rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

[9]You don't need us to write about loving your brothers and sisters because God has already taught you to love each other. [10]In fact, you are doing loving deeds for all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. Now we encourage you, brothers and sisters, to do so even more. [11]Aim to live quietly, mind your own business, and earn your own living, just as I told you. [12]That way you'll behave appropriately toward outsiders, and you won't be in need.

Believers who have died

[13]Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died[g] so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. [14]Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. [15]What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died. [16]This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. [17]Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord. [18]So encourage each other with these words.

4:1 Eph 4:1; Col 2:6; 1Th 3:12; 2Th 2:1
4:2 Mt 11:1, Mt 22:29; Mk 12:24; Jn 2:22, Jn 8:31
4:3 Ac 15:20; 1Co 6:18; 1Th 5:23
4:4 1Pt 3:7
4:5 Ro 1:26; Ga 4:8; Eph 4:17; Col 3:5
4:6 Ro 12:19
4:7 Lv 11:44; Eph 4:19; 1Th 2:3, 2Th 2:13; 1Pt 1:15
4:8 1Jn 3:24
4:9 Jn 6:45, Jn 13:34; Ro 12:10; 1Th 5:1; Heb 13:1
4:10 1Th 1:7, 1Th 3:12
4:11 Eph 4:28; 2Th 3:12
4:12 Mk 4:11; Ro 13:13; Col 4:5
4:13 Eph 2:12
4:14 1Co 15:18; 2Co 4:14; 1Th 4:13
4:15 1Co 15:51-52; 1Th 2:19
4:16 Mt 24:31; 1Co 15:23, 1Co 15:52; 2Th 1:7; Jud 1:9
4:17 Jn 12:26, Jn 14:3; Ac 1:9; Phi 1:23; Rev 11:12
4:18 1Th 5:11, 1Th 5:14; Heb 10:25
5:1 Ac 1:7; 1Th 4:9
5:2 1Co 1:8; 2Pt 3:10; Rev 3:3, Rev 16:15
5:3 Prv 29:1; Jer 6:14; Lk 21:34; 2Th 1:9
5:4 Eph 5:8; Col 1:13; 1Pt 2:9; 1Jn 2:8
5:5 Lk 16:8; Jn 12:36; Ac 26:18; Eph 5:8
5:6 Ro 13:11; 1Pt 1:13, 1Pt 4:7
5:7 Ac 2:15; Ro 13:13; 2Pt 2:13
5:8 Is 59:17; Ro 8:24, Ro 13:12; Eph 6:14, Eph 6:17
5:10 Ro 14:9
5:11 Ro 14:19, Ro 15:2; Eph 4:29; 1Th 4:18, 1Th 5:14
5:12 1Co 15:10, 1Co 16:16, 1Co 16:18; 1Ti 5:17; Heb 13:17
5:13 Mk 9:50; 2Co 13:11; 2Ti 2:22

The Lord's coming

5 We don't need to write to you about the timing and dates, brothers and sisters. [2]You know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. [3]When they are saying, "There is peace and security," at that time sudden destruction will attack them, like labor pains start with a pregnant woman, and they definitely won't escape. [4]But you aren't in darkness, brothers and sisters, so the day won't catch you by surprise like a thief. [5]All of you are children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to night or darkness. [6]So then, let's not sleep like the others, but let's stay awake and stay sober. [7]People who sleep sleep at night, and people who get drunk get drunk at night. [8]Since we belong to the day, let's stay sober, wearing faithfulness and love as a piece of armor that protects our body[h] and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9]God didn't intend for us to suffer his wrath but rather to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10]Jesus died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with him. [11]So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

Final instructions and blessing

[12]Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. [13]Think of them highly with

[d]Or *holy, sanctified* [e]Or *holy, sanctified* [f]Or *holy, sanctified* [g]Or *fallen asleep* [h]Or *breastplate*

love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. 15Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. 16Rejoice always. 17Pray continually. 18Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19Don't suppress the Spirit. 20Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, 21but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. 22Avoid every kind of evil. 23Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. 24The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

Final greeting

25Brothers and sisters, pray for us. 26Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. 27By the Lord's authority, I order all of you to have this letter read aloud to all the brothers and sisters. 28The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

5:14 Is 35:4; Ac 20:35; Ro 14:1, Ro 15:1; 1Co 13:4
5:15 Lv 19:18; Prv 24:29; Ro 12:17; Ga 6:10; 1Pt 3:9
5:16 Lk 10:20; Phi 4:4
5:17 Lk 18:1; Eph 6:18; Col 4:2
5:18 Eph 5:20
5:19 Is 63:10; Ac 7:51; Eph 4:30
5:20 1Co 11:4, 1Co 14:1
5:21 1Jn 4:1
5:22 Job 28:28; Ps 97:10; Ro 12:9; 1Co 10:31; Phi 4:8
5:23 Ro 15:33; 1Th 2:19, 1Th 3:13; Heb 4:12, Heb 13:20
5:24 1Co 1:9; 2Th 3:3; 2Ti 2:13
5:26 Ro 16:16
5:28 Ro 16:20; 2Th 3:18

2 THESSALONIANS

Greeting

1From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:
To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God our Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and encouragement

3Brothers and sisters, we must always thank God for you. This is only right because your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds, and the love that all of you have for each other is increasing. 4That's why we ourselves are bragging about you in God's churches. We tell about your endurance and faithfulness in all the harassments and trouble that you have put up with. 5This shows that God's judgment is right, and that you will be considered worthy of God's kingdom for which you are suffering. 6After all, it's right for God to pay back the ones making trouble for you with trouble 7and to pay back you who are having trouble with relief along with us. This payback will come when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels. 8He will give justice with blazing fire to those who don't recognize God and don't obey the good news of our Lord Jesus. 9They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the Lord's presence and away from his mighty glory. 10This will happen when he comes on that day to receive honor from his holy people and to be admired by everyone who has believed—and our testimony to you was believed.

11We are constantly praying for you for this: that our God will make you worthy of his calling and accomplish every good desire and faithful work by his power. 12Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored by you, and you will be honored by him, consistent with the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Day of the Lord

2Brothers and sisters, we have a request for you concerning our Lord Jesus Christ's coming and when we are gathered together to be with him. 2We don't want you to be easily confused

1:1 Ac 16:1; 2Co 1:19; 1Th 1:1
1:2 Ro 1:7
1:3 Ro 1:8; 1Th 1:2-3, 1Th 3:12; 2Th 2:13
1:4 1Th 2:14, 1Th 2:19, 1Th 3:3; Jas 5:11
1:5 Lk 20:35; Ac 14:22; Phi 1:28; 2Th 1:11
1:6 Col 3:25; Rev 6:10, Rev 19:2
1:7 Mt 25:31; Mk 8:38; 1Th 4:16; 2Th 1:8; Jud 1:14
1:8 Ps 79:6; Is 66:15; Mt 25:41; Ro 2:8; Ga 4:8
1:9 Is 2:10, Is 2:19; Phi 3:19; 1Th 5:3; 2Th 2:8
1:10 Is 49:3; Jn 17:10; 1Co 1:6, 1Co 3:13; 1Th 2:13
1:11 Ro 1:9; Col 1:9; 1Th 1:2-3; 2Th 1:5
2:1 Mk 13:27; 1Th 2:19, 1Th 4:15
2:2 1Co 1:8; 1Th 5:2; 2Th 2:15

in your mind or upset if you hear that the day of the Lord is already here, whether you hear it through some spirit, a message, or a letter supposedly from us. [3]Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. That day won't come unless the rebellion comes first and the person who is lawless is revealed, who is headed for destruction. [4]He is the opponent of every so-called god or object of worship and promotes himself over them. So he sits in God's temple, displaying himself to show that he is God. [5]You remember that I used to tell you these things while I was with you, don't you? [6]Now you know what holds him back so that he can be revealed when his time comes. [7]The hidden plan to live without any law is at work now, but it will be secret only until the one who is holding it back is out of the way. [8]Then the person who is lawless will be revealed. The Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath from his mouth. When the Lord comes, his appearance will put an end to him. [9]When the person who is lawless comes, it will happen through Satan's effort, with all kinds of fake power, signs, and wonders. [10]It will happen with every sort of wicked deception of those who are heading toward destruction because they have refused to love the truth that would allow them to be saved. [11]This is why God will send them an influence that will mislead them so that they will believe the lie. [12]The result will be that everyone will be judged who is not convinced by the truth but is happy with injustice.

Prayer of thanks and encouragement

[13]But we always must thank God for you, brothers and sisters who are loved by God. This is because he chose you from the beginning to be the first crop of the harvest. This brought salvation, through your dedication to God by the Spirit and through your belief in the truth. [14]God called all of you through our good news so you could possess the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. [15]So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold on to the traditions we taught you, whether we taught you in person or through our letter. [16]Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and a good hope. [17]May he encourage your hearts and give you strength in every good thing you do or say.

2:3 Dn 7:25; Jn 17:12; Eph 5:6; 2Th 2:8; 1Ti 4:1

2:4 Is 14:13-14; Eze 28:2; 1Co 8:5

2:5 1Th 3:4

2:6 2Th 2:7

2:7 2Th 2:6; Rev 17:5, Rev 17:7

2:8 Is 11:4; 2Th 2:3; 1Ti 6:14; 2Ti 4:1; Ti 2:13

2:9 Mt 4:10, Mt 24:24; 2Co 11:14; Rev 12:9, Rev 13:13

2:10 1Co 1:18

2:11 Ro 1:28

2:12 Ro 1:32, Ro 2:8

2:13 Eph 1:4; 1Th 1:4, 1Th 4:7; 2Th 1:3; 1Pt 1:2

2:15 1Co 11:2, 1Co 15:58, 1Co 16:13; Phi 4:1; 2Th 2:2

2:16 Jn 3:16; 1Th 3:11; 1Pt 1:3; Rev 1:5

2:17 1Th 3:13; 2Th 3:3

3:1 Ro 15:30; Eph 6:19; 1Th 1:8, 1Th 4:1, 1Th 5:25

3:2 Ro 15:31

3:3 1Co 1:9; 1Th 5:24; Jud 1:24

3:4 2Co 2:3

3:5 1Th 3:11

3:6 Ro 16:17; 1Co 5:4, 1Co 5:11; 1Th 5:14; 2Th 3:11

3:7 Ac 20:35; 1Co 4:16, 1Co 11:1; 1Th 1:6; 2Th 3:9

3:8 Ac 18:3, Ac 20:34; 1Th 2:9

3:9 1Co 9:4; 1Th 1:6, 1Th 2:6; 2Th 3:7; 1Pt 5:3

3:10 1Th 3:4, 1Th 4:11

3:11 2Th 3:6; 1Ti 5:13; 1Pt 4:15

Prayer request

3 Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us so that the Lord's message will spread quickly and be honored, just like it happened with you. [2]Pray too that we will be rescued from inappropriate and evil people since everyone that we meet won't respond with faith. [3]But the Lord is faithful and will give you strength and protect you from the evil one. [4]We are confident about you in the Lord—that you are doing and will keep doing what we tell you to do. [5]May the Lord lead your hearts to express God's love and Christ's endurance.

Discipline for the undisciplined

[6]Brothers and sisters, we command you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to stay away from every brother or sister who lives an undisciplined life that is not in line with the traditions that you received from us. [7]You yourselves know how you need to imitate us because we were not undisciplined when we were with you. [8]We didn't eat anyone's food without paying for it. Instead, we worked night and day with effort and hard work so that we would not impose on you. [9]We did this to give you an example to imitate, not because we didn't have a right to insist on financial support. [10]Even when we were with you we were giving you this command: "If anyone doesn't want to work, they shouldn't eat." [11]We hear that some of you are living an

undisciplined life. They aren't working, but they are meddling in other people's business. [12]By the Lord Jesus Christ, we command and encourage such people to work quietly and put their own food on the table. [13]Brothers and sisters, don't get discouraged in doing what is right. [14]Take note of anyone who doesn't obey what we have said in this letter. Don't associate with them so they will be ashamed of themselves. [15]Don't treat them like enemies, but warn them like you would do for a brother or sister.

3:12 Eph 4:28; 1Th 4:1, 1Th 4:11
3:13 Ro 2:7; 2Co 4:1; Ga 6:9
3:14 Ro 16:17; 1Co 4:14, 1Co 5:9, 1Co 5:11; 2Th 3:6
3:15 Ga 6:1; 1Th 5:14; Ti 3:10
3:17 1Co 16:21; Col 4:18
3:18 Ro 16:20; 1Th 5:28

Final greeting

[16]May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with all of you. [17]I, Paul, am writing this greeting with my own hand. This verifies that the letter is from me, as in every letter of mine. This is how I write. [18]The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

1 TIMOTHY

Greeting

1 From Paul, who is an apostle of Jesus Christ by the command of God our savior and of Christ Jesus our hope.

[2]To Timothy, my true child in the faith.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Christ Jesus our Lord.

1:1 Ro 1:1; 2Co 1:1; Ga 1:1; Col 1:27; Ti 1:3
1:2 Ac 16:1; Ro 1:7; 1Co 4:17; 2Ti 1:2; Ti 1:4
1:3 Ac 18:19; Ga 1:6; 1Ti 6:3
1:4 1Ti 4:7, 1Ti 6:4; 2Ti 4:4; Ti 1:14, Ti 3:9
1:5 Ac 23:1; Ga 5:6; 1Ti 1:19; 2Ti 1:5, 2Ti 2:22
1:6 1Ti 6:20-21; Ti 1:10, Ti 3:9
1:7 Mt 5:19, Mt 15:9; Lk 2:46, Lk 5:17; Ti 1:11
1:8 Ps 19:7; Ro 7:12, Ro 7:16
1:9 Ga 5:23; 1Pt 4:18
1:10 1Co 6:9; 1Ti 6:3; 2Ti 4:3; Ti 2:1; Rev 21:8
1:11 2Co 4:4; Ga 2:7; 1Th 2:4; 1Ti 6:15; Ti 1:3
1:12 Phi 4:13
1:13 Ac 3:17, Ac 8:3, Ac 26:9; Ga 1:13
1:14 1Th 1:3; 2Ti 1:13
1:15 Mk 2:17; 1Co 15:9; Eph 3:8; 1Ti 4:9; 2Ti 2:11
1:16 Jn 3:15; Eph 2:7; 1Ti 1:13

Timothy's purpose in Ephesus

[3]When I left for Macedonia, I asked you to stay behind in Ephesus so that you could instruct certain individuals not to spread wrong teaching. [4]They shouldn't pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. Their teaching only causes useless guessing games instead of faithfulness to God's way of doing things. [5]The goal of instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. [6]Because they missed this goal, some people have been distracted by talk that doesn't mean anything. [7]They want to be teachers of Law without understanding either what they are saying or what they are talking about with such confidence. [8]Now we know that the Law is good if used appropriately. [9]We understand this: the Law isn't established for a righteous person but for people who live without laws and without obeying any authority. They are the ungodly and the sinners. They are people who are not spiritual, and nothing is sacred to them. They kill their fathers and mothers, and murder others. [10]They are people who are sexually unfaithful, and people who have intercourse with the same sex. They are kidnappers,[a] liars, individuals who give false testimonies in court, and those who do anything else that is opposed to sound teaching. [11]Sound teaching agrees with the glorious gospel of the blessed God that has been trusted to me.

Thanksgiving

[12]I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength because he considered me faithful. So he appointed me to ministry [13]even though I used to speak against him, attack his people, and I was proud. But I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and without faith. [14]Our Lord's favor poured all over me along with the faithfulness and love that are in Christ Jesus. [15]This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I'm the biggest sinner of all. [16]But this is why I

[a]Or *slave dealers*

was shown mercy, so that Christ Jesus could show his endless patience to me first of all. So I'm an example for those who are going to believe in him for eternal life. 17Now to the king of the ages, to the immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be given to him forever and always! Amen.

Importance of faith and a good conscience

18Timothy, my child, I'm giving you these instructions based on the prophecies that were once made about you. So if you follow them, you can wage a good war 19because you have faith and a good conscience. Some people have ruined their faith because they refused to listen to their conscience, 20such as Hymenaeus and Alexander. I've handed them over to Satan so that they can be taught not to speak against God.

Prayer for everyone

2 First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. 2Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. 3This is right and it pleases God our savior, 4who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ Jesus, 6who gave himself as a payment to set all people free. This was a testimony that was given at the right time. 7I was appointed to be a preacher and apostle of this testimony—I'm telling the truth and I'm not lying! I'm a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Instructions for men and women

8Therefore, I want men to pray everywhere by lifting up hands that are holy, without anger or argument. 9In the same way, I want women to enhance their appearance with clothing that is modest and sensible, not with elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls, or expensive clothes. 10They should make themselves attractive by doing good, which is appropriate for women who claim to honor God.

11A wife[b] should learn quietly with complete submission. 12I don't allow a wife[c] to teach or to control her husband.[d] Instead, she should be a quiet listener. 13Adam was formed first, and then Eve. 14Adam wasn't deceived, but rather his wife[e] became the one who stepped over the line because she was completely deceived. 15But a wife[f] will be brought safely through giving birth to their children,[g] if they both continue in faith, love, and holiness, together with self-control.

Supervisors in God's household

3 This saying is reliable: if anyone has a goal to be a supervisor[h] in the church, they want a good thing. 2So the church's supervisor must be without fault. They should be faithful to their spouse, sober, modest, and honest. They should show hospitality and be skilled at teaching. 3They shouldn't be addicted to alcohol or a bully. Instead, they should be gentle, peaceable, and not greedy. 4They should manage their own household well—they should see that their children are obedient with complete respect, 5because if they don't know how to manage their own household, how can they take care of God's church? 6They shouldn't be new believers so that they won't become proud and fall under the devil's spell. 7They should also have a good reputation with those outside the church so that they won't be embarrassed and fall into the devil's trap.

Servants in God's household

8In the same way, servants[i] in the church should be dignified, not two-

1:17 Jn 1:18; Col 1:15; 1Ti 6:15-16; Jud 1:25

1:18 1Ti 1:2, 1Ti 4:14, 1Ti 6:12, 1Ti 6:20; 2Ti 4:7

1:19 1Ti 1:5, 1Ti 3:9, 1Ti 6:12

1:20 1Co 5:5; 2Ti 2:17, 2Ti 4:14

2:1 Eph 6:18; 1Ti 2:2

2:2 Ezr 6:10; Ro 13:1

2:3 Lk 1:47; 1Ti 1:1, 1Ti 4:10, 1Ti 5:4

2:4 Eze 18:23; 1Ti 4:10; 2Ti 2:25, 2Ti 3:7; Ti 2:11

2:5 Dt 6:4; Mk 12:29; Ro 3:30; 1Co 8:6; Ga 3:20

2:6 Mt 20:28; 1Co 1:6; Ga 4:4; 1Ti 6:15, Ti 1:3

2:7 Ac 9:15; Ro 9:1; 1Co 9:1; Eph 3:8; 2Ti 1:11

2:8 Ps 24:4, Ps 63:4; Jn 4:21; Ti 3:8

2:9 1Pt 3:3

2:10 Ac 9:36; 1Ti 5:10; Ti 2:14

2:11 Gn 3:16; 1Co 11:3, 1Co 14:34-35

2:12 1Co 14:34

2:13 Gn 2:7, Gn 2:22

2:14 Gn 3:1, Gn 3:6, Gn 3:13; 2Co 11:3

2:15 1Ti 1:14

3:1 Ac 20:28; Phi 1:1, 1Ti 1:15; Ti 1:7

3:2 Ro 12:13; 2Ti 2:24; Ti 1:6, Ti 1:8, Ti 2:2

3:3 1Ti 3:8; 2Ti 2:24; Ti 1:7, Ti 3:2; Heb 13:5

3:4 1Ti 3:12; Ti 1:6

3:5 1Ti 3:15

3:6 1Ti 6:4; 2Ti 3:4

3:7 Mk 4:11; 2Co 8:21; 1Ti 6:9; 2Ti 2:26

3:8 Phi 1:1; 1Ti 3:3; Ti 1:7, Ti 2:3; 1Pt 5:2

[b]Or *a woman* [c]Or *a woman* [d]Or *a man* [e]Or *the woman* [f]Or *a woman* [g]Or *saved through childbearing* [h]Or *bishop, overseer* [i]Or *deacons*

faced, heavy drinkers, or greedy for money. [9]They should hold on to the faith that has been revealed with a clear conscience. [10]They should also be tested and then serve if they are without fault. [11]In the same way, women who are servants[j] in the church should be dignified and not gossip. They should be sober and faithful in everything they do. [12]Servants[k] must be faithful to their spouse and manage their children and their own households well. [13]Those who have served well gain a good standing and considerable confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Leading God's household

[14]I hope to come to you quickly. But I'm writing these things to you so that [15]if I'm delayed, you'll know how you should behave in God's household. It is the church of the living God and the backbone and support of the truth. [16]Without question, the mystery of godliness is great: he was revealed as a human, declared righteous by the Spirit, seen by angels, preached throughout the nations, believed in around the world, and taken up in glory.

4 The Spirit clearly says that in latter times some people will turn away from the faith. They will pay attention to spirits that deceive and to the teaching of demons. [2]They will be controlled by the pretense of lying, and their own consciences will be seared. [3]They will prohibit marriage and eating foods that God created—and he intended them to be accepted with thanksgiving by those who are faithful and have come to know the truth. [4]Everything that has been created by God is good, and nothing that is received with thanksgiving should be rejected. [5]These things are made holy by God's word and prayer. [6]If you point these things out to the believers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus who has been trained by the words of faith and the good teaching that you've carefully followed. [7]But stay away from the godless myths that are passed down from the older women.

3:9 Ac 23:1; 1Ti 1:5, 1Ti 1:19, 1Ti 3:16
3:10 1Ti 5:22
3:11 1Ti 3:2; 2Ti 3:3; Ti 2:3
3:12 1Ti 3:2, 1Ti 3:4-5
3:13 Mt 25:21
3:14 1Ti 4:13
3:15 1Ti 3:5; 1Pt 2:5
3:16 Mk 16:19; Jn 1:14; Ro 1:3, Ro 16:25; Col 1:23
4:1 2Th 2:3; 2Ti 3:1
4:2 Eph 4:19; 2Ti 3:5; 2Pt 2:1
4:3 Gn 1:29, Gn 9:3; Ro 14:6; 1Ti 4:4; Heb 13:4
4:4 Gn 1:31; Ro 14:6
4:5 Gn 1:25, Gn 1:31; Ecc 3:13, Ecc 5:19-20
4:6 1Ti 1:10; 2Ti 3:15
4:7 1Ti 1:4; 2Ti 4:4; Ti 1:14
4:8 Ps 37:9; Mt 6:33; Mk 10:30; 1Ti 6:6
4:10 1Ti 2:4
4:11 1Ti 5:7, 1Ti 6:2
4:12 1Co 16:11; 2Th 3:9; Ti 2:7, Ti 2:15; 1Pt 5:3
4:13 1Ti 3:14
4:14 Ac 6:6, Ac 11:30; 1Ti 1:18, 1Ti 5:22; 2Ti 1:6
4:15 Josh 1:8; Ps 19:14; Phi 1:12
4:16 Ac 20:28; Ro 11:14
5:1 Lv 19:32; Ti 2:2, Ti 2:6
5:2 1Ti 4:12
5:3 1Ti 5:5, 1Ti 5:16
5:4 Mt 15:4; Eph 6:1-2; 1Ti 2:3
5:5 Lk 2:37; 1Co 7:34; 1Ti 5:3, 1Ti 5:16; 1Pt 3:5
5:6 Lk 15:24; Jas 5:5; Rev 3:1

Practices of spiritual leadership

Train yourself for a holy life! [8]While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come. [9]This saying is reliable and deserves complete acceptance. [10]We work and struggle for this: "Our hope is set on the living God, who is the savior of all people, especially those who believe." [11]Command these things. Teach them. [12]Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior, love, faith, and by being sexually pure. [13]Until I arrive, pay attention to public reading, preaching, and teaching. [14]Don't neglect the spiritual gift in you that was given through prophecy when the elders laid hands on you. [15]Practice these things, and live by them so that your progress will be visible to all. [16]Focus on working on your own development and on what you teach. If you do this, you will save yourself and those who hear you.

Caring for God's family

5 Don't correct an older man, but encourage him like he's your father; treat younger men like your brothers, [2]treat older women like your mother, and treat younger women like your sisters with appropriate respect.

[3]Take care of widows who are truly needy. [4]But if a particular widow has children or grandchildren, they should first learn to respect their own family and repay their parents, because this pleases God. [5]A widow who is truly needy and all alone puts her hope in God and keeps on going with requests and prayers, night and day. [6]But a

[j]Or *wives*, omit *who are servants* [k]Or *deacons*

widow who tries to live a life of luxury is dead even while she is alive. 7Teach these things so that the families[l] will be without fault. 8But if someone doesn't provide for their own family, and especially for a member of their household, they have denied the faith. They are worse than those who have no faith.

9Put a widow on the list who is older than 60 years old and who was faithful to her husband. 10She should have a reputation for doing good: raising children, providing hospitality to strangers, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in distress, and dedicating herself to every kind of good thing. 11But don't accept younger widows for the list. When their physical desires distract them from Christ, they will want to get married. 12Then they will be judged for setting aside their earlier commitment. 13Also, they learn to be lazy by going from house to house. They are not only lazy, but they also become gossips and busybodies, talking about things they shouldn't. 14So I want younger widows to marry, have children, and manage their homes so that they won't give the enemy any reason to slander us. (15Some have already turned away to follow Satan.) 16If any woman who is a believer has widows in her family, she should take care of them and not burden the church, so that it can help other widows who are truly needy.

Instructions for elders

17Elders who lead well should be paid double, especially those who work with public speaking and teaching. 18The scripture says, *Don't put a muzzle on an ox while it treads grain,*[m] and *Workers deserve their pay.*[n] 19Don't accept an accusation made against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses. 20Discipline those who are sinning in front of everyone so that all the others will be afraid. 21I charge you before God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels to follow these practices without bias, and without playing favorites. 22Don't rush to commission anyone to leadership, and don't participate in the sins of others. Keep yourself morally pure.

23Don't drink water anymore, but use a little wine because of your stomach problems and your frequent illnesses. 24The sins of some people are obvious, and the sins are judged before the people must face judgment, but the sins of other people show up later. 25In the same way, the good that people do is also obvious and can't be hidden.

Conduct of Christian slaves

6 Those who are under the bondage of slavery should consider their own masters as worthy of full respect so that God's name and our teaching won't get a bad reputation. 2And those who have masters who are believers shouldn't look down on them because they are brothers. Instead, they should serve them more faithfully, because the people who benefit from your good service are believers who are loved. Teach and encourage these things.

Warning about false teachers

3If anyone teaches anything different and doesn't agree with sound teaching about our Lord Jesus Christ and teaching that is consistent with godliness,4that person is conceited. They don't understand anything but have a sick obsession with debates and arguments. This creates jealousy, conflict, verbal abuse, and evil suspicions. 5There is constant bickering between people whose minds are ruined and who have been robbed of the truth. They think that godliness is a way to make money! 6Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. 7We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it: 8we'll be happy

5:8 2Co 12:14; Ti 1:16; 2Pt 2:1
5:9 1Ti 3:2
5:10 Gn 18:4; Lk 7:44; Ac 9:36; 1Ti 2:10, 1Ti 6:18
5:11 Rev 18:7
5:12 Rev 2:4
5:13 2Th 3:11; 1Pt 4:15
5:14 1Co 7:9; 1Ti 6:1; Ti 2:5
5:15 1Ti 1:20
5:16 1Ti 5:3-4
5:17 Ac 11:30; Phi 2:29; 1Th 5:12-13
5:18 Lv 19:13; Dt 25:4; Mt 10:10; Lk 10:7; 1Co 9:9
5:19 Dt 17:6, Dt 19:15; Mt 18:16; 2Co 13:1; Heb 10:28
5:20 Lv 19:17; Dt 13:11; 2Ti 4:2; Ti 1:13, Ti 2:15
5:21 1Ti 6:13; 2Ti 2:14, 2Ti 4:1
5:22 Ac 6:6; Eph 5:11; 1Ti 4:14
5:23 Ps 104:15; 1Ti 3:8
5:25 Ps 37:6; Prv 10:9
6:1 Eph 6:5; Ti 2:5, Ti 2:9
6:2 1Ti 4:11; Phm 1:16
6:3 1Ti 1:3, 1Ti 1:10; 2Ti 1:13; Ti 1:1
6:4 1Ti 1:4, 1Ti 3:6; 2Ti 2:14, 2Ti 2:23, 2Ti 3:4
6:5 2Ti 3:5, 2Ti 3:8; Ti 1:11, Ti 1:15; 2Pt 2:3
6:6 Ps 37:16; Prv 15:16; Phi 4:11; 1Ti 4:8; Heb 13:5
6:7 Job 1:21; Ps 49:17; Ecc 5:15
6:8 Prv 30:8; Heb 13:5

[l]Or *they* [m]Deut 25:4 [n]Luke 10:7

with food and clothing. 9But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

11But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. 12Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many witnesses. 13I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. 14Obey this order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16He alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see him. Honor and eternal power belong to him. Amen.

6:9 Prv 15:27, Prv 28:20; 1Ti 3:7

6:10 1Ti 3:3, 1Ti 6:9, 1Ti 6:21

6:11 Dt 33:1; 2Ti 2:22, 2Ti 3:17

6:12 Phi 3:12; 1Ti 1:18-19, 1Ti 6:19

6:13 Jn 18:37; 1Ti 5:21; 2Ti 4:1; Rev 1:5

6:14 1Th 3:13; 2Th 2:8; 2Ti 4:1; Ti 2:13

6:15 1Ti 1:11, 1Ti 1:17, 1Ti 2:6; Rev 17:14, Rev 19:16

6:16 Ex 33:20; Ps 104:2; Jn 1:18; 1Ti 1:17; 1Jn 1:5

6:17 Job 31:24; Ps 62:10; Mk 10:24; Lk 12:20; Ro 11:20

6:18 Ro 12:8, Ro 12:13; 1Ti 5:10; Ti 3:8

6:19 Mt 6:20; 1Ti 6:12

6:20 1Ti 1:6; 2Ti 1:14, 2Ti 2:16; Ti 3:9

6:21 Col 4:18; 1Ti 1:6, 1Ti 1:19, 1Ti 6:10; 2Ti 2:18

Wealth of good works

17Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. 18Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. 19When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

Protect the tradition

20Timothy, protect what has been given to you in trust. Avoid godless and pointless discussions and the contradictory claims of so-called "knowledge." 21When some people adopted this false knowledge, they missed the goal of faith.

May grace be with you all.

2 TIMOTHY

Greeting

1From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

2To Timothy, my dear child.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving and prayer

3I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. 4When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. 5I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. 6Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

1:1 Ro 1:1; 1Co 1:1; 2Co 1:1; Eph 1:1, Eph 3:6

1:2 Ro 1:7; 1Co 4:17; 1Ti 1:2

1:3 Ac 23:1, Ac 24:14; Ro 1:8-9

1:4 Ac 20:37; Phi 1:8; 2Ti 4:9, 2Ti 4:21

1:5 Ac 16:1; 1Ti 1:5; 2Ti 3:15

1:6 1Ti 4:14

1:7 Ro 8:15

1:8 Mk 8:38; Eph 3:1; 2Ti 1:12, 2Ti 1:16, 2Ti 2:9

Don't be ashamed of the testimony

8So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his

prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. [9]God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. [10]Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. [11]I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. [12]This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. [13]Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [14]Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

[15]You know that everyone in Asia has turned away from me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. [16]May the Lord show mercy to Onesiphorus' household, because he supported me many times and he wasn't ashamed of my imprisonment. [17]After I arrived in Rome, he quickly looked for me and found me. [18]May the Lord allow him to find his mercy on that day (and you know very well how much he served me in Ephesus).

Pass on the message and share suffering

2 So, my child, draw your strength from the grace that is in Christ Jesus. [2]Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are also capable of teaching others.

[3]Accept your share of suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4]Nobody who serves in the military gets tied up with civilian matters, so that they can please the one who recruited them. [5]Also in the same way, athletes don't win unless they follow the rules. [6]A hardworking farmer should get the first share of the crop. [7]Think about what I'm saying; the Lord will give you understanding about everything.

[8]Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David. This is my good news. [9]This is the reason I'm suffering to the point that I'm in prison like a common criminal. But God's word cannot be imprisoned. [10]This is why I endure everything for the sake of those who are chosen by God so that they too may experience salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. [11]This saying is reliable:

"If we have died together,
we will also live together.
[12]If we endure, we will also rule together.
If we deny him, he will also deny us.
[13]If we are disloyal, he stays faithful"
because he can't be anything else than what he is.

Speak, instruct, and act correctly

[14]Remind them of these things and warn them in the sight of God not to engage in battles over words that aren't helpful and only destroy those who hear them. [15]Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly. [16]Avoid their godless discussions, because they will lead many people into ungodly behavior, [17]and their ideas will spread like an infection. This includes Hymenaeus and Philetus, [18]who have deviated from the truth by claiming that the resurrection has already happened. This has undermined some people's faith.

[19]God's solid foundation is still standing with this sign: *The Lord knows the people who belong to him,*[a]

1:9 Ro 8:28; Eph 2:8-9; Ti 1:2, Ti 3:5
1:10 Lk 2:11; Ro 2:7, Ro 16:26; 1Co 15:26, 1Co 15:54
1:11 Eph 3:7; 1Ti 1:12, 1Ti 2:7
1:12 1Ti 6:20; 2Ti 1:8, 2Ti 1:18, 2Ti 4:8; 1Pt 4:19
1:13 Ro 6:17; 1Ti 1:10, 1Ti 1:14; 2Ti 2:2; Ti 1:9
1:14 Ro 8:9; 1Ti 6:20
1:15 Ac 2:9, Ac 19:10; 2Ti 4:10, 2Ti 4:11, 2Ti 4:16
1:16 Ac 21:33, Ac 28:20; Eph 6:20; 2Ti 1:8, 2Ti 4:19
1:17 Ac 28:30
1:18 Ac 18:19; 1Ti 1:3; 2Ti 1:12; Heb 6:10
2:1 Eph 6:10; 2Ti 1:2
2:2 1Ti 1:18, 1Ti 6:12; 2Ti 1:13
2:3 1Ti 1:18; 2Ti 1:8, 2Ti 2:10, 2Ti 4:5
2:4 Lk 8:14; 1Th 2:4; 2Pt 2:20
2:5 1Co 9:25; 2Ti 4:8
2:6 1Co 9:10
2:7 Nm 27:16-17; 1Ch 22:12, 1Ch 29:19; Ps 119:73
2:8 Mt 1:1; Ac 2:24; Ro 1:3, Ro 2:16
2:9 Phi 1:7; 2Ti 1:8, 2Ti 4:17
2:10 2Co 1:6, 2Co 4:17; Col 1:24; 2Ti 2:3; 1Pt 5:10
2:11 Ro 6:8; Ga 2:20; 1Th 5:10; 1Ti 1:15
2:12 Mt 10:33; Ro 8:17; Rev 20:4
2:13 Nm 23:19; Ro 3:3; 1Co 1:9; 1Th 5:24; Ti 1:2
2:14 1Ti 1:4, 1Ti 5:21, 1Ti 6:4; 2Ti 2:23; Ti 3:9
2:15 Eph 1:13; Col 1:5; 1Ti 4:6; Jas 1:18
2:16 1Ti 6:20; 2Ti 2:14, 2Ti 3:13; Ti 3:9
2:17 1Ti 1:20
2:18 1Co 15:12; 1Ti 1:19, 1Ti 6:21
2:19 Nm 16:5; Is 28:16; Jn 10:14; 1Co 1:2, 1Co 8:3

[a]Num 16:5 LXX

and *Everyone who confesses the Lord's name must avoid wickedness.*[b] [20]In a mansion, there aren't just gold and silver bowls but also some bowls that are made of wood and clay. Some are meant for special uses, some for garbage.[c] [21]So if anyone washes filth off themselves, they will be set apart as a "special bowl." They will be useful to the owner of the mansion for every sort of good work.

Avoid conflict with opponents

[22]Run away from adolescent cravings. Instead, pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace together with those who confess the Lord with a clean heart. [23]Avoid foolish and thoughtless discussions, since you know that they produce conflicts. [24]God's slave shouldn't be argumentative but should be kind toward all people, able to teach, patient, [25]and should correct opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will change their mind and give them a knowledge of the truth. [26]They may come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap that holds them captive to do his will.

Avoid people like this

3 Understand that the last days will be dangerous times. [2]People will be selfish and love money. They will be the kind of people who brag and who are proud. They will slander others, and they will be disobedient to their parents. They will be ungrateful, unholy, [3]unloving, contrary, and critical. They will be without self-control and brutal, and they won't love what is good. [4]They will be people who are disloyal, reckless, and conceited. They will love pleasure instead of loving God. [5]They will look like they are religious but deny God's power. Avoid people like this. [6]Some will slither into households and control immature women who are burdened with sins and driven by all kinds of desires. [7]These women are always learning, but they can never arrive at an understanding of the truth. [8]These people oppose the truth in the same way that Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. Their minds are corrupt and their faith is counterfeit. [9]But they won't get very far. Their foolishness will become obvious to everyone like those others.

2:20 Ro 9:21
2:21 2Co 9:8; Eph 2:10; 2Ti 3:17; Ti 3:1
2:23 1Ti 1:4, 1Ti 6:4; 2Ti 2:14; Ti 3:9
2:24 1Ti 3:2-3
2:25 Ac 8:22; Ga 6:1; 1Ti 2:4; Ti 3:2; 1Pt 3:15
2:26 1Ti 3:7
3:1 1Ti 4:1; 2Ti 4:3; 2Pt 3:3
3:2 Lk 6:35; Ro 1:30; Phi 2:21
3:3 Ro 1:31; 1Ti 3:11; 2Pt 2:10
3:4 Phi 3:19; 1Ti 3:6, 1Ti 5:6; Ti 3:3
3:5 Is 29:13; Mt 7:15; Ro 16:17; 2Th 3:6; 1Ti 6:5
3:6 Ti 1:11; 2Pt 2:18; Jud 1:4
3:7 1Ti 2:4
3:8 Ex 7:11; Ac 13:8; 2Co 13:5; 1Ti 6:5; Ti 1:16
3:9 Ex 7:12, Ex 8:18, Ex 9:11
3:11 Ac 13:14, Ac 13:50, Ac 14:1, Ac 14:6, Ac 14:19
3:12 Jn 15:20; Ac 14:22
3:13 2Ti 2:16
3:14 2Ti 1:13; Ti 1:9
3:15 Jn 5:39, Jn 20:31; 2Ti 1:5
3:16 Ro 15:4; 2Pt 1:21
3:17 1Ti 6:11; 2Ti 2:21
4:1 Ac 10:42; 1Ti 5:21, 1Ti 6:13-14; 2Ti 4:8
4:2 1Ti 4:13, 1Ti 5:20; Ti 1:13, Ti 2:15
4:3 1Ti 1:10; 2Ti 3:1

Take Paul as your model

[10]But you have paid attention to my teaching, conduct, purpose, faithfulness, patience, love, and endurance. [11]You have seen me experience physical abuse and ordeals in places such as Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I put up with all sorts of abuse, and the Lord rescued me from it all! [12]In fact, anyone who wants to live a holy life in Christ Jesus will be harassed.[13]But evil people and swindlers will grow even worse, as they deceive others while being deceived themselves.

[14]But you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. [15]Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. [16]Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, [17]so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.

Timothy's commission and Paul's departure

4 I'm giving you this commission in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is coming to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearance and his kingdom. [2]Preach the word. Be ready to do it whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Correct, confront, and encourage with patience and instruction. [3]There will come a time when people will not tolerate

[b]Possibly modeled on Isa 26:13 [c]Or *dishonorable purposes*

sound teaching. They will collect teachers who say what they want to hear because they are self-centered. 4They will turn their back on the truth and turn to myths. 5But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances. Endure suffering, do the work of a preacher of the good news, and carry out your service fully.

6I'm already being poured out like a sacrifice to God, and the time of my death is near. 7I have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. 8At last the champion's wreath that is awarded for righteousness[d] is waiting for me. The Lord, who is the righteous[e] judge, is going to give it to me on that day. He's giving it not only to me but also to all those who have set their heart on waiting for his appearance.

Final instructions

9Do your best to come to me quickly. 10Demas has fallen in love with the present world and has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. 11Only Luke is with me. Get Mark, and bring him with you. He has been a big help to me in the ministry. 12I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13When you come, bring along the coat I left with Carpus in Troas. Also bring the scrolls and especially the parchments. 14Alexander, the craftsman who works with metal, has really hurt me. The Lord will pay him back for what he has done. 15But watch out for him, because he opposes our teaching.

16No one took my side at my first court hearing. Everyone deserted me. I hope that God doesn't hold it against them! 17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that the entire message would be preached through me and so all the nations could hear it. I was also rescued from the lion's mouth! 18The Lord will rescue me from every evil action and will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and always. Amen.

Final greetings

19Say hello to Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. 20Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus in Miletus because of his illness. 21Try hard to come to me before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters say hello.

22The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

4:4 1Ti 1:4, 1Ti 4:7; Ti 1:14; 2Pt 1:16
4:5 Ac 21:8; Eph 4:11; Col 4:17; 2Ti 1:8, 2Ti 2:3
4:6 Phi 1:23, Phi 2:17; 2Pt 1:14
4:7 Ac 20:24; 1Co 9:24; 1Ti 1:18, 1Ti 6:12; 2Ti 4:8
4:8 1Co 9:25; Col 1:5; 2Ti 1:12, 2Ti 4:1; Jas 1:12
4:9 2Ti 1:4, 2Ti 4:21; Ti 3:12
4:10 Ac 17:1; 2Co 2:13; Col 4:14; Ti 1:4; Phm 1:24
4:11 Ac 12:12, Ac 12:25; Col 4:10, Col 4:14; Phm 1:24
4:12 Ac 18:19, Ac 20:4; Eph 6:21; Col 4:7; Ti 3:12
4:13 Ac 16:8, Ac 20:5
4:14 Ps 28:4, Ps 62:12; Ac 19:33; Ro 2:6; 1Ti 1:20
4:15 2Ti 3:8
4:16 Ac 7:60
4:17 1Sa 17:37; Ps 22:21; Ac 9:15, Ac 23:11; 2Ti 3:11
4:18 Ro 11:36
4:19 Ac 18:2, Ac 18:18, Ac 18:26; Ro 16:3; 2Ti 1:16
4:20 Ac 19:22, Ac 20:4, Ac 20:15, Ac 21:29; Ro 16:23
4:21 2Ti 4:9; Ti 3:12

TITUS

Greeting

1From Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I'm sent to bring about the faith of God's chosen people and a knowledge of the truth that agrees with godliness.

2Their faith and this knowledge are based on the hope of eternal life that God, who doesn't lie, promised before time began. 3God revealed his message at the appropriate time through preaching, and I was trusted with preaching this message by the command of God our savior.

4To Titus, my true child in a common faith.

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our savior.

Appointing elders

5The reason I left you behind in Crete was to organize whatever needs

1:1 Ro 1:1; 1Ti 2:4, 1Ti 6:3; Jas 1:1
1:2 Nm 23:19; 2Ti 1:1, 2Ti 1:9; Ti 3:7; Heb 6:18
1:3 1Ti 1:1, 1Ti 1:11, 1Ti 2:6; Ti 2:10, Ti 3:4
1:4 Ro 1:7; 2Co 2:13, 2Co 8:23; Ga 2:3; 1Ti 1:2
1:5 Ac 11:30, Ac 14:23, Ac 27:7; 1Co 11:34

[d]Or *justice* [e]Or *just*

to be done and to appoint elders in each city, as I told you. 6 Elders should be without fault. They should be faithful to their spouse,[a] and have faithful children who can't be accused of self-indulgence or rebelliousness. 7 This is because supervisors[b] should be without fault as God's managers: they shouldn't be stubborn, irritable, addicted to alcohol, a bully, or greedy. 8 Instead, they should show hospitality, love what is good, and be reasonable, ethical, godly, and self-controlled. 9 They must pay attention to the reliable message as it has been taught to them so that they can encourage people with healthy instruction and refute those who speak against it.

Correcting rebellious people

10 In fact, there are many who are rebellious people, loudmouths, and deceivers, especially some of those who are Jewish believers.[c] 11 They must be silenced because they upset entire households. They teach what they shouldn't to make money dishonestly. 12 Someone who is one of their own prophets said, "People from Crete are always liars, wild animals, and lazy gluttons." 13 This statement is true. Because of this, correct them firmly, so that they can be healthy in their faith. 14 They shouldn't pay attention to Jewish myths and commands from people who reject the truth. 15 Everything is clean to those who are clean, but nothing is clean to those who are corrupt and without faith. Instead, their mind and conscience are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but they deny God by the things that they do. They are detestable, disobedient, and disqualified to do anything good.

Teaching all people how to be godly

2 But you should talk in a way that is consistent with sound teaching. 2 Tell the older men to be sober, dignified, sensible, and healthy in respect to their faith, love, and patience.

3 Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in their behavior, teaching what is good, rather than being gossips or addicted to heavy drinking. 4 That way they can mentor young women to love their husbands and children, 5 and to be sensible, morally pure, working at home, kind and submissive to their own husbands, so that God's word won't be ridiculed. 6 Likewise, encourage the younger men to be sensible 7 in every way. Offer yourself as a role model of good actions. Show integrity, seriousness, 8 and a sound message that is above criticism when you teach, so that any opponent will be ashamed because they won't find anything bad to say about us.

9 Tell slaves to submit to their own masters and please them in everything they do. They shouldn't talk back 10 or steal. Instead, they should show that they are completely reliable in everything so that they might make the teaching about God our savior attractive in every way.

11 The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. 12 It educates us so that we can live sensible, ethical, and godly lives right now by rejecting ungodly lives and the desires of this world. 13 At the same time we wait for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and savior Jesus Christ. 14 He gave himself for us in order to rescue us from every kind of lawless behavior, and cleanse a special people for himself who are eager to do good actions.

15 Talk about these things. Encourage and correct with complete authority. Don't let anyone disrespect you.

3 Remind them to submit to rulers and authorities. They should be obedient and ready to do every good thing. 2 They shouldn't speak disrespectfully about anyone, but they should be

1:6 Mal 2:15; 1Ti 3:2, 1Ti 3:4-5; Ti 1:10
1:7 1Co 4:1; 1Ti 3:1-3, 1Ti 3:8
1:8 Ro 12:13; 1Ti 3:2; 2Ti 3:3; Ti 2:2, Ti 2:12
1:9 2Th 2:15; 1Ti 1:10; 2Ti 1:13; Ti 2:1
1:10 Ac 11:2; 1Ti 1:6
1:11 1Ti 6:5; 2Ti 3:6
1:12 Ac 2:10, Ac 17:28; 2Pt 2:12
1:13 2Co 13:10; 1Ti 5:20; 2Ti 4:2; Ti 2:2, Ti 2:15
1:14 Mt 15:9; Col 2:22; 1Ti 1:4, 1Ti 4:7; 2Ti 4:4
1:15 Ro 14:14, Ro 14:20, Ro 14:23; 1Ti 6:5
1:16 2Ti 3:8; Ti 3:3; 1Jn 2:4
2:1 1Ti 1:10; Ti 1:9
2:2 1Ti 3:2; Ti 1:8, Ti 1:13; 2Pt 1:6
2:3 1Ti 2:9, 1Ti 3:8, 1Ti 3:11
2:4 1Ti 5:2
2:5 Eph 5:22; 1Ti 5:14, 1Ti 6:1
2:7 1Ti 4:12
2:8 2Th 3:14; 1Pt 2:12
2:9 Eph 6:5; Col 3:22; 1Ti 6:1; 1Pt 2:18
2:11 1Ti 2:4; 2Ti 1:10; Ti 3:4
2:12 2Ti 3:12; Ti 1:8, Ti 2:2, Ti 3:3
2:13 1Co 1:7; Phi 3:20; 2Th 2:8; 1Ti 6:14; 2Pt 1:1
2:14 Ex 19:5; Dt 14:2; Ps 130:8; Eph 2:10; Ti 3:8
2:15 1Ti 4:12, 1Ti 5:20; 2Ti 4:2; Ti 1:13
3:1 Ro 13:1; 2Ti 2:21; 1Pt 2:13
3:2 Eph 4:31; 1Ti 3:3; 2Ti 2:25

[a] Or *they should be a one-woman man.* [b] Or *overseers* [c] Or *from the circumcision*

peaceful, kind, and show complete courtesy toward everyone. 3We were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, and slaves to our desires and various pleasures too. We were spending our lives in evil behavior and jealousy. We were disgusting, and we hated other people. 4But "when God our savior's kindness and love appeared, 5he saved us because of his mercy, not because of righteous things we had done. He did it through the washing of new birth and the renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6which God poured out upon us generously through Jesus Christ our savior. 7So, since we have been made righteous by his grace, we can inherit the hope for eternal life." 8This saying is reliable. And I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God might give careful attention to doing good. These things are good and useful for everyone.

3:3 Eph 2:2; Col 3:7; Ti 1:16
3:4 Ro 2:4; Ti 1:3, Ti 2:11
3:5 Ro 12:2; Eph 2:9, Eph 5:26; 2Ti 1:9; 1Pt 1:3
3:6 Jl 2:28; Ac 2:33; Ro 5:5
3:7 Ro 3:24, Ro 8:17, Ro 8:24; Ti 1:2, Ti 2:11
3:8 1Ti 1:15; Ti 2:14, Ti 3:14
3:9 1Ti 1:4, 1Ti 6:20; 2Ti 2:14, 2Ti 2:16, 2Ti 2:23
3:10 Mt 18:15; Ro 16:17; 2Jn 1:10
3:11 1Ti 1:19, 1Ti 1:20; 2Ti 2:14; Ti 1:11, Ti 1:14
3:12 Ac 20:4; Col 4:7, 2Ti 4:9, 2Ti 4:12, 2Ti 4:21
3:13 Ac 18:24; 1Co 16:12
3:14 Phi 1:11; Col 1:10; Ti 3:8
3:15 1Ti 1:2; Heb 13:25

Final instructions and greetings

9Avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, and fights about the Law, because they are useless and worthless. 10After a first and second warning, have nothing more to do with a person who causes conflict, 11because you know that someone like this is twisted and sinful—so they condemn themselves.

12When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, try to come to me in Nicopolis, because I've decided to spend the winter there. 13Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with enthusiasm so that they won't need anything. 14But our people should also learn to devote themselves to doing good in order to meet pressing needs so they aren't unproductive.

15Everyone with me greets you; greet those who love us faithfully.

Grace be with all of you.

PHILEMON

Greeting

1From Paul, who is a prisoner for the cause of Christ Jesus, and our brother Timothy.

To Philemon our dearly loved coworker, 2Apphia our sister, Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church that meets in your house.

3May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Paul's prayer for Philemon

4Philemon, I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers 5because I've heard of your love and faithfulness, which you have both for the Lord Jesus and for all God's people. 6I pray that your partnership in the faith might become effective by an understanding of all that is good among us in Christ. 7I have great joy and encouragement because of your love, since the hearts of God's people are refreshed by your actions, my brother.

1:1 2Co 1:1; Eph 3:1; Phi 2:25; Phm 1:9
1:2 Ro 16:5; Phi 2:25; Col 4:15, Col 4:17; 2Ti 2:3
1:3 Ro 1:7
1:4 Ro 1:8-9; 1Th 1:2; 2Ti 1:3
1:5 Ga 5:6; Eph 1:15; Col 1:4
1:6 Phi 1:9
1:8 1Th 2:6
1:9 Phm 1:1
1:10 1Co 4:15; Col 4:9
1:12 Eph 4:32
1:13 Phi 1:7; Phm 1:10
1:14 2Co 9:7; 1Pt 5:2

Paul's appeal for Onesimus

8Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to command you to do the right thing, 9I would rather appeal to you through love. I, Paul—an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus—10appeal to you for my child Onesimus. I became his father in the faith during my time in prison. 11He was useless to you before, but now he is useful to both of us. 12I'm sending him back to you, which is like sending you my own heart. 13I considered keeping him with me so that he might serve me in your place during my time in prison because of the gospel.

14 However, I didn't want to do anything without your consent so that your act of kindness would occur willingly and not under pressure. 15 Maybe this is the reason that Onesimus was separated from you for a while so that you might have him back forever— 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave—that is, as a dearly loved brother. He is especially a dearly loved brother to me. How much more can he become a brother to you, personally and spiritually in the Lord!

17 So, if you really consider me a partner, welcome Onesimus as if you were welcoming me. 18 If he has harmed you in any way or owes you money, charge it to my account. 19 I, Paul, will pay it back to you (I'm writing this with my own hand). Of course, I won't mention that you owe me your life.

20 Yes, brother, I want this favor from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 I'm writing to you, confident of your obedience and knowing that you will do more than what I ask. 22 Also, one more thing—prepare a guest room for me. I hope that I will be released from prison to be with you because of your prayers.

Final greeting

23 Epaphras, who is in prison with me for the cause of Christ Jesus, greets you, 24 as well as my coworkers Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke.

25 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

1:15 Gn 45:5
1:16 Mt 23:8; 1Co 7:22; Eph 6:5; Col 3:22; 1Ti 6:2
1:17 2Co 8:23
1:19 1Co 16:21; Ga 5:2
1:20 Phm 1:7
1:22 2Co 1:11; Phi 1:19, Phi 1:25, Phi 2:24; Heb 13:19
1:23 Ro 16:7; Col 1:7, Col 4:12; Phm 1:1
1:24 Ac 19:29, Ac 27:2; Col 4:10, Col 4:14; 2Ti 4:10
1:25 Ga 6:18; 2Ti 4:22

HEBREWS

The Son is God's ultimate messenger

1 In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. 2 In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. 3 The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty. 4 And the Son became so much greater than the other messengers, such as angels, that he received a more important title than theirs.

Speaking to the Son and angels

5 After all, when did God ever say to any of the angels:

You are my Son.
Today I have become your Father?[a]

Or, even,

I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son?[b]

6 But then, when he brought his firstborn into the world, he said,

All of God's angels must worship him.[c]

7 He talks about the angels:

He's the one who uses the spirits
for his messengers
and who uses flames of fire as
ministers.[d]

8 But he says to his Son,

God, your throne is forever
and your kingdom's scepter
is a rod of justice.
9 *You loved righteousness*
and hated lawless behavior.
That is why God, your God,
has anointed you with oil
instead of your companions.[e]

10 And he says,

You, Lord, laid the earth's foundations
in the beginning,
and the heavens are made by your
hands.

1:1 Nm 12:6; Jl 2:28
1:2 Ps 2:8; Mt 28:18; Jn 1:3; 1Co 8:6; Col 1:16
1:3 Mk 16:19; Jn 1:14; 2Co 4:4; Col 1:15, Col 1:17
1:4 Eph 1:21; Phi 2:9
1:5 2Sa 7:14; Ps 2:7, Ps 89:26; Ac 13:33; Heb 5:5
1:6 Dt 32:43; Ps 97:7; Ro 8:29; Heb 10:5
1:7 Ps 104:4; Heb 1:14
1:8 Ps 45:6-7
1:9 Ps 45:6-7; Is 61:1, Is 61:3
1:10 Ps 102:25

[a] Ps 2:7 [b] 2 Sam 7:14; 1 Chron 17:13 [c] Deut 32:43 and Ps 97:7 LXX [d] Ps 104:4 [e] Ps 45:6-7

[11] *They will pass away,*
but you remain.
They will all wear out like old clothes.
[12] *You will fold them up like a coat.*
They will be changed
like a person changes clothes,
but you stay the same,
and the years of your life
won't come to an end.[f]
[13] When has he ever said to any of the angels,
Sit at my right side
until I put your enemies
under your feet like a footstool?[g]
[14] Aren't all the angels ministering spirits who are sent to serve those who are going to inherit salvation?

Listen to the Son's message

2 This is why it's necessary for us to pay more attention to what we have heard, or else we may drift away from it. [2] If the message that was spoken by angels was reliable, and every offense and act of disobedience received an appropriate consequence, [3] how will we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? It was first announced through the Lord, and then it was confirmed by those who heard him. [4] God also vouched for their message with signs, amazing things, various miracles, and gifts from the Holy Spirit, which were handed out the way he wanted.

Jesus is the enthroned human being

[5] God didn't put the world that is coming (the world we are talking about) under the angels' control. [6] Instead, someone declared somewhere,
What is humanity
that you think about them?
Or what are the human beings
that you care about them?
[7] *For a while you made them lower*
than angels.
You crowned the human beings
with glory and honor.
[8] *You put everything*
under their control.[h]
When he puts everything under their control, he doesn't leave anything out of control. But right now, we don't see everything under their control yet. [9] However, we do see the one who was made lower in order than the angels for a little while—it's Jesus! He's the one who is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of his death. He suffered death so that he could taste death for everyone through God's grace.

Qualified to be a high priest

[10] It was appropriate for God, for whom and through whom everything exists, to use experiences of suffering to make perfect the pioneer of salvation. This salvation belongs to many sons and daughters whom he's leading to glory. [11] This is because the one who makes people holy and the people who are being made holy all come from one source. That is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and sisters when he says,
[12] *I will publicly announce your name*
to my brothers and sisters.
I will praise you in the middle
of the assembly.[i]
[13] He also says,
I will rely on him.[j]
And also,
Here I am with the children
whom God has given to me.[k]
[14] Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, he also shared the same things in the same way. He did this to destroy the one who holds the power over death—the devil—by dying. [15] He set free those who were held in slavery their entire lives by their fear of death. [16] Of course, he isn't trying to help angels, but rather he's helping Abraham's descendants. [17] Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers and sisters in every way. This was so that he could become a merciful

1:11 Is 51:6
1:12 Ps 102:25; Heb 13:8
1:13 Ps 110:1; Mt 22:44; Heb 1:3, Heb 10:13
1:14 Ps 91:11, Ps 103:20; Dn 7:10; Mt 25:34; Ti 3:7
2:1 Dt 4:23; Heb 12:25
2:2 Ac 7:53; Ga 3:19; Heb 10:28, Heb 10:35, Heb 11:26
2:3 Lk 1:2; Heb 10:29, Heb 12:25
2:4 Mk 16:20; Ac 14:3; Ro 15:19; 1Co 12:4; Eph 1:5
2:5 Heb 6:5
2:6 Ps 8:4; Heb 4:4
2:7 Ps 8:5
2:8 1Co 15:27
2:9 Jn 1:29, Jn 8:52; Ac 2:33, Ac 3:13; Phi 2:7
2:10 Lk 24:26; Ro 11:36; Heb 5:8, Heb 5:9, Heb 7:28
2:11 Mt 25:40, Mt 28:10; Jn 20:17; Heb 10:10, Heb 13:12
2:12 Ps 22:22
2:13 Is 8:17, Is 8:18
2:14 Gn 3:15; Jn 1:14; 1Co 15:54; 2Ti 1:10; 1Jn 3:8
2:15 Ro 8:15; 2Co 1:10
2:16 Is 41:8; Ga 3:16
2:17 Dn 9:24; Phi 2:7; Heb 2:14, Heb 3:1, Heb 5:1

[f] Ps 102:25-27 [g] Ps 110:1 [h] Ps 8:4-6 [i] Ps 22:22 [j] Isa 8:17 LXX [k] Isa 8:18

and faithful high priest in things relating to God, in order to wipe away the sins of the people. 18He's able to help those who are being tempted, since he himself experienced suffering when he was tempted.

We are Jesus' house

3 Therefore, brothers and sisters who are partners in the heavenly calling, think about Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. 2Jesus was faithful to the one who appointed him just like Moses was faithful in God's house. 3But he deserves greater glory than Moses in the same way that the builder of the house deserves more honor than the house itself. 4Every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant in order to affirm the things that would be spoken later. 6But Jesus was faithful over God's house as a Son. We are his house if we hold on to the confidence and the pride that our hope gives us.

Respond to Jesus' voice now

7So, as the Holy Spirit says,
Today, if you hear his voice,
8*don't have stubborn hearts*
as they did in the rebellion,
on the day when they tested me
in the desert.
9*That is where your ancestors*
challenged and tested me,
though they had seen my work
for forty years.
10*So I was angry with them.*
I said, "Their hearts always go off
course,
and they don't know my ways."
11*Because of my anger I swore:*
"They will never enter my rest!"[l]
12Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that none of you have an evil, unfaithful heart that abandons the living God. 13Instead, encourage each other every day, as long as it's called "today," so that none of you become insensitive to God because of sin's deception. 14We are partners with Christ, but only if we hold on to the confidence we had in the beginning until the end.

15When it says,
Today, if you hear his voice,
don't have stubborn hearts
as they did in the rebellion.[m]
16Who was it who rebelled when they heard his voice? Wasn't it all of those who were brought out of Egypt by Moses? 17And with whom was God angry for forty years? Wasn't it with the ones who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? 18And against whom did he swear that they would never enter his rest, if not against the ones who were disobedient? 19We see that they couldn't enter because of their lack of faith.

Enter the rest

4 Therefore, since the promise that we can enter into rest is still open, let's be careful so that none of you will appear to miss it. 2We also had the good news preached to us, just as the Israelites did. However, the message they heard didn't help them, because they weren't united in faith with the ones who listened to it. 3We who have faith are entering the rest. As God said,
And because of my anger I swore:
"They will never enter into my
rest!"[n]
And yet God's works were completed at the foundation of the world. 4Then somewhere he said this about the seventh day of creation: *God rested on the seventh day from all his works.*[o] 5But again, in the passage above, God said, *They will never enter my rest!*[p] 6Therefore, it's left open for some to enter it, and the ones who had the good news preached to them before didn't enter because of disobedience. 7Just as it says in the passage above, God designates a certain day as "today," when he says through David much later,
Today, if you hear his voice,
don't have stubborn hearts.[q]

2:18 Mt 4:1; 1Co 10:13; Heb 4:15; 2Pt 2:9; Rev 3:10
3:1 2Co 9:13; Phi 3:14; 2Th 2:14; Heb 2:17, Heb 4:14
3:2 Nm 12:7; Heb 3:5
3:3 Col 1:18
3:4 Gn 1:1; Eph 3:9; Heb 1:2, Heb 3:3
3:5 Ex 14:31; Nm 12:7; Heb 3:2
3:6 1Co 3:16; 1Ti 3:15; Heb 3:14, Heb 4:14; 1Pt 2:5
3:7 Ps 95:7; Ac 28:25; Heb 3:15, Heb 4:7
3:8 Ps 95:8; Heb 4:7
3:9 Ac 7:36
3:10 Ps 95:10
3:11 Heb 4:3, Heb 4:5
3:12 Dt 13:13; Mt 16:16; Heb 4:11, Heb 12:25; 2Pt 3:17
3:13 Is 44:20; Ro 7:11; Eph 4:22; Heb 10:24, Heb 10:25
3:14 Heb 3:6
3:15 Ps 95:7, Ps 95:8; Heb 3:7, Heb 3:8, Heb 4:7
3:17 Nm 14:29; 1Co 10:5
4:2 Ro 10:17; 1Th 2:13
4:7 Ps 95:7, Ps 95:8; Heb 3:7, Heb 3:8

[l] Ps 95:7-11 [m] Ps 95:7-8 [n] Ps 95:11 [o] Gen 2:2 [p] Ps 95:11 [q] Ps 95:7-8

[8]If Joshua gave the Israelites rest,
God wouldn't have spoken about an-
other day later on. [9]So you see that a
sabbath rest is left open for God's peo-
ple. [10]The one who entered God's rest
also rested from his works, just as God
rested from his own.

First summary of the message

[11]Therefore, let's make every effort
to enter that rest so that no one will
fall by following the same example of
disobedience, [12]because God's word is
living, active, and sharper than any
two-edged sword. It penetrates to the
point that it separates the soul from
the spirit and the joints from the
marrow. It's able to judge the heart's
thoughts and intentions. [13]No creature
is hidden from it, but rather every-
thing is naked and exposed to the eyes
of the one to whom we have to give an
answer.

[14]Also, let's hold on to the confes-
sion since we have a great high priest
who passed through the heavens, who
is Jesus, God's Son; [15]because we don't
have a high priest who can't sympa-
thize with our weaknesses but instead
one who was tempted in every way
that we are, except without sin.

[16]Finally, let's draw near to the
throne of favor with confidence so that
we can receive mercy and find grace
when we need help.

Introduction to a deeper teaching

5 Every high priest is taken from the
people and put in charge of things
that relate to God for their sake, in
order to offer gifts and sacrifices for
sins. [2]The high priest is able to deal
gently with the ignorant and those who
are misled since he himself is prone to
weakness. [3]Because of his weakness, he
must offer sacrifices for his own sins as
well as for the people. [4]No one takes
this honor for themselves but takes it
only when they are called by God, just
like Aaron.

4:8 Josh 22:4; Ac 7:45

4:9 Is 57:2; 1Pt 2:10; Rev 14:13

4:10 Heb 4:4; Rev 14:13

4:11 Heb 3:12, Heb 3:18

4:12 Jer 23:29; Eph 6:17; 1Th 2:13; 1Pt 1:23; Rev 1:16

4:13 2Ch 16:9; Job 26:6, Job 34:21; Ps 33:13

4:14 Heb 2:17, Heb 3:1, Heb 6:20, Heb 9:24, Heb 10:23

4:15 2Co 5:21; Heb 2:18, Heb 7:26; 1Pt 2:22; 1Jn 3:5

4:16 Eph 3:12; Heb 7:19, Heb 10:19

5:1 Ex 28:1; Heb 2:17, Heb 8:3, Heb 9:9, Heb 10:11

5:2 Heb 2:18, Heb 4:15, Heb 7:28, Heb 9:7

5:3 Lv 9:7, Lv 16:6; Heb 7:27, Heb 9:7

5:4 Ex 28:1; Nm 16:40, Nm 18:7; 1Ch 23:13; 2Ch 26:18

5:5 Ps 2:7; Jn 8:54; Heb 1:5

5:6 Gn 14:18; Ps 110:4; Heb 5:10, Heb 6:20, Heb 7:17

5:7 Mt 26:39, Mt 27:46, Mt 27:50; Mk 14:36, Mk 15:34

5:8 Phi 2:7, Phi 2:8; Heb 1:2

5:9 Heb 2:10

5:10 Heb 2:17, Heb 5:5, Heb 5:6, Heb 6:20, Heb 7:1

5:11 2Pt 3:16

5:12 Ac 7:38; 1Co 3:2; Heb 6:1; 1Pt 2:2

5:13 1Co 3:1, 1Co 14:20; 1Pt 2:2

5:14 1Ki 3:9; Is 7:15; 1Co 2:6; Eph 4:13

6:1 Phi 3:12; Col 1:28; Heb 5:12, Heb 9:14; 1Pt 5:10

6:2 Ac 6:6, Ac 17:32

6:3 Ac 18:21; 1Co 16:7

[5]In the same way Christ also didn't
promote himself to become high
priest. Instead, it was the one who said
to him,

You are my Son.
Today I have become your Father,

[6]as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek.[r]

[7]During his days on earth, Christ
offered prayers and requests with loud
cries and tears as his sacrifices to the
one who was able to save him from
death. He was heard because of his
godly devotion. [8]Although he was a
Son, he learned obedience from what
he suffered. [9]After he had been made
perfect, he became the source of eter-
nal salvation for everyone who obeys
him. [10]He was appointed by God to be
a high priest according to the order of
Melchizedek.

[11]We have a lot to say about this
topic, and it's difficult to explain, be-
cause you have been lazy and you
haven't been listening. [12]Although you
should have been teachers by now,
you need someone to teach you an in-
troduction to the basics about God's
message. You have come to the place
where you need milk instead of solid
food. [13]Everyone who lives on milk is
not used to the word of righteousness,
because they are babies. [14]But solid
food is for the mature, whose senses
are trained by practice to distinguish
between good and evil.

Let's press on to maturity

6 So let's press on to maturity, by
moving on from the basics about
Christ's word. Let's not lay a founda-
tion of turning away from dead works,
of faith in God, [2]of teaching about
ritual ways to wash with water, laying
on of hands, the resurrection from the
dead, and eternal judgment—all over
again. [3]We're going to press on, if God
allows it.

[r]Ps 110:4

[4]Because it's impossible to restore people to changed hearts and lives who turn away once they have seen the light, tasted the heavenly gift, become partners with the Holy Spirit, [5]and tasted God's good word and the powers of the coming age. [6]They are crucifying God's Son all over again and exposing him to public shame. [7]The ground receives a blessing from God when it drinks up the rain that regularly comes and falls on it and yields useful plants for those who farm it. [8]But if it produces thorns and thistles, it's useless and close to being cursed. It ends up being burned.

Make your hope sure

[9]But we are convinced of better things in your case, brothers and sisters, even though we are talking this way—things that go together with salvation. [10]God isn't unjust so that he forgets your efforts and the love you have shown for his name's sake when you served and continue to serve God's holy people. [11]But we desperately want each of you to show the same effort to make your hope sure until the end. [12]This is so you won't be lazy but follow the example of the ones who inherit the promises through faith and patience.

Our hope in Jesus' priesthood

[13]When God gave Abraham his promise, he swore by himself since he couldn't swear by anyone greater. [14]He said, *I will certainly bless you and multiply your descendants.*[s] [15]So Abraham obtained the promise by showing patience. [16]People pledge by something greater than themselves. A solemn pledge guarantees what they say and shuts down any argument. [17]When God wanted to further demonstrate to the heirs of the promise that his purpose doesn't change, he guaranteed it with a solemn pledge. [18]So these are two things that don't change, because it's impossible for God to lie. He did this so that we, who have taken refuge in him, can be encouraged to grasp the hope that is lying in front of us. [19]This hope, which is a safe and secure anchor for our whole being, enters the sanctuary behind the curtain. [20]That's where Jesus went in advance and entered for us, since he became a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

7 This Melchizedek, who was king of Salem and priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he returned from the defeat of the kings, and Melchizedek blessed him. [2]Abraham gave a tenth of everything to him. His name means first "king of righteousness," and then "king of Salem," that is, "king of peace." [3]He is without father or mother or any family. He has no beginning or end of life, but he's like God's Son and remains a priest for all time.

A priest like Melchizedek

[4]See how great Melchizedek was! Abraham, the father of the people, gave him a tenth of everything he captured. [5]The descendants of Levi who receive the office of priest have a commandment under the Law to collect a tenth of everything from the people who are their brothers and sisters, though they also are descended from Abraham. [6]But Melchizedek, who isn't related to them, received a tenth of everything from Abraham and blessed the one who had received the promises. [7]Without question, the less important person is blessed by the more important person. [8]In addition, in one case a tenth is received by people who die, and in the other case, the tenth is received by someone who continues to live, according to the record. [9]It could be said that Levi, who received a tenth, paid a tenth through Abraham [10]because he was still in his ancestor's body when Abraham paid the tenth to Melchizedek.

6:4 Jn 4:10; Ga 3:2; Eph 2:8; Heb 2:4, Heb 10:32
6:5 Heb 2:5; 1Pt 2:3
6:6 Heb 10:29; 1Jn 5:16
6:7 Ps 65:10; Prv 15:17; Ro 14:2; 2Ti 2:6
6:8 Gn 3:17, Gn 3:18
6:9 Heb 6:10
6:10 Mt 10:42; Mk 9:41; 1Th 1:3
6:11 Heb 3:6, Heb 10:22
6:12 Ro 12:11; Heb 10:36, Heb 13:7; Rev 13:10
6:13 Gn 22:16; Lk 1:73
6:14 Gn 22:17
6:15 Heb 6:12
6:16 Ex 22:11
6:17 Ps 33:11; Prv 19:21; Heb 6:18, Heb 11:9
6:18 Nm 23:19; Ti 1:2; Heb 3:6
6:19 Lv 16:2; Ac 27:29; Heb 9:3, Heb 9:7, Heb 10:20
6:20 Ps 110:4; Heb 4:14, Heb 5:6, Heb 5:10, Heb 7:1
7:1 Gn 14:18; Ps 76:2; Mk 5:7; Heb 5:6, Heb 6:20
7:2 Gn 14:20
7:3 Mt 4:3; Heb 7:6
7:4 Gn 14:20; Ac 2:29, Ac 7:8
7:6 Gn 14:20; Ro 4:13; Heb 6:13, Heb 7:3
7:9 Gn 29:34; Heb 7:4

[s]Gen 22:17

[11]So if perfection came through the levitical office of priest (for the people received the Law under the priests), why was there still a need to speak about raising up another priest according to the order of Melchizedek rather than one according to the order of Aaron? [12]When the order of the priest changes, there has to be a change in the Law as well. [13]The person we are talking about belongs to another tribe, and no one ever served at the altar from that tribe. [14]It's clear that our Lord came from the tribe of Judah, but Moses never said anything about priests from that tribe. [15]And it's even clearer if another priest appears who is like Melchizedek. [16]He has become a priest by the power of a life that can't be destroyed, rather than a legal requirement about physical descent. [17]This is confirmed:

You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek.[t]

Able to save completely

[18]On the one hand, an earlier command is set aside because it was weak and useless [19](because the Law made nothing perfect). On the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. [20]And this was not done without a solemn pledge! The others have become priests without a solemn pledge, [21]but this priest was affirmed with a solemn pledge by the one who said,

The Lord has made a solemn pledge
and will not change his mind:
You are a priest forever.[u]

[22]As a result, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. [23]The others who became priests are numerous because death prevented them from continuing to serve. [24]In contrast, he holds the office of priest permanently because he continues to serve forever. [25]This is why he can completely save those who are approaching God through him, because he always lives to speak with God for them.

[26]It's appropriate for us to have this kind of high priest: holy, innocent, incorrupt, separate from sinners, and raised high above the heavens. [27]He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day like the other high priests, first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all when he offered himself. [28]The Law appoints people who are prone to weakness as high priests, but the content of the solemn pledge, which came after the Law, appointed a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Meeting tents, sacrifices, and covenants

8 Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We have this kind of high priest. He sat down at the right side of the throne of the majesty in the heavens. [2]He's serving as a priest in the holy place, which is the true meeting tent that God, not any human being, set up. [3]Every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices. So it's necessary for this high priest also to have something to offer. [4]If he was located on earth, he wouldn't be a priest because there are already others who offer gifts based on the Law. [5]They serve in a place that is a copy and shadow of the heavenly meeting tent. This is indicated when Moses was warned by God when he was about to set up the meeting tent: *See that you follow the pattern that I showed you on the mountain in every detail.*[v] [6]But now, Jesus has received a superior priestly service just as he arranged a better covenant that is enacted with better promises.

[7]If the first covenant had been without fault, it wouldn't have made sense to expect a second. [8]But God did find fault with them, since he says,

Look, the days are coming, says the
Lord,

7:11 Heb 5:6, Heb 7:17, Heb 7:18, Heb 7:19, Heb 8:7
7:13 Heb 7:11, Heb 7:14
7:14 Is 11:1; Mi 5:2; Mt 1:3, Mt 2:6; Rev 5:5
7:15 Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6, Heb 6:20, Heb 7:17
7:16 Heb 9:10
7:17 Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6, Heb 6:20, Heb 7:15, Heb 7:21
7:18 Ro 8:3; Heb 7:11, Heb 10:1
7:19 Ro 3:20; Heb 4:16, Heb 7:25, Heb 9:9; Jas 4:8
7:21 Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6, Heb 7:17
7:22 Heb 8:6
7:23 Heb 7:28
7:24 Heb 7:28
7:25 Jn 14:6; Ro 8:34; Heb 7:19, Heb 9:24
7:26 2Co 5:21; Heb 4:14, Heb 4:15; 1Pt 2:22; 1Jn 3:5
7:27 Eph 5:2; Heb 5:3, Heb 9:12, Heb 9:28, Heb 10:10
7:28 Heb 1:2, Heb 2:10, Heb 5:2, Heb 5:9, Heb 7:21
8:1 Heb 1:3, Heb 2:17
8:2 Heb 9:11, Heb 9:24
8:3 Eph 5:2; Heb 5:1
8:5 Ex 25:40, Ex 26:30; Col 2:17; Heb 9:23, Heb 10:1
8:7 Heb 7:11
8:8 Jer 31:31; Lk 22:20

[t]Ps 110:4 [u]Ps 110:4 [v]Exod 25:40

when I will make a covenant
with the house of Israel,
and I will make a new covenant
with the house of Judah.
9 *It will not be like the covenant*
that I made with their ancestors
on the day I took them by the hand
to lead them out of the land of Egypt,
because they did not continue
to keep my covenant,
and I lost interest in them,
says the Lord.
10 *This is the covenant that I will make*
with the house of Israel
after those days, says the Lord.
I will place my laws in their minds,
and write them on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
11 *and each person*
won't ever teach a neighbor
or their brother or sister, saying,
"Know the Lord,"
because they will all know me,
from the least important of them
to the most important;
12 *because I will be lenient*
toward their unjust actions,
and I won't remember
their sins anymore.[w]
13 When it says new, it makes the first obsolete. And if something is old and outdated, it's close to disappearing.

Christ's service in the heavenly meeting tent

9 So then the first covenant had regulations for the priests' service and the holy place on earth. 2 They pitched the first tent called the holy place. It contained the lampstand, the table, and the loaves of bread presented to God. 3 There was a tent behind the second curtain called the holy of holies. 4 It had the gold altar for incense and the chest containing the covenant, which was covered with gold on all sides. In the chest there was a gold jar containing manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. 5 Above the chest there were magnificent winged creatures[x] casting their shadow over the seat of the chest, where sin is taken care of. Right now we can't talk about these things in detail. 6 When these things have been prepared in this way, priests enter the first tent all the time as they perform their service. 7 But only the high priest enters the second tent once a year. He never does this without blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins the people committed in ignorance. 8 With this, the Holy Spirit is showing that the way into the holy place hadn't been revealed yet while the first tent was standing. 9 This is a symbol for the present time. It shows that the gifts and sacrifices that are being offered can't perfect the conscience of the one who is serving. 10 These are superficial regulations that are only about food, drink, and various ritual ways to wash with water. They are regulations that have been imposed until the time of the new order.

11 But Christ has appeared as the high priest of the good things that have happened. He passed through the greater and more perfect meeting tent, which isn't made by human hands (that is, it's not a part of this world). 12 He entered the holy of holies once for all by his own blood, not by the blood of goats or calves, securing our deliverance for all time. 13 If the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of cows made spiritually contaminated people holy and clean, 14 how much more will the blood of Jesus wash our consciences clean from dead works in order to serve the living God? He offered himself to God through the eternal Spirit as a sacrifice without any flaw.

Christ's death and the new covenant

15 This is why he's the mediator of a new covenant (which is a will): so that those who are called might receive the

8:9 Ex 19:5; Jer 22:9
8:10 Jer 31:33; Ro 11:27; 2Co 3:3; Heb 10:16
8:11 Is 54:13; Jer 31:34; Jn 6:45; 1Jn 2:27
8:12 Is 43:25; Jer 31:34, Jer 50:20; Heb 10:17
8:13 2Co 5:17; Heb 7:18, Heb 8:8
9:1 Ex 25:8; Heb 8:2, Heb 9:10
9:2 Ex 25:23, Ex 25:30, Ex 25:31, Ex 26:1; Lv 24:5
9:3 Ex 26:31, Ex 26:33, Ex 40:3, Ex 40:21
9:4 Ex 16:33, Ex 16:34, Ex 25:10, Ex 25:16; Nm 17:10
9:5 Ex 25:17, Ex 25:18; Lv 16:2; 1Ki 8:6, 1Ki 8:7
9:7 Ex 30:10; Lv 16:34; Heb 5:3, Heb 9:3
9:8 Jn 14:6; Heb 3:7, Heb 10:19, Heb 10:20
9:10 Lv 11:2, Lv 11:25; Nm 19:7
9:11 Heb 2:17, Heb 8:2, Heb 9:24, Heb 10:1
9:12 Ac 20:28; Heb 7:27, Heb 9:15, Heb 9:19, Heb 9:24
9:13 Nm 19:2, Nm 19:9
9:14 Eph 5:2; Heb 6:1, Heb 10:2, Heb 10:22; 1Pt 3:18
9:15 Ac 20:32; Ro 3:24, Ro 8:28; Heb 8:6, Heb 12:24

[w] Jer 31:31-34 [x] Heb *cherubim*

promise of the eternal inheritance on the basis of his death. His death occurred to set them free from the offenses committed under the first covenant. 16When there is a will, you need to confirm the death of the one who made the will. 17This is because a will takes effect only after a death, since it's not in force while the one who made the will is alive. 18So not even the first covenant was put into effect without blood. 19Moses took the blood of calves and goats, along with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the Law scroll itself and all the people after he had proclaimed every command of the Law to all the people. 20While he did it, he said, *This is the blood of the covenant that God established for you.*[y] 21And in the same way he sprinkled the meeting tent and also all the equipment that would be used in the priests' service with blood. 22Almost everything is cleansed by blood, according to the Law's regulations, and there is no forgiveness without blood being shed.

23So it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be cleansed with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things had to be cleansed with better sacrifices than these. 24Christ didn't enter the holy place (which is a copy of the true holy place) made by human hands, but into heaven itself, so that he now appears in God's presence for us. 25He didn't enter to offer himself over and over again, like the high priest enters the earthly holy place every year with blood that isn't his. 26If that were so, then Jesus would have to suffer many times since the foundation of the world. Instead, he has now appeared once at the end of the ages to get rid of sin by sacrificing himself. 27People are destined to die once and then face judgment. 28In the same way, Christ was also offered once to take on himself the sins of many people. He will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

9:17 Ga 3:15
9:18 Ex 24:6; Heb 9:7
9:19 Ex 24:5, Ex 24:6; Lv 14:4; Nm 19:6; Heb 9:12
9:20 Ex 24:8; Mt 26:28
9:21 Lv 8:15, Lv 8:19, Lv 16:14
9:22 Lv 17:11
9:23 Heb 8:5, Heb 9:14
9:24 Ro 8:34; Heb 4:14, Heb 7:25, Heb 8:2, Heb 9:12
9:25 Heb 9:7, Heb 9:12, Heb 9:26, Heb 10:19
9:26 Heb 7:27, Heb 9:12, Heb 9:14, Heb 10:12; 1Jn 3:5
9:27 Gn 3:19; 2Co 5:10
9:28 Is 53:12; Ac 1:11; Ti 2:13; 1Pt 2:24, 1Pt 3:18
10:1 Col 2:17; Heb 7:19, Heb 8:5, Heb 9:11, Heb 10:11
10:4 Heb 9:13, Heb 10:11
10:5 Ps 40:6; Heb 1:6
10:7 Ezr 6:2; Ps 40:6, Ps 40:8; Jer 36:2; Mt 26:39
10:8 Ps 40:6; Mk 12:33
10:9 Ps 40:7, Ps 40:8; Heb 10:7
10:10 Jn 17:19; Heb 2:11, Heb 7:27, Heb 10:14, Heb 13:12
10:11 Heb 5:1, Heb 10:1, Heb 10:4
10:12 Heb 1:3
10:13 Ps 110:1; Mt 22:44; 1Co 15:25; Heb 1:13
10:14 Heb 10:1, Heb 10:10

Christ's once-for-all sacrifice

10 The Law is a shadow of the good things that are coming, not the real things themselves. It never can perfect the ones who are trying to draw near to God through the same sacrifices that are offered continually every year. 2Otherwise, wouldn't they have stopped being offered? If the people carrying out their religious duties had been completely cleansed once, no one would have been aware of sin anymore. 3Instead, these sacrifices are a reminder of sin every year, 4because it's impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5Therefore, when he comes into the world he says,

You didn't want a sacrifice or an offering,
but you prepared a body for me;
6*you weren't pleased with entirely burned offerings or a sin offering.*
7*So then I said,*
"Look, I've come to do your will, God.
This has been written about me in the scroll."[z]

8He says above, *You didn't want* and *you weren't pleased with a sacrifice or an offering* or *with entirely burned offerings or a purification offering,*[a] which are offered because the Law requires them. 9Then he said, *Look, I've come to do your will.*[b] He puts an end to the first to establish the second. 10We have been made holy by God's will through the offering of Jesus Christ's body once for all.

11Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. 13Since then, he's waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, 14because he perfected the

[y]Exod 24:8 [z]Ps 40:6-8 [a]Ps 40:6 [b]Ps 40:7-8

people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

15 The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying,

16 *This is the covenant*
that I will make with them.
After these days, says the Lord,
I will place my laws in their hearts
and write them on their minds.
17 *And I won't remember their sins*
and their lawless behavior
anymore.[c]

18 When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Second summary of the message

19 Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, 20 through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, 21 and we have a great high priest over God's house.

22 Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

23 Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

24 Let's also think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works. 25 Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

Judgment for intentional sin

26 If we make the decision to sin after we receive the knowledge of the truth, there isn't a sacrifice for sins left any longer. 27 There's only a scary expectation of judgment and of a burning fire that's going to devour God's opponents. 28 When someone rejected the Law from Moses, they were put to death without mercy on the basis of the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment do you think is deserved by the person who walks all over God's Son, who acts as if the blood of the covenant that made us holy is just ordinary blood, and who insults the Spirit of grace? 30 We know the one who said,

Judgment is mine;
I will pay people back.[d]

And he also said,

The Lord will judge his people.[e]

31 It's scary to fall into the hands of the living God!

Confidence and faith to endure

32 But remember the earlier days, after you saw the light. You stood your ground while you were suffering from an enormous amount of pressure. 33 Sometimes you were exposed to insults and abuse in public. Other times you became partners with those who were treated that way. 34 You even showed sympathy toward people in prison and accepted the confiscation of your possessions with joy, since you knew that you had better and lasting possessions. 35 So don't throw away your confidence—it brings a great reward. 36 You need to endure so that you can receive the promises after you do God's will.

37 *In a little while longer,*
the one who is coming will come
and won't delay;
38 *but my righteous one will live by faith,*
and my whole being won't be pleased
with anyone who shrinks back.[f]

39 But we aren't the sort of people who timidly draw back and end up being destroyed. We're the sort of people who have faith so that our whole beings are preserved.

Description of faith

11 Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we

10:15 Heb 3:7
10:16 Jer 31:33; Ro 11:27; Heb 8:10
10:19 Jn 10:7, Jn 14:6; Eph 2:18, Eph 3:12; Heb 4:16
10:20 2Ch 3:14; Jn 14:6; Heb 6:19, Heb 9:3, Heb 9:8
10:21 1Ti 3:15; Heb 2:17, Heb 3:6
10:22 Eze 36:25; 1Co 6:11; Heb 7:19, Heb 9:14; 1Pt 1:2
10:23 1Co 1:9; 1Th 5:24; Heb 3:6, Heb 4:14, Heb 11:11
10:24 Ti 3:8
10:25 Ac 2:42; 1Co 3:13; Heb 3:13
10:26 Nm 15:30; Heb 6:4; 2Pt 2:20; 1Jn 5:16
10:27 Heb 9:27
10:28 Dt 17:6, Dt 19:15; Mt 18:16; Heb 2:2
10:29 Zec 12:10; Eph 4:30; Heb 2:3, Heb 6:6, Heb 13:20
10:30 Dt 32:35, Dt 32:36; Ps 94:1, Ps 135:14; Ro 12:19
10:31 Heb 10:27
10:32 Phi 1:29, Phi 1:30; Heb 6:4
10:33 1Co 4:9; Phi 4:14; 1Th 2:14
10:34 Mt 5:12; 1Pt 1:4
10:35 Mt 5:12; Heb 2:2
10:36 Lk 21:19; Heb 6:12, Heb 6:15, Heb 12:1; Jas 1:4
10:37 Hab 2:3; Rev 22:20
10:38 Hab 2:3, Hab 2:4; Ro 1:17; Ga 3:11
10:39 Ps 44:18; Prv 14:14; Zep 1:4; Jn 17:12; 2Th 2:3
11:1 Ro 8:24; 2Co 4:18

[c] Jer 31:33-34 [d] Deut 32:35 [e] Deut 32:36; Ps 135:14 [f] Hab 2:3-4

don't see. [2]The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

Acts of faith by God's people

[3]By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

[4]By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice to God than Cain, which showed that he was righteous, since God gave approval to him for his gift. Though he died, he's still speaking through faith.

[5]By faith Enoch was taken up so that he didn't see death, and *he wasn't found because God took him up.*[g] He was given approval for having pleased God before he was taken up. [6]It's impossible to please God without faith because the one who draws near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards people who try to find him.

[7]By faith Noah responded with godly fear when he was warned about events he hadn't seen yet. He built an ark to deliver his household. With his faith, he criticized the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes from faith.

[8]By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

[9]By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. [10]He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

[11]By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. [12]So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. [13]All of these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. [14]People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. [15]If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. [16]But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

[17]By faith Abraham offered Isaac when he was tested. The one who received the promises was offering his only son. [18]He had been told concerning him, *Your legitimate descendants will come from Isaac.*[h] [19]He figured that God could even raise him from the dead. So in a way he did receive him back from the dead.

[20]By faith Isaac also blessed Jacob and Esau concerning their future.

[21]By faith Jacob blessed each of Joseph's sons as he was dying and *bowed in worship over the head of his staff.*[i]

[22]By faith Joseph recalled the exodus of the Israelites at the end of his life, and gave instructions about burying his bones.

[23]By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months when he was born, because they saw that the child was beautiful and they weren't afraid of the king's orders.

[24]By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he was grown up. [25]He chose to be mistreated with God's people instead of having the temporary pleasures of sin. [26]He thought that the abuses he suffered for Christ were more valuable than the treasures of Egypt, since he was looking forward to the reward.

11:2 Heb 11:4, Heb 11:39

11:3 Gn 1:1; Ps 33:6; Ro 4:17; Heb 1:2; 2Pt 3:5

11:4 Gn 4:3, Gn 4:4; Mt 23:35; Heb 12:24; 1Jn 3:12

11:5 Gn 5:21, Gn 5:22, Gn 5:24; 2Ki 2:11; Lk 3:37

11:6 Heb 7:19

11:7 Gn 6:9, Gn 6:13, Gn 7:1; Eze 14:14; 1Pt 3:20

11:8 Gn 12:1, Gn 12:7; Neh 9:7; Ac 7:2; Heb 11:17

11:9 Gn 12:8, Gn 13:18, Gn 18:1, Gn 18:9; Heb 6:17

11:10 2Co 5:1; Heb 11:16, Heb 12:22, Heb 13:14; Rev 21:2

11:11 Gn 17:17, Gn 18:11, Gn 21:2; Heb 10:23; 1Pt 3:6

11:12 Gn 15:5, Gn 22:17, Gn 32:12; Ro 4:19; Rev 20:8

11:13 Gn 23:4; 1Ch 29:15; Ps 39:12; Heb 11:39; 1Pt 2:11

11:14 Phi 1:23; Heb 11:16, Heb 13:14

11:15 Gn 24:6

11:16 Gn 26:24; Ex 3:6; Heb 11:10, Heb 13:14

11:17 Gn 22:1, Gn 22:2; Heb 11:8; Jas 2:21; 1Pt 1:7

11:18 Gn 21:12; Ro 9:7

11:19 Gn 4:4, Gn 22:2, Gn 22:13; Ro 4:17, Ro 4:21

11:20 Gn 27:27

11:21 Gn 47:31

11:22 Gn 50:24, Gn 50:25; Ex 13:19; Josh 24:32

11:23 Ex 1:16, Ex 1:22, Ex 2:2; Ac 7:20

11:24 Ex 2:10, Ex 2:11

11:25 Job 21:12, Job 21:13; Ps 84:10; Ro 8:17; Heb 11:24

11:26 Heb 13:13; 1Pt 4:14

[g]Gen 5:24 [h]Gen 21:12 [i]Gen 47:31 LXX

27By faith he left Egypt without
being afraid of the king's anger. He
kept on going as if he could see what
is invisible.
28By faith he kept the Passover and
the sprinkling of blood, in order that
the destroyer could not touch their
firstborn children.
29By faith they crossed the Red
Sea as if they were on dry land, but
when the Egyptians tried it, they were
drowned.
30By faith Jericho's walls fell after the
people marched around them for seven
days.
31By faith Rahab the prostitute
wasn't killed with the disobedient be-
cause she welcomed the spies in peace.
32What more can I say? I would run
out of time if I told you about Gideon,
Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Sam-
uel, and the prophets. 33Through faith
they conquered kingdoms, brought
about justice, realized promises, shut
the mouths of lions, 34put out raging
fires, escaped from the edge of the
sword, found strength in weakness,
were mighty in war, and routed foreign
armies. 35Women received back their
dead by resurrection. Others were
tortured and refused to be released so
they could gain a better resurrection.
36But others experienced public
shame by being taunted and whipped;
they were even put in chains and in
prison. 37They were stoned to death,
they were cut in two, and they died
by being murdered with swords. They
went around wearing the skins of
sheep and goats, needy, oppressed,
and mistreated. 38The world didn't de-
serve them. They wandered around in
deserts, mountains, caves, and holes in
the ground.
39All these people didn't receive
what was promised, though they were
given approval for their faith. 40God
provided something better for us so
they wouldn't be made perfect with-
out us.

11:27 Ex 2:15; 1Ti 1:17; Heb 11:1, Heb 11:13
11:28 Ex 12:7, Ex 12:21, Ex 12:23; 1Co 10:10; Heb 12:24
11:29 Ex 14:21, Ex 14:22
11:30 Josh 6:20
11:31 Josh 2:1, Josh 6:17, Josh 6:23, Josh 6:25; Jas 2:25
11:32 Jgs 4:1, Jgs 5:1; 1Sa 1:20, 1Sa 16:1, 1Sa 16:13
11:33 Jgs 14:6
11:34 Ex 18:4; Jgs 7:21, Jgs 15:8; Ps 144:10
11:35 1Ki 17:22, 1Ki 17:23
11:36 Gn 39:20; 1Ki 22:27; Jer 20:2, Jer 37:15
11:37 1Ki 19:10; 2Ki 1:8; 2Ch 24:21; Jer 26:23
11:38 Jgs 6:2; 1Sa 22:1; 1Ki 18:4, 1Ki 19:9
11:39 Heb 11:2, Heb 11:13
11:40 Rev 6:11
12:1 1Co 9:24; Eph 4:22; Heb 10:36
12:2 Phi 2:8; Heb 1:3, Heb 2:9, Heb 2:10
12:3 Ga 6:9; Rev 2:3
12:4 Heb 10:32, Heb 13:13
12:5 Job 5:17; Prv 3:11, Prv 3:12; Heb 12:3
12:6 Ps 119:75; Prv 3:11, Prv 3:12; Rev 3:19
12:7 Dt 8:5; 2Sa 7:14; Prv 13:24, Prv 19:18, Prv 23:13
12:8 1Pt 5:9
12:9 Nm 16:22, Nm 27:16
12:10 2Pt 1:4
12:11 Is 32:17; Heb 12:10; Jas 3:17, Jas 3:18; 1Pt 1:6

Let's also run the race

12So then let's also run the race
that is laid out in front of us,
since we have such a great cloud of wit-
nesses surrounding us. Let's throw off
any extra baggage, get rid of the sin
that trips us up, 2and fix our eyes on
Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He
endured the cross, ignoring the shame,
for the sake of the joy that was laid out
in front of him, and sat down at the
right side of God's throne.

Run the race with discipline

3Think about the one who endured
such opposition from sinners so that
you won't be discouraged and you
won't give up. 4In your struggle against
sin, you haven't resisted yet to the
point of shedding blood, 5and you have
forgotten the encouragement that ad-
dresses you as sons and daughters:

My child, don't make light
of the Lord's discipline
or give up when you are corrected by
him,
6*because the Lord disciplines*
whomever he loves,
and he punishes every son or
daughter whom he accepts.[j]

7Bear hardship for the sake of disci-
pline. God is treating you like sons and
daughters! What child isn't disciplined
by his or her father? 8But if you don't
experience discipline, which happens
to all children, then you are illegiti-
mate and not real sons and daughters.
9What's more, we had human parents
who disciplined us, and we respected
them for it. How much more should
we submit to the Father of spirits and
live? 10Our human parents disciplined
us for a little while, as it seemed best
to them, but God does it for our ben-
efit so that we can share his holiness.
11No discipline is fun while it lasts, but
it seems painful at the time. Later,
however, it yields the peaceful fruit of
righteousness for those who have been
trained by it.

[j]Prov 3:11-12

[12]So strengthen your drooping hands
and weak knees! [13]Make straight paths
for your feet so that if any part is lame,
it will be healed rather than injured
more seriously. [14]Pursue the goal of
peace along with everyone—and holi-
ness as well, because no one will see the
Lord without it. [15]Make sure that no
one misses out on God's grace. Make
sure that no root of bitterness grows
up that might cause trouble and pollute
many people. [16]Make sure that no one
becomes sexually immoral or ungodly
like Esau. He sold his inheritance as the
oldest son for one meal. [17]You know that
afterward, when he wanted to inherit
the blessing, he was rejected because he
couldn't find a way to change his heart
and life, though he looked for it with
tears.

Priestly service in heavenly Jerusalem

[18]You haven't drawn near to some-
thing that can be touched: a burning
fire, darkness, shadow, a whirlwind,
[19]a blast of a trumpet, and a sound of
words that made the ones who heard
it beg that there wouldn't be one more
word. [20]They couldn't stand the com-
mand, *If even a wild animal touches*
the mountain, it must be stoned.[k] [21]The
sight was so frightening that Moses
said, "I'm terrified and shaking!"

[22]But you have drawn near to Mount
Zion, the city of the living God, heav-
enly Jerusalem, to countless angels in
a festival gathering, [23]to the assembly
of the God's firstborn children who are
registered in heaven, to God the judge
of all, to the spirits of the righteous
who have been made perfect, [24]to
Jesus the mediator of the new cov-
enant, and to the sprinkled blood that
speaks better than Abel's blood.

[25]See to it that you don't resist the
one who is speaking. If the people
didn't escape when they refused to
listen to the one who warned them on
earth, how will we escape if we reject
the one who is warning from heaven?
[26]His voice shook the earth then, but
now he has made a promise: *Still once*
more I will shake not only the earth but
heaven also.[l] [27]The words "still once
more" reveal the removal of what
is shaken—the things that are part
of this creation—so that what isn't
shaken will remain. [28]Therefore, since
we are receiving a kingdom that can't
be shaken, let's continue to express our
gratitude.[m] With this gratitude, let's
serve[n] in a way that is pleasing to God
with respect and awe, [29]because our
God really is a consuming fire.

12:12 Is 35:3
12:13 Prv 4:26; Ga 6:1; Jas 5:16
12:14 Mt 5:8; Ro 6:22, Ro 12:18, Ro 14:19; 2Co 7:1
12:15 Dt 29:18; Ga 5:4; Heb 4:1
12:16 Gn 25:29, Gn 25:30, Gn 25:31, Gn 25:33; Heb 13:4
12:18 Ex 19:12, Ex 20:18; Dt 4:11, Dt 5:22
12:19 Ex 19:16, Ex 20:18, Ex 20:19; Dt 4:12, Dt 18:16
12:20 Ex 19:12, Ex 19:13
12:21 Dt 9:19
12:22 Ga 4:26; Heb 11:10; Rev 5:11, Rev 14:1, Rev 21:2
12:23 Gn 18:25; Ex 4:22; Ps 94:2; Lk 10:20
12:24 Gn 4:10; 1Ti 2:5; Heb 8:6, Heb 11:4; 1Pt 1:2
12:26 Ex 19:18; Hg 2:6
12:27 Ps 102:26; Is 34:4, Is 54:10; 1Co 7:31; Eph 2:15
12:28 Ps 2:11; Dn 2:44
12:29 Dt 4:24, Dt 9:3; Ps 97:3; Is 33:14; Heb 10:27
13:1 Ro 12:10; 1Th 4:9; 1Pt 1:22
13:2 Gn 19:2; Mt 25:35; Ro 12:13; 1Pt 4:9
13:3 Mt 25:36; Col 4:18; Heb 10:34
13:4 1Co 6:9; 1Ti 4:3; Rev 22:15
13:5 Dt 31:6; Josh 1:5; Eph 5:3; Phi 4:11; 1Ti 3:3
13:7 Heb 6:12, Heb 13:17, Heb 13:24
13:8 2Co 1:19; Heb 1:12
13:10 1Co 9:13, 1Co 10:18

Our acts of service and sacrifice

13 Keep loving each other like
family. [2]Don't neglect to open
up your homes to guests, because by
doing this some have been hosts to an-
gels without knowing it. [3]Remember
prisoners as if you were in prison with
them, and people who are mistreated
as if you were in their place. [4]Marriage
must be honored in every respect,
with no cheating on the relationship,
because God will judge the sexually im-
moral person and the person who com-
mits adultery. [5]Your way of life should
be free from the love of money, and
you should be content with what you
have. After all, he has said, *I will never*
leave you or abandon you.[o] [6]This is why
we can confidently say,

The Lord is my helper,
and I won't be afraid.
What can people do to me?[p]

[7]Remember your leaders who spoke
God's word to you. Imitate their faith
as you consider the way their lives
turned out. [8]Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever!

[9]Don't be misled by the many
strange teachings out there. It's a good
thing for the heart to be strengthened
by grace rather than by food. Food
doesn't help those who live in this
context. [10]We have an altar, and those
who serve as priests in the meeting

[k]Exod 19:12-13 [l]Exod 19:18 [m]Or *hold on to grace* [n]Or *offer priestly service* [o]Deut 31:6; Gen 28:15 [p]Ps 118:6

tent don't have the right to eat from it. [11]The blood of the animals is carried into the holy of holies by the high priest as an offering for sin, and their bodies are burned outside the camp. [12]And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy with his own blood.

[13]So now, let's go to him outside the camp, bearing his shame. [14]We don't have a permanent city here, but rather we are looking for the city that is still to come.

[15]So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. [16]Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Closing greeting and blessing

[17]Rely on your leaders and defer to them, because they watch over your whole being as people who are going to be held responsible for you. They need to be able to do this with pleasure and not with complaints about you, because that wouldn't help you. [18]Pray for us. We're sure that we have a good conscience, and we want to do the right thing in every way. [19]I'm particularly asking you to do this so that I can be returned to you quickly.

[20]May the God of peace,
who brought back
the great shepherd of the sheep,
our Lord Jesus,
from the dead by the blood
of the eternal covenant,
[21]equip you with every good thing
to do his will,
by developing in us what pleases
him through Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory forever and
always. Amen.

[22]I urge you, brothers and sisters, to put up with this message of encouragement, since I've only written a short letter to you! [23]You should know that our brother Timothy has been set free. If he comes soon, we will travel together to see you.

[24]Greet your leaders and all of God's holy people. The group from Italy greets you.

[25]May grace be with all of you.

13:11 Ex 29:14; Lv 4:12, Lv 4:21, Lv 9:11, Lv 16:27
13:12 Jn 19:17; Eph 5:26; Heb 2:11, Heb 9:12, Heb 10:10
13:13 Lk 6:22, Lk 9:23; Heb 11:26; 1Pt 4:14
13:14 Heb 11:10, Heb 11:16, Heb 12:22
13:15 Ps 107:22, Ps 116:17; Hos 14:2
13:16 Ro 12:13; Phi 4:18
13:17 Is 62:6; Eze 3:17; Ac 20:28; 1Co 16:16; Heb 13:7
13:20 Is 55:3; Eze 37:26; Jn 10:11; Ac 2:24; Ro 15:33
13:21 Phi 2:13; Heb 10:36; 1Pt 5:10; 1Jn 3:22
13:22 1Pt 5:12
13:23 Ac 16:1; Col 1:1; 1Th 3:2; Phm 1:1
13:24 Ac 18:2; Heb 13:7, Heb 13:17

JAMES

Greeting

1 From James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.
To the twelve tribes who are scattered outside the land of Israel.
Greetings!

Stand firm

[2]My brothers and sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. [3]After all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. [4]Let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing. [5]But anyone who needs wisdom should ask God, whose very nature is to give to everyone without a second thought, without keeping score. Wisdom will certainly be given to those who ask. [6]Whoever asks shouldn't hesitate. They should ask in faith, without doubting. Whoever doubts is like the surf of the sea, tossed and turned by the wind. [7]People like that should never imagine that they will receive anything from the Lord. [8]They are double-minded, unstable in all their ways.

[9]Brothers and sisters who are poor should find satisfaction in their high status. [10]Those who are wealthy should find satisfaction in their low status, because they will die off like wildflowers.

1:1 Jn 7:35; Ac 12:17, Ac 15:23; Ro 1:1; Ti 1:1
1:2 Mt 5:12; Heb 10:34; Jas 1:12; 1Pt 1:6
1:4 Mt 5:48; Lk 21:19
1:5 Prv 2:3; Mt 7:7; Jas 3:17
1:6 Mt 21:21; Eph 4:14
1:7 Jas 1:6
1:8 1Ki 18:21; Hos 10:2; Mt 6:24; Jas 4:8; 2Pt 2:14
1:9 Lk 14:11
1:10 Is 40:6, Is 40:7; 1Co 7:31; 1Pt 1:24

[11]The sun rises with its scorching heat
and dries up the grass so that its flow-
ers fall and its beauty is lost. Just like
that, in the midst of their daily lives,
the wealthy will waste away. [12]Those
who stand firm during testing are
blessed. They are tried and true. They
will receive the life God has promised
to those who love him as their reward.

Our cravings versus God's gifts

[13]No one who is tested should say,
"God is tempting me!" This is because
God is not tempted by any form of evil,
nor does he tempt anyone. [14]Everyone
is tempted by their own cravings; they
are lured away and enticed by them.
[15]Once those cravings conceive, they
give birth to sin; and when sin grows
up, it gives birth to death.

[16]Don't be misled, my dear broth-
ers and sisters. [17]Every good gift, every
perfect gift, comes from above. These
gifts come down from the Father, the
creator of the heavenly lights, in whose
character there is no change at all. [18]He
chose to give us birth by his true word,
and here is the result: we are like the
first crop from the harvest of every-
thing he created.

Welcoming and doing the word

[19]Know this, my dear brothers and
sisters: everyone should be quick to
listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow
angry. [20]This is because an angry per-
son doesn't produce God's righteous-
ness. [21]Therefore, with humility, set
aside all moral filth and the growth
of wickedness, and welcome the word
planted deep inside you—the very
word that is able to save you.

[22]You must be doers of the word and
not only hearers who mislead them-
selves. [23]Those who hear but don't do
the word are like those who look at
their faces in a mirror. [24]They look at
themselves, walk away, and immedi-
ately forget what they were like. [25]But
there are those who study the perfect
law, the law of freedom, and continue
to do it. They don't listen and then
forget, but they put it into practice
in their lives. They will be blessed in
whatever they do.

[26]If those who claim devotion to
God don't control what they say, they
mislead themselves. Their devotion is
worthless. [27]True devotion, the kind
that is pure and faultless before God the
Father, is this: to care for orphans and
widows in their difficulties and to keep
the world from contaminating us.

Don't show favoritism

2 My brothers and sisters, when you
show favoritism you deny the faith-
fulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
has been resurrected in glory. [2]Imagine
two people coming into your meeting.
One has a gold ring and fine clothes,
while the other is poor, dressed in
filthy rags. [3]Then suppose that you
were to take special notice of the one
wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an
excellent place. Sit here." But to the
poor person you say, "Stand over
there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet."
[4]Wouldn't you have shown favoritism
among yourselves and become evil-
minded judges?

[5]My dear brothers and sisters, lis-
ten! Hasn't God chosen those who are
poor by worldly standards to be rich in
terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the
poor as heirs of the kingdom he has
promised to those who love him? [6]But
you have dishonored the poor. Don't
the wealthy make life difficult for you?
Aren't they the ones who drag you into
court? [7]Aren't they the ones who insult
the good name spoken over you at your
baptism?

[8]You do well when you really fulfill
the royal law found in scripture, *Love
your neighbor as yourself.*[a] [9]But when
you show favoritism, you are commit-
ting a sin, and by that same law you are
exposed as a lawbreaker. [10]Anyone who
tries to keep all of the Law but fails at

1:11 Ps 102:11; Is 40:6, Is 40:7; Mt 20:12

1:12 1Co 9:25; Jas 1:2, Jas 2:5, Jas 5:11; Rev 2:10

1:14 Gn 3:6; Josh 7:21; Job 31:9; Prv 4:23; Is 44:20

1:15 Gn 3:6; Job 15:35; Is 59:4; Ro 5:12, Ro 6:23

1:16 1Co 6:9; Jas 1:19, Jas 2:5

1:17 Nm 23:19; Mal 3:6; Jas 3:15, Jas 3:17; 1Jn 1:5

1:18 Jer 2:3; Jn 1:13; 1Pt 1:3, 1Pt 1:23; Rev 14:4

1:19 Prv 10:19, Prv 13:3, Prv 16:32; Ecc 5:1, Ecc 7:9

1:20 Mt 5:22

1:21 Eph 1:13, Eph 4:22; Jas 3:13; 1Pt 2:1

1:22 Mt 7:21, Mt 7:24; Jn 13:17; Ro 2:13; Jas 2:14

1:23 1Co 13:12

1:24 Jas 1:23

1:25 Jn 8:32, Jn 13:17; Jas 2:12

1:26 Ps 34:13, Ps 39:1, Ps 141:3; Jas 3:2; 1Pt 3:10

1:27 Dt 14:29; Job 31:16; Is 1:17; Mt 25:36; Jas 4:4

2:1 Prv 24:23; 1Co 2:8; Jas 2:9

2:2 Zec 3:3; Lk 23:11

2:4 Jn 7:24

2:5 Job 34:19; Mt 5:3, Mt 25:34; Lk 6:20; Jas 1:12

2:6 Ac 16:19; Jas 5:4, Jas 5:6

2:7 Ac 11:26

2:8 Lv 19:18; Mt 22:39; Ga 5:14

2:9 Jas 2:1

2:10 Dt 27:26; Mt 5:19; Ga 3:10, Ga 5:3; Jas 3:2

[a]Lev 19:18

one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it. [11]The one who said, *Don't commit adultery*, also said, *Don't commit murder*.[b] So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker. [12]In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. [13]There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment.

Showing faith

[14]My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? [15]Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. [16]What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? [17]In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

[18]Someone might claim, "You have faith and I have action." But how can I see your faith apart from your actions? Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action. [19]It's good that you believe that God is one. Ha! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble with fear. [20]Are you so slow? Do you need to be shown that faith without actions has no value at all? [21]What about Abraham, our father? Wasn't he shown to be righteous through his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? [22]See, his faith was at work along with his actions. In fact, his faith was made complete by his faithful actions. [23]So the scripture was fulfilled that says, *Abraham believed God, and God regarded him as righteous.*[c] What is more, Abraham was called God's friend. [24]So you see that a person is shown to be righteous through faithful actions and not through faith alone. [25]In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute shown to be righteous when she received the messengers as her guests and then sent them on by another road? [26]As the lifeless body is dead, so faith without actions is dead.

2:11 Ex 20:13, Ex 20:14; Dt 5:17, Dt 5:18
2:12 Jas 1:25
2:13 Prv 21:13; Mt 5:7, Mt 6:15, Mt 18:32
2:14 Mt 7:21, Mt 7:26; Jas 1:22
2:15 Mt 25:35, Mt 25:36; Lk 3:11
2:16 1Jn 3:17
2:17 Ga 5:6; Jas 2:20, Jas 2:26
2:18 Mt 7:17; Ro 3:28; Ga 5:6; Heb 11:33; Jas 3:13
2:19 Dt 6:4; Mt 8:29; Mk 12:29; Lk 4:34
2:20 Jas 2:17, Jas 2:26
2:21 Gn 22:9, Gn 22:12; Heb 11:17
2:22 Heb 11:17
2:23 Gn 15:6; 2Ch 20:7; Is 41:8; Ro 4:3; Ga 3:6
2:25 Josh 2:1, Josh 6:17; Heb 11:31
2:26 Ecc 12:7; Ac 7:59; Jas 2:17, Jas 2:20

Taming the tongue

3 My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. [2]We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. [3]When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.

[4]Consider ships: they are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. [5]In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly.

Think about this: a small flame can set a whole forest on fire. [6]The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell.

[7]People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. [8]No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. [9]With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. [10]Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!

[11]Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? [12]My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

3:1 Mt 23:8; Ro 2:21
3:2 1Ki 8:46; Ecc 7:20; Mt 12:37; Jas 1:26; 1Jn 1:8
3:4 Ac 27:14
3:5 Ps 12:3, Ps 73:8
3:6 Prv 16:27; Mt 5:22, Mt 15:11
3:7 Gn 1:26, Gn 9:2
3:8 Ps 140:3; Ecc 10:11; Ro 3:13
3:9 Gn 1:26, Gn 1:27, Gn 5:1; 1Co 11:7
3:10 Ro 12:14

[b]Exod 20:13, 15 LXX (English: 20:13-14); Deut 5:17-18 [c]Gen 15:6

Wisdom from above

13 Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. 14 However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. 16 Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. 17 What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. 18 Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

Conflict with people and God

4 What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? 2 You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. 3 You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

4 You unfaithful people! Don't you know that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? 5 Or do you suppose that scripture is meaningless? Doesn't God long for our faithfulness in[d] the life he has given to us?[e] 6 But he gives us more grace. This is why it says, *God stands against the proud, but favors the humble.*[f] 7 Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. 8 Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Cry out in sorrow, mourn, and weep! Let your laughter become mourning and your joy become sadness. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

11 Brothers and sisters, don't say evil things about each other. Whoever insults or criticizes a brother or sister insults and criticizes the Law. If you find fault with the Law, you are not a doer of the Law but a judge over it. 12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, and he is able to save and to destroy. But you who judge your neighbor, who are you?

Warning the proud and wealthy

13 Pay attention, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such-and-such a town. We will stay there a year, buying and selling, and making a profit." 14 You don't really know about tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for only a short while before it vanishes. 15 Here's what you ought to say: "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast and brag, and all such boasting is evil. 17 It is a sin when someone knows the right thing to do and doesn't do it.

5 Pay attention, you wealthy people! Weep and moan over the miseries coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted. Moths have destroyed your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you. It will eat your flesh like fire. Consider the treasure you have hoarded in the last days. 4 Listen! Hear the cries of the wages of your field hands. These are the wages you stole from those who harvested your fields. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of heavenly forces. 5 You have lived a self-satisfying life on this earth, a life of luxury. You have stuffed your hearts in preparation for the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who doesn't oppose you.

Courageous patience

7 Therefore, brothers and sisters, you must be patient as you wait for the com-

3:13 Jas 1:21, Jas 2:18; 1Pt 2:12

3:14 Ro 13:13; 2Co 12:20; Phi 2:3; Jas 3:16

3:15 1Co 2:6; 1Ti 4:1; Jas 1:17

3:16 Ac 19:29; 1Co 14:33; 2Co 12:20; Ga 5:20; Jas 3:14

3:17 Lk 6:36; Ro 12:9; Ti 3:2; Heb 12:11; Jas 1:17

4:1 Ro 7:23; 1Pt 2:11

4:3 Ps 18:41, Ps 66:18; 1Jn 3:22, 1Jn 5:14

4:4 Jn 15:19; Ro 8:7; 1Jn 2:15

4:6 Ps 138:6; Prv 3:34; Mt 23:12; 1Pt 5:5

4:7 Eph 4:27, Eph 6:11; 1Pt 5:8, 1Pt 5:9

4:8 Is 1:16; Jer 4:14; Zec 1:3; Heb 7:19; Jas 1:8

4:9 Prv 14:13; Ecc 7:6; Lk 6:25

4:11 Mt 7:1; Ro 2:13; 2Co 12:20; Jas 1:22; 1Pt 2:1

4:12 Is 33:22; Mt 7:1, Mt 10:28; Ro 14:4; Jas 5:9

4:13 Prv 27:1; Lk 12:18

4:14 Job 7:7; Ps 102:3, Ps 144:4

4:15 Prv 19:21; Ac 18:21; 1Co 4:19, 1Co 16:7

4:16 Ps 52:1; Prv 25:14, Prv 27:1; 1Co 5:6

4:17 Lk 12:47, Lk 12:48; Jn 9:41; 2Pt 2:21

5:1 Is 13:6; Lk 6:24; 1Ti 6:9

5:2 Job 13:28; Is 50:9; Mt 6:19, Mt 6:20

5:3 Jas 5:8

5:4 Lv 19:13; Dt 24:15; Jer 22:13; Mal 3:5; Ro 9:29

5:5 Jer 12:3; Lk 16:19; 1Ti 5:6

[d] Or *jealously longs for* [e] Or *Doesn't the spirit that God placed in us have jealous desires?* [f] Prov 3:34

ing of the Lord. Consider the farmer who waits patiently for the coming of rain in the fall and spring, looking forward to the precious fruit of the earth. [8]You also must wait patiently, strengthening your resolve, because the coming of the Lord is near. [9]Don't complain about each other, brothers and sisters, so that you won't be judged. Look! The judge is standing at the door!

[10]Brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of patient resolve and steadfastness. [11]Look at how we honor those who have practiced endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job. And you have seen what the Lord has accomplished, for the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Final instructions

[12]Most important, my brothers and sisters, never make a solemn pledge—neither by heaven nor earth, nor by anything else. Instead, speak with a simple "Yes" or "No," or else you may fall under judgment.

5:8 Ro 13:11; 1Th 3:13; 1Pt 4:7

5:9 Mt 24:33; 1Co 4:5; Jas 4:11

5:11 Ex 34:6; Job 1:21, Job 1:22, Job 2:10, Job 42:10

5:12 Ex 20:7; Mt 5:34

5:13 Ps 50:15; 1Co 14:15; Eph 5:19; Col 3:16

5:14 Mk 6:13, Mk 16:18; Ac 11:30; Ti 1:5

5:15 Ps 103:3, Ps 130:4; Mt 9:2; Mk 2:5; Jas 1:6

5:16 Gn 18:23; Mt 3:6; Jn 9:31; Ac 19:18

5:17 1Ki 17:1, 1Ki 18:1; Lk 4:25; Ac 14:15

5:18 1Ki 18:41, 1Ki 18:42, 1Ki 18:45

5:19 Dn 12:3; Mt 18:15; Ga 6:1; Jas 3:14, Jas 5:20

5:20 Prv 10:12, Prv 11:30; Ro 11:14; Jas 5:19; 1Pt 4:8

[13]If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. [14]If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. [15]Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven. [16]For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve. [17]Elijah was a person just like us. When he earnestly prayed that it wouldn't rain, no rain fell for three and a half years. [18]He prayed again, God sent rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

[19]My brothers and sisters, if any of you wander from the truth and someone turns back the wanderer, [20]recognize that whoever brings a sinner back from the wrong path will save them from death and will bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

1 PETER

Greeting

[1]Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God's chosen strangers in the world of the diaspora, who live in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.
[2]God the Father chose you because of what he knew beforehand. He chose you through the Holy Spirit's work of making you holy and because of the faithful obedience and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Thanksgiving

[3]May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. [4]You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. [5]Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.

[6]You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. [7]This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself

1:1 Ac 2:9, Ac 16:6, Ac 16:7; Jas 1:1; 2Pt 1:1

1:2 Ro 1:7, Ro 8:29; 2Co 13:14; Heb 12:24; 2Pt 1:2

1:3 1Co 15:20; 2Co 1:3; Eph 1:3; 1Pt 1:23, 1Pt 3:21

1:4 Ac 20:32; Col 1:5; 2Ti 4:8; 1Pt 5:4

1:5 Eph 2:8; Jud 1:24

1:6 Jas 1:2; 1Pt 1:7, 1Pt 4:12, 1Pt 4:13, 1Pt 5:10

1:7 Job 23:10; Ps 66:10; Zec 13:9; Jas 1:3; 1Pt 1:13

tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. 9You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

10The prophets, who long ago foretold the grace that you've received, searched and explored, inquiring carefully about this salvation. 11They wondered what the Spirit of Christ within them was saying when he bore witness beforehand about the suffering that would happen to Christ and the glory that would follow. They wondered what sort of person or what sort of time they were speaking about. 12It was revealed to them that in their search they were not serving themselves but you. These things, which even angels long to examine, have now been proclaimed to you by those who brought you the good news. They did this in the power of the Holy Spirit, who was sent from heaven.

Response of obedience

13Therefore, once you have your minds ready for action and you are thinking clearly, place your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14Don't be conformed to your former desires, those that shaped you when you were ignorant. But, as obedient children, 15you must be holy in every aspect of your lives, just as the one who called you is holy. 16It is written, *You will be holy, because I am holy.*[a] 17Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land. 18Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors. 19Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. 20Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, 21who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

22As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly. 23Do this because you have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

24Thus,

All human life on the earth is like grass,
and all human glory
is like a flower in a field.
The grass dries up
and its flower falls off,
25*but the Lord's word endures forever.*[b]

This is the word that was proclaimed to you as good news.

Your identity as believers

2 Therefore, get rid of all ill will and all deceit, pretense, envy, and slander. 2Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, 3since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. 5You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6Thus it is written in scripture, *Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.*[c] 7So God honors you who believe. For those who

1:8 Jn 20:29
1:9 Ro 6:22; Jas 1:21
1:10 Mt 13:17
1:11 Mt 26:24; Ro 8:9; 1Pt 3:18; 2Pt 1:21
1:12 Eph 3:10; 1Ti 3:16
1:13 Lk 12:35; 1Th 5:6, 1Th 5:8; 1Pt 4:7, 1Pt 5:8
1:14 Ro 12:2; Eph 4:18; 1Th 4:5; Ti 3:3; 1Pt 4:2
1:15 1Th 4:7
1:16 Lv 11:44, Lv 11:45, Lv 19:2, Lv 20:7
1:17 Jer 3:19; Mt 6:9, Mt 16:27; 2Co 7:1; Heb 12:28
1:18 1Co 6:20; Eph 4:17; Ti 2:14
1:19 Ex 12:5; Jn 1:29; Ac 20:28; Heb 9:14; Rev 5:9
1:20 Mt 25:34; Eph 1:4; Heb 9:26; Rev 13:8
1:21 Ac 2:24; Ro 4:24, Ro 10:9; Heb 2:9; 1Pt 1:3
1:22 Jn 13:34; Ro 12:9, Ro 12:10; 1Ti 1:5; Heb 13:1
1:23 Jn 1:13; Heb 4:12; Jas 1:18; 1Pt 1:3
1:24 Ps 90:5; Is 40:6, Is 40:7; Jas 1:10, Jas 1:11
1:25 Is 40:6, Is 40:8
2:1 1Co 5:8; Eph 4:22, Eph 4:31; Col 3:8; Jas 4:11
2:2 1Co 3:2, 1Co 14:20; Eph 4:15; Heb 5:12, Heb 5:13
2:3 Ps 34:8; Heb 6:5
2:4 1Pt 2:7
2:5 Is 61:6; Ro 12:1; Eph 2:20; Heb 3:6; Rev 1:6
2:6 Is 28:16; Ro 9:33, Ro 10:11; Eph 2:20
2:7 Ps 118:22

[a]Lev 19:2 [b]Isa 40:6-8 [c]Isa 28:16

refuse to believe, though, the stone
the builders tossed aside has become
the capstone. [8]This is a stone that
makes people stumble and a rock that
makes them fall. Because they refuse
to believe in the word, they stumble.
Indeed, this is the end to which they
were appointed. [9]But you are a chosen
race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people who are God's own posses-
sion. You have become this people so
that you may speak of the wonder-
ful acts of the one who called you out
of darkness into his amazing light.
[10]Once you weren't a people, but now
you are God's people. Once you hadn't
received mercy, but now you have re-
ceived mercy.

Life as strangers in the world

[11]Dear friends, since you are im-
migrants and strangers in the world,
I urge that you avoid worldly desires
that wage war against your lives. [12]Live
honorably among the unbelievers.
Today, they defame you, as if you were
doing evil. But in the day when God
visits to judge they will glorify him, be-
cause they have observed your honor-
able deeds.

[13]For the sake of the Lord submit
to every human institution. Do this
whether it means submitting to the
emperor as supreme ruler, [14]or to
governors as those sent by the em-
peror. They are sent to punish those
doing evil and to praise those doing
good. [15]Submit to them because it's
God's will that by doing good you will
silence the ignorant talk of foolish
people. [16]Do this as God's slaves, and
yet also as free people, not using your
freedom as a cover-up for evil. [17]Honor
everyone. Love the family of believers.
Have respectful fear of God. Honor the
emperor.

[18]Household slaves, submit by ac-
cepting the authority of your masters
with all respect. Do this not only to
good and kind masters but also to those
who are harsh. [19]Now, it is commend-
able if, because of one's understanding
of God, someone should endure pain
through suffering unjustly. [20]But what
praise comes from enduring patiently
when you have sinned and are beaten
for it? But if you endure steadfastly
when you've done good and suffer for
it, this is commendable before God.

[21]You were called to this kind of en-
durance, because Christ suffered on
your behalf. He left you an example so
that you might follow in his footsteps.
[22]He committed no sin, nor did he
ever speak in ways meant to deceive.
[23]When he was insulted, he did not
reply with insults. When he suffered,
he did not threaten revenge. Instead,
he entrusted himself to the one who
judges justly. [24]He carried in his own
body on the cross the sins we commit-
ted. He did this so that we might live
in righteousness, having nothing to
do with sin. By his wounds you were
healed. [25]Though you were like stray-
ing sheep, you have now returned to
the shepherd and guardian of your
lives.

3 Wives, likewise, submit to your
own husbands. Do this so that even
if some of them refuse to believe the
word, they may be won without a word
by their wives' way of life. [2]After all,
they will have observed the reverent
and holy manner of your lives. [3]Don't
try to make yourselves beautiful on the
outside, with stylish hair or by wearing
gold jewelry or fine clothes. [4]Instead,
make yourselves beautiful on the in-
side, in your hearts, with the enduring
quality of a gentle, peaceful spirit. This
type of beauty is very precious in God's
eyes. [5]For it was in this way that holy
women who trusted in God used to
make themselves beautiful, accepting
the authority of their own husbands.
[6]For example, Sarah accepted Abra-
ham's authority when she called him
master. You have become her children
when you do good and don't respond
to threats with fear.

[7]Husbands, likewise, submit by liv-
ing with your wife in ways that honor
her, knowing that she is the weaker

2:8 Is 8:14; Ro 9:22, Ro 9:32, Ro 9:33; 1Co 1:23

2:9 Ex 19:5, Ex 19:6; Dt 7:6, Dt 10:15; Ac 26:18

2:10 Hos 1:10, Hos 2:23; Ro 9:25, Ro 9:26

2:11 Ro 13:14; Ga 5:16, Ga 5:24; Heb 11:13; Jas 4:1

2:12 Is 10:3; Mt 5:16; Lk 19:44; Phi 2:15; 1Pt 3:15

2:13 Ro 13:1; Ti 3:1

2:14 Ro 13:1, Ro 13:3, Ro 13:4; 1Pt 2:13

2:15 1Pt 2:12, 1Pt 3:17

2:16 Jn 8:32, Jn 15:22; Ro 6:22; Ga 5:13; Jas 1:25

2:17 Prv 24:21; Ro 12:10, Ro 13:7; 1Pt 1:22

2:18 Eph 6:5; Col 3:22; Jas 3:17

2:20 1Pt 3:17, 1Pt 4:16

2:21 Mt 11:29, Mt 16:24; Ac 14:22; 1Pt 3:18, 1Pt 4:1

2:22 Is 53:9; Jn 8:46; 2Co 5:21; Heb 4:15; 1Jn 3:5

2:23 Is 53:7; Lk 23:46; Heb 12:3

2:24 Is 53:4, Is 53:5, Is 53:11; Ro 6:2, Ro 6:11

3:1 Gn 3:16; 1Co 7:16, 1Co 9:19; Eph 5:22; Col 3:18

3:2 Eph 6:5; 1Pt 2:12, 1Pt 3:1, 1Pt 3:15

3:3 Ex 33:4; Is 3:18; 1Ti 2:9, 1Ti 2:10

3:4 Ro 7:22

3:5 1Ti 5:5

3:6 Gn 18:12; Heb 11:11; 1Pt 3:14

3:7 Eph 5:25; Col 3:19; 1Th 4:4

partner. Honor her all the more, as she is also a coheir of the gracious care of life. Do this so that your prayers won't be hindered.

[8]Finally, all of you be of one mind, sympathetic, lovers of your fellow believers, compassionate, and modest in your opinion of yourselves. [9]Don't pay back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give blessing in return. You were called to do this so that you might inherit a blessing. [10]For

those who want to love life
and see good days
should keep their tongue from evil
speaking
and their lips from speaking lies.
[11]*They should shun evil and do good;*
seek peace and chase after it.
[12]*The Lord's eyes are on the righteous*
and his ears are open to their prayers.
But the Lord cannot tolerate
those who do evil.[d]

[13]Who will harm you if you are zealous for good? [14]But happy are you even if you suffer because of righteousness! Don't be terrified or upset by them. [15]Instead, regard Christ as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it. [16]Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience. Act in this way so that those who malign your good lifestyle in Christ may be ashamed when they slander you. [17]It is better to suffer for doing good (if this could possibly be God's will) than for doing evil.

[18]Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit. [19]And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. [20]In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. [21]Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [22]who is at God's right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

4 Therefore, since Christ suffered as a human, you should also arm yourselves with his way of thinking. This is because whoever suffers is finished with sin. [2]As a result, they don't live the rest of their human lives in ways determined by human desires but in ways determined by God's will. [3]You have wasted enough time doing what unbelievers desire—living in their unrestrained immorality and lust, their drunkenness and excessive feasting and wild parties, and their forbidden worship of idols. [4]They think it's strange that you don't join in these activities with the same flood of unrestrained wickedness. So they slander you. [5]They will have to reckon with the one who is ready to judge the living and the dead. [6]Indeed, this is the reason the good news was also preached to the dead. This happened so that, although they were judged as humans according to human standards, they could live by the Spirit according to divine standards.

[7]The end of everything has come. Therefore, be self-controlled and clearheaded so you can pray. [8]Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins. [9]Open your homes to each other without complaining. [10]And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. [11]Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God's word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes. Do this so that in everything God may be honored

3:8 Ro 12:16, Ro 15:5; 1Co 1:10; Eph 4:2, Eph 4:32
3:9 Ro 12:14, Ro 12:17; 1Co 4:12; 1Th 5:15; 1Pt 2:21
3:10 Ps 34:12, Ps 34:13; Jas 1:26
3:11 Ps 34:14
3:12 Ps 34:15
3:13 Prv 16:7
3:14 Is 8:12, Is 8:13; Mt 5:10; 1Pt 2:19, 1Pt 2:20
3:15 Is 29:23; Col 4:6; 2Ti 2:25; Heb 3:6; 1Pt 1:3
3:16 Ro 9:1; 1Ti 1:5; Heb 13:18; 1Pt 2:12, 1Pt 3:21
3:17 1Pt 2:15, 1Pt 2:20, 1Pt 4:16, 1Pt 4:19
3:18 Col 1:21; Heb 9:26, Heb 9:28; 1Pt 2:21, 1Pt 4:1
3:19 1Pt 4:6
3:20 Gn 6:3, Gn 6:14, Gn 8:18; Heb 11:7; 2Pt 2:5
3:21 Ro 6:3; Ga 3:27; Ti 3:5; 1Pt 1:3
3:22 Mk 16:19; Ro 8:34; Eph 1:20, Eph 1:21; Heb 4:14
4:1 Ro 6:7; Ga 5:24; Phi 2:5; Col 3:3; 1Pt 3:18
4:2 1Pt 1:14, 1Pt 2:11
4:3 Ro 13:13; 1Co 12:2; Eph 2:2, Eph 4:17
4:4 Eph 5:18; 1Pt 3:15
4:6 1Pt 3:19
4:7 Ro 13:11; Phi 4:5; 1Th 5:6; Jas 5:8; 1Pt 1:13
4:8 Prv 10:12; Jas 5:20; 1Pt 1:22
4:9 Ro 12:13; Phi 2:14; 1Ti 3:2; Ti 1:8; Heb 13:2
4:10 Ro 12:6; 1Co 4:1, 1Co 4:2
4:11 Ac 7:38; Ro 3:2, Ro 11:36; 1Pt 5:11; Rev 1:6

[d]Ps 34:12-16

through Jesus Christ. To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.

Stand firm in the last times

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised about the fiery trials that have come among you to test you. These are not strange happenings. 13 Instead, rejoice as you share Christ's suffering. You share his suffering now so that you may also have overwhelming joy when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are mocked because of Christ's name, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory—indeed, the Spirit of God—rests on you.

15 Now none of you should suffer as a murderer or thief or evildoer or rebel. 16 But don't be ashamed if you suffer as one who belongs to Christ. Rather, honor God as you bear Christ's name. Give honor to God, 17 because it's time for judgment to begin with God's own household. But if judgment starts with us, what will happen to those who refuse to believe God's good news? 18 If the righteous are barely rescued, what will happen to the godless and sinful? 19 So then, those who suffer because they follow God's will should commit their lives to a trustworthy creator by doing what is right.

5 Therefore, I have a request for the elders among you. (I ask this as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings, and as one who shares in the glory that is about to be revealed.) I urge the elders: 2 Like shepherds, tend the flock of God among you. Watch over it. Don't shepherd because you must, but do it voluntarily for God. Don't shepherd greedily, but do it eagerly. 3 Don't shepherd by ruling over those entrusted to your care, but become examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

5 In the same way, I urge you who are younger: accept the authority of the elders. And everyone, clothe yourselves with humility toward each other. God stands against the proud, but he gives favor to the humble.

6 Therefore, humble yourselves under God's power so that he may raise you up in the last day. 7 Throw all your anxiety onto him, because he cares about you. 8 Be clearheaded. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith. Do so in the knowledge that your fellow believers are enduring the same suffering throughout the world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be power forever and always. Amen.

Final greeting

12 I have written and sent these few lines to you by Silvanus. I consider him to be a faithful brother. In these lines I have urged and affirmed that this is the genuine grace of God. Stand firm in it. 13 The fellow-elect church in Babylon greets you, and so does my son Mark. 14 Greet each other with the kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ.

4:12 1Pt 1:6, 1Pt 1:7

4:13 Mt 5:12; Ro 8:17; Phi 3:10; 1Pt 1:7, 1Pt 5:1

4:14 Is 11:2; Mt 5:11; Jn 15:21; Heb 11:26; 1Pt 3:14

4:15 2Th 3:11; 1Ti 5:13

4:16 Ac 5:41, Ac 11:26

4:17 Jer 25:29; Eze 9:6; Am 3:2; Ro 1:1; 2Th 1:8

4:18 Prv 11:31; Lk 23:31

4:19 Ps 31:5; 2Ti 1:12; 1Pt 3:17

5:1 Lk 24:48; Ac 11:30; 1Pt 4:13; 3Jn 1:1; Rev 1:9

5:2 Jn 21:16; Ac 20:28; 1Ti 3:3, 1Ti 3:8; Ti 1:7

5:3 Eze 34:4; Mt 20:25; Phi 3:17; 2Th 3:9; 1Ti 4:12

5:4 1Co 9:25; 2Ti 4:8; Jas 1:12; 1Pt 1:4, 1Pt 2:25

5:5 Prv 3:34; Eph 5:21; Jas 4:6; 1Pt 3:8

5:6 Lk 14:11; Jas 4:10

5:7 Ps 37:5, Ps 55:22; Mt 6:25; Phi 4:6

5:8 Job 1:7; Mt 24:42; Lk 22:31; Jas 4:7; 1Pt 1:13

5:9 Ac 14:22; Col 2:5; Jas 4:7

5:12 1Co 15:1; 2Co 1:19; Heb 13:22

5:13 Ac 12:12, Ac 12:25; Col 4:10; Phm 1:24

5:14 Ro 8:1, Ro 16:16; Eph 6:23

2 PETER

Greeting

1 From Simon Peter, a slave and
apostle of Jesus Christ.
To those who received a faith equal
to ours through the justice of our
God and savior Jesus Christ.
2 May you have more and more grace
and peace through the knowledge
of God and Jesus our Lord.

Christian life in outline

3 By his divine power the Lord has
given us everything we need for life
and godliness through the knowledge
of the one who called us by his own
honor and glory. 4 Through his honor
and glory he has given us his precious
and wonderful promises, that you may
share the divine nature and escape
from the world's immorality that sin-
ful craving produces.

5 This is why you must make every
effort to add moral excellence to your
faith; and to moral excellence, knowl-
edge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control;
and to self-control, endurance; and to
endurance, godliness; 7 and to godli-
ness, affection for others; and to af-
fection for others, love. 8 If all these
are yours and they are growing in you,
they'll keep you from becoming inac-
tive and unfruitful in the knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 Whoever
lacks these things is shortsighted
and blind, forgetting that they were
cleansed from their past sins.

10 Therefore, brothers and sisters, be
eager to confirm your call and election.
Do this and you will never ever be lost.
11 In this way you will receive a rich wel-
come into the everlasting kingdom of
our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Reminder of the Christian life

12 So I'll keep reminding you about
these things, although you already
know them and stand secure in the
truth you have. 13 I think it's right that I
keep stirring up your memory, as long
as I'm alive. 14 After all, our Lord Jesus
Christ has shown me that I am about
to depart from this life. 15 I'm eager for
you always to remember these things
after my death.

1:1 Ro 1:1, Ro 3:21; Ti 1:4, Ti 2:13; 1Pt 1:1

1:4 2Co 7:1; Eph 4:24; Heb 12:10; 2Pt 2:18; 1Jn 3:2

1:5 Phi 4:8

1:9 Eph 5:26; Heb 9:14; 1Jn 2:11

1:17 Mt 3:17, Mt 17:5; Mk 9:7; Lk 9:35

1:18 Ex 3:5; Josh 5:15

1:19 Ps 119:105; Prv 6:23; Lk 1:78; 2Co 4:6; Rev 22:16

1:20 2Pt 3:3

1:21 2Sa 23:2; Ac 1:16, Ac 3:18; 2Ti 3:16; 1Pt 1:11

2:1 Mt 7:15; 1Co 6:20; Ga 2:4; 1Ti 4:1; Jud 1:4

2:2 Ac 16:17; Ro 2:24; 2Pt 2:21

2:3 1Th 2:5; 1Ti 6:5; Ti 1:11; 2Pt 2:14

Christ's return is true

16 We didn't repeat crafty myths
when we told you about the power-
ful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Quite the contrary, we witnessed his
majesty with our own eyes. 17 He re-
ceived honor and glory from God the
Father when a voice came to him from
the magnificent glory, saying, "This is
my dearly loved Son, with whom I am
well-pleased." 18 We ourselves heard
this voice from heaven while we were
with him on the holy mountain. 19 In
addition, we have a most reliable pro-
phetic word, and you would do well to
pay attention to it, just as you would to
a lamp shining in a dark place, until the
day dawns and the morning star rises
in your hearts. 20 Most important, you
must know that no prophecy of scrip-
ture represents the prophet's own un-
derstanding of things, 21 because no
prophecy ever came by human will. In-
stead, men and women led by the Holy
Spirit spoke from God.

Appearance of false teachers

2 But false prophets also arose
among the people. In the same way,
false teachers will come among you.
They will introduce destructive opin-
ions and deny the master who bought
them, bringing quick destruction on
themselves. 2 Many will follow them in
their unrestrained immorality, and be-
cause of these false teachers the way of
truth will be slandered. 3 In their greed
they will take advantage of you with
lies. The judgment pronounced against
them long ago hasn't fallen idle, nor is
their destruction sleeping.

Active judgment of God

4 God didn't spare the angels when
they sinned but cast them into the low-
est level of the underworld and com-
mitted them to chains of darkness,
keeping them there until the judg-
ment. 5 And he didn't spare the ancient
world when he brought a flood on the
world of ungodly people, even though
he protected Noah, a preacher of right-
eousness, along with seven others.
6 God condemned the cities of Sodom
and Gomorrah to total destruction, re-
ducing them to ashes as a warning to
ungodly people. 7 And he rescued right-
eous Lot, who was made miserable by
the unrestrained immorality of unruly
people. (8 While that righteous man
lived among them he felt deep distress
every day on account of the immoral
actions he saw and heard.) 9 These
things show that the Lord knows how
to rescue the godly from their trials,
and how to keep the unrighteous for
punishment on the Judgment Day.
10 This is especially true for those who
follow after the corrupt cravings of
the sinful nature and defy the Lord's
authority.

Evil character of the false teachers

These reckless, brash people aren't
afraid to insult the glorious ones, 11 yet
angels, who are stronger and more
powerful, don't use insults when pro-
nouncing the Lord's judgment on
them. 12 These false teachers are like
irrational animals, mere creatures of
instinct, born to be captured and de-
stroyed. They slander what they don't
understand and, like animals, they will
be destroyed. 13 In this way, they will
receive payment for their wrongdoing.

They even enjoy unruly parties in
broad daylight. They are blots and
blemishes, taking delight in their se-
ductive pleasures while feasting with
you. 14 They are always looking for
someone with whom to commit adul-
tery. They are always on the lookout
for opportunities to sin. They ensnare
people whose faith is weak. They have
hearts trained in greed. They are under
God's curse. 15 Leaving the straight
path, they have gone off course, fol-
lowing the way of Balaam son of
Bosor, who loved the payment of doing
wrong. 16 But Balaam was rebuked for
his wrongdoing. A donkey, which has
no voice, spoke with a human voice
and put a stop to the prophet's mad-
ness.

17 These false teachers are springs
without water, mists driven by the
wind. The underworld has been re-
served for them. 18 With empty, self-
important speech, they use sinful
cravings and unrestrained immoral-
ity to ensnare people who have only
just escaped life with those who have
wandered from the truth. 19 These false
teachers promise freedom, but they
themselves are slaves of immorality;
whatever overpowers you, enslaves
you. 20 If people escape the moral filth
of this world through the knowledge
of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ,
then get tangled up in it again and
are overcome by it, they are worse off
than they were before. 21 It would be
better for them never to have known
the way of righteousness than, hav-
ing come to know it, to turn back from
the holy commandment entrusted to
them. 22 They demonstrate the truth of
the proverb: "A dog returns to its own
vomit, and a washed sow wallows in
the mud."

Delay of Christ's coming in judgment

3 My dear friends, this is now my
second letter to you. I have writ-
ten both letters to stir up your sin-
cere understanding with a reminder.
2 I want you to recall what the holy
prophets foretold as well as what the
Lord and savior commanded through
your apostles. 3 Most important, know
this: in the last days scoffers will come,
jeering, living by their own cravings,
4 and saying, "Where is the promise

2:4 Mt 25:41; Jud 1:6, Jud 1:13; Rev 20:10
2:5 Gn 6:8, Gn 7:1; Heb 11:7; 1Pt 3:20; 2Pt 3:6
2:6 Gn 19:24; Jud 1:7
2:7 Gn 19:16, Gn 19:29
2:8 Heb 11:4; 2Pt 2:7
2:9 Mt 10:15; 1Co 10:13; 2Pt 3:7; Rev 3:10
2:10 Ex 22:28; Jud 1:8, Jud 1:16, Jud 1:18
2:11 Jud 1:9
2:12 Ps 49:12; Jer 12:3; Jud 1:10
2:13 Ro 13:13; 1Co 11:21; 1Th 5:7; Jud 1:12
2:14 Eph 2:3; 2Pt 2:3, 2Pt 2:18, 2Pt 3:16
2:15 Nm 22:5, Nm 22:7; Dt 23:4; Jud 1:11; Rev 2:14
2:16 Nm 22:21, Nm 22:28
2:17 Mt 22:13; Jud 1:12, Jud 1:13
2:18 2Pt 1:4, 2Pt 2:20; Jud 1:16
2:19 Jn 8:34; Ro 6:16; Ga 5:13; 1Pt 2:16
2:20 Mt 12:45; 2Pt 1:2, 2Pt 1:11, 2Pt 3:18
2:21 Eze 18:24
2:22 Prv 26:11; Mt 7:6
3:2 Lk 1:70; Ac 3:21; 2Pt 2:21; Jud 1:17
3:3 1Ti 4:1; 2Pt 2:10; Jud 1:18
3:4 Is 5:19; Jer 17:15; Eze 12:22; 1Th 2:19

of his coming? After all, nothing has changed—not since the beginning of creation, nor even since the ancestors died."

5But they fail to notice that, by God's word, heaven and earth were formed long ago out of water and by means of water. 6And it was through these that the world of that time was flooded and destroyed. 7But by the same word, heaven and earth are now held in reserve for fire, kept for the Judgment Day and destruction of ungodly people.

8Don't let it escape your notice, dear friends, that with the Lord a single day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a single day. 9The Lord isn't slow to keep his promise, as some think of slowness, but he is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish but all to change their hearts and lives. 10But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a dreadful noise, the elements will be consumed by fire, and the earth and all the works done on it will be exposed.

11Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be? You must live holy and godly lives, 12waiting for and hastening the coming day of God. Because of that day, the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the elements will melt away in the flames. 13But according to his promise we are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Preparing for Christ's coming in judgment

14Therefore, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found by him in peace—pure and faultless. 15Consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation, just as our dear friend and brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him, 16speaking of these things in all his letters. Some of his remarks are hard to understand, and people who are ignorant and whose faith is weak twist them to their own destruction, just as they do the other scriptures.

Final instruction

17Therefore, dear friends, since you have been warned in advance, be on guard so that you aren't led off course into the error of sinful people, and lose your own safe position. 18Instead, grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To him belongs glory now and forever. Amen.

3:5 Gn 1:6, Gn 1:9; Ps 24:2, Ps 136:6; Heb 11:3
3:6 Gn 7:11, Gn 7:21; 2Pt 2:5
3:7 Mt 10:15; 2Pt 2:9, 2Pt 3:10, 2Pt 3:12
3:8 Ps 90:4
3:9 Hab 2:3; Ro 2:4; 1Ti 2:4; Heb 10:37; Rev 2:21
3:10 Is 34:4; Mt 24:35; 1Th 5:2; 2Pt 3:7; Rev 21:1
3:11 Ex 19:6; 1Ti 4:12, 1Ti 6:11; 1Pt 1:15, 1Pt 2:12
3:12 Is 34:4; 1Co 1:7; 2Pt 3:10; Jud 1:21
3:13 Is 60:21, Is 65:17, Is 66:22; Rev 21:1, Rev 21:27
3:14 1Co 15:58; Phi 2:15; 1Th 3:13, 1Th 5:23; Jas 1:27
3:15 Ac 15:25; Ro 2:4; Eph 3:3; 1Pt 3:20; 2Pt 3:9
3:16 Jer 23:36; Heb 5:11; 2Pt 2:14

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Announcement about the word of life

1We announce to you what existed from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have seen and our hands handled, about the word of life. 2The life was revealed, and we have seen, and we testify and announce to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us. 3What we have seen and heard, we also announce it to you so that you can have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy can be complete.

The message: God is light

5This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: "God is light and there is no darkness in him at all." 6If we claim, "We have fellowship with him," and live in the

1:1 Lk 24:39; Jn 1:1, Jn 1:14, Jn 20:27; 2Pt 1:16
1:2 Jn 1:1, Jn 1:4, Jn 11:25, Jn 14:6; 1Jn 3:5
1:3 1Co 1:9; 1Jn 1:1, 1Jn 1:7
1:4 Jn 3:29, Jn 15:11, Jn 16:24; 1Jn 2:1; 2Jn 1:12
1:5 Ps 27:1; Jn 8:12; 1Ti 6:16; Jas 1:17; 1Jn 3:11
1:6 Ps 82:5; Prv 4:19; 1Jn 2:4, 1Jn 2:11, 1Jn 4:20

darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully. 7But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. 8If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong. 10If we claim, "We have never sinned," we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

Living in the light

2 My little children, I'm writing these things to you so that you don't sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. 2He is God's way of dealing with our sins, not only ours but the sins of the whole world. 3This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments. 4The one who claims, "I know him," while not keeping his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in this person. 5But the love of God is truly perfected in whoever keeps his word. This is how we know we are in him. 6The one who claims to remain in him ought to live in the same way as he lived.

7Dear friends, I'm not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the message you heard. 8On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light already shines. 9The one who claims to be in the light while hating a brother or sister is in the darkness even now. 10The person loving a brother and sister stays in the light, and there is nothing in the light that causes a person to stumble. 11But the person who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and lives in the darkness, and doesn't know where to go because the darkness blinds the eyes.

1:7 Is 2:5; Eph 1:7; Heb 9:14; Rev 1:5, Rev 7:14

1:8 Job 15:14; Prv 20:9; Ecc 7:20; Jas 3:2; 1Jn 2:4

1:9 Ps 32:5; Prv 28:13

1:10 Jn 5:38; 1Jn 1:8, 1Jn 2:13, 1Jn 5:10

2:1 Jn 5:14, Jn 8:11, Jn 14:16; Ro 8:34; 1Ti 2:5

2:2 Jn 1:29, Jn 4:42; Ro 3:25; 2Co 5:18; 1Jn 4:10

2:3 Jn 14:15, Jn 15:10; 1Jn 2:4, 1Jn 2:5, 1Jn 4:13

2:4 Ti 1:16; 1Jn 1:6, 1Jn 1:8, 1Jn 3:6, 1Jn 4:20

2:5 Jn 14:23; 1Jn 2:3, 1Jn 4:12, 1Jn 4:13

2:6 Mt 11:29; Jn 13:15, Jn 15:4; 1Pt 2:21; 1Jn 3:6

2:7 Jn 13:34; 1Jn 2:24, 1Jn 3:11; 2Jn 1:5-6

2:8 Jn 1:9, Jn 8:12, Jn 13:34; Ro 13:12; Eph 5:8

2:9 1Jn 2:11, 1Jn 3:15, 1Jn 4:20

2:10 1Jn 2:11, 1Jn 3:14

2:11 Jn 12:35; 2Co 4:4; 2Pt 1:9; 1Jn 1:6, 1Jn 2:9

2:12 Ac 10:43, Ac 13:38; 1Jn 1:9, 1Jn 2:1

2:13 Jn 1:1, Jn 14:7; 1Jn 1:1, 1Jn 2:14, 1Jn 3:12

2:14 Jn 1:1, Jn 5:38, Jn 8:31; Eph 6:10; 1Jn 2:13

2:15 Ro 12:2; Jas 4:4

2:16 Prv 27:20; Ro 13:14, Eph 2:3

2:17 1Co 7:31

2:18 Mt 24:5, Mt 24:24; 1Jn 2:22, 1Jn 4:3; 2Jn 1:7

2:19 Dt 13:13; Ac 20:30; 1Co 11:19

2:20 Mt 13:11; Mk 1:24; Jn 14:26; 2Co 1:21; 1Jn 2:27

2:21 2Pt 1:12

2:22 1Jn 2:18, 1Jn 4:3; 2Jn 1:7

2:23 Jn 8:19; 1Jn 4:15; 2Jn 1:9

Motivations for writing

12Little children, I'm writing to you because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus' name. 13Parents, I'm writing to you because you have known the one who has existed from the beginning. Young people, I'm writing to you because you have conquered the evil one. 14Little children, I write to you because you know the Father. Parents, I write to you because you have known the one who has existed from the beginning. Young people, I write to you because you are strong, the word of God remains in you, and you have conquered the evil one.

Warning about the world

15Don't love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them. 16Everything that is in the world—the craving for whatever the body feels, the craving for whatever the eyes see and the arrogant pride in one's possessions—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17And the world and its cravings are passing away, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.

Remaining in the truth

18Little children, it is the last hour. Just as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19They went out from us, but they were not really part of us. If they had been part of us, they would have stayed with us. But by going out from us, they showed they all are not part of us. 20But you have an anointing from the holy one, and all of you know the truth. 21I don't write to you because you don't know the truth but because you know it. You know that no lie comes from the truth. 22Who is the liar? Isn't it the person who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This person is the antichrist: the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23Everyone who denies the Son does

not have the Father, but the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

[24]As for you, what you heard from the beginning must remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in relationship to the Son and in the Father. [25]This is the promise that he himself gave us: eternal life. [26]I write these things to you about those who are attempting to deceive you. [27]As for you, the anointing that you received from him remains on you, and you don't need anyone to teach you the truth. But since his anointing teaches you about all things (it's true and not a lie), remain in relationship to him just as he taught you.

Remaining until Jesus appears

[28]And now, little children, remain in relationship to Jesus, so that when he appears we can have confidence and not be ashamed in front of him when he comes. [29]If you know that he is righteous, you also know that every person who practices righteousness is born from him.

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

[2]Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. [3]And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself even as he is pure. [4]Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. [5]You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. [6]Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

Practicing sin or righteousness

[7]Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous. [8]The person who practices sin belongs to the devil, because the devil has been sinning since the beginning. God's Son appeared for this purpose: to destroy the works of the devil. [9]Those born from God don't practice sin because God's DNA[a] remains in them. They can't sin because they are born from God. [10]This is how God's children and the devil's children are apparent: everyone who doesn't practice righteousness is not from God, including the person who doesn't love a brother or sister. [11]This is the message that you heard from the beginning: love each other. [12]Don't behave like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he kill him? He killed him because his own works were evil, but the works of his brother were righteous.

Loving each other

[13]Don't be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. [14]We know that we have transferred from death to life, because we love the brothers and sisters. The person who does not love remains in death. [15]Everyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. [16]This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. [17]But if a person has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need and that person doesn't care—how can the love of God remain in him?

[18]Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. [19]This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. [20]Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. [21]Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. [22]We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his com-

2:24 Jn 14:23; 1Jn 1:3, 1Jn 2:7; 2Jn 1:9

2:25 Ti 1:2

2:26 Mk 13:22; Ac 20:30; 1Ti 4:1; 1Jn 3:7; 2Jn 1:7

2:27 Jn 14:26; 1Jn 2:20

2:28 Col 3:4; 1Th 2:19; 1Jn 3:2, 1Jn 3:21, 1Jn 4:17

2:29 Jn 1:13; 1Jn 3:7, 1Jn 3:9, 1Jn 4:7, 1Jn 5:1

3:1 Jn 1:12, Jn 3:16, Jn 16:3; 1Jn 3:2

3:2 Jn 17:24; Ro 8:29; 2Co 3:18; 2Pt 1:4; 1Jn 3:1

3:3 2Co 7:1; 2Pt 3:14

3:4 Ro 4:15; 1Jn 5:17

3:5 Jn 1:29, Jn 8:46; 2Co 5:21; Heb 4:15; 1Pt 2:22

3:6 1Jn 2:4, 1Jn 3:9, 1Jn 5:18; 3Jn 1:11

3:7 1Jn 2:1, 1Jn 2:26, 1Jn 2:29

3:8 Gn 3:15; Mt 13:38; Jn 8:44, Jn 12:31; Heb 2:14

3:9 Jn 1:13; 1Pt 1:23; 1Jn 2:29, 1Jn 4:7, 1Jn 5:18

3:10 Mt 13:38; Jn 8:44, Jn 11:52; Ac 13:10; 1Jn 4:8

3:11 Jn 13:34; 1Jn 1:5, 1Jn 2:7, 1Jn 4:7; 2Jn 1:5

3:12 Gn 4:8; Ps 38:20; Prv 29:10; Heb 11:4; Jud 1:11

3:13 Lk 6:22; Jn 15:18-19, Jn 17:14

3:14 Jn 5:24; 1Jn 2:9-10

3:15 Mt 5:21-22; Rev 21:8

3:16 Jn 10:11, Jn 15:13; Eph 5:2; Phi 2:17

3:17 Dt 15:7; 1Jn 4:20

3:18 Eze 33:31; Ro 12:9

3:19 Heb 10:22; 1Jn 3:14

3:20 Heb 4:13

3:21 2Co 1:12; 1Jn 2:28, 1Jn 5:14

3:22 Mt 7:7, Mt 21:22; Jn 8:29, Jn 15:7; Heb 13:21

[a]Or *genetic character*

mandments and do what pleases him.
23This is his commandment, that we
believe in the name of his Son, Jesus
Christ, and love each other as he com-
manded us. 24The person who keeps his
commandments remains in God and
God remains in him; and this is how we
know that he remains in us, because of
the Spirit that he has given to us.

Testing the spirits

4 Dear friends, don't believe every
spirit. Test the spirits to see if
they are from God because many false
prophets have gone into the world.
2This is how you know if a spirit comes
from God: every spirit that confesses
that Jesus Christ has come as a hu-
man[b] is from God, 3and every spirit
that doesn't confess Jesus is not from
God. This is the spirit of the antichrist,
which you have heard is coming and
is now already in the world. 4You are
from God, little children, and you have
defeated these people because the one
who is in you is greater than the one
who is in the world. 5They are from the
world. So they speak from the world's
point of view and the world listens to
them. 6We are from God. The person
who knows God listens to us. Whoever
is not from God doesn't listen to us.
This is how we recognize the Spirit of
truth and the spirit of error.

Love and God

7Dear friends, let's love each other,
because love is from God, and every-
one who loves is born from God and
knows God. 8The person who doesn't
love does not know God, because God
is love. 9This is how the love of God is
revealed to us: God has sent his only
Son into the world so that we can live
through him. 10This is love: it is not
that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son as the sacrifice that
deals with our sins.

11Dear friends, if God loved us this
way, we also ought to love each other.

3:23 Jn 6:29, Jn 13:34, Jn 15:12; 1Jn 3:11

3:24 Ro 8:9; 1Th 4:8; 1Jn 2:6, 1Jn 4:13

4:1 Jer 29:8; Mt 7:15; 1Th 5:21; 2Pt 2:1; 1Jn 2:18

4:2 Jn 1:14; 1Co 12:3; 1Jn 2:23, 1Jn 4:3; 2Jn 1:7

4:3 1Jn 2:18, 1Jn 2:22; 2Jn 1:7

4:4 Jn 12:31

4:5 Jn 8:23, Jn 15:19, Jn 17:14, Jn 17:16

4:6 Jn 8:47, Jn 14:17, Jn 15:26, Jn 18:37; 1Co 14:37

4:7 1Jn 2:29, 1Jn 3:11, 1Jn 5:1

4:8 2Co 13:11; 1Jn 4:16

4:9 Jn 3:16; Ro 5:8; 1Jn 4:10, 1Jn 5:11

4:10 Ro 3:25, Ro 5:8, Ro 5:10; 1Jn 2:2, 1Jn 4:9

4:11 Jn 13:34, Jn 15:12; 1Jn 3:11, 1Jn 3:23

4:12 Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18; 1Ti 6:16; 1Jn 2:5, 1Jn 4:20

4:13 1Jn 3:24

4:14 Lk 2:11; Jn 3:17, Jn 4:42, Jn 15:27

4:15 Ro 10:9; 1Jn 2:23, 1Jn 4:2, 1Jn 5:1, 1Jn 5:5

4:16 1Jn 4:8, 1Jn 4:12

4:17 Mt 10:15; 1Jn 2:5, 1Jn 2:28

4:18 Ro 8:15

4:19 1Jn 4:10

4:20 1Jn 1:6, 1Jn 2:4, 1Jn 2:9, 1Jn 3:17, 1Jn 4:12

4:21 Jn 13:34; 1Jn 3:11

5:1 Jn 8:42; Ac 8:37; 1Jn 2:22, 1Jn 2:29, 1Jn 4:15

5:2 1Jn 2:5, 1Jn 3:14

5:3 Mt 11:30; Jn 14:15; 1Jn 2:3; 2Jn 1:6

5:4 Jn 16:33; 1Jn 4:4, 1Jn 5:5

5:5 1Jn 4:15, 1Jn 5:1

5:6 Jn 14:17, Jn 15:26, Jn 16:13, Jn 19:34

12No one has ever seen God. If we love
each other, God remains in us and his
love is made perfect in us. 13This is how
we know we remain in him and he re-
mains in us, because he has given us a
measure of his Spirit. 14We have seen
and testify that the Father has sent the
Son to be the savior of the world. 15If
any of us confess that Jesus is God's
Son, God remains in us and we remain
in God. 16We have known and have be-
lieved the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain
in love remain in God and God remains
in them. 17This is how love has been
perfected in us, so that we can have
confidence on the Judgment Day, be-
cause we are exactly the same as God is
in this world. 18There is no fear in love,
but perfect love drives out fear, because
fear expects punishment. The person
who is afraid has not been made per-
fect in love. 19We love because God first
loved us. 20If anyone says, I love God,
and hates a brother or sister, he is a liar,
because the person who doesn't love a
brother or sister who can be seen can't
love God, who can't be seen. 21This com-
mandment we have from him: Those
who claim to love God ought to love
their brother and sister also.

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus
is the Christ has been born from
God. Whoever loves someone who is a
parent loves the child born to the par-
ent. 2This is how we know that we love
the children of God: when we love God
and keep God's commandments. 3This
is the love of God: we keep God's com-
mandments. God's commandments
are not difficult, 4because everyone
who is born from God defeats the
world. And this is the victory that has
defeated the world: our faith. 5Who
defeats the world? Isn't it the one who
believes that Jesus is God's Son?

Testimony about Jesus

6This is the one who came by water
and blood: Jesus Christ. Not by water

[b] Or *come in the flesh*

only but by water and blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7The three are testifying—8the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and the three are united in agreement. 9If we receive human testimony, God's testimony is greater, because this is what God testified: he has testified about his Son. 10The one who believes in God's Son has the testimony within; the one who doesn't believe God has made God a liar, because that one has not believed the testimony that God gave about his Son. 11And this is the testimony: God gave eternal life to us, and this life is in his Son. 12The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn't have God's Son does not have life.

Confidence in prayer

13I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so that you can know that you have eternal life. 14This is the confidence that we have in our relationship with God: If we ask for anything in agreement with his will, he listens to us. 15If we know that he listens to whatever we ask, we know that we have received what we asked from him. 16If anyone sees a brother or sister committing a sin that does not result in death, they should pray, and God will give life to them—that is, to those who commit sins that don't result in death. There is a sin that results in death—I'm not saying that you should pray about that. 17Every unrighteous action is sin, but there is a sin that does not result in death.

5:7 Jn 1:1; Rev 19:13
5:8 Heb 13:12; 1Jn 5:6
5:9 Mt 3:17; Jn 5:32, Jn 5:34, Jn 5:37, Jn 8:18
5:10 Jn 3:33; Ro 8:16; Ga 4:6; 1Jn 1:10
5:11 Jn 1:4, Jn 17:3; 1Jn 2:25, 1Jn 4:9, 1Jn 5:13
5:12 Jn 3:36, Jn 5:24
5:13 Jn 20:31; 1Jn 3:23, 1Jn 5:11
5:14 Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13; 1Jn 3:21-22
5:16 Jer 7:16, Jer 14:11; Heb 6:4, Heb 10:26; Jas 5:15
5:17 1Jn 3:4, 1Jn 5:16
5:18 Jas 1:27; 1Jn 2:13, 1Jn 3:9; Jud 1:21
5:19 Jn 12:31
5:20 Lk 24:45; Jn 14:9, Jn 17:3; 1Jn 5:11; Rev 3:7
5:21 1Co 10:14; 1Jn 2:1

Be on guard

18We know that everyone born from God does not sin, but the ones born from God guard themselves,[c] and the evil one cannot touch them. 19We know we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20We know that God's Son has come and has given us understanding to know the one who is true. We are in the one who is true by being in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 21Little children, guard yourselves from idols!

2 JOHN

Greeting

1From the elder.

To the chosen gentlewoman and her children, whom I truly love (and I am not the only one, but also all who know the truth), 2because of the truth that remains with us and will be with us forever.

3Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, will be ours who live in truth and love.

1:1 Jn 8:32; 1Ti 2:4; 1Pt 5:1; 2Jn 1:13; 3Jn 1:1
1:7 1Jn 2:18, 1Jn 2:22, 1Jn 4:1-3
1:8 Mt 24:4; Mk 13:9; 1Co 3:8; Heb 10:35
1:9 Jn 7:16; 1Jn 2:23

Love each other

4I was overjoyed to find some of your children living in the truth, just as we had been commanded by the Father. 5Now, dear friends, I am requesting that we love each other. It's not as though I'm writing a new command to you, but it's one we have had from the beginning. 6This is love: that we live according to his commands. This is the command that you heard from the beginning: live in love.

Reject false teachers

7Many deceivers have gone into the world who do not confess that Jesus Christ came as a human being. This kind of person is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8Watch yourselves so that you don't lose what we've worked for but instead receive a full reward. 9Any-

[c] Or *but the one who is born from God guards him from sin*

one who goes too far and does not continue in the teaching about Christ does not have God. Whoever continues in this teaching has both the Father and the Son. [10]Whoever comes to you who does not affirm this teaching should neither be received nor welcomed into your home, [11]because welcoming people like that is the same thing as sharing in their evil actions.

1:10 Ro 16:17; 1Co 5:11; 2Th 3:6; Ti 3:10

1:11 Ps 50:18; Eph 5:11; 1Ti 5:22; Rev 18:4

Plans to visit

[12]I have a lot to tell you. I don't want to use paper and ink, but I hope to visit you and talk with you face-to-face, so that our joy can be complete.

Final greeting

[13]Your chosen sister's children greet you.

3 JOHN

Greeting

[1]From the elder.

To my dear friend Gaius, whom I truly love.

[2]Dear friend, I'm praying that all is well with you and that you enjoy good health in the same way that you prosper spiritually.

Encouragement for Gaius

[3]I was overjoyed when the brothers and sisters arrived and spoke highly of your faithfulness to the truth, shown by how you live according to the truth. [4]I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are living according to the truth. [5]Dear friend, you act faithfully in whatever you do for our brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers. [6]They spoke highly of your love in front of the church. You all would do well to provide for their journey in a way that honors God, [7]because they left on their journey for the sake of Jesus Christ without accepting any support from the Gentiles. [8]Therefore, we ought to help people like this so that we can be coworkers with the truth.

Criticism of Diotrephes

[9]I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, doesn't welcome us. [10]Because of this, if I come, I will bring up what he has done—making unjustified and wicked accusations against us. And as if that were not enough, he not only refuses to welcome the brothers and sisters but stops those who want to do so and even throws them out of the church! [11]Dear friend, don't imitate what is bad but what is good. Whoever practices what is good belongs to God. Whoever practices what is bad has not seen God.

1:1 Ac 11:30, Ac 19:29, Ac 20:4; Ro 16:23; 2Jn 1:1

1:8 Mt 10:14, Mt 10:40; 2Co 8:23

1:9 Mk 9:34; Lk 22:24; Phi 2:3

1:11 Ps 34:14, Ps 37:27; 1Jn 2:29, 1Jn 3:6, 1Jn 3:10

Approval of Demetrius

[12]Everyone speaks highly of Demetrius, even the truth itself. We also speak highly of him, and you know that what we say is true.

Final greeting

[13]I have a lot to say to you, but I don't want to use pen and ink. [14]I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face-to-face.

[15]Peace be with you. Your friends here greet you. Greet our friends there by name.

JUDE

Greeting

[1]Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and
brother of James.
To those who are called, loved by
God the Father and kept safe by
Jesus Christ.
[2]May you have more and more
mercy, peace, and love.

Certain judgment of the false teachers

[3]Dear friends, I wanted very much to write to you concerning the salvation we share. Instead, I must write to urge you to fight for the faith delivered once and for all to God's holy people. [4]Godless people have slipped in among you. They turn the grace of our God into unrestrained immorality and deny our only master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Judgment was passed against them a long time ago.

[5]I want to remind you of something you already know very well. The Lord, who once saved a people out of Egypt, later destroyed those who didn't maintain their faith. [6]I remind you too of the angels who didn't keep their position of authority but deserted their own home. The Lord has kept them in eternal chains in the underworld until the judgment of the great day. [7]In the same way, Sodom and Gomorrah and neighboring towns practiced immoral sexual relations and pursued other sexual urges. By undergoing the punishment of eternal fire, they serve as a warning.

[8]Yet, even knowing this, these dreamers in the same way pollute themselves, reject authority, and slander the angels. [9]The archangel Michael, when he argued with the devil about Moses' body, did not dare charge him with slander. Instead, he said, "The Lord rebuke you!" [10]But these people slander whatever they don't understand. They are destroyed by what they know instinctively, as though they were irrational animals.

1:1 Jn 17:11; Ac 1:13; Ro 1:1, Ro 1:7; 1Th 5:23

1:3 Phi 1:27; 1Ti 6:12; Ti 1:4; Jud 1:20

1:5 Heb 3:16; 2Pt 1:12

1:6 2Pt 2:4, 2Pt 2:9; Rev 20:10

1:7 Gn 19:24; Dt 29:23; Mt 25:41; 2Pt 2:6

1:8 Ex 22:28; Ecc 10:20; Ac 23:5; 2Pt 2:10

1:9 Dn 10:13, Dn 12:1; Zec 3:2; 1Th 4:16; Rev 12:7

1:10 2Pt 2:12

1:11 Gn 4:3; Nm 16:1; Heb 11:4; 2Pt 2:15; 1Jn 3:12

1:12 Prv 25:14; Eze 34:8; Mt 15:13; 2Pt 2:13, 2Pt 2:17

1:13 Is 57:20; Phi 3:19; 2Pt 2:17

1:14 Gn 5:18, Gn 5:21; Dt 33:2; Dn 7:10; Mt 16:27

1:15 Jn 5:22; 1Co 4:5; 1Ti 1:9; 2Ti 4:1; Jud 1:4

1:16 1Co 10:10; 2Pt 2:10, 2Pt 2:18; Jud 1:18

1:17 2Pt 3:2

1:18 2Pt 3:3; Jud 1:16

1:19 Ro 8:9; 1Co 2:14

1:22 Ga 6:1

1:23 Am 4:11; Zec 3:2; 1Co 3:15; Rev 3:4

Prophecies about the false teachers

[11]They are damned, for they follow in the footsteps of Cain. For profit they give themselves over to Balaam's error. They are destroyed in the uprising of Korah. [12]These people who join your love feasts are dangerous. They feast with you without reverence. They care only for themselves. They are waterless clouds carried along by the winds; fruitless autumn trees, twice dead, uprooted; [13]wild waves of the sea foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom the darkness of the underworld is reserved forever.

[14]Enoch, who lived seven generations after Adam, prophesied about these people when he said, "See, the Lord comes with his countless holy ones, [15]to execute judgment on everyone and to convict everyone about every ungodly deed they have committed in their ungodliness as well as all the harsh things that sinful ungodly people have said against him." [16]These are faultfinding grumblers, living according to their own desires. They speak arrogant words and they show partiality to people when they want a favor in return.

[17]But you, dear friends, remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. [18]They said to you, "In the end time scoffers will come living according to their own ungodly desires." [19]These people create divisions. Since they don't have the Spirit, they are worldly.

A strategy for the faithful

[20]But you, dear friends: build each other up on the foundation of your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, [21]keep each other in the love of God, wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will give you eternal life. [22]Have mercy on those who doubt. [23]Save some by snatching them from

the fire. Fearing God, have mercy on some, hating even the clothing contaminated by their sinful urges.

Blessing

24 To the one who is able
to protect you from falling,
and to present you blameless
and rejoicing
before his glorious presence,
25 to the only God our savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
belong glory, majesty, power,
and authority,
before all time, now and forever.
Amen.

1:24 Ro 16:25; 2Co 4:14; Col 1:21; 1Pt 4:13

REVELATION

Greetings

1 A revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. Christ made it known by sending it through his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the witness of Jesus Christ, including all that John saw. 3 Favored is the one who reads the words of this prophecy out loud, and favored are those who listen to it being read, and keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

4 John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

7 Look, he is coming with the clouds!
Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him.
This is so. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty."

1:1 Dn 2:28; Rev 1:4, Rev 22:6, Rev 22:8, Rev 22:16

1:2 1Co 1:6; Rev 1:9, Rev 6:9, Rev 12:17, Rev 19:10

1:3 Lk 11:28; Ro 13:11; Rev 22:7, Rev 22:10

1:4 Rev 1:8, Rev 1:11, Rev 3:1, Rev 4:5, Rev 5:6

1:5 Ps 89:27; Col 1:18; Rev 3:14, Rev 17:14, Rev 19:16

1:6 Ex 19:6; Ro 11:36; 1Pt 2:5; Rev 5:10, Rev 20:6

1:7 Dn 7:13; Zec 12:10; Mt 24:30, Mt 26:64; Jn 19:37

1:8 Is 41:4; Rev 1:4, Rev 4:8, Rev 21:6, Rev 22:13

1:9 Phi 4:14; 2Th 3:5; Rev 1:2, Rev 3:10, Rev 14:12

1:10 Ac 20:7; Rev 4:1-2, Rev 17:3, Rev 21:10

1:11 Rev 2:12, Rev 2:18, Rev 3:1, Rev 3:7, Rev 3:14

1:12 Ex 25:31, Ex 25:37; Zec 4:2; Rev 1:20, Rev 2:1

1:13 Dn 7:13, Dn 10:5, Dn 10:16; Rev 14:14, Rev 15:6

1:14 Dn 7:9, Dn 10:6; Rev 2:18, Rev 19:12

1:15 Eze 1:7, Eze 43:2; Dn 10:6; Rev 14:2, Rev 19:6

1:16 Mt 17:2; Heb 4:12; Rev 1:20, Rev 2:1, Rev 2:12

Christ appears to John

9 I, John, your brother who shares with you in the hardship, kingdom, and endurance that we have in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and my witness about Jesus. 10 I was in a Spirit-inspired trance on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice that sounded like a trumpet. 11 It said, "Write down on a scroll whatever you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

12 I turned to see who was speaking to me, and when I turned, I saw seven oil lamps burning on top of seven gold stands. 13 In the middle of the lampstands I saw someone who looked like the Human One.[a] He wore a robe that stretched down to his feet, and he had a gold sash around his chest. 14 His head and hair were white as white wool—like snow—and his eyes were like a fiery flame. 15 His feet were like fine brass that has been purified in a furnace, and his voice sounded like rushing water. 16 He held seven stars in his right hand, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword. His appearance was like the sun shining with all its power.

[a] Or *Son of Man*

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet
like a dead man. But he put his right
hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid.
I'm the first and the last, 18 and the liv-
ing one. I was dead, but look! Now I'm
alive forever and always. I have the keys
of Death and the Grave. 19 So write down
what you have seen, both the scene now
before you and the things that are about
to unfold after this. 20 As for the mys-
tery of the seven stars that you saw in
my right hand and the seven gold lamp-
stands, here is what they mean: the
seven stars are the angels of the seven
churches, and the seven lampstands are
the seven churches.

Message to Ephesus

2 "Write this to the angel of the church
in Ephesus:
These are the words of the one who
holds the seven stars in his right hand
and walks among the seven gold lamp-
stands: 2 I know your works, your labor,
and your endurance. I also know that
you don't put up with those who are
evil. You have tested those who say
they are apostles but are not, and you
have found them to be liars. 3 You have
shown endurance and put up with a lot
for my name's sake, and you haven't
gotten tired. 4 But I have this against
you: you have let go of the love you had
at first. 5 So remember the high point
from which you have fallen. Change
your hearts and lives and do the things
you did at first. If you don't, I'm com-
ing to you. I will move your lampstand
from its place if you don't change your
hearts and lives. 6 But you have this in
your favor: you hate what the Nicolai-
tans are doing, which I also hate. 7 If
you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is
saying to the churches. I will allow those
who emerge victorious to eat from the
tree of life, which is in God's paradise.

Message to Smyrna

8 "Write this to the angel of the
church in Smyrna:
These are the words of the one who is
the first and the last, who died and came
back to life: 9 I know your hardship and
poverty (though you are actually rich).
I also know the hurtful things that
have been spoken about you by those
who say they are Jews (though they are
not, but are really Satan's synagogue).
10 Don't be afraid of what you are going
to suffer. Look! The devil is going to
throw some of you into prison in order
to test you. You will suffer hardship for
ten days. Be faithful even to the point
of death, and I will give you the crown
of life. 11 If you can hear, listen to what
the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Those who emerge victorious won't be
hurt by the second death.

Message to Pergamum

12 "Write this to the angel of the
church in Pergamum:
These are the words of the one who has
the sharp, two-edged sword: 13 I know
that you are living right where Satan's
throne is. You are holding on to my
name, and you didn't break faith with
me even at the time that Antipas, my
faithful witness, was killed among you,
where Satan lives. 14 But I have a few
things against you, because you have
some there who follow Balaam's teach-
ing. Balaam had taught Balak to trip up
the Israelites so that they would eat food
sacrificed to idols and commit sexual
immorality. 15 In the same way, you have
some who follow the Nicolaitans' teach-
ing. 16 So change your hearts and lives.
If you don't, I am coming to you soon,
and I will make war on them with the
sword that comes from my mouth. 17 If
you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is
saying to the churches. I will give those
who emerge victorious some of the hid-
den manna to eat. I will also give to each
of them a white stone with a new name
written on it, which no one knows ex-
cept the one who receives it.

Message to Thyatira

18 "Write this to the angel of the
church in Thyatira:

1:17 Is 41:4, Is 44:6, Is 48:12; Rev 2:8, Rev 22:13

1:18 Mt 16:19; Ro 6:9; Rev 9:1, Rev 20:1

1:20 Rev 1:4, Rev 1:11-12, Rev 1:16, Rev 2:1

2:1 Rev 1:13, Rev 1:16, Rev 1:20

2:2 2Co 11:13; 1Jn 4:1; Rev 2:19, Rev 3:1, Rev 3:8

2:3 Jn 15:21

2:4 Jer 2:2; Mt 24:12

2:5 Rev 2:16, Rev 2:22, Rev 3:3, Rev 3:19

2:6 Rev 2:15

2:7 Gn 2:9; Rev 2:11, Rev 2:17, Rev 2:29, Rev 22:2

2:8 Rev 1:11, Rev 1:17-18, Rev 2:1, Rev 22:13

2:9 2Co 6:10; Jas 2:5; Rev 2:13, Rev 2:24, Rev 3:9

2:10 Dn 1:12; Mt 10:22; Jas 1:12; 1Pt 5:4; Rev 2:13

2:11 Rev 2:7, Rev 2:29, Rev 20:6, Rev 20:14, Rev 21:8

2:12 Rev 1:11, Rev 1:16, Rev 2:16

2:13 Ac 22:20; 1Ti 5:8; Rev 2:9-10, Rev 2:24

2:14 Nm 25:1, Nm 31:16; Ac 15:29; 2Pt 2:15; Rev 2:20

2:15 Rev 2:6

2:16 2Th 2:8; Rev 1:16, Rev 2:5

2:17 Is 62:2, Is 65:15; Rev 2:7, Rev 2:11, Rev 19:12

2:18 Mt 4:3; Rev 1:11, Rev 1:14-15

These are the words of God's Son, whose eyes are like a fiery flame, and whose feet are like fine brass. 19I know your works, your love and faithfulness, your service and endurance. I also know that the works you have done most recently are even greater than those you did at first. 20But I have this against you: you put up with that woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. You allow her to teach and to mislead my servants into committing sexual immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols. 21I gave her time to change her heart and life, but she refuses to change her life of prostitution. 22Look! I'm throwing her onto a sickbed. I am casting those who have committed adultery with her into terrible hardship—if they don't change their hearts from following her practices—23and I will even put her children to death with disease. Then all the churches will know that I'm the one who examines minds and hearts, and that I will give to each of you what your actions deserve. 24As for the rest of you in Thyatira—those of you who don't follow this teaching and haven't learned the so-called "deep secrets" of Satan—I won't burden you with anything else. 25Just hold on to what you have until I come. 26To those who emerge victorious, keeping my practices until the end, I will give authority over the nations—27to rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like pottery—28just as I received authority from my Father. I will also give them the morning star. 29If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Message to Sardis

3 "Write this to the angel of the church in Sardis:
These are the words of the one who holds God's seven spirits and the seven stars: I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, and you are in fact dead. 2Wake up and strengthen whatever you have left, teetering on the brink of death, for I've found that your works are far from complete in the eyes of my God. 3So remember what you received and heard. Hold on to it and change your hearts and lives. If you don't wake up, I will come like a thief, and you won't know what time I will come upon you. 4But you do have a few people in Sardis who haven't stained their clothing. They will walk with me clothed in white because they are worthy. 5Those who emerge victorious will wear white clothing like this. I won't scratch out their names from the scroll of life, but will declare their names in the presence of my Father and his angels. 6If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

2:20 1Ki 16:31, 1Ki 21:25; 2Ki 9:7; Rev 2:14

2:21 Ro 2:4-5; 2Pt 3:9; Rev 9:20, Rev 16:9

2:22 Nm 33:56; Josh 23:13; Lk 13:5; Rev 17:2, Rev 18:9

2:23 Ps 7:9, Ps 62:12; Jer 17:10; Mt 16:27; Ro 8:27

2:24 Ac 15:28

2:25 Jn 21:22; Rev 3:11

2:26 Ps 2:8; Mt 10:22; Heb 3:6; Rev 2:7, Rev 3:21

2:27 Ps 2:9; Is 30:14; Jer 19:11; Rev 12:5, Rev 19:15

2:29 Rev 2:7, Rev 2:11

3:1 1Ti 5:6; Rev 1:4, Rev 1:11, Rev 1:16, Rev 2:2

3:2 1Pt 5:8

3:4 Jud 1:23; Rev 3:18, Rev 4:4, Rev 6:11, Rev 7:9

3:5 Mt 10:32; Rev 13:8, Rev 17:8, Rev 20:12, Rev 21:27

3:6 Rev 2:7

3:7 Is 22:22; Mt 16:19; 1Jn 5:20; Rev 1:11, Rev 3:14

3:8 Ac 14:27; 1Co 16:9; 2Co 2:12; Rev 2:2, Rev 2:13

3:10 Mt 24:14; 2Pt 2:9; Rev 6:10, Rev 8:13, Rev 11:10

3:11 Rev 2:10, Rev 2:25, Rev 22:7, Rev 22:12, Rev 22:20

3:12 Ga 2:9, Ga 4:26; Rev 14:1, Rev 21:2, Rev 21:10

Message to Philadelphia

7 "Write this to the angel of the church in Philadelphia:
These are the words of the one who is holy and true, who has the key of David. Whatever he opens, no one will shut; and whatever he shuts, no one opens. 8I know your works. Look! I have set in front of you an open door that no one can shut. You have so little power, and yet you have kept my word and haven't denied my name. 9Because of this I will make the people from Satan's synagogue (who say they are Jews and really aren't, but are lying)—I will make them come and bow down at your feet and realize that I have loved you. 10Because you kept my command to endure, I will keep you safe through the time of testing that is about to come over the whole world, to test those who live on earth. 11I'm coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown. 12As for those who emerge victorious, I will make them pillars in the temple of my God, and they will never leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem that comes down out of heaven from my God. I will also write on them my

own new name. [13]If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Message to Laodicea

[14]"Write this to the angel of the church in Laodicea:
These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler[b] of God's creation. [15]I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. [16]So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I'm about to spit you out of my mouth. [17]After all, you say, 'I'm rich, and I've grown wealthy, and I don't need a thing.' You don't realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked. [18]My advice is that you buy gold from me that has been purified by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothing to wear so that your nakedness won't be shamefully exposed, and ointment to put on your eyes so that you may see. [19]I correct and discipline those whom I love. So be earnest and change your hearts and lives. [20]Look! I'm standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me. [21]As for those who emerge victorious, I will allow them to sit with me on my throne, just as I emerged victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. [22]If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

John sees God's heavenly throne

4 After this I looked and there was a door that had been opened in heaven. The first voice that I had heard, which sounded like a trumpet, said to me, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." [2]At once I was in a Spirit-inspired trance and I saw a throne in heaven, and someone was seated on the throne. [3]The one seated there looked like jasper and carnelian, and surrounding the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. [4]Twenty-four thrones, with twenty-four elders seated upon them, surrounded the throne. The elders were dressed in white clothing and had gold crowns on their heads. [5]From the throne came lightning, voices, and thunder. In front of the throne were seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God. [6]Something like a glass sea, like crystal, was in front of the throne.

In the center, by the throne, were four living creatures encircling the throne. These creatures were covered with eyes on the front and on the back. [7]The first living creature was like a lion. The second living creature was like an ox. The third living creature had a face like a human being. And the fourth living creature was like an eagle in flight. [8]Each of the four living creatures had six wings, and each was covered all around and on the inside with eyes. They never rest day or night, but keep on saying,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was and is and is coming."

[9]Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, who lives forever and always, [10]the twenty-four elders fall before the one seated on the throne. They worship the one who lives forever and always. They throw down their crowns before the throne and say,

[11]"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and
power,
because you created all things.
It is by your will that they
existed and were created."

The Lamb takes the scroll

5 Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one seated on the throne. It had writing on the front and the back, and it was sealed with

3:13 Rev 2:7
3:14 Jn 1:3; Rev 1:5, Rev 1:11, Rev 3:7, Rev 19:11
3:15 Ro 12:11; Rev 2:2
3:17 Hos 12:8; Zec 11:5; 1Co 4:8
3:18 Is 55:1; Mt 13:44; 1Pt 1:7; Rev 3:4, Rev 16:15
3:19 Dt 8:5; Prv 3:12; 1Co 11:32; Heb 12:5-6
3:20 Mt 24:33; Lk 12:36; Jn 14:23; Jas 5:9
3:21 Mt 19:28; Jn 16:33; 2Ti 2:12; Rev 5:5, Rev 17:14
3:22 Rev 2:7
4:1 Rev 1:10, Rev 1:19, Rev 11:12, Rev 22:6
4:3 Eze 1:28; Rev 10:1, Rev 21:11, Rev 21:19-20
4:4 Rev 3:4-5, Rev 4:10, Rev 11:16, Rev 19:4
4:5 Ex 19:16; Rev 1:4, Rev 8:5, Rev 11:19, Rev 16:18
4:6 Eze 1:5, Eze 1:22; Rev 5:6, Rev 6:1, Rev 15:2
4:7 Eze 1:10, Eze 10:14
4:8 Is 6:2-3; Rev 1:4, Rev 1:8, Rev 4:6
5:1 Is 29:11; Eze 2:9-10; Dn 12:4

[b]Or *beginning*

seven seals. 2I saw a powerful angel, who proclaimed in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" 3But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or look inside it. 4So I began to weep and weep, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look inside it. 5Then one of the elders said to me, "Don't weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has emerged victorious so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

6Then, in between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb, standing as if it had been slain. It had seven horns and seven eyes, which are God's seven spirits, sent out into the whole earth. 7He came forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one seated on the throne. 8When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each held a harp and gold bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9They took up a new song, saying,

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and open its seals,
because you were slain,
and by your blood
you purchased for God
persons from every tribe,
language, people, and nation.
10You made them a kingdom and
priests to our God,
and they will rule on earth."

11Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands. 12They said in a loud voice,

"Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb
to receive power, wealth, wisdom,
and might,
and honor, glory, and blessing."

13And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say,

"Blessing, honor, glory, and power
belong to the one seated on the
throne
and to the Lamb
forever and always."

14Then the four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped.

5:2 Rev 10:1, Rev 18:21
5:3 Rev 5:13
5:5 Gn 49:9; Is 11:10; Ro 15:12; Heb 7:14; Rev 22:16
5:6 Zec 3:9, Zec 4:10; Jn 1:29; Rev 5:12, Rev 13:8
5:7 Rev 5:1
5:8 Ps 141:2; Rev 8:3-4, Rev 14:2, Rev 15:2
5:9 Ps 33:3; 1Co 6:20; Ti 2:14; Rev 7:9, Rev 14:3
5:10 Ex 19:6; Rev 1:6, Rev 3:21, Rev 20:4, Rev 20:6
5:11 Dn 7:10; Heb 12:22; Rev 4:4, Rev 7:11
5:12 Rev 4:11, Rev 5:9
5:13 Phi 2:10; Rev 7:10
5:14 Rev 4:4, Rev 4:10, Rev 5:8, Rev 19:4
6:1 Rev 4:6-7, Rev 5:1, Rev 5:6, Rev 14:2
6:2 Zec 1:8, Zec 6:3, Zec 6:11; Rev 14:14, Rev 19:11
6:4 Zec 1:8, Zec 6:2; Mt 10:34
6:8 Hos 13:14; Zec 6:3; Rev 1:18, Rev 20:13
6:9 Lv 4:7; Rev 14:18, Rev 16:7, Rev 20:4

Opening the first six seals

6 Then I looked on as the Lamb opened one of the seven seals. I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" 2So I looked, and there was a white horse. Its rider held a bow and was given a crown. And he went forth from victory to victory.

3When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" 4Out came another horse, fiery red. Its rider was allowed to take peace from the earth so that people would kill each other. He was given a large sword.

5When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" So I looked, and there was a black horse. Its rider held a balance for weighing in his hand. 6I heard what sounded like a voice from among the four living creatures. It said, "A quart of wheat for a denarion,[c] and three quarts of barley for a denarion, but don't damage the olive oil and the wine."

7When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 8So I looked, and there was a pale green horse. Its rider's name was Death, and the Grave was following right behind. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill by sword, famine, disease, and the wild animals of the earth.

9When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar those who had

[c]A denarion was a day's pay for a laborer.

been slaughtered on account of the word of God and the witness they had given. 10They cried out with a loud voice, "Holy and true Master, how long will you wait before you pass judgment? How long before you require justice for our blood, which was shed by those who live on earth?" 11Each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to rest a little longer, until their fellow servants and brothers and sisters—who were about to be killed as they were—were finished.

12I looked on as he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became black as funeral clothing, and the entire moon turned red as blood. 13The stars of the sky fell to the earth as a fig tree drops its fruit when shaken by a strong wind. 14The sky disappeared like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place. 15Then the kings of the earth, the officials and the generals, the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in caves and in the rocks of the mountains. 16They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the Lamb's wrath! 17The great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

One hundred forty-four thousand sealed

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth. They held back the earth's four winds so that no wind would blow against the earth, the sea, or any tree. 2I saw another angel coming up from the east, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given the power to damage the earth and sea. 3He said, "Don't damage the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have put a seal on the foreheads of those who serve our God."

4Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the Israelites:

5From the tribe of Judah,
twelve thousand were sealed;
from the tribe of Reuben,
twelve thousand;
from the tribe of Gad,
twelve thousand;
6from the tribe of Asher,
twelve thousand;
from the tribe of Naphtali,
twelve thousand;
from the tribe of Manasseh,
twelve thousand;
7from the tribe of Simeon,
twelve thousand;
from the tribe of Levi,
twelve thousand;
from the tribe of Issachar,
twelve thousand;
8from the tribe of Zebulun,
twelve thousand;
from the tribe of Joseph,
twelve thousand;
from the tribe of Benjamin,
twelve thousand were sealed.

The great crowd and seventh seal

9After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

11All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, 12saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and
always. Amen."

13Then one of the elders said to me,

6:10 Zec 1:12; Lk 18:7; Rev 3:7, Rev 3:10, Rev 19:2
6:11 2Th 1:7; Heb 11:40; Rev 3:4, Rev 7:9, Rev 14:13
6:12 Is 50:3; Mt 24:29; Rev 8:5, Rev 11:13, Rev 16:18
6:13 Is 34:4; Mt 24:29; Mk 13:25; Rev 8:10, Rev 9:1
6:14 Is 34:4; 2Pt 3:10; Rev 16:20, Rev 20:11, Rev 21:1
6:15 Is 2:10, Is 2:19, Is 2:21
6:16 Hos 10:8; Lk 23:30; Rev 4:2
6:17 Ps 76:7; Jl 2:11, Jl 2:31; Zep 1:14; Mal 3:2
7:1 Jer 49:36; Dn 7:2; Mt 24:31
7:2 Rev 9:4
7:3 Eze 9:4; Rev 6:6, Rev 9:4, Rev 14:1, Rev 22:4
7:4 Lk 22:30; Rev 9:16, Rev 14:1, Rev 14:3
7:5 Gn 35:22-23, Gn 35:26; Ex 1:2; Nm 13:4
7:6 Lk 2:36
7:7 Gn 29:34, Gn 30:18, Gn 35:23, Gn 49:5; Ex 6:16
7:9 Lv 23:40; Rev 3:4, Rev 5:9, Rev 6:11, Rev 7:14
7:10 Ps 3:8; Rev 12:10, Rev 19:1
7:11 Rev 4:4, Rev 4:6, Rev 4:10, Rev 5:11, Rev 11:16
7:12 Rev 5:12, Rev 5:14, Rev 7:11, Rev 11:17
7:13 Rev 3:4, Rev 4:4, Rev 7:9

"Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. 15 This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, 17 because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water,[d] and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

8 Then, when the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

The first four trumpet plagues

2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, and he held a gold bowl for burning incense. He was given a large amount of incense, in order to offer it on behalf of the prayers of all the saints on the gold altar in front of the throne. 4 The smoke of the incense offered for the prayers of the saints rose up before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the incense container and filled it with fire from the altar. He threw it down to the earth, and there were thunder, voices, lightning, and an earthquake.

6 Then the seven angels who held the seven trumpets got ready to blow them. 7 The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood appeared, and was thrown down to the earth. A third of the earth was burned up. A third of the trees were burned up. All the green grass was burned up.

8 Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain burning with fire was thrown down into the sea. A third of the sea became blood, 9 a third of the creatures living in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. 10 Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star, burning like a torch, fell from heaven. It fell on a third of the rivers and springs of water. 11 The star's name is Wormwood, and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it became so bitter. 12 Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars so that a third of them became dark. The day lost a third of its light, and the night lost a third of its light too.

13 Then I looked and I heard an eagle flying high overhead. It said with a loud voice, "Horror, horror, oh! The horror for those who live on earth because of the blasts of the remaining trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

The fifth and sixth trumpet plagues

9 Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the abyss. 2 He opened the shaft of the abyss; and smoke rose up from the shaft, like smoke from a huge furnace. The sun and air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft. 3 Then locusts came forth from the smoke and onto the earth. They were given power like the power that scorpions have on the earth. 4 They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree. They could only hurt the people who didn't have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 The locusts weren't allowed to kill them, but only to make them suffer for five months—and the suffering they inflict is like that of a scorpion when it strikes a person. 6 In those days people will seek death, but

7:14 Mt 24:21; Heb 9:14; 1Jn 1:7; Rev 1:5, Rev 22:14

7:15 Is 4:5-6; Rev 7:9, Rev 21:3, Rev 22:3

7:16 Ps 121:6; Is 49:10

7:17 Is 25:8; Mt 2:6; Jn 10:11; Rev 5:6, Rev 21:4

8:2 Rev 8:6, Rev 9:1, Rev 9:13, Rev 11:15, Rev 15:1

8:3 Ex 30:1; Heb 9:4; Rev 5:8, Rev 8:4, Rev 9:13

8:4 Ps 141:2; Rev 8:3

8:9 Is 2:16; Rev 8:7

9:1 Rev 1:18, Rev 8:10, Rev 9:2, Rev 9:11, Rev 20:1

9:3 Ex 10:12; Eze 2:6; Rev 9:5, Rev 9:10

9:4 Eze 9:4; Rev 6:6, Rev 7:2-3, Rev 8:7

9:6 Job 3:21, Job 7:15; Jer 8:3; Rev 6:16

[d] Or *the water of life*

they won't find it. They will want to die, but death will run away from them.

7The locusts looked like horses ready for battle. On their heads were what seemed to be gold crowns. Their faces were like human faces, 8their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9In front they had what seemed to be iron armor upon their chests, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots and horses racing into battle. 10They also have tails with stingers, just like scorpions; and in their tails is their power to hurt people for five months. 11Their king is an angel from the abyss, whose Hebrew name is Abaddon,[e] and whose Greek name is Apollyon.[f]

12The first horror has passed. Look! Two horrors are still coming after this.

13Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the gold altar that is before God. 14It said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15Then the four angels who had been made ready for that hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of humankind. 16The number of cavalry troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. 17And this is the way I saw the horses and their riders in the vision: they had breastplates that were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The horses' heads were like lions' heads, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur. 18By these three plagues a third of humankind was killed: by the fire, smoke, and sulfur coming out of their mouths. 19The horses' power is in their mouths and their tails, for their tails are like snakes with heads that inflict injuries.

20The rest of humankind, who weren't killed by these plagues, didn't change their hearts and lives and turn from their handiwork. They didn't stop worshipping demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—idols that can't see or hear or walk. 21They didn't turn away from their murders, their spells and drugs, their sexual immorality, or their stealing.

9:7 Dn 7:8; Jl 2:4
9:10 Rev 9:3, Rev 9:5, Rev 9:19
9:13 Rev 8:3
9:14 Gn 15:18; Rev 7:1, Rev 16:12
9:15 Rev 8:7, Rev 9:18, Rev 20:7
9:16 Ps 68:17; Rev 7:4
9:17 Rev 9:18, Rev 14:10, Rev 19:20, Rev 21:8
9:18 Rev 9:15, Rev 9:17
9:19 Rev 9:10
9:20 Ps 115:4, Ps 135:15; Dn 5:23; 1Co 10:20; Rev 2:21
9:21 Is 47:9, Is 47:12; Rev 2:21, Rev 9:20, Rev 17:2
10:1 Eze 1:28; Mt 17:2; Rev 1:15-16, Rev 4:3
10:4 Dn 8:26, Dn 12:4, Dn 12:9; Rev 1:11, Rev 22:10
10:9 Jer 15:16; Eze 2:8, Eze 3:1
10:10 Rev 10:9

John receives the open scroll

10 Then I saw another powerful angel coming down from heaven. He was robed with a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet were like fiery pillars. 2He held an open scroll in his hand. He put his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. 3He called out with a loud voice like a lion roaring, and when he called out, the seven thunders raised their voices. 4When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and don't write it down."

5Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. 6He swore by the one who lives forever and always, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, and said, "The time is up. 7In the days when the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God's mysterious purpose will be accomplished, fulfilling the good news he gave to his servants the prophets."

8Then the voice I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the opened scroll from the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." 9So I went to the angel and told him to give me the scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will make you sick to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth." 10So I took the scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. And it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I swallowed it, it made my stomach churn. 11I was told, "You must prophesy again about

[e]Destruction [f]Destroyer

many peoples, nations, languages, and kings."

Two witnesses

11 Then I was given a measuring rod, which was like a pole. And I was told, "Get up and measure God's temple, the altar, and those who worship there. 2But don't measure the court outside the temple. Leave that out, because it has been given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

3"And I will allow my two witnesses to prophesy for one thousand two hundred sixty days, wearing mourning clothes. 4These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5If anyone wants to hurt them, fire comes out of their mouth and burns up their enemies. So if anyone wants to hurt them, they have to be killed in this way. 6They have the power to close up the sky so that no rain will fall for as long as they prophesy. They also have power over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with any plague, as often as they wish.

7"When they have finished their witnessing, the beast that comes up from the abyss will make war on them, gain victory over them, and kill them. 8Their dead bodies will lie on the street of the great city that is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9And for three and a half days, members of the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will look at their dead bodies, but they won't let their dead bodies be put in a tomb. 10Those who live on earth will rejoice over them. They will celebrate and give each other gifts, because these two prophets had brought such pain to those who live on earth.

11"But after three and a half days, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear came over those who saw them. 12Then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, 'Come up here.' And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them. 13At that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed by the earthquake, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven."

14The second horror is over. The third horror is coming soon.

Seventh trumpet

15Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying,

"The kingdom of the world
has become the kingdom
of our Lord and his Christ,
and he will rule forever and
always."

16Then the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshipped God. 17They said,

"We give thanks to you,
Lord God Almighty,
who is and was,
for you have taken your great
power and enforced your rule.
18The nations were enraged,
but your wrath came.
The time came for the dead to be
judged;
The time came to reward your
servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear your name,
both small and great,
and to destroy those
who destroy the earth."

19Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the chest containing his covenant appeared in his temple. There were lightning, voices, thunder, an earthquake, and large hail.

A woman, her child, and the dragon

12 Then a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on

11:1 Eze 40:3; Zec 2:1; Rev 21:15

11:2 Eze 40:17; Lk 21:24; Rev 12:6, Rev 13:5, Rev 21:2

11:3 Gn 37:34; Rev 12:6

11:4 Ps 52:8; Jer 11:16; Zec 4:3, Zec 4:11, Zec 4:14

11:5 Nm 16:29, Nm 16:35; 2Ki 1:10; Jer 5:14

11:6 Ex 7:17; 1Sa 4:8; 1Ki 17:1; Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17

11:7 Dn 7:21; Rev 9:1, Rev 13:1, Rev 13:7, Rev 17:8

11:8 Is 1:9; Jer 23:14

11:9 Ps 79:2-3

11:10 Neh 8:10, Neh 8:12; Est 9:19, Est 9:22; Rev 3:10

11:11 Eze 37:5, Eze 37:9-10, Eze 37:14

11:12 2Ki 2:11; Ac 1:9; Rev 3:21, Rev 4:1

11:15 Dn 2:44, Dn 7:14, Dn 7:27; Lk 1:33; Rev 12:10

11:16 Rev 4:4, Rev 4:10, Rev 7:11

11:17 Rev 1:4, Rev 1:8, Rev 4:8, Rev 19:6

11:19 Heb 9:4; Rev 4:5, Rev 8:5, Rev 15:5, Rev 16:21

12:1 Ps 104:2; Ga 4:26; Rev 11:19, Rev 12:3, Rev 15:1

her head. [2]She was pregnant, and she cried out because she was in labor, in pain from giving birth. [3]Then another sign appeared in heaven: it was a great fiery red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven royal crowns on his heads. [4]His tail swept down a third of heaven's stars and threw them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth so that when she gave birth, he might devour her child. [5]She gave birth to a son, a male child who is to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was snatched up to God and his throne. [6]Then the woman fled into the desert, where God has prepared a place for her. There she will be taken care of for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

Michael and the dragon

[7]Then there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, [8]but they did not prevail, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. [9]So the great dragon was thrown down. The old snake, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was thrown down to the earth; and his angels were thrown down with him. [10]Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say,

"Now the salvation and power
and kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Christ
have come.
The accuser
of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them day and night
before our God,
has been thrown down.
[11]They gained the victory over him
on account of the blood of the
Lamb
and the word of their witness.
Love for their own lives
didn't make them afraid to die.
[12]Therefore, rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them.
But oh! The horror for the earth and
sea!
The devil has come down to you
with great rage,
for he knows that he only has
a short time."

12:2 Is 26:17; Ga 4:19

12:3 Dn 7:7; Rev 12:1, Rev 13:1, Rev 17:3, Rev 17:12

12:4 Dn 8:10; Mt 2:16; Rev 8:7

12:5 Ps 2:9; Rev 2:27, Rev 19:15

12:6 Rev 11:2-3

12:7 Dn 10:13, Dn 10:21, Dn 12:1; Mt 25:41; Jud 1:9

12:9 Gn 3:1; Lk 10:18; Jn 12:31; 2Co 11:3; Rev 20:2

12:10 Job 1:9, Job 2:5; Zec 3:1; Rev 7:10, Rev 11:15

12:14 Ex 19:4; Dt 32:11; Dn 7:25, Dn 12:7; Rev 12:6

12:15 Is 8:7, Is 59:19; Rev 12:9, Rev 17:15

12:17 Gn 3:15; 1Jn 2:3; Rev 1:2, Rev 6:9, Rev 14:12

13:1 Dn 11:36; Rev 11:7, Rev 12:3, Rev 17:3

13:2 Dn 7:4-6; Rev 2:13, Rev 16:10

13:3 Rev 13:14, Rev 17:8

13:5 Dn 7:8, Dn 7:11, Dn 7:20, Dn 11:36; Rev 11:2

The dragon pursues the woman

[13]When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he chased the woman who had given birth to the male child. [14]But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she could fly to her place in the desert. There she would be taken care of—out of the snake's reach—for a time and times and half a time. [15]Then from his mouth the snake poured a river of water after the woman so that the river would sweep her away. [16]But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon poured out of his mouth. [17]So the dragon was furious with the woman, and he went off to make war on the rest of her children, on those who keep God's commandments and hold firmly to the witness of Jesus.

The beast from the sea

[18]Then the dragon stood on the sea-
13 shore, [1]and I saw a beast coming up out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads. Each of its horns was decorated with a royal crown, and on its heads were blasphemous names. [2]The beast I saw was like a leopard. Its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave it his power, throne, and great authority. [3]One of its heads appeared to have been slain and killed, but its deadly wound was healed. So the whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. [4]They worshipped the dragon because it had given the beast its authority. They worshipped the beast and said, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

[5]The beast was given a mouth that spoke boastful and blasphemous

things, and it was given authority to act for forty-two months. 6It opened its mouth to speak blasphemies against God. It blasphemed God's name and his dwelling place (that is, those who dwell in heaven).

7It was also allowed to make war on the saints and to gain victory over them. It was given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation. 8All who live on earth worshipped it, all whose names hadn't been written—from the time the earth was made—in the scroll of life of the Lamb who was slain. 9Whoever has ears must listen: 10If any are to be taken captive, then into captivity they will go. If any are to be killed by the sword, then by the sword they will be killed. This calls for endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

The beast from the land

11Then I saw another beast coming up from the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it was speaking like a dragon. 12It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence. It also makes the earth and those who live in it worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13It does great signs so that it even makes fire come down from heaven to earth in the presence of the people. 14It deceives those who live on earth by the signs that it was allowed to do in the presence of the beast. It told those who live on earth to make an image for the beast who had been wounded by the sword and yet came to life again. 15It was allowed to give breath to the beast's image so that the beast's image would even speak and cause anyone who didn't worship the beast's image to be put to death. 16It forces everyone—the small and great, the rich and poor, the free and slaves—to have a mark put on their right hand or on their forehead. 17It will not allow anyone to make a purchase or sell anything unless the person has the mark with the beast's name or the number of its name. 18This calls for wisdom. Let the one who understands calculate the beast's number, for it's a human being's number. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

13:6 Rev 12:12
13:8 Mt 25:34; Jn 1:29; Rev 3:5, Rev 5:6, Rev 17:8
13:10 Jer 15:2, Jer 43:11; Heb 6:12; Rev 14:12
13:11 Dn 8:3; Rev 13:1, Rev 16:13
13:12 Rev 13:3, Rev 13:4, Rev 13:14, Rev 14:9, Rev 16:2
13:13 1Ki 18:38; Mt 24:24; Lk 9:54; 2Th 2:9; Rev 16:14
13:14 2Th 2:9; Rev 12:9, Rev 13:3, Rev 13:12, Rev 19:20
13:15 Rev 16:2, Rev 19:20, Rev 20:4
13:16 Rev 7:3, Rev 11:18, Rev 14:9, Rev 19:5, Rev 19:18
13:17 Rev 14:11, Rev 15:2
13:18 Rev 17:9, Rev 21:17

The Lamb and the one hundred forty-four thousand

14 Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion. With him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. 2I heard a sound from heaven that was like the sound of rushing water and loud thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. 3They sing a new song in front of the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders. And no one could learn the song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. 4They weren't defiled with women, for these people who follow the Lamb wherever he goes are virgins. They were purchased from among humankind as early produce for God and the Lamb. 5No lie came from their mouths; they are blameless.

14:1 Heb 12:22; Rev 3:12, Rev 5:6, Rev 7:3-4
14:2 Rev 1:15, Rev 5:8, Rev 6:1, Rev 15:2
14:3 Rev 4:4, Rev 4:6, Rev 5:9
14:4 2Co 11:2; Jas 1:18; Rev 3:4, Rev 5:9, Rev 17:14
14:5 Ps 32:2; Zep 3:13; Jn 1:47; 1Pt 2:22; Jud 1:24

Messages of three angels

6Then I saw another angel flying high overhead with eternal good news to proclaim to those who live on earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people. 7He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

8Another angel, a second one, followed and said, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She made all the nations drink the wine of her lustful passion."

9Then another angel, a third one, followed them and said in a loud voice, "If any worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or their hands, 10they themselves will also drink the wine of God's passion-

14:6 Mk 16:15; 1Pt 1:25; Rev 8:13
14:7 Ecc 12:13; Rev 4:11, Rev 8:10, Rev 10:6, Rev 15:4
14:9 Rev 13:12, Rev 13:16, Rev 14:11
14:10 Ps 75:8; Is 51:17; Jer 25:15; Rev 16:19, Rev 20:10

ate anger, poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will suffer the pain of fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. [11]The smoke of their painful suffering goes up forever and always. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, and those who receive the mark of its name."

[12]This calls for the endurance of the saints, who keep God's commandments and keep faith with Jesus.

[13]And I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Favored are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "so they can rest from their labors, because their deeds follow them."

Two harvests of the earth

[14]Then I looked, and there was a white cloud. On the cloud was seated someone who looked like the Human One.[g] He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. [15]Another angel came out of the temple, calling in a loud voice to the one seated on the cloud: "Use your sickle to reap the harvest, for the time to harvest has come, and the harvest of the earth is ripe." [16]So the one seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

[17]Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. [18]Still another angel, who has power over fire, came out from the altar. He said in a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Use your sharp sickle to cut the clusters in the vineyard of the earth, because its grapes are ripe." [19]So the angel swung his sickle into the earth, and cut the vineyard of the earth, and he put what he reaped into the great winepress of God's passionate anger. [20]Then the winepress was trampled outside the city, and the blood came out of the winepress as high as the horses' bridles for almost two hundred miles.[h]

14:11 Is 34:10; Rev 4:8, Rev 19:3, Rev 20:10

14:13 1Co 15:18; 1Th 4:16; Heb 4:9; Rev 2:7, Rev 6:11

14:17 Rev 14:15

15:1 Rev 12:1, Rev 15:6, Rev 16:1, Rev 17:1, Rev 21:9

15:2 Rev 4:6, Rev 5:8, Rev 12:11, Rev 13:17, Rev 14:2

15:3 Ex 15:1; Dt 32:4; Ps 111:2, Ps 139:14, Ps 145:17

15:4 Ps 86:9, Ps 99:5, Ps 99:9; Is 66:23; Rev 14:7

15:6 Rev 1:13, Rev 15:1

16:1 Ps 79:6; Jer 10:25; Zep 3:8; Rev 15:1, Rev 15:7

Song of Moses and the Lamb

15 Then I saw another great and awe-inspiring sign in heaven. There were seven angels with seven plagues—and these are the last, for with them God's anger is brought to an end. [2]Then I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire. Those who gained victory over the beast, its image, and the number of its name were standing by the glass sea, holding harps from God. [3]They sing the song of Moses, God's servant, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and awe-inspiring
are your works,
Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
king of the nations.
[4]Who won't fear you, Lord,
and glorify your name?
You alone are holy.
All nations will come and fall down
in worship before you,
for your acts of justice
have been revealed."

Seven bowl plagues

[5]After this I looked, and the temple in heaven—that is, the tent of witness—was opened. [6]The seven angels, who have the seven plagues, came out of the temple. They were clothed in pure bright linen and had gold sashes around their waists. [7]Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven gold bowls full of the anger of the God who lives forever and always. [8]The temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power, and no one could go into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven last angels were brought to an end.

16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of God's anger on the earth." [2]So the first angel poured his bowl on the earth, and a nasty and terrible sore appeared on the people who had

[g]Or *Son of Man* [h]Or *one thousand six hundred stades*

the beast's mark and worshipped its image. 3The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and the sea turned into blood, like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died. 4The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they turned into blood. 5Then I heard the angel of the waters say,

"You are just, holy one,
who is and was,
because you have given these
judgments.
6They poured out the blood
of saints and prophets,
and you have given them blood
to drink. They deserve it!"
7And I heard the altar say,
"Yes, Lord God Almighty,
your judgments are true and
just."

8The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to burn people with fire. 9The people were burned by intense heat, and they cursed the name of the God who had power over these plagues. But they didn't change their hearts and lives and give him glory. 10The fifth angel poured his bowl over the beast's throne, and darkness covered its kingdom. People bit their tongues because of their pain, 11and they cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores; but they didn't turn away from what they had done.

12Then the sixth angel poured his bowl on the great river Euphrates. Its water was dried up so that the way was ready for the kings from the east. 13Then I saw three unclean spirits, like frogs, come from the dragon's mouth, the beast's mouth, and the mouth of the false prophet. 14These are demonic spirits that do signs. They go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. (15Look! I'm coming like a thief! Favored are those who stay awake and clothed so that they don't go around naked and exposed to shame.) 16The spirits gathered them at the place that is called in Hebrew, Harmagedon.[i]

17Then the seventh angel poured his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out from the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18There were lightning strikes, voices, and thunder, and a great earthquake occurred. The earthquake was greater than any that have occurred since there have been people on earth. 19The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. God remembered Babylon the great so that he gave her the wine cup of his furious anger. 20Every island fled, and the mountains disappeared. 21Huge hailstones weighing about one hundred pounds came down from heaven on the people. They cursed God for the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

16:5 Jn 17:25; Rev 1:4, Rev 11:17, Rev 15:4

16:7 Rev 1:8, Rev 6:9, Rev 14:18, Rev 15:3, Rev 19:2

16:13 Ex 8:2; Rev 12:3, Rev 13:1, Rev 19:20, Rev 20:10

16:15 Lk 12:37; 1Th 5:2; Rev 3:3, Rev 3:18

17:1 Jer 51:13; Rev 15:1, Rev 15:7, Rev 17:15, Rev 19:2

17:2 Rev 3:10, Rev 14:8, Rev 18:3, Rev 18:9

17:3 Rev 12:3, Rev 12:6, Rev 12:14, Rev 13:1, Rev 17:7

17:4 Jer 51:7; Rev 18:6, Rev 18:12, Rev 18:16

17:5 2Th 2:7; Rev 14:8, Rev 16:19, Rev 17:7

17:6 Rev 16:6

Babylon and the beast

17 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls spoke with me. "Come," he said, "I will show you the judgment upon the great prostitute, who is seated on deep waters. 2The kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her, and those who live on earth have become drunk with the wine of her whoring."

3Then he brought me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a desert. There I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names. It had seven heads and ten horns. 4The woman wore purple and scarlet clothing, and she glittered with gold and jewels and pearls. In her hand she held a gold cup full of the vile and impure things that came from her activity as a prostitute. 5A name—a mystery—was written on her forehead: "Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes and the vile things of the earth." 6I saw that the woman was drunk on the blood of the saints and the blood of Jesus'

[i]Or *Armageddon*

witnesses. I was completely stunned when I saw her.

7Then the angel said to me, "Why are you amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and the seven-headed, ten-horned beast that carries her. 8The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. Those who live on earth, whose names haven't been written in the scroll of life from the time the earth was made, will be amazed when they see the beast, because it was and is not and will again be present. 9This calls for an understanding mind. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated. They are also seven kings. 10Five kings have fallen, the one is, and the other hasn't yet come. When that king comes, he must remain for only a short time. 11As for the beast that was and is not, it is itself an eighth king that belongs to the seven, and it is going to destruction. 12The ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who haven't yet received royal power. But they will receive royal authority for an hour, along with the beast. 13These kings will be of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14They will make war on the Lamb, but the Lamb will emerge victorious, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those with him are called, chosen, and faithful."

15Then he said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples, crowds, nations, and languages. 16As for the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will destroy her and strip her bare. They will devour her flesh and burn her with fire 17because God moved them to carry out his purposes. That is why they will be of one mind and give their royal power to the beast, until God's words have been accomplished. 18The woman whom you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth."

17:8 Rev 3:5, Rev 9:1, Rev 11:7, Rev 13:3, Rev 13:8

17:9 Rev 13:18, Rev 17:3

17:11 Rev 17:8

17:12 Dn 7:24; Rev 12:3, Rev 13:1, Rev 18:10, Rev 18:17

17:14 Dt 10:17; Mt 22:14; 1Ti 6:15; Rev 1:5, Rev 19:16

17:15 Is 8:7; Rev 17:1

18:1 Eze 43:2; Rev 10:1, Rev 17:1

18:2 Is 34:11; Jer 50:39, Jer 51:37; Rev 14:8, Rev 16:13

18:4 Is 48:20; Jer 51:6, Jer 51:45; 2Co 6:17; 2Jn 1:11

18:5 2Ch 28:9; Ezr 9:6; Jer 51:9; Jon 1:2; Rev 16:19

18:6 Ps 137:8; Is 40:2; Jer 50:15, Jer 50:29; Rev 17:4

18:7 Is 47:7-8; Eze 28:2; Zep 2:15

18:8 Is 47:9; Rev 17:16, Rev 18:10

18:9 Eze 26:16-17; Rev 17:2, Rev 18:18, Rev 19:3

Babylon's fall

18 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was filled with light because of his glory. 2He called out with a loud voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a home for demons and a lair for every unclean spirit. She is a lair for every unclean bird, and a lair for every unclean and disgusting beast 3because all the nations have fallen[j] due to the wine of her lustful passion. The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her loose and extravagant ways."

4Then I heard another voice from heaven say, "Come out of her, my people, so that you don't take part in her sins and don't receive any of her plagues. 5Her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God remembered her unjust acts. 6Give her what she has given to others. Give her back twice as much for what she has done. In the cup that she has poured, pour her twice as much. 7To the extent that she glorified herself and indulged her loose and extravagant ways, give her pain and grief. In her heart she says, 'I sit like a queen! I'm not a widow. I'll never see grief.' 8This is why her plagues will come in a single day—deadly disease, grief, and hunger. She will be consumed by fire because the Lord God who judges her is powerful.

9"The kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality with her and shared her loose and extravagant ways, will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke from her burning. 10They will stand a long way off because they are afraid of the pain she suffers, and they will say, 'Oh, the horror! Babylon, you great city, you powerful city! In a single hour your judgment has come.'

11"The merchants of the earth will

[j]Critical editions of the Gk New Testament read *have drunk*.

weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their cargoes anymore—
12 cargoes of gold, silver, jewels, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; all those things made of scented wood, ivory, fine wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13 cinnamon, incense, fragrant ointment, and frankincense; wine, oil, fine flour, and wheat; cattle, sheep, horses, and carriages; and slaves, even human lives. 14 "The fruit your whole being craved has gone from you. All your glitter and glamour are lost to you, never ever to be found again.'

15 "The merchants who sold these things, and got so rich by her, will stand a long way off because they fear the pain she suffers. They will weep and mourn, and say, 16 'Oh, the horror! The great city that wore fine linen, purple, and scarlet, who glittered with gold, jewels, and pearls—17 in just one hour such great wealth was destroyed.'

"Every sea captain, every seafarer, sailors, and all who make their living on the sea stood a long way off. 18 They cried out as they saw the smoke from her burning and said, 'What city was ever like the great city?' 19 They threw dust on their heads, and they cried out, weeping and mourning. They said, 'Oh, the horror! The great city, where all who have ships at sea became so rich by her prosperity—in just one hour she was destroyed. 20 Rejoice over her, heaven—you saints, apostles, and prophets—because God has condemned her as she condemned you.' "

21 Then a powerful angel picked up a stone that was like a huge millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "With such violent force the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, and it won't be found anymore. 22 The sound of harpists and musicians, of pipers and trumpeters, will never be heard among you again. No craftsman of any kind will ever be found among you again. The sound of the hand mill will never be heard among you again. 23 The light of a lamp will never shine among you again. The sound of a bridegroom and bride will never be heard among you again because your merchants ran the world, because all the nations were deceived by the spell you cast, and because 24 the blood of prophets, of saints, and of all who have been slaughtered on the earth was found among you."[k]

19:4 Rev 4:4, Rev 4:6, Rev 4:10, Rev 5:14
19:6 Ps 93:1, Ps 97:1; Rev 1:15, Rev 11:15, Rev 19:1
19:7 Hos 2:19; Mt 22:2, Mt 25:10; Rev 21:2, Rev 21:9

Celebration in heaven

19 After this I heard what sounded like a huge crowd in heaven. They said,

"Hallelujah! The salvation and glory
and power of our God!
2 His judgments are true and just,
because he judged the great
prostitute,
who ruined the earth by her
whoring,
and he exacted the penalty
for the blood of his servants
from her hand."
3 Then they said a second time,
"Hallelujah! Smoke goes up
from her forever and always."

4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who is seated on the throne, and they said, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

5 Then a voice went out from the throne and said,

"Praise our God, all you his
servants,
and you who fear him,
both small and great."

6 And I heard something that sounded like a huge crowd, like rushing water and powerful thunder. They said,

"Hallelujah! The Lord our God,
the Almighty,
exercised his royal power!
7 Let us rejoice and celebrate,
and give him the glory,
for the wedding day of the Lamb
has come,

[k] Or *her*

and his bride has made herself
ready.
8 She was given fine, pure white linen
to wear,
for the fine linen
is the saints' acts of justice."

9 Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Favored are those who have been invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb." He said to me, "These are the true words of God." 10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said, "Don't do that! I'm a servant just like you and your brothers and sisters who hold firmly to the witness of Jesus. Worship God! The witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy!"

Christ defeats the beast

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider was called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war justly. 12 His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on his head were many royal crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He wore a robe dyed[l] with blood, and his name was called the Word of God. 14 Heaven's armies, wearing fine linen that was white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword that he will use to strike down the nations. He is the one who will rule them with an iron rod. And he is the one who will trample the winepress of the Almighty God's passionate anger. 16 He has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of kings and Lord of lords.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he called out with a loud voice and said to all the birds flying high overhead, "Come and gather for God's great supper. 18 Come and eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of generals, the flesh of the powerful, and the flesh of horses and their riders. Come and eat the flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great." 19 Then I saw that the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies had gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20 But the beast was seized, along with the false prophet who had done signs in the beast's presence. (He had used the signs to deceive people into receiving the beast's mark and into worshipping the beast's image.) The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake that burns with sulfur. 21 The rest were killed by the sword that comes from the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds ate their fill of their flesh.

19:8 Is 61:10; Rev 3:4, Rev 19:14

19:10 Mt 4:10; Ac 10:26; Rev 1:2, Rev 22:8-9

19:11 Ps 96:13; Is 11:4; Rev 3:14, Rev 6:2

19:12 Rev 1:14, Rev 2:17, Rev 6:2, Rev 12:3, Rev 19:16

19:13 Is 63:2, Is 63:3; Jn 1:1, Jn 1:14; 1Jn 5:7

19:14 Rev 3:4, Rev 7:9, Rev 19:8

19:15 Ps 2:9; Is 11:4; 2Th 2:8; Rev 1:16, Rev 2:27

19:16 Phi 2:9; 1Ti 6:15; Rev 1:5, Rev 17:14, Rev 19:12

19:17 Jer 12:9; Eze 39:17; Rev 8:13, Rev 19:21

19:20 Dn 7:11; Rev 13:14, Rev 16:13, Rev 20:10, Rev 21:8

19:21 Rev 19:11, Rev 19:15, Rev 19:17

20:1 Rev 1:18, Rev 9:1, Rev 10:1, Rev 18:1

20:2 Gn 3:1; 2Pt 2:4; Jud 1:6; Rev 12:9, Rev 20:7

20:3 Mt 27:66; Rev 12:9, Rev 20:1, Rev 20:8, Rev 20:10

20:4 Mt 19:28; Rev 3:21, Rev 6:9, Rev 20:6, Rev 22:5

20:5 Lk 14:14; Phi 3:11; 1Th 4:16

20:6 Rev 1:6, Rev 2:11, Rev 5:10, Rev 14:13, Rev 20:4

Satan confined

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a huge chain. 2 He seized the dragon, the old snake, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the abyss, then locked and sealed it over him. This was to keep him from continuing to deceive the nations until the thousand years were over. After this he must be released for a little while.

The saints rule with Christ

4 Then I saw thrones, and people took their seats on them, and judgment was given in their favor.[m] They were the ones who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and God's word, and those who hadn't worshipped the beast or its image, who hadn't received the mark on their forehead or hand. They came to life and ruled with Christ for one thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead didn't come to life until the thousand years were over. This is the first resurrection. 6 Favored and holy are those who have a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will rule with him for one thousand years.

[l] Critical editions of the Gk New Testament read *dipped* or *covered with*. [m] Or *to them*

Satan's defeat

7When the thousand years are over,
Satan will be released from his prison.
8He will go out to deceive the nations
that are at the four corners of the
earth—Gog and Magog. He will gather
them for battle. Their number is like the
sand of the sea. 9They came up across
the whole earth and surrounded the
saints' camp, the city that God loves.
But fire came down from heaven and
consumed them. 10Then the devil, who
had deceived them, was thrown into the
lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast
and the false prophet also were. There
painful suffering will be inflicted upon
them day and night, forever and always.

Final judgment

11Then I saw a great white throne
and the one who is seated on it. Before
his face both earth and heaven fled
away, and no place was found for them.
12I saw the dead, the great and the
small, standing before the throne, and
scrolls were opened. Another scroll
was opened too; this is the scroll of life.
And the dead were judged on the basis
of what was written in the scrolls about
what they had done. 13The sea gave up
the dead that were in it, and Death and
the Grave gave up the dead that were in
them, and people were judged by what
they had done. 14Then Death and the
Grave were thrown into the fiery lake.
This, the fiery lake, is the second death.
15Then anyone whose name wasn't
found written in the scroll of life was
thrown into the fiery lake.

New heaven and new earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a
new earth, for the former heaven
and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more. 2I saw the
holy city, New Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, made
ready as a bride beautifully dressed for
her husband. 3I heard a loud voice from
the throne say, "Look! God's dwell-
ing is here with humankind. He will
dwell with them, and they will be his
peoples. God himself will be with them
as their God. 4He will wipe away every
tear from their eyes. Death will be no
more. There will be no mourning, cry-
ing, or pain anymore, for the former
things have passed away." 5Then the
one seated on the throne said, "Look!
I'm making all things new." He also
said, "Write this down, for these words
are trustworthy and true." 6Then he
said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha
and the Omega, the beginning and
the end. To the thirsty I will freely
give water from the life-giving spring.
7Those who emerge victorious will in-
herit these things. I will be their God,
and they will be my sons and daugh-
ters. 8But for the cowardly, the faith-
less, the vile, the murderers, those who
commit sexual immorality, those who
use drugs and cast spells, the idolaters
and all liars—their share will be in the
lake that burns with fire and sulfur.
This is the second death."

New Jerusalem

9Then one of the seven angels who
had the seven bowls full of the seven
last plagues spoke with me. "Come,"
he said, "I will show you the bride,
the Lamb's wife." 10He took me in a
Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high
mountain, and he showed me the holy
city, Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God. 11The city had God's
glory. Its brilliance was like a priceless
jewel, like jasper that was as clear as
crystal. 12It had a great high wall with
twelve gates. By the gates were twelve
angels, and on the gates were writ-
ten the names of the twelve tribes of
Israel's sons. 13There were three gates
on the east, three gates on the north,
three gates on the south, and three
gates on the west. 14The city wall had
twelve foundations, and on them were
the twelve names of the Lamb's twelve
apostles.

15The angel who spoke to me had
a gold measuring rod with which to

20:9 Eze 38:9, Eze 38:16, Eze 38:22, Eze 39:6; Rev 13:13

20:10 Mt 25:41; Rev 14:10-11, Rev 19:20, Rev 20:3

20:11 Rev 4:2, Rev 6:14, Rev 12:8, Rev 21:1

20:12 Dn 7:10, Dn 12:1; Mt 16:27; Rev 2:23, Rev 3:5

20:13 Jn 5:28-29; Rev 1:18, Rev 6:8

20:14 1Co 15:26; Rev 19:20, Rev 20:6, Rev 21:4

20:15 Rev 20:12

21:1 Is 65:17, Is 66:22; 2Pt 3:13; Rev 20:11

21:2 Is 52:1, Is 61:10; Heb 11:10; Rev 19:7, Rev 21:10

21:3 Lv 26:11-12; Eze 37:27; Jn 14:23; 2Co 6:16

21:4 Is 25:8, Is 35:10, Is 65:19; 1Co 15:26; Rev 7:17

21:5 2Co 5:17; Rev 4:2, Rev 4:9, Rev 20:11, Rev 22:6

21:6 Is 55:1; Jn 4:10; Rev 1:8, Rev 22:13, Rev 22:17

21:7 2Sa 7:14; Rev 2:7, Rev 21:3

21:8 1Co 6:9; Rev 2:11, Rev 19:20, Rev 20:14, Rev 22:15

21:9 Rev 15:1, Rev 15:7, Rev 19:7, Rev 21:2

21:10 Eze 40:2; Heb 12:22; Rev 1:10, Rev 17:3, Rev 21:2

21:11 Is 60:1-2; Rev 4:3, Rev 4:6, Rev 21:23

21:12 Eze 48:31; Rev 21:21, Rev 21:25

21:14 Mt 16:18; Ac 1:26; 1Co 3:11; Eph 2:20; Heb 11:10

21:15 Eze 40:3; Rev 11:1

measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
16 Now the city was laid out as a square.
Its length was the same as its width. He
measured the city with the rod, and it
was fifteen hundred miles.[n] Its length
and width and height were equal. 17 He
also measured the thickness of its wall.
It was two hundred sixteen feet[o] thick,
as a person—or rather, an angel—
measures things. 18 The wall was built of
jasper, and the city was pure gold, like
pure glass. 19 The city wall's foundations
were decorated with every kind of jewel.
The first foundation was jasper, the sec-
ond was sapphire, the third was chal-
cedony, and the fourth was emerald.
20 The fifth was sardonyx, the sixth was
carnelian, the seventh was chrysolite,
and the eighth was beryl. The ninth was
topaz, the tenth was chrysoprase, the
eleventh was jacinth, and the twelfth
was amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were
twelve pearls; each one of the gates was
made from a single pearl. And the city's
main street was pure gold, as transpar-
ent as glass.

22 I didn't see a temple in the city,
because its temple is the Lord God
Almighty and the Lamb. 23 The city
doesn't need the sun or the moon to
shine on it, because God's glory is its
light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The
nations will walk by its light, and the
kings of the earth will bring their glory
into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by
day, and there will be no night there.
26 They will bring the glory and honor
of the nations into it. 27 Nothing un-
clean will ever enter it, nor anyone
who does what is vile and deceitful,
but only those who are registered in
the Lamb's scroll of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the
river of life-giving water,[p] shin-
ing like crystal, flowing from the throne
of God and the Lamb 2 through the
middle of the city's main street. On
each side of the river is the tree of life,
which produces twelve crops of fruit,
bearing its fruit each month. The tree's

21:16 Eze 40:3
21:17 Dt 3:11; Rev 13:18
21:18 Rev 21:11, Rev 21:21
21:19 Ex 28:17; Is 54:11, Is 54:12; Eze 28:13; Rev 4:3
21:20 Ex 28:19; Rev 4:3
21:21 Mt 13:45; Rev 17:4, Rev 21:12, Rev 21:18
21:22 Rev 5:6
21:23 Is 24:23, Is 60:19-20; Rev 21:11, Rev 22:5
21:25 Is 60:11; Zec 14:7; Rev 21:12, Rev 22:5
22:1 Ps 36:8, Ps 46:4; Eze 47:1; Zec 14:8; Rev 4:6
22:2 Gn 2:9; Eze 47:12; Rev 2:7, Rev 22:14
22:4 Ps 17:15; Mt 5:8; 1Co 13:12; Rev 7:3, Rev 14:1
22:5 Ps 36:9; Dn 7:18, Dn 7:27; Rev 20:4, Rev 21:25
22:7 Rev 1:3, Rev 3:11, Rev 22:12, Rev 22:20
22:8 Rev 1:1, Rev 1:4, Rev 1:9, Rev 19:10
22:9 Col 2:18; Rev 19:10, Rev 22:8
22:10 Dn 8:26; Rev 1:3, Rev 10:4
22:11 Prv 4:18; Eze 3:27; Dn 12:10
22:12 Is 40:10, Is 62:11; Mt 16:27; Rev 22:7
22:13 Is 44:6, Is 48:12; Rev 1:8, Rev 1:17, Rev 21:6
22:14 Rev 2:7, Rev 7:14, Rev 21:27, Rev 22:2
22:15 Mt 7:6; 1Co 6:9; Phi 3:2; Rev 21:8, Rev 21:27

leaves are for the healing of the nations.
3 There will no longer be any curse. The
throne of God and the Lamb will be in
it, and his servants will worship him.
4 They will see his face, and his name
will be on their foreheads. 5 Night will
be no more. They won't need the light
of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the
Lord God will shine on them, and they
will rule forever and always.

Jesus is coming soon

6 Then he said to me, "These words
are trustworthy and true. The Lord,
the God of the spirits of the prophets,
sent his angel to show his servants what
must soon take place.

7 "Look! I'm coming soon. Favored
is the one who keeps the words of the
prophecy contained in this scroll."

8 I, John, am the one who heard and
saw these things. When I heard and
saw them, I fell down to worship at
the feet of the angel who had shown
them to me. 9 But he said to me, "Don't
do that! I'm a servant just like you and
your brothers and sisters, the proph-
ets, and those who keep the words of
this scroll. Worship God!" 10 Then he
said to me, "Don't seal up the words of
the prophecy contained in this scroll,
because the time is near. 11 Let those
who do wrong keep doing what is
wrong. Let the filthy still be filthy. Let
those who are righteous keep doing
what is right. Let those who are holy
still be holy.

12 "Look! I'm coming soon. My re-
ward is with me, to repay all people as
their actions deserve. 13 I am the alpha
and the omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end. 14 Favored
are those who wash their robes so that
they may have the right of access to the
tree of life and may enter the city by the
gates. 15 Outside are the dogs, the drug
users and spell-casters, those who com-
mit sexual immorality, the murderers,
the idolaters, and all who love and prac-
tice deception.

[n] Or *twelve thousand stades* [o] Or *one hundred forty-four pechon* (cubits) [p] Or *the water of life*

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to
bear witness to all of you about these
things for the churches. I'm the root
and descendant of David, the bright
morning star. 17 The Spirit and the bride
say, 'Come!' Let the one who hears say,
'Come!' And let the one who is thirsty
come! Let the one who wishes receive
life-giving water[q] as a gift."

18 Now I bear witness to everyone
who hears the words of the prophecy
contained in this scroll: If anyone adds
to them, God will add to that person
the plagues that are written in this
scroll. 19 If anyone takes away from the
words of this scroll of prophecy, God
will take away that person's share in
the tree of life and the holy city, which
are described in this scroll.

20 The one who bears witness to
these things says, "Yes, I'm coming
soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be
with all.

22:16 Nm 24:17; Mt 1:1; Rev 1:1, Rev 1:4, Rev 5:5

22:17 Is 55:1; Jn 4:14, Jn 7:37; Rev 21:2, Rev 21:6

22:18 Dt 4:2, Dt 12:32; Prv 30:6; Rev 1:3, Rev 15:6

22:19 Dt 4:2, Dt 12:32; Prv 30:6; Rev 21:2

22:20 Rev 3:11, Rev 22:7, Rev 22:12

[q] Or *the water of life*

CONCORDANCE

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A

AARON
about your brother ***A*** the Levite? I know . . . Ex 4:14
The sons of ***A*** the priest will light the . . . . . Lv 1:7
These you and ***A*** will enlist in . . . . . Nm 1:3
was furious with ***A***—he was going to . . . . . Dt 9:20
The descendants of ***A*** the priest from . . . . Josh 21:4
like sheep under the care of Moses and ***A***. . . . Ps 77:20
I sent Moses, ***A***, and Miriam before . . . . . Mi 6:4
His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of ***A***. . . . Lk 1:5
They told ***A***, 'Make us gods that will. . . . . Ac 7:40
when they are called by God, just like ***A***. . . . Heb 5:4

ABANDON
Please don't ***a*** us, for you know. . . . . Nm 10:31
won't let you down, and he won't ***a*** you. . . . Dt 31:6
Don't urge me to ***a*** you, to turn back . . . . . Ru 1:16
because you won't ***a*** my life to the grave; . . . Ps 16:10
teach you well. Don't ***a*** my instruction. . . . . Prv 4:2
alike; those who ***a*** the LORD will be. . . . . Is 1:28
because you won't ***a*** me to the grave, nor . . . Ac 2:27
said, I will never leave you or ***a*** you. . . . . Heb 13:5

ABANDONED
the land won't be ***a*** and the wild . . . . . Ex 23:29
of the evil acts by which you have ***a*** him. . . Dt 28:20
now the LORD has ***a*** us and allowed . . . . Jdg 6:13
They crushed and ***a*** the poor . . . . . Job 20:19
you have not ***a*** any who seek you, ... Ps 9:10
They have ***a*** the LORD, despised . . . . . Is 1:4
will certainly be ***a***; and Ashkelon . . . . . Zep 2:4
your house is ***a***. I tell you . . . . . Lk 13:35
that he wasn't ***a*** to the grave . . . . . Ac 2:31
So God ***a*** them to their hearts' desires, ... Ro 1:24

ABEDNEGO
Mishael "Meshach," and Azariah "***A***." . . . . . Dn 1:7

ABEL
to Cain's brother ***A***. Abel cared for . . . . . Gn 4:2
Beth-jeshimoth to ***A***-shittim in the . . . . . Nm 33:49
to the border of ***A***-meholah, beside . . . . . Jdg 7:22
that righteous man ***A*** to the blood of . . . . Mt 23:35
prophet—from ***A*** to Zechariah—who. . . . Lk 11:51
By faith ***A*** offered a better sacrifice to . . . . Heb 11:4

ABIATHAR
His name was ***A***, and he fled to 1Sa 22:20
the time when ***A*** was high priest, ... Mk 2:26

ABIGAIL
wife's name was ***A***. She was an 1Sa 25:3

ABIHU
birth to Nadab, ***A***, Eleazar, and. . . . . Ex 6:23
Now Nadab and ***A***, two of Aaron's sons, . . . Lv 10:1
the oldest, and ***A***, Eleazar, and . . . . . Nm 3:2
family: Nadab, ***A***, Eleazar, and 1Ch 6:3

ABIJAH
of the second was ***A***. They served as. 1Sa 8:2
was the father of ***A***. Abijah was the . . . . . Mt 1:7
division of ***A***. His wife. . . . . Lk 1:5

ABIMELECH
sister." So King ***A*** of Gerar took her . . . . . Gn 20:2
also bore him a son, and he named him ***A***. . . Jdg 8:31
to be crazy before ***A***, who banished him . . . . Ps 34:1

ABINADAB
Jesse called for ***A***, who presented. 1Sa 16:8

ABISHAI
and Joab's brother ***A***, Zeruiah's son, ... 1Sa 26:6

ABLE
wife, had not been ***a*** to have children. . . . . Gn 16:1
How were you ***a*** to come back home . . . . . Ex 2:18
or they may be ***a*** to afford their . . . . . Lv 25:49
she will be immune and ***a*** to conceive. . . . Nm 5:28
bit. You won't be ***a*** to finish them off . . . . . Dt 7:22
No one will be ***a*** to stand up against you. . . . Josh 1:5
If you are ***a***, answer me; lay out your . . . . Job 33:5
Who will be ***a*** to see them? they . . . . . Ps 64:5
why should they be ***a*** to take your bed . . . Prv 22:27
nor reed will be ***a*** to do anything for . . . . Is 19:15
The land isn't ***a*** to cope with . . . . . Am 7:10
you that God is ***a*** to raise up . . . . . Mt 3:9
that Jesus wasn't ***a*** to enter a town . . . . . Mk 1:45
Zechariah was ***a*** to speak again, ... Lk 1:64
ritual, each ***a*** to hold about . . . . . Jn 2:6
God, you won't be ***a*** to stop them. . . . . Ac 5:39
that God was ***a*** to do what he . . . . . Ro 4:21
He's ***a*** to help those who are being . . . . Heb 2:18
wrath has come, and who is ***a*** to stand?" . . Rev 6:17

ABNER
of his general was ***A***, Ner's son, Saul's 1Sa 14:50

ABOVE
from the waters ***a*** the dome. And it . . . . . Gn 1:7
and touch the beam ***a*** the door and the . . . Ex 12:22
have jointed legs ***a*** their feet with . . . . . Lv 11:21
20 years old and ***a***, who is eligible for . . . . Nm 1:3
God in heaven ***a*** or on earth below. . . . . Dt 4:39
God in heaven ***a*** and on earth below. . . . . Josh 2:11
and scattered dust ***a*** his head toward . . . . Job 2:12
you lifted me high ***a*** my adversaries; . . . . Ps 18:48
a the noisy crowd, she calls out. At the . . . Prv 1:21
It will be lifted ***a*** the hills; peoples . . . . . Is 2:2
his fruit ***a*** and his roots . . . . . Am 2:9
They placed ***a*** his head the charge against . . Mt 27:37
part of the roof ***a*** where Jesus was. . . . . Mk 2:4
has blessed you ***a*** all women, and he . . . . Lk 1:42
one who comes from ***a*** is above all . . . . . Jn 3:31
in the heavens ***a*** and signs on the. . . . . Ac 2:19
Jerusalem that is ***a*** is free, and she . . . . . Ga 4:26
in the passage ***a***, God said,. . . . . Heb 4:5

ABRAHAM
your name will no longer be Abram but ***A***. . . Gn 17:5
his covenant with ***A***, Isaac, and Jacob. . . . Ex 2:24
my covenant with ***A***. And I will. . . . . Lv 26:42
that I promised to ***A***, Isaac, and Jacob, . . . Nm 32:11
to your ancestors ***A***, Isaac, and Jacob, ...Dt 1:8
was Terah, the father of ***A*** and Nahor. . . . Josh 24:2
the offspring of ***A***, his servant, and . . . . . Ps 105:6
who redeemed ***A***: Jacob won't be . . . . . Is 29:22
faithful love to ***A***, as you swore to . . . . . Mi 7:20
of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of ***A***: . . . Mt 1:1
I am the God of ***A***, the God of Isaac, ... Mk 12:26
our ancestors, to ***A*** and to Abraham's . . . . Lk 1:55
Our father is ***A***." Jesus responded, ... Jn 8:39
The God of ***A***, Isaac, and Jacob . . . . . Ac 3:13
going to find that ***A*** is our ancestor on . . . . Ro 4:1
When God gave ***A*** his promise, he swore by . . Heb 6:13

ABRAM
became the father of ***A***, Nahor, and Haran. Gn 11:26
and ***A***, that is, Abraham 1Ch 1:27

ABSALOM
the third was ***A***, by Maacah, who 2Sa 3:3
fled from his son ***A***.] LORD, I have so . . . . . Ps 3:1

ABUNDANCE
years of great ***a*** are now coming . . . . . Gn 41:29
on the sea's ***a***; they are . . . . . Dt 33:19
oxen. There was an ***a*** of flour, fig 1Ch 12:40
he judges peoples and gives food in ***a***. . . . Job 36:31
because of the ***a*** of milk, for all. . . . . Is 7:22
the supplies, an ***a*** of precious . . . . . Na 2:9
Lord Jesus, and an ***a*** of grace was at . . . . . Ac 4:33

ABUNDANT
so that he had ***a*** riches and honor. 2Ch 17:5
the clouds so their ***a*** waters cover you? . . . Job 38:34
because of your ***a***, faithful love; I . . . . . Ps 5:7
is a strong bull, there is ***a*** produce. . . . . Prv 14:4
Its ***a*** forest and farmland will be . . . . . Is 10:18
he will pour down ***a*** rain for you, the . . . . . Jl 2:23
Because of the ***a*** presence of the Holy . . . . Ac 13:52

ABUSE
out, and you can ***a*** them and do . . . . . Jdg 19:24
Are enemies going to ***a*** your name forever? . . Ps 74:10
Jacob to destruction and Israel to ***a***. . . . . Is 43:28
distress or ***a*** because of the . . . . . Mt 13:21
distress or ***a*** because of the . . . . . Mk 4:17
enslave them and ***a*** them for four . . . . . Ac 7:6
and with verbal ***a*** and good 2Co 6:8
to insults and ***a*** in public. Other . . . . . Heb 10:33

ACACIA
skins dyed red; beaded leather; ***a*** wood; . . . . Ex 25:5
a chest out of ***a*** wood and carved. . . . . Dt 10:3
the desert cedar, ***a***, myrtle, and olive . . . . Is 41:19

ACCEPT
"If only you would ***a*** Ishmael! . . . . . Gn 17:18
They will ***a*** what you say to them. . . . . Ex 3:18
you still do not ***a*** my discipline. . . . . Lv 26:23
You may not ***a*** a ransom for the life of a . . . Nm 35:31
He won't ***a*** boiled meat from. 1Sa 2:15
who won't ***a*** a bribe against . . . . . Ps 15:5
My son, ***a*** my words and store up my . . . . . Prv 2:1
to enjoy it, to ***a*** their place in the . . . . . Ecc 5:19
of prayer. I will ***a*** their entirely . . . . . Is 56:7
the LORD doesn't ***a*** them. Now he will . . . Hos 8:13
you are willing to ***a*** it, he is Elijah. . . . . Mt 11:14
Although I don't ***a*** human testimony, I say . . Jn 5:34
Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, ***a*** my life!" . . . Ac 7:59
unspiritual don't ***a*** the things from 1Co 2:14
who are younger: ***a*** the authority of. 1Pt 5:5

ACCEPTABLE
for it to be ***a*** on your behalf, it must be . . . Lv 22:19
wise know what is ***a***, but the mouth of . . . Prv 10:32
house. It's more ***a*** to listen than to . . . . . Ecc 5:1
you call a fast, a day ***a*** to the LORD? . . . . Is 58:5
him and does what is right is ***a*** to him. . . . Ac 10:35
food. All food is ***a***, but it's a bad . . . . . Ro 14:20
that are ***a*** to God through 1Pt 2:5

ACCEPTED
won't you be ***a***? But if you don't . . . . . Gn 4:7
so that it will be ***a*** for you, to make . . . . . Lv 1:4
he wouldn't have ***a*** the entirely. . . . . Jdg 13:23
because God has already ***a*** what you do. . . . Ecc 9:7
they will be ***a*** on my altar, and I . . . . . Is 60:7
to no voice; she ***a*** no discipline. . . . . Zep 3:2
Those who ***a*** Peter's message were . . . . . Ac 2:41
the ones who do, because God has ***a*** them. . . Ro 14:3
in prison and ***a*** the confiscation . . . . . Heb 10:34

ACCOMPLISHED
victory to be ***a*** by your servant's . . . . . Jdg 15:18
at such talk and destroy what you have ***a***. . . . Ecc 5:6
When you ***a*** wonders beyond all our . . . . . Is 64:3
about the powerful acts ***a*** through him? . . . Mk 6:2
the Human One by the prophets will be ***a***. . Lk 18:31
See! You've ***a*** nothing! Look! . . . . . Jn 12:19
that God had ***a*** through their . . . . . Ac 14:27
law? With what we have ***a*** under the Law? . . Ro 3:27
what the Lord has ***a***, for the Lord is. . . . . Jas 5:11
purpose will be ***a***, fulfilling the . . . . . Rev 10:7

ACCOUNT
This is the ***a*** of the heavens and the. . . . . Gn 2:4
let the slave go free on ***a*** of the eye. . . . . Ex 21:26
them unclean on ***a*** of the head . . . . . Lv 13:44
for the person on ***a*** of the guilt. . . . . Nm 6:11
you to possess on ***a*** of your . . . . . Dt 9:6
population on your ***a***. So we feared for . . . Josh 9:24
he requires an ***a***, what could I . . . . . Job 31:14
paralyzed with fear on ***a*** of your rage. . . . . Ps 90:7
they stray on ***a*** of beer; they err . . . . . Is 28:7
will act on their ***a***; I will not pardon. . . . . Jl 3:21
will hate you on ***a*** of my name. . . . . Mt 10:22
of compiling an ***a*** of the events that . . . . . Lk 1:1
least believe on ***a*** of the works . . . . . Jn 14:11
On ***a*** of this, I have committed myself to . . Ac 24:16
old, took into ***a*** his own body, ... Ro 4:19
be blessed! On ***a*** of his vast mercy, ... 1Pt 1:3
slaughtered on ***a*** of the word of God . . . . . Rev 6:9

ACHISH
from Saul. He went to ***A***, Gath's king. 1Sa 21:10

ACKNOWLEDGE
Instead, he must ***a*** the unloved wife's son . . Dt 21:17
Solomon, my son, ***a*** your father's God. . . . 1Ch 28:9
light, don't ***a*** its direction, ... Job 24:13
Only ***a*** your wrongdoing: how you have . . . Jer 3:13
I also will ***a*** before my Father . . . . . Mt 10:32
the Human One will ***a*** before God's. . . . . Lk 12:8
but they wouldn't ***a*** their faith . . . . . Jn 12:42
Felix, we ***a*** this with deep . . . . . Ac 24:3
was worthwhile to ***a*** God, God abandoned. . . Ro 1:28

ACROSS
I went away ***a*** the Jordan with . . . . . Gn 32:10
of agony rang out ***a*** Egypt because . . . . . Ex 12:30
marched and camped ***a*** the Arnon in the . . Nm 21:13
to all Israel ***a*** the Jordan River . . . . . Dt 1:1
Bring them ***a*** with you and put. . . . . Josh 4:3
spreads lightning ***a*** it and covers the . . . . Job 36:30
east wind moving ***a*** the skies and. . . . . Ps 78:26
of my people all ***a*** the land: "Isn't . . . . . Jer 8:19
an enormous city, a three days' walk ***a***. . . . Jon 3:3
alongside the sea, ***a*** the Jordan, ... Mt 4:15
Jesus sat ***a*** from the collection box for . . . Mk 12:41
land, which is ***a*** the lake from . . . . . Lk 8:26
took place ***a*** the Jordan in . . . . . Jn 1:28
We sailed ***a*** the open sea off the coast of. . . Ac 27:5
They came up ***a*** the whole earth and . . . . . Rev 20:9

ACT
the judge of all the earth not ***a*** justly? . . . Gn 18:25
to you, then I'll ***a*** against Egypt and . . . . . Ex 7:4
You must not ***a*** unjustly in a legal case. . . . Lv 19:15
LORD performs an ***a*** of creation, and . . . . . Nm 16:30

or on earth can *a* as you do or can . . . . . Dt 3:24
set it on fire. *a* according to the . . . . . .Josh 8:8
their faces; they *a*, and who can . . . . . Job 21:31
despises those who *a* wickedly, but who . . . . Ps 15:4
The prudent all *a* intelligently, but . . . . . Prv 13:16
way they talk and *a* in word and deed . . . . . Is 3:8
days; you won't *a* like a prostitute; . . . . . Hos 3:3
of the Most High *a*, for he is kind to . . . . . Lk 6:35
was caught in the *a* of committing . . . . . .Jn 8:4
the righteous *a* of one person, ... Ro 5:18
every offense and *a* of disobedience . . . . . Heb 2:2
given authority to *a* for forty-two . . . . . Rev 13:5

ACTED

were pure, and I *a* innocently when I . . . . . Gn 20:5
because the LORD *a* with power to . . . . . Ex 13:3
They have *a* perversely; their. . . . . Lv 20:12
because all the people *a* unintentionally. . . Nm 15:26
dies because she *a* so sinfully in . . . . . Dt 22:21
they *a* cleverly. They set out pretending . . . Josh 9:4
them; and the LORD *a* favorably toward. . . Job 42:9
ways. I haven't *a* wickedly against . . . . . .Ps 18:21
me; he himself has *a*. I will wander my . . . . Is 38:15
Ephraim you have *a* like a prostitute; . . . . Hos 5:3
manager because he *a* cleverly. People. . . . Lk 16:8
I know you *a* in ignorance. So . . . . . Ac 3:17
mercy because I *a* in ignorance and 1Ti 1:13

ACTIONS

and have treated him as his *a* deserve. . . . Jdg 9:16
and restrict all *a*; you stamp marks . . . . . Job 13:27
they prostituted themselves by their *a*. . . . Ps 106:39
are known by their *a*, whether their . . . . Prv 20:11
king's arrogant *a* and the boasting . . . . . Is 10:12
done to you; your *a* will make you . . . . . .Obad 1:15
greed, evil *a*, deceit, ...Mk 7:22
with the plan and *a* of the council. . . . . Lk 23:51
than the light, for their *a* are evil. . . . . Jn 3:19
performed shameful *a* with males, and . . . . Ro 1:27
their unjust *a*, and I won't . . . . . Heb 8:12
give to each of you what your *a* deserve. . . Rev 2:23

ADAM

The man *A* knew his wife Eve intimately. . . . Gn 4:1
off, just below *A*, which is the city . . . . . Josh 3:16
you born the first *A*, brought forth . . . . . Job 15:7
But like *A* they broke the covenant; then . . . Hos 6:7
of Enos son of Seth son of *A* son of God. . . . Lk 3:38
death ruled from *A* until Moses, even . . . . Ro 5:14
generations after *A*, prophesied about . . . Jud 1:14

ADD

On its lower hem *a* pomegranates made of . Ex 28:33
thing: you will *a* one-fifth to its . . . . . Lv 5:16
for his guilt, *a* one-fifth more, ... Nm 5:7
Don't *a* anything to the word that I am . . . . .Dt 4:2
heroic man, he would *a* him to his troops. . . 1Sa 14:52
a days to the king's life! Let his years . . . . Ps 61:6
Don't *a* to his words, or he will correct . . . .Prv 30:6
it's impossible to *a* to it or take away . . . . .Ecc 3:14
your tears. I will *a* fifteen years to . . . . . Is 38:5
by worrying can *a* a single moment to. . . . Mt 6:27
by worrying can *a* a single moment to. . . . Lk 12:25
leaders didn't *a* anything to what I . . . . . Ga 2:6
every effort to *a* moral excellence. 2Pt 1:5
to them, God will *a* to that person the . . . Rev 22:18

ADDED

lower hem, they *a* pomegranates made . . . Ex 39:24
will be *a* to the inheritance . . . . . Nm 36:4
thick smoke. He *a* no more. God wrote . . . Dt 5:22
land of Canaan. I *a* to his descendants . . . Josh 24:3
be many; years will be *a* to your life. . . . . .Prv 9:11
Many similar words were *a* to them. . . . . Jer 36:32
When Ephraim *a* more altars to take away. . Hos 8:11
He *a* this to the list of his evil deeds: . . . . Lk 3:20
Matthias. He was *a* to the eleven . . . . . Ac 1:26
Law given? It was *a* because of . . . . . Ga 3:19

ADDITION

of Nebaioth, in *a* to his other wives. . . . . Gn 28:9
Hebrew people. In *a*, Pharaoh's. . . . . Ex 11:3
on the altar, in *a* to the morning's . . . . . Lv 9:17
priest. This is in *a* to the ram of . . . . . Nm 5:8
land of Moab in *a* to the covenant he . . . . Dt 29:1
into our power. In *a*, all of the land's . . . . Josh 2:24
holy portion in *a* to the city . . . . . Eze 48:20
encouraged. And in *a* to our own 2Co 7:13
In *a*, in one case a tenth is received by. . . . Heb 7:8

ADONIJAH

the fourth was *A*, by Haggith; the fifth 2Sa 3:4
A, Haggith's son, bragged about himself. . . . 1Ki 1:5

ADULTERY

Do not commit *a* . . . . . Ex 20:14
If a man commits *a* with a married woman, . Lv 20:10
Do not commit *a* . . . . . Dt 5:18
He who commits *a* is senseless. Doing so, . . .Prv 6:32
sorcery, offspring of *a* and prostitution! . . . Is 57:3
her presence, and *a* from between her . . . . Hos 2:2
heard that it was said, Don't commit *a*. . . . Mt 5:27
a, greed, evil actions, deceit, ...Mk 7:22
another commits *a*, and a man who. . . . . Lk 16:18
a woman caught in *a*. Placing her in . . . . .Jn 8:3
If you say, "No *a*," do you commit. . . . . Ro 2:22
person and the person who commits *a*. . . . Heb 13:4
who have committed *a* with her into . . . . Rev 2:22

ADVANTAGE

Don't take *a* of poor or needy workers, . . . Dt 24:14
have a numerical *a*, as well as the. 2Ch 13:8
What *a* do the wise have over the foolish? . . Ecc 6:8
if you stop taking *a* of the immigrant, . . . Jer 7:6
his hands; he loves to take *a* of others. . . . Hos 12:7
What *a* do people have if they gain the . . . . Lk 9:25
Circumcision is an *a* if you do what the . . . . Ro 2:25
they will take *a* of you with lies. 2Pt 2:3

ADVERSARY

messenger stood in the road as his *a*. . . . . Nm 22:22
A heavenly *a* arose against Israel and 1Ch 21:1
the LORD, and the *a* also came among . . . . . Job 1:6
was poised like an *a*. He killed every . . . . .Lam 2:4
the LORD, and the *a* was standing by . . . . . Zec 3:1
me justice in this case against my *a*.' . . . . . Lk 18:3

ADVICE

This *a* seemed wise to Pharaoh and all his . . Gn 41:37
me give you some *a*. And may God be . . . . Ex 18:19
women, on Balaam's *a*, made the . . . . . Nm 31:16
He took *a* from Joab, Zeruiah's son, and . . . 1Ki 1:7
to me and waited, were silent for my *a*. . . . Job 29:21
follow wicked *a*, doesn't stand on. . . . . .Ps 1:1
You ignored all my *a*, and you didn't . . . . .Prv 1:25
give stupid *a*. How can you say . . . . . .Is 19:11
My people take *a* from a piece of wood, . . . Hos 4:12
pilot and captain than by Paul's *a*. . . . . Ac 27:11
So I think this *a* is good because of the . . . 1Co 7:26
My *a* is that you buy gold from me that . . . Rev 3:18

AFFLICTED

the person is *a* with skin disease; they . . . . Lv 13:44
Now the LORD *a* the king with a skin 2Ki 15:5
my bowstring and *a* me, they throw off . . . Job 30:11

And me? I'm *a*. I'm full of pain. Let . . . . . Ps 69:29
but we thought him *a*, struck down by . . . . Is 53:4
and push the *a* out of the way. . . . . Am 2:7

AFFORD

If you can't *a* an animal from the flock . . . . Lv 5:7
whatever you can *a* from what you earn . . . 1Co 16:2

AFRAID

the garden; I was *a* because I was . . . . . Gn 3:10
Then Moses was *a* when he realized. . . . . Ex 2:14
So why aren't you *a* to criticize . . . . . Nm 12:8
Don't be *a* of anyone because . . . . . Dt 1:17
Joshua, "Don't be *a* or terrified. Take . . . . Josh 8:1
Because I was *a* of something awful, and . . Job 3:25
I won't be *a* of thousands of people . . . . . Ps 3:6
trust and won't be *a*. Yah, the LORD, is . . . . Is 12:2
Don't be *a*, animals of the field, for . . . . . Jl 2:22
of David, don't be *a* to take Mary as . . . . Mt 1:20
leader, "Don't be *a*; just keep . . . . . Mk 5:36
said, "Don't be *a*, Zechariah. Your . . . . . Lk 1:13
was approaching the boat and they were *a*. . . Jn 6:19
because they were *a* the people would. . . . . Ac 5:26
don't think in a proud way; instead be *a*. . . Ro 11:20
and they weren't *a* of the king's . . . . . Heb 11:23
said, "Don't be *a*. I'm the first and . . . . . Rev 1:17

AFTERWARD

the earth and also *a*, when divine. . . . . Gn 6:4
of shepherds. *a*, he even helped us . . . . . Ex 2:19
on the altar. And *a* he will make the . . . . Nm 5:26
a, Joshua read aloud all the words of . . . . Josh 8:34
a, Job spoke up and cursed the day he . . . . Job 3:1
is sweet, but *a* the mouth is full . . . . . Prv 20:17
declares the LORD. *a* I will send a. . . . . Jer 16:16
a the Israelites will return and seek the . . . Hos 3:5
were with Peter. *a*, through the work . . . . . Mk 16:9
a, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant. . . . . Lk 1:24
a, at the time of the census, Judas the . . . . Ac 5:37
the spiritual body comes *a*. 1Co 15:46
You know that *a*, when he wanted to . . . . Heb 12:17

AGAG

be higher than ***A***, and his kingdom . . . . . Nm 24:7
He captured ***A*** the Amalekite king alive, . . . 1Sa 15:8

AGE

laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my *a*?' . . . Gn 18:13
If the *a* of the person is between 5 and . . . Lv 27:5
over one month of *a* and record their . . . . Nm 3:40
one of fighting *a* in the camp, had . . . . . Dt 2:14
had reached old *a*. The LORD said to . . . . Josh 13:1
your grave in old *a* as bundles of . . . . . Job 5:26
cast me off in old *a*. Don't abandon me . . . . Ps 71:9
men; gray hair is the splendor of old *a*. . . . Prv 20:29
be praised from *a* to eternal age! . . . . . Dn 2:20
in their hand because of their great *a*. . . . . Zec 8:4
not in this *a* or in the age that . . . . . Mt 12:32
in the coming *a*, eternal life. . . . . Mk 10:30
even in her old *a*, your relative . . . . . Lk 1:36
distress of this *a* and he will send. . . . . Ac 3:20
The god of this *a* has blinded the minds 2Co 4:4
good word and the powers of the coming *a*. . . Heb 6:5

AGREE

the woman doesn't *a* to come back with . . . . Gn 24:5
And the woman will say, "I *a*, I agree." . . . Nm 5:22
All the people will reply: "We *a*!" . . . . . Dt 27:15
I *a*," Achish answered David. "I think 1Sa 29:9
I will not *a* that you are right. Until my . . . Job 27:5
If you *a* and obey, you will eat the best . . . . Is 1:19
that if two of you *a* on earth about . . . . . Mt 18:19
testimonies didn't *a* even on this point. . . . Mk 14:59
prophets' words *a* with this; as it . . . . . Ac 15:15
I gladly *a* with the Law on the inside . . . . . Ro 7:22

AGREED

at the city gate *a* with Hamor and his . . . . Gn 34:24
Pharaoh's daughter *a*, "Yes, do that." So . . . . Ex 2:8
The Israelites *a* and blessed God. They no . . . Josh 22:33
of Na'amah. They *a* to come so they. . . . . Job 2:11
into this covenant *a* to free their male . . . Jer 34:10
together unless they have *a* to do so? . . . . . Am 3:3
So John *a* to baptize Jesus. . . . . Mt 3:15
But they *a* that it shouldn't happen. . . . . Mk 14:2
He *a* and began looking for an opportunity . . Lk 22:6
the entire church, *a* to send some . . . . . Ac 15:22
to me. So it was *a* that we would go . . . . . Ga 2:9

AGREEMENT

there be a formal *a* between us and . . . . . Gn 26:28
has gotten your *a* that you will be . . . . . Dt 26:18
for themselves, in *a* with the command . . . Josh 8:27
you will make an *a* with the stones of . . . . Job 5:23
or shake hands in *a* with a stranger . . . . . Prv 6:1
line, made an *a* with him, and made . . . . Eze 17:13
As with our *a* when you came out of Egypt, . . Hg 2:5
Saul was in full *a* with Stephen's murder. . . . Ac 8:1
What *a* can there be between God's temple . 2Co 6:16
and the three are united in *a*. 1Jn 5:8

AGRIPPA

had passed, King ***A*** and Bernice . . . . . Ac 25:13

AHAB

Samaria. His son ***A*** succeeded him as 1Ki 16:28
concerning ***A***, Kolaiah's son, ... Jer 29:21
of the house of ***A***; you have followed . . . . . Mi 6:16

AHASUERUS

In the rule of ***A***, at the beginning of. . . . . Ezr 4:6

AHAZ

City. His son ***A*** succeeded him as 2Ki 15:38
kings Uzziah, Jotham, ***A***, and Hezekiah. . . . . Is 1:1
Uzziah, Jotham, ***A***, and Hezekiah, and . . . . Hos 1:1
was the father of ***A***. Ahaz was the . . . . . Mt 1:9

AHAZIAH

ancestors. His son ***A*** succeeded him as 1Ki 22:40

AHIJAH

including ***A***, the son of Ahitub, who was. . . . 1Sa 14:3

AHIMAAZ

two sons, your son ***A*** and Abiathar's son . . 1Sa 15:27

AHIMELECH

came to Nob where ***A*** was priest. 1Sa 21:1

AHITHOPHEL

David's advisor ***A***, who was from 2Sa 15:12
A was the king's counselor, and Hushai . . . 1Ch 27:33

AI

on the west and ***A*** on the east. There . . . . . Gn 12:8
from Jericho to ***A***, which is near . . . . . Josh 7:2
people of Heshbon; ***A*** has been. . . . . Jer 49:3

AIJALON

at Gibeon! and Moon, at the ***A*** Valley! . . Josh 10:12

AIR

throw it up in the *a* in front of . . . . . Ex 9:8
the angry blast of *a* coming from his 2Sa 22:16
another; even *a* can't come between . . . . Job 41:16
the angry blast of *a* coming from your . . . . Ps 18:15
their chins in the *a*, flirting with . . . . . Is 3:16

garments, and flinging dust into the ***a***, . . . Ac 22:23
speaking into the ***a***! There are 1Co 14:10
The sun and ***a*** were darkened by . . . . . Rev 9:2

ALERT

the king, and the king stayed on the ***a***. 2Ki 6:10
will be poor; stay ***a*** and you will have . . . . Prv 20:13
warn Migdol, ***a*** Memphis and . . . . . Jer 46:14
Therefore, stay ***a***! You don't know what . . . Mt 24:42
Watch out! Stay ***a***! You don't know when . . Mk 13:33
whom he finds ***a***, even if he comes . . . . . Lk 12:38
Stay ***a***! Remember that for three years I . . . Ac 20:31
all the time. Stay ***a*** by hanging in . . . . . Eph 6:18
clearheaded. Keep ***a***. Your accuser, the 1Pt 5:8

ALIVE

into the ark with you to keep them ***a***. . . . . Gn 6:19
or sheep) is found ***a*** in the thief's. . . . . Ex 22:4
be left standing ***a*** before the LORD in . . . . Lv 16:10
so that they stay ***a*** and don't die when . . . Nm 4:19
true to the LORD your God are ***a*** today. . . . .Dt 4:4
is to stay ***a***, along with . . . . . Josh 6:17
my redeemer is ***a*** and afterward . . . . . Job 19:25
he keeps me ***a***. He guides me in proper . . . . Ps 23:3
their images are shams; they aren't ***a***. . . . Jer 10:14
kept his anger ***a***, and fueled his . . . . . .Am 1:11
even though it's ***a*** today and tomorrow . . . . Mt 6:30
that Jesus was ***a*** and that Mary had . . . . Mk 16:11
even though it's ***a*** today and tomorrow . . . Lk 12:28
them that he was ***a*** with many . . . . . .Ac 1:3
dead to sin but ***a*** for God in Christ . . . . . Ro 6:11
while the one who made the will is ***a***. . . . . Heb 9:17
but look! Now I'm ***a*** forever and . . . . . Rev 1:18

ALLOWED

is your fault. I ***a*** you to embrace my. . . . . Gn 16:5
they must not be ***a*** to live. Only when. . . . Ex 19:13
the LORD, you are ***a*** to bring your . . . . . Lv 7:29
He has ***a*** you and all your fellow Levites . . . Nm 16:10
cities you are not ***a*** to eat any of the . . . . Dt 12:17
abandoned us and ***a*** Midian to . . . . . Jdg 6:13
God ***a*** them to receive compassion from all . Ps 106:46
high! When it ***a*** its branches to. . . . . Eze 31:10
to the harvest. I ***a*** no rain to fall on . . . . . Am 4:7
which only the priests were ***a*** to eat. . . . . Mt 12:4
the priests were ***a*** to eat. He also . . . . . .Mk 2:26
he wouldn't have ***a*** his home to be . . . . . Lk 12:39
Sabbath; you aren't ***a*** to carry your mat. . . . Jn 5:10
up on the third day and ***a*** him to be seen, . . Ac 10:40
They are not ***a*** to talk. Instead, ...1Co 14:34
red. Its rider was ***a*** to take peace from. . . . . Rev 6:4

ALMIGHTY

God ***A*** will bless you, make you fertile, ... Gn 28:3
and Jacob as God ***A***, but I didn't . . . . . .Ex 6:3
me Mara, for the ***A*** has made me very. . . . . Ru 1:20
despairs, or do they stop fearing the ***A***? . . . Job 6:14
When the ***A*** scattered the kings there, ...Ps 68:14
Like destruction from the ***A*** it will come. . . . Is 13:6
is near; it comes like chaos from the ***A***. . . . . Jl 1:15
right side of the ***A*** and coming on the. . . . Mt 26:64
right side of the ***A*** and coming on the. . . . Mk 14:62
my sons and daughters, says the Lord ***A***. . . 2Co 6:18
one who is and was and is coming, the ***A***. . . . Rev 1:8

ALREADY

Since I've ***a*** decided to speak . . . . . Gn 18:27
was seventy. Joseph was ***a*** in Egypt. . . . . .Ex 1:5
that it had ***a*** been burned. He . . . . . Lv 10:16
for the plague had ***a*** begun among the . . . . Nm 16:47
with it had ***a*** taken their legacy. . . . . Josh 13:8
the wicked have ***a*** bent their bows; . . . . . Ps 11:2
new!" But it was ***a*** around for ages . . . . . .Ecc 1:10
ten of the steps that it had ***a*** descended. . . . Is 38:8
The ax is ***a*** at the root of the trees. . . . . Mt 3:10
because Jesus had ***a*** commanded him, ... Mk 5:8
Many people have ***a*** applied themselves to . . .Lk 1:1
believe in him is ***a*** judged, because . . . . . Jn 3:18
even though he had ***a*** decided to release. . . . Ac 3:13
at all. We have ***a*** stated the charge: . . . . . Ro 3:9
because there are ***a*** others who offer . . . . . Heb 8:4

ALTAR

Noah built an ***a*** to the LORD. He took some . . Gn 8:20
Moses built an ***a*** there and called it, ... Ex 17:15
every side of the ***a*** at the meeting . . . . . .Lv 1:5
tent and the ***a***, and its. . . . . Nm 3:26
LORD your God's ***a***. The blood from. . . . . Dt 12:27
Joshua built an ***a*** on Mount Ebal to. . . . . Josh 8:30
innocent! I walk all around your ***a***, LORD, . . . Ps 26:6
that he had taken from the ***a*** with tongs. . . . Is 6:6
ministers of the ***a***. Come, spend the . . . . . Jl 1:13
your gift to the ***a*** and there remember . . . . Mt 5:23
to the right of the ***a*** of incense. . . . . Lk 1:11
I even found an ***a*** with this . . . . . Ac 17:23
who serve at the ***a*** share part of what 1Co 9:13
one ever served at the ***a*** from that tribe. . . Heb 7:13
I saw under the ***a*** those who had been. . . . . Rev 6:9

ALTARS

tear down their ***a***, smash their . . . . . Ex 34:13
down your incense ***a***, and pile your . . . . . Lv 26:30
the lampstand, the ***a***, the equipment of . . . Nm 3:31
rip down their ***a***, smash their . . . . . .Dt 7:5
break down their ***a***.' But you didn't . . . . . Jdg 2:2
young beside your ***a***, LORD of heavenly . . . . Ps 84:3
have no regard for ***a***, the work of their . . . . Is 17:8
Ephraim added more ***a*** to take away sin . . . Hos 8:11
torn down your ***a***. I'm the only one . . . . . Ro 11:3

AMALEK

she gave birth to ***A*** for Eliphaz. These . . . . Gn 36:12
A came and fought with Israel at . . . . . Ex 17:8
He looked at ***A*** and raised his voice and . . . Nm 24:20
after all, what ***A*** did to you on your . . . . . Dt 25:17
Philistines, and ***A***, including the 2Sa 8:12
Gebal, Ammon, ***A***, Philistia along with . . . . Ps 83:7

AMALEKITE

the land of Ephraim, in the ***A*** highlands. . . Jdg 12:15

AMALEKITES

territory of the ***A***, as well as the . . . . . Gn 14:7
The ***A*** live in the land of the arid . . . . . Nm 13:29
Arad. They went and lived with the ***A***. . . . . Jdg 1:16

AMARIAH

Meraioth of ***A***, Amariah of Ahitub 1Ch 6:7

AMASA

Absalom had put ***A*** in charge of the army . . 2Sa 17:25
Ner's son, and ***A***, Jether's son. He 1Ki 2:5

AMAZED

right thing are ***a*** at this; the . . . . . Job 17:8
of this and be ***a***; they will trust. . . . . Ps 40:3
words, the crowds were ***a*** at his teaching . . . Mt 7:28
The people were ***a*** by his teaching, for he . . .Mk 1:22
who heard it was ***a*** at what the . . . . . Lk 2:18
were surprised and ***a***, saying, "Look, ...Ac 2:7
I'm ***a*** that you are so quickly deserting . . . . Ga 1:6
whole earth was ***a*** and followed the. . . . . Rev 13:3

AMAZIAH

City. His son ***A*** succeeded him as 2Ki 12:21
Then ***A***, the priest of Bethel, reported. . . . .Am 7:10

AMBUSH

as plunder. Set your ***a*** behind the city. . . . .Josh 8:2
lie in their den, lie in ***a*** in their lair. . . . . Job 38:40
place perfect for ***a***; from their hiding . . . . . Ps 10:8
set up a deadly ***a***. Let's secretly . . . . . .Prv 1:11
prepare an ***a***, because the LORD . . . . . Jer 51:12
heard about the ***a*** and he came to the . . . . Ac 23:16

AMEN

all the people say, "***A***!" Praise the LORD! . . .1Ch 16:36
from forever to forever! ***A*** and Amen! . . . . .Ps 41:13
by the God called ***A***; those who make a . . . . Is 65:16
eternal salvation. ***A***. . . . . .Mk 16:9
the creator, who is blessed forever. ***A***. . . . . Ro 1:25
him be the glory forever and always. ***A***. . . . Heb 13:21
be glory and power forever and always. ***A***. . . . Rev 1:6

AMMINADAB

the father of Ram, Ram the father of ***A***, ... Ru 4:19
son of ***A*** son of Admin son of Arni son of . . . Lk 3:33

AMMON

mother's name was Naamah from ***A***. 1Ki 14:21
Gebal, ***A***, Amalek, Philistia along with. . . . . Ps 83:7
of Edom, Moab, ***A***, Tyre, and Sidon . . . . . Jer 27:3

AMMONITE

didn't go near the ***A*** lands or hillside . . . . . Dt 2:37
ruled in Heshbon, as far as the ***A*** border. Josh 13:10

AMMONITES

He is the ancestor of today's ***A***. . . . . Gn 19:38
as far as the ***A***, for the border of . . . . . Nm 21:24
come close to the ***A***. Don't aggravate . . . . . Dt 2:19
the border of the ***A***. This was half of . . . . Josh 12:2
power, and the ***A*** will be their . . . . . Is 11:14
crimes of the ***A***, and for four, I . . . . . .Am 1:13

AMNON

His oldest son was ***A***, by Ahinoam from 2Sa 3:2
Hebron: the oldest ***A***, with Ahinoam the 1Ch 3:1

AMORITE

the oaks of the ***A*** Mamre, who was the . . . Gn 14:13
sent messengers to Sihon the ***A*** king: . . . . Nm 21:21
of Sihon, the ***A*** king who ruled in. . . . . .Dt 1:4
All the ***A*** kings on the west side of the . . . .Josh 5:1
Sihon, the ***A*** king, Og, the king of . . . . . Ps 135:11
Your father was an ***A***, your mother a . . . . .Eze 16:3
I destroyed the ***A*** before them, whose . . . . . Am 2:9

AMORITES

the Jebusites, the ***A***, the Girgashites . . . . Gn 10:16
the Hittites, the ***A***, the Perizzites, ...Ex 3:8
Jebusites, and ***A*** live in the . . . . . Nm 13:29
the hills of the ***A*** and the . . . . . .Dt 1:7
two kings of the ***A*** on the other side . . . . Josh 2:10
Hivites and the ***A***; abandoned because . . . . Is 17:9

AMOUNT

was the exact ***a*** of each man's . . . . . Gn 43:21
must pay the agreed ***a*** to save his life. . . . Ex 21:30
for the principal ***a*** and add one-fifth . . . . .Lv 6:5
over the large ***a*** of plunder they 1Sa 30:16
happy for the same ***a*** of time that you. . . . .Ps 90:15
eat just the right ***a***; otherwise, you'll . . . . Prv 25:16
their deeds ***a*** to nothing; their . . . . . Is 41:29
of silver, a large ***a*** of barley, and a. . . . . Hos 3:2
an extraordinary ***a***, almost . . . . . Jn 12:3
She responded, "Yes, that's the ***a***." . . . . . .Ac 5:8
the final ***a*** of the Gentiles' . . . . . Ro 15:28
suffering from an enormous ***a*** of pressure. .Heb 10:32
was given a large ***a*** of incense, in . . . . . Rev 8:3

ANAKIM

and numerous and tall—just like the ***A***. . . . Dt 2:10
and wiped out the ***A*** from the . . . . . Josh 11:21

ANANIAS

a man named ***A***, along with his . . . . . .Ac 5:1

ANATHOTH

A and its pastures, and Almon and its. . . .Josh 21:18
Gallim! Listen, Laishah! Answer her, ***A***! . . . . Is 10:30

ANCESTOR

Jabal; he was the ***a*** of those who live . . . . Gn 4:20
as Dan, after the name of Dan their ***a***. . . Josh 19:47
the God of your ***a*** David, says this: . . . . . Is 38:5
kingdom of our ***a*** David! Hosanna in . . . . Mk 11:10
he made to our ***a*** Abraham. He has . . . . . Lk 1:73
Spirit through our ***a*** David, your . . . . . .Ac 4:25
Abraham is our ***a*** on the basis of . . . . . Ro 4:1

ANCESTORS

you will join your ***a*** in peace and be . . . . . Gn 15:15
The God of your ***a*** has sent me to. . . . . Ex 3:13
fertile land that you promised their ***a***? . . . Nm 11:12
to give to your ***a*** Abraham, Isaac, ...Dt 1:8
land, which I pledged to give to their ***a***. . . . .Josh 1:6
and verify the findings of your ***a***, ... Job 8:8
Our ***a*** trusted you—they trusted you and . . . Ps 22:4
from one's ***a***, but an insightful . . . . . Prv 19:14
nations that my ***a*** destroyed save. . . . . .Is 37:12
tree, I saw your ***a***. But they came to . . . . Hos 9:10
A record of the ***a*** of Jesus Christ, son of . . . . Mt 1:1
he promised to our ***a***, to Abraham and to . . . Lk 1:55
Our ***a*** worshipped on this mountain, but . . . Jn 4:20
God of our ***a***—has glorified his. . . . . Ac 3:13
The Jewish ***a*** are theirs, and the Messiah . . . Ro 9:5
prophets to our ***a*** in many times and . . . . Heb 1:1

ANCIENT

These were the ***a*** heroes, famous men. . . . . Gn 6:4
best fruit from ***a*** mountains, with . . . . . Dt 33:15
to Bethlehem (the records are ***a***). 1Ch 4:22
Will you keep the ***a*** way traveled by . . . . .Job 22:15
up your heads! ***a*** doors: rise up . . . . . Ps 24:7
I was formed in ***a*** times, at the . . . . . .Prv 8:23
I'm a wise person, one of the ***a*** kings"? . . . Is 19:11
origin is from remote times, from ***a*** days. . . . Mi 5:2
is a prophet like one of the ***a*** prophets. . . . .Mk 6:15
that one of the ***a*** prophets had come . . . . . Lk 9:8
didn't spare the ***a*** world when he 2Pt 2:5

ANDREW

called Peter, and ***A***, throwing fishing . . . . .Mt 4:18
Simon and ***A***, throwing fishing . . . . . .Mk 1:16
Peter; his brother ***A***; James; John; . . . . . Lk 6:14
followed Jesus was ***A***, the brother of . . . . Jn 1:40
John, James, and ***A***; Philip and. . . . . Ac 1:13

ANGEL

about this, an ***a*** from the Lord . . . . . Mt 1:20
An ***a*** from the Lord appeared to him, ... Lk 1:11
Others said, "An ***a*** spoke to him." . . . . . Jn 12:29
An ***a*** from the Lord opened the prison . . . . Ac 5:19
Satan disguises himself as an ***a*** of light. . . .2Co 11:14
it through his ***a*** to his servant . . . . . Rev 1:1

ANGELS

I will command my ***a*** concerning you, ... Mt 4:6
wild animals, and the ***a*** took care of him. . . .Mk 1:13
When the ***a*** returned to heaven, the . . . . . Lk 2:15
open and God's ***a*** going up to heaven . . . . . Jn 1:51

the Law given by *a*, but you haven't . . . Ac 7:53
death or life, not *a* or rulers, not . . . Ro 8:38
such as *a*, that he received . . . Heb 1:4
stars are the *a* of the seven . . . Rev 1:20

ANGER

your brother's *a* at you goes away . . . Gn 27:45
send out your hot *a*; it burns them up . . . Ex 15:7
will die and bring *a* upon the whole . . . Lv 10:6
so that God's *a* will not strike . . . Nm 1:53
the eyes of the LORD your God and *a* him, . . . Dt 4:25
he said this, their *a* against him passed . . . Jdg 8:3
Surely *a* can kill the foolish; fury can . . . Job 5:2
because his *a* ignites in an . . . Ps 2:12
Fools reveal their *a* right away, but the . . . Prv 12:16
I will vent my *a* against my foes; I . . . Is 1:24
I will pour out my *a* like water upon . . . Hos 5:10
at them with *a*, deeply grieved at . . . Mk 3:5
in the synagogue was filled with *a* . . . Lk 4:28
themselves with *a* and began to . . . Ac 19:28
will be wrath and *a* for those who obey . . . Ro 2:8
Because of my *a* I swore: "They will never . . Heb 3:11
God's passionate *a*, poured full . . . Rev 14:10

ANGRY

Cain became very *a* and looked . . . Gn 4:5
Then the LORD got *a* at Moses and said, . . . Ex 4:14
burned. He was *a* with Eleazar and . . . Lv 10:16
heard and became *a*. Then the LORD's . . . Nm 11:1
what you said. He was *a* and he swore: . . . Dt 1:34
today, he will be *a* with the entire . . . Josh 22:18
clan of Ram was *a*, angry with Job . . . Job 32:2
he will become *a*, and your way will . . . Ps 2:12
a people must pay the penalty; if you . . . Prv 19:19
Though you were *a* with me, your . . . Is 12:1
Listen, priest, I am *a* with your people . . . Hos 4:4
him, he grew very *a*. He sent soldiers . . . Mt 2:16
saw this, he grew *a* and said to them, . . . Mk 10:14
to escape from the *a* judgment that is . . . Lk 3:7
see life, but the *a* judgment of God . . . Jn 3:36
make each other *a*, or be jealous of . . . Ga 5:26
So I was *a* with them. I said, "Their . . . Heb 3:10

ANIMAL

From every clean *a*, take seven pairs, a . . . Gn 7:2
died, but not one *a* that belonged to . . . Ex 9:6
offers the herd *a*—whether it is . . . Lv 3:1
whether human or *a*. When I killed all . . . Nm 8:17
whether of a land *a*, a bird that flies . . . Dt 4:17
with an *a* prod. He too . . . Jdg 3:31
may crush them or a wild *a* trample them . . Job 39:15
every forest *a* already belongs to . . . Ps 50:10
neither human nor *a*; that it will . . . Jer 51:62
like a lion, as a wild *a* would eat them . . . Hos 13:8
If even a wild *a* touches the . . . Heb 12:20

ANIMALS

the great sea *a* and all the tiny . . . Gn 1:21
on both people and *a*. All the land's . . . Ex 8:17
both flawless *a*, and bring them . . . Lv 9:2
both humans and *a*. They are mine; I . . . Nm 3:13
ourselves were the *a* and the plunder . . . Dt 2:35
people, even the *a*, and everything . . . Jdg 20:48
places where all the wild *a* play . . . Job 40:20
all sheep and all cattle, the wild *a* too . . . Ps 8:7
slaughtered her *a*, mixed her wine, . . . Prv 9:2
it for wild *a*: they raised up . . . Is 23:13
a forest, and the wild *a* will eat them . . . Hos 2:12
was among the wild *a*, and the angels . . . Mk 1:13
of four-legged *a*, reptiles, and . . . Ac 10:12
mortal humans: birds, *a*, and reptiles . . . Ro 1:23
The blood of the *a* is carried into the . . . Heb 13:11
disease, and the wild *a* of the earth . . . Rev 6:8

ANNOUNCE

series of short blasts to *a* their march . . . Nm 10:6
there. They will *a* to you the correct . . . Dt 17:9
So now, *a* in the people's hearing, . . . Jdg 7:3
I will *a* the LORD's decision: He said to . . . Ps 2:7
are they? *a* them, and we'll . . . Is 41:22
I will certainly *a* what is to take . . . Hos 5:9
Jesus began to *a*, "Change your . . . Mt 4:17
the feet of those who *a* the good news . . . Ro 10:15
I will publicly *a* your name to my . . . Heb 2:12

ANNOUNCED

one dream. God has *a* to Pharaoh what he . . Gn 41:25
At that time, she *a*, "A bridegroom . . . Ex 4:26
So Moses *a* the LORD's appointed times to . Lv 23:44
year of debt cancellation has been *a* . . . Dt 15:2
Boaz *a* to the elders and all the people, . . . Ru 4:9
You have *a* judgment from heaven. The . . . Ps 76:8
return. The end is *a*, overflowing with . . . Is 10:22
Then he *a*, "In Nineveh, by decree of the . . . Jon 3:7
synagogues. He *a* the good news of . . . Mt 4:23
He *a*, "One stronger than I am is coming . . . Mk 1:7
the house will be *a* from the rooftops . . . Lk 12:3
Magdalene left and *a* to the disciples, . . . Jn 20:18
the Holy Spirit *a* beforehand through . . . Ac 1:16
When he came, he *a* the good news of peace . Eph 2:17
It was first *a* through the Lord, . . . Heb 2:3

ANOINT

his sons with him. *a* them with oil, . . . Ex 28:41
trees went out to *a* a king over . . . Jdg 9:8
vision, and to *a* the most holy . . . Dn 9:24
but you don't *a* with oil; you . . . Mi 6:15
they could go and *a* Jesus' dead body . . . Mk 16:1
You didn't *a* my head with oil . . . Lk 7:46

ANOINTED

Bethel, where you *a* a sacred pillar . . . Gn 31:13
His sons should be *a* in them and . . . Ex 29:29
If it is the *a* priest who has sinned, . . . Lv 4:3
sons, who are the *a* priests and . . . Nm 3:3
and raise high the strength of his *a* one . . 1Sa 2:10
against the LORD and against his *a* one . . . Ps 2:2
LORD says to his *a*, to Cyrus, whom I . . . Is 45:1
salvation of your *a* you smashed the . . . Hab 3:13
demons, and they *a* many sick people . . . Mk 6:13
the Lord has *a* me. He has sent me . . . Lk 4:18
was the Mary who *a* the Lord with . . . Jn 11:2
your holy servant Jesus, whom you *a* . . . Ac 4:27
us with you in Christ and who *a* us . . . 2Co 1:21
God, your God, has *a* you with oil . . . Heb 1:9

ANOINTING

spices for the *a* oil and for the . . . Ex 25:6
clothing, the *a* oil, a bull for . . . Lv 8:2
offering, and the *a* oil, as well as . . . Nm 4:16
faithfully in *a* me king over you . . . Jdg 9:15
pray over them, *a* them with oil in . . . Jas 5:14

ANSWER

mean?' you should *a*, 'The LORD brought . . Ex 13:14
Here's the *a*: The prophet who speaks in . . Dt 18:22
wisest attendants *a*; indeed, she . . . Jdg 5:29
If one tries to *a* you, will you be . . . Job 4:2
A psalm of David.] *a* me when I cry out, . . . Ps 4:1
me, but I won't *a*; they will seek . . . Prv 1:28
Gallim! Listen, Laishah! *a* her, Anathoth! . . Is 10:30
On that day I will *a*, says the LORD. I . . . Hos 2:21
will have to *a* on Judgment Day . . . Mt 12:36

Good *a!*" he said. "Go on home. The . . . . . Mk 7:29
Astonished by his *a*, they were . . . . . Lk 20:26
We need to give an *a* to those who sent . . . Jn 1:22
a female servant named Rhoda went to *a*. . . Ac 12:13
it so the whole world has to *a* to God. . . . Ro 3:19
of the one to whom we have to give an *a*. . . Heb 4:13

ANSWERED

to him, "Abraham!"Abraham *a*, "I'm here." . . Gn 22:1
All the people *a* in unison, ... Ex 24:3
Balaam *a* and said to Balak's servants, . . . Nm 22:18
You *a* me: "What you have proposed is a. . . Dt 1:14
They *a* Joshua, "We will obey everything . . Josh 1:16
The Adversary *a* the LORD, "From . . . . . Job 1:7
the horns of the wild oxen you have *a* me! . Ps 22:21
the right time, I *a* you; on a day of . . . . . Is 49:8
Amos *a* Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor . Am 7:14
Jesus *a*, "Allow me to be baptized now. . . . Mt 3:15
But she *a*, "Lord, even the dogs under. . . . Mk 7:28
He *a*, "Whoever has two shirts must share. . . Lk 3:11
Are you the prophet?" John *a*, "No." . . . . Jn 1:21
the Holy Spirit, *a*, "Leaders of the . . . . . Ac 4:8

ANTIOCH

and Nicolaus from *A*, a convert to . . . . . Ac 6:5
Cephas came to *A*, I opposed him to . . . . . Ga 2:11

APART

are these seven lambs you've set *a*? . . . . Gn 21:29
that day I'll set *a* the land of . . . . . Ex 8:22
cities set *a* for the people of . . . . . Josh 16:9
A cloud breaks *a* and moves on. . . . . Job 7:9
they will rip me *a*, dragging me off . . . . . Ps 7:2
conflicts and keep strong opponents *a*. . . . Prv 18:18
Judah, tear it *a*, capture it for . . . . . Is 7:6
valleys will split *a*, like wax yielding. . . . . Mi 1:4
city or house torn *a* by divisions will . . . . Mt 12:25
And a house torn *a* by divisions will . . . . Mk 3:25
and a house torn *a* by divisions will. . . . . Lk 11:17
an apostle and set *a* for God's good . . . . . Ro 1:1
I see your faith *a* from your actions? . . . . Jas 2:18

APOLLOS

certain Jew named *A* arrived in . . . . . Ac 18:24
I belong to *A*," "I belong to. 1Co 1:12

APOSTLE

called to be an *a* and set apart for. . . . . Ro 1:1
about Jesus, the *a* and high priest of . . . . . Heb 3:1

APOSTLES

of the twelve *a*: first, Simon, who. . . . . Mt 10:2
and called them *a*. He appointed them . . . . Mk 3:14
He chose twelve of them whom he called *a*: . Lk 6:13
Jesus instructed the *a* he had chosen. . . . . Ac 1:2
appointment to be *a*. This was to bring . . . . Ro 1:5
Lord and savior commanded through your *a*. . 2Pt 3:2
who say they are *a* but are not, and. . . . . Rev 2:2

APPEAR

the dry land can *a*." And that's what . . . . Gn 1:9
say to me, 'The LORD didn't *a* to you!'" . . . . Ex 4:1
because today the LORD will *a* to you.'" . . . . Lv 9:4
people. You, LORD, *a* to them . . . . . Nm 14:14
with yeast should *a* in any of your . . . . . Dt 16:4
LORD continued to *a* at Shiloh because . . . 1Sa 3:21
of a year; may it not *a* in the months. . . . . Job 3:6
When you *a*, LORD, you will light them up. . . Ps 21:9
When you come to *a* before me, who asked . . Is 1:12
you now? Doesn't it *a* as nothing to you? . . . Hg 2:3
prophets will *a* and deceive many. . . . . Mt 24:11
prophets will *a*, and they will . . . . . Mk 13:22
The Human One will *a* on his day in the. . . Lk 17:24
Paul wanted to *a* before the assembly, but . . Ac 19:30
We all must *a* before Christ in court so . . . 2Co 5:10
so that none of you will *a* to miss it. . . . . Heb 4:1

APPEARANCE

not changed its *a*, even though the . . . . . Lv 13:55
will grant me an *a* and speak. . . . . Nm 23:3
no regard for his *a* or stature, ... 1Sa 16:7
you change their *a* and send them away. . . Job 14:20
inhuman, his *a* unlike that of . . . . . Is 52:14
can withstand his *a*? He is like the . . . . . Mal 3:2
sense of the sky's *a*. But you are . . . . . Mt 16:3
was praying, the *a* of his face. . . . . Lk 9:29
Before Jesus' *a*, John proclaimed to all . . . Ac 13:24
in superficial *a*, and not in what 2Co 5:12
sword. His *a* was like the sun . . . . . Rev 1:16

APPEARED

Let there be light." And so light *a*. . . . . Gn 1:3
LORD's messenger *a* to him in a flame. . . . . Ex 3:2
glorious presence *a* to all the people. . . . . Lv 9:23
morning, the cloud *a* with lightning . . . . Nm 9:15
The LORD *a* in the tent in a pillar of. . . . Dt 31:15
Benjaminite tribe *a* first. The border . . . Josh 18:11
Blossoms have *a* in the land; the season. . . Song 2:12
by you, he too *a* disfigured, ... Is 52:14
from the Lord *a* to him in a dream . . . . . Mt 1:20
Elijah and Moses *a* and were talking with . . . Mk 9:4
from the Lord *a* to him, standing. . . . . Lk 1:11
Jesus himself *a* again to his . . . . . Jn 21:1
proofs. He *a* to them over a . . . . . Ac 1:3
He *a* to Cephas, then to the Twelve 1Co 15:5
But Christ has *a* as the high priest of . . . . Heb 9:11
mixed with blood *a*, and was thrown . . . . . Rev 8:7

APPEARS

the earth and the bow *a* in the clouds, . . . Gn 9:14
and the infection *a* to be deeper than . . . . Lv 13:3
dream interpreter *a* among you and . . . . . Dt 13:1
king replied, "It *a* you have decided 1Ki 20:40
The wicked person *a* brash, but the . . . . . Prv 21:29
It *a* that you are trusting in a . . . . . Is 36:6
the city; wisdom *a* when one fears . . . . . Mi 6:9
if another priest *a* who is like . . . . . Heb 7:15

APPOINT

Pharaoh should *a* administrators . . . . . Gn 41:34
You will *a* Aaron and his sons to be . . . . . Nm 3:10
I will *a* them as your . . . . . Dt 1:13
saying: 'Please *a* me to some 1Sa 2:36
I hereby *a* my king on Zion, my holy . . . . Ps 2:6
Hence, I will also *a* you as light to . . . . . Is 49:6
I am about to *a* a shepherd in the. . . . . Zec 11:16
Holy Spirit said, "*a* Barnabas and Saul . . . . Ac 13:2
lawsuits, do you *a* people as judges 1Co 6:4

APPOINTED

his assistant; he *a* Joseph head of his . . . . . Gn 39:4
this regulation at its *a* time every year. . . . Ex 13:10
them: These are my *a* times, the LORD's. . . . Lv 23:2
These are the ones *a* from the community,. . Nm 1:16
years, at the *a* time in the year . . . . . Dt 31:10
twelve men he had *a* from the . . . . . Josh 4:4
to death, the house *a* for all the living. . . . Job 30:23
many people; you *a* me the leader of . . . . Ps 18:43
Jerusalem, I have *a* sentinels. . . . . Is 62:6
a harvest is *a*, when I would . . . . . Hos 6:11
He *a* twelve and called them apostles. He . . . Mk 3:14
I'm also a man *a* under authority, with . . . . Lk 7:8
I chose you and *a* you so that you. . . . . Jn 15:16
king of Egypt, who *a* him ruler over . . . . . Ac 7:10
is written: I have *a* you to be the . . . . . Ro 4:17

to the one who ***a*** him just like . . . . . Heb 3:2

ARABIA

all the kings of ***A*** and the nomadic . . . . . Jer 25:24
I went away into ***A*** and I returned . . . . . Ga 1:17

ARAM

Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and ***A***. . . . Gn 10:22
his address: "From ***A*** Balak led me, the . . . Nm 23:7
of ***A***-naharaim. The . . . . . Jdg 3:8
went to war with ***A***-naharaim and . . . . . Ps 60:1
was told that ***A*** had become allies. . . . . Is 7:2
to the land of ***A***; there Israel . . . . . Hos 12:12
of Hezron. Hezron was the father of ***A***. . . . . Mt 1:3

ARAMAIC

your servants in ***A*** because we 2Ki 18:26
your servants in ***A***, because we . . . . . Is 36:11
is a pool with the ***A*** name Bethsaida. It . . . . Jn 5:2
accused the ***A***-speaking disciples . . . . . Ac 6:1

ARAMEAN

of Bethuel the ***A*** and the sister of. . . . . Gn 25:20
was a starving ***A***. He went down to . . . . . Dt 26:5
them to all the Hittite and ***A*** kings. 1Ki 10:29
the Babylonian and ***A*** armies. . . . . Jer 35:11

ARAMEANS

When the ***A*** of Damascus came to help 2Sa 8:5
so that the ***A*** fled. Israel 1Ki 20:20

AREA

in the holy ***a***? It's most holy, ... Lv 10:17
the altar and the ***a*** behind the . . . . . Nm 18:7
ravine. They walked all around that ***a***. . . . . Dt 1:24
the Amorites who were living in that ***a***. . . . Jdg 11:21
The ***a*** in front of the house and the yard. . . Eze 41:14
in a dream, he went to the ***a*** of Galilee. . . . . Mt 2:22
Jordan, and the ***a*** surrounding Tyre . . . . . Mk 3:8
into the temple ***a***. Meanwhile, Jesus' . . . . . Lk 2:27
in the temple ***a*** known as the . . . . . Jn 8:20
through that ***a***, preaching the . . . . . Ac 8:40
of our work ***a*** that God has 2Co 10:13

AREAS

the surrounding ***a*** in the desert, the . . . . . Dt 1:7
cities and their surrounding ***a***. . . . . Josh 15:32
they go up into untamed ***a*** and perish. . . . Job 6:18
and the grazing ***a*** in the wilderness . . . . . Jer 23:10
and from the ***a*** beyond the Jordan . . . . . Mt 4:25
who lived in those ***a***, for they all knew . . . . Ac 16:3

ARGUE

but they didn't ***a*** about it, so he . . . . . Gn 26:22
is a god, let him ***a*** for himself, ... Jdg 6:31
Will they ***a*** with a word that has no . . . . . Job 15:3
[Of David.] LORD, ***a*** with those who argue. . . Ps 35:1
a it out with your neighbor, and don't. . . . . Prv 25:9
is near. Who will ***a*** with me? Let's . . . . . Is 50:8
his people; with Israel he will ***a***. . . . . Mi 6:2
He won't ***a*** or shout, and nobody will hear. . Mt 12:19
up and began to ***a*** with Jesus. To . . . . . Mk 8:11
They began to ***a*** among themselves about . . Lk 22:23
not in order to ***a*** about differences . . . . . Ro 14:1

ARID

set out toward the ***a*** southern plain, ... Gn 12:9
up there into the ***a*** southern plain and . . . Nm 13:17
the lowlands, the ***a*** southern region, ... Dt 1:7
the highlands, the ***a*** southern plains, . . . Josh 10:40
through the ***a*** southern plain, it . . . . . Is 21:1
Those of the ***a*** southern plain will . . . . . Obad 1:19

ARK

so make a wooden ***a***. Make the ark with . . . . Gn 6:14
until the day Noah entered the ***a***. . . . . Mt 24:38
Noah entered the ***a*** and the flood came . . . Lk 17:27
yet. He built an ***a*** to deliver his . . . . . Heb 11:7

ARM

and outstretched ***a***, or awesome power . . . . Dt 4:34
that was on his ***a***, and I've brought 2Sa 1:10
may my ***a*** fall from my shoulder, my . . . . Job 31:22
strong hand, your ***a***, and the light of . . . . Ps 44:3
his crushing ***a*** in furious anger, ... Is 30:30
will strike his ***a*** and his right eye. . . . . Zec 11:17
strength with his ***a***. He has scattered . . . . Lk 1:51
To whom is the ***a*** of the Lord fully . . . . . Jn 12:38
you should also ***a*** yourselves with 1Pt 4:1

ARMED

forty thousand ***a*** for war crossed . . . . . Josh 4:13
of Ephraim, ***a*** with bows, ... Ps 78:9
is heard. The ***a*** men of Moab shout, ... Is 15:4
strong man, fully ***a***, guards his own . . . . . Lk 11:21

ARMIES

up with all their ***a***, camped against . . . . . Josh 10:5
strength of their ***a***; warriors aren't . . . . . Ps 33:16
with all their ***a***. God is about to . . . . . Is 34:2
surrounded by ***a***, then you will . . . . . Lk 21:20
were mighty in war, and routed foreign ***a***. . . Heb 11:34
Heaven's ***a***, wearing fine linen that was . . . Rev 19:14

ARMOR

who carried his ***a***, "Draw your sword . . . . Jdg 9:54
Grab a shield and ***a***; stand up and help . . . . Ps 35:2
righteousness as ***a*** and a helmet of . . . . . Is 59:17
one takes away the ***a*** he had trusted and . . Lk 11:22
Put on God's ***a*** so that you can make a . . . Eph 6:11
seemed to be iron ***a*** upon their chests, ... Rev 9:9

ARMS

bracelets for her ***a***, weighing ten . . . . . Gn 24:22
the eternal ***a*** are a support. He . . . . . Dt 33:27
the ropes on his ***a*** became like . . . . . Jdg 15:14
the weak, saved those with frail ***a***, ... Job 26:2
Break the ***a*** of those who are wicked and . . . Ps 10:15
a little folding of the ***a*** to lie down . . . . . Prv 6:10
lambs in his ***a*** and lift them onto . . . . . Is 40:11
took them up in my ***a***, but they did not . . . Hos 11:3
bands for their ***a*** and long tassels. . . . . Mt 23:5
took Jesus in his ***a*** and praised God. . . . . Lk 2:28

ARMY

and all his ***a***, and the Egyptians . . . . . Ex 14:4
them with a powerful ***a*** and a strong hand. . Nm 20:20
to the Egyptian ***a***, to its horses and . . . . . Dt 11:4
Take the entire ***a*** with you. Start to . . . . . Josh 8:1
anger toward me, a swift ***a*** against me. . . . Job 10:17
If an ***a*** camps against me, my heart won't . . . Ps 27:3
or a male goat; and a king with his ***a***. . . . . Prv 30:31
forces is mustering an ***a*** for battle. . . . . Is 13:4
great and powerful ***a*** comes, unlike any . . . . Jl 2:2
Who joins the ***a*** and pays their own way? . . . 1Co 9:7
against the rider on the horse and his ***a***. . . Rev 19:19

ARNON

camped across the ***A*** in the desert that . . . Nm 21:13
going. Cross the ***A*** ravine. I have . . . . . Dt 2:24
This ran from the ***A*** Valley as far as . . . . . Josh 12:1
the fords of the ***A*** are like orphaned . . . . . Is 16:2

AROER

The Gadites built Dibon, Ataroth, ***A***. . . . . Nm 32:34
From ***A***, which is on the edge of the. . . . . Dt 2:36

He ruled from ***A*** by the rim of . . . . . Josh 12:2
The villages of ***A*** are abandoned forever. . . . Is 17:2

ARISE

Then the people ***a*** and gathered the quail . . Nm 11:32
you, Deborah, ***a***, until you arise . . . . . Jdg 5:7
Job ***a***, tore his clothes, shaved his . . . . . Job 1:20
A huge storm ***a*** on the lake so that waves . . Mt 8:24
Gale-force winds ***a***, and waves crashed . . . Mk 4:37
An argument ***a*** among the disciples about . . Lk 9:46
a complaint ***a***. Greek-speaking . . . . . Ac 6:1
prophets also ***a*** among the people. 2Pt 2:1

ARREST

he put them under ***a*** with the commander. . . Gn 40:3
sent messengers to ***a*** David, but she . . . 1Sa 19:14
Abdeel's son, to ***a*** the scribe Baruch. . . . Jer 36:26
were trying to ***a*** him, but they . . . . . Mt 21:46
They wanted to ***a*** Jesus because they knew . Mk 12:12
priests wanted to ***a*** him right then . . . . Lk 20:19
and Pharisees sent guards to ***a*** him. . . . . Jn 7:32
chief priests to ***a*** everyone who calls . . . . Ac 9:14

ARRESTED

They ***a*** her when she reached the entrance. . 2Ki 11:16
grandson, ***a*** the prophet. . . . . Jer 37:13
that John was ***a***, he went to . . . . . Mt 4:12
After John was ***a***, Jesus came into . . . . Mk 1:14
After they ***a*** Jesus, they led him away and . Lk 22:54
treasury. No one ***a*** him, because his. . . . . Jn 8:20
who became a guide for those who ***a*** Jesus. . . Ac 1:16

ARROGANT

don't become ***a***, forgetting the LORD your. . . Dt 8:14
I know how ***a*** you are and your 1Sa 17:28
a people won't last long in your sight; . . . . Ps 5:5
snatches away the ***a*** one's house, but . . . . Prv 15:25
But with a proud and ***a*** heart they said, ... Is 9:9
wine betrays an ***a*** man. He doesn't . . . . . Hab 2:5
those with ***a*** thoughts and proud. . . . . Lk 1:51
of you will become ***a*** by supporting one . . . 1Co 4:6
eyes see and the ***a*** pride in one's 1Jn 2:16

ARROW

I will shoot an ***a*** to the side of the 1Sa 20:20
my wound from an ***a*** is incurable, even . . . Job 34:6
will bend his bow, will string an ***a***. . . . . Ps 7:12
until an ***a*** pierces his liver, like a bird . . . . Prv 7:23
shoot a single ***a*** here. He won't. . . . . Is 37:33
above them; his ***a*** will go forth like . . . . . Zec 9:14

ARROWS

bow and quiver of ***a***, go out to the . . . . . Gn 27:3
death or shot with ***a***. Whether an animal . . Ex 19:13
their bones; he will strike with his ***a***. . . . . Nm 24:8
disaster; I'll destroy them with my ***a***: . . . . Dt 32:23
a bow and some ***a***." So he brought 2Ki 13:15
The Almighty's ***a*** are in me; my spirit . . . . . Job 6:4
change; he gets his flaming ***a*** ready! . . . . Ps 7:13
a crazy person shooting deadly flaming ***a*** . . Prv 26:18
their ***a*** are sharp; all their bows drawn; . . . . Is 5:28
curses for the ***a***. Selah With rivers . . . . . Hab 3:9
extinguish the flaming ***a*** of the evil one. . . Eph 6:16

ARTAXERXES

In the days of ***A***, Bishlam, Mithredath, ... Ezr 4:7

ASA

City. His son ***A*** succeeded him as 1Ki 15:8
the one that King ***A*** had made to defend . . . Jer 41:9

ASAHEL

Joab, Abishai, and ***A***. Asahel was as 2Sa 2:18
Abishai, Joab, and ***A***—three in all. 1Ch 2:16

ASAPH

His relative was ***A***, who stood on his 1Ch 6:39
A psalm of ***A***. From the rising of the . . . . . Ps 50:1
of Abijah. Abijah was the father of ***A***. . . . . Mt 1:7

ASHAMED

were completely ***a***. The king said, ... 2Sa 10:5
are frightened and ***a***. They've become 2Ki 19:26
They are ***a*** that they trusted; they arrive. . . Job 6:20
my enemies will be ***a*** and completely . . . . Ps 6:10
You will be ***a*** of the oaks you once . . . . . Is 1:29
they will be ***a*** of their . . . . . Hos 4:19
Whoever is ***a*** of me and my words in this . . . Mk 8:38
Whoever is ***a*** of me and my words, the . . . . Lk 9:26
I'm not ***a*** of the gospel: it is God's own . . . Ro 1:16
is why Jesus isn't ***a*** to call them . . . . . Heb 2:11

ASHDOD

They survived only in Gaza, Gath, and ***A***. Josh 11:22
his general to ***A***, he fought against . . . . . Is 20:1
the people from ***A***, the one who rules . . . . Am 1:8

ASHER

women call me happy."So she named him ***A***. . Gn 30:13
Dan and Naphtali, Gad and ***A*** . . . . . Ex 1:4
from ***A***, Pagiel, Ochran's son . . . . . Nm 1:13
Reuben, Gad, ***A***, Zebulun, Dan, and. . . . . Dt 27:13
Manasseh ran from ***A*** to Michmethath, . . . Josh 17:7
to the western border: ***A***, one portion. . . . Eze 48:2
to the tribe of ***A***. She was very old. . . . . Lk 2:36
from the tribe of ***A***, twelve thousand; . . . . Rev 7:6

ASHERAH

and cut down the ***a*** that is beside it. . . . . Jdg 6:25

ASHES

Take handfuls of ***a*** from a furnace and . . . . Ex 9:8
of the altar, into the place for the ***a***. . . . . Lv 1:16
will remove the ***a*** from the altar and . . . . Nm 4:13
broken apart, and its ***a*** will spill out. . . . 1Ki 13:3
himself and sat down on a mound of ***a***. . . . Job 2:8
I've been eating ***a*** instead of bread. I've . . . Ps 102:9
He's feeding on ***a***; his deluded mind has . . . Is 44:20
with mourning clothes, and sat in ***a***. . . . . Jon 3:6
on funeral clothes and ***a*** a long time ago. . . Mt 11:21
have sat around in funeral clothes and ***a***. . . Lk 10:13
and the sprinkled ***a*** of cows made . . . . . Heb 9:13

ASHKELON

for Gaza, Ashdod, ***A***, Gath, and Ekron. . . . Josh 13:3
silence will cover ***A***, the few left in . . . . Jer 47:5
one who rules from ***A***. I will turn my . . . . Am 1:8

ASIA

Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and ***A***, ... Ac 2:9
was the first convert in ***A*** for Christ. . . . . Ro 16:5
Galatia, Cappadocia, ***A***, and Bithynia. . . . 1Pt 1:1
that are in ***A***: Grace and peace . . . . . Rev 1:4

ASK

listen to me and ***a*** Ephron, Zohar's . . . . . Gn 23:8
they are going to ***a*** me, 'What's this. . . . . Ex 3:13
Suppose you ***a***, "What will we eat in the . . . Lv 25:20
We would only ***a*** to cross on foot. . . . . Nm 20:19
you! Don't ever ***a*** me about this . . . . . Dt 3:26
your children may ***a***, 'What do these . . . . Josh 4:6
a a previous generation and verify the . . . . Job 8:8
Just ***a*** me, and I will make the nations . . . . Ps 2:8
Two things I ***a*** of you; don't keep them . . . Prv 30:7
a a sign from the LORD your God. Make it. . . Is 7:11
and judge alike ***a*** for a bribe; the . . . . . Mi 7:3
Give to those who ***a***, and don't refuse . . . . Mt 5:42
you? Yet you ***a***, 'Who touched me?'" . . . . Mk 5:31

elders to Jesus to *a* him to come and . . . . . Lk 7:3
and Levites to *a* him, "Who are you?" . . . . . Jn 1:19
Gate so he could *a* for money from . . . . . Ac 3:2
But I *a* you, didn't they hear it? . . . . . Ro 10:18
wisdom should *a* God, whose very . . . . . Jas 1:5

ASKING

tested the LORD, *a*, "Is the LORD . . . . . Ex 17:7
Othniel into *a* for a field from . . . . . Josh 15:18
my mouth sin by *a* for their life . . . . . Job 31:30
what the king is *a*! No king or ruler, ... Dn 2:10
sent word by his disciples to Jesus, *a*, ... Mt 11:2
know what you're *a*! Can you drink the . . . Mk 10:38
After *a* for a tablet, he surprised . . . . . Lk 1:63
you would be *a* him and he would . . . . . Jn 4:10
Beautiful Gate *a* for money. They . . . . . Ac 3:10
I'm always *a* that somehow, by . . . . . Ro 1:10
I'm particularly *a* you to do this so that . . . Heb 13:19

ASLEEP

Sisera was sound *a* from exhaustion, ... Jdg 4:21
lie down and fall *a* in peace because. . . . . Ps 4:8
will fall fast *a*. They will sleep . . . . . Jer 51:39
have fallen *a*, king of Assyria! . . . . . Na 3:18
sloshing over the boat. But Jesus was *a*. . . . Mt 8:24
Simon, are you *a*? Couldn't you stay . . . . Mk 14:37
sailing, he fell *a*. Gale-force winds . . . . . Lk 8:23
forward, Peter was *a* between two . . . . . Ac 12:6
we are awake or *a*, we will live 1Th 5:10

ASSEMBLE

a yourselves and listen, sons of Jacob; . . . . Gn 49:2
and *a* the whole community at the meeting . . . Lv 8:3
take the staff and *a* the community. In . . . Nm 20:8
a all of your tribes' elders and your . . . . . Dt 31:28
a command? 'Go and *a* at Mount Tabor, ... Jdg 4:6
from the nations, *a* you from the . . . . . Eze 11:17
a holy meeting; *a* the elders; gather . . . . . Jl 2:16
Council to *a*. Then he took Paul. . . . . Ac 22:30

ASSEMBLED

day, the whole *a* Israelite . . . . . Ex 12:6
and the community *a* at the meeting . . . . . Lv 8:4
and they *a* the entire community on the . . . Nm 1:18
of the very fire itself, on the day we *a*. . . . . Dt 9:10
the highlands have *a* together against. . . . Josh 10:6
Let the *a* peoples surround you. Rule them . . . Ps 7:7
brink of utter ruin in the *a* community. . . . . Prv 5:14
the peoples are *a*. Which of them. . . . . Is 43:9
Those *a* kept shouting, over and over, ... Ac 12:22

ASSEMBLY

desert to starve this whole *a* to death. . . . . Ex 16:3
becomes known, the *a* must present a . . . . Lv 4:14
To gather the *a*, blow a long blast, not. . . . Nm 10:7
to your entire *a* with a loud voice . . . . . Dt 5:22
of the entire *a* of Israel. This . . . . . Josh 8:35
sunshine; I rise in the *a* and cry out. . . . . Job 30:28
will sinners in the *a* of the righteous. . . . . Ps 1:5
the calling of an *a*—I can't stand . . . . . Is 1:13
according to the report made to their *a*. . . . Hos 7:12
Suddenly a great *a* of the heavenly forces . . . Lk 2:13
that is, the full *a* of Israel's. . . . . Ac 5:21
someone in your *a* has a legal case 1Co 6:1
I will praise you in the middle of the *a*. . . . Heb 2:12

ASSHUR

A left that land and built Nineveh, ... Gn 10:11
will burn when *A* takes you away . . . . . Nm 24:22
family: Elam, *A*, Arpachshad, Lud, ... 1Ch 1:17

ASSIGNED

of the royal guard *a* Joseph to assist . . . . . Gn 40:4
the ranks of women *a* to the meeting . . . . . Ex 38:8
holy, and it was *a* to you for bearing . . . . Lv 10:17
They have been *a* as a gift to him . . . . . Nm 3:9
That day Joshua *a* them as woodcutters and . Josh 9:27
the LORD's temple *a* to the sons of . . . . . Jer 35:4
This boy is *a* to be the cause of . . . . . Lk 2:34
life that the Lord *a* when he called 1Co 7:17

ASSURE

from people. I *a* you, that's the . . . . . Mt 6:2
I *a* you that human beings will be. . . . . Mk 3:28
He said, "I *a* you that no prophet is . . . . . Lk 4:24
I *a* you that you will see heaven open and . . . Jn 1:51
I *a* you that they gave what they could 2Co 8:3

ASSYRIA

flowing east of *A*; and the name of . . . . . Gn 2:14
He sent the people into exile to *A*. 2Ki 15:29
A too has joined them—they are the . . . . . Ps 83:8
broke away from Judah—the king of *A*. . . . . Is 7:17
Ephraim went to *A*, and Ephraim sent . . . Hos 5:13

ASSYRIAN

The *A* king heard the request and marched . . 2Ki 16:9
he will punish the *A* king's arrogant . . . . . Is 10:12

ASSYRIANS

three years the *A* captured the city. 2Ki 18:10
to Assyria. The *A* will come to . . . . . Is 19:23

ASTARTES

from the LORD and served Baal and the *A*. . Jdg 2:13

ATE

of its fruit and *a* it, and also gave . . . . . Gn 3:6
with them. They *a* all of the land's . . . . . Ex 10:15
the fish we *a* in Egypt for free, ... Nm 11:5
forty nights. I *a* no bread, drank no . . . . . Dt 9:9
Passover, they *a* food produced in . . . . . Josh 5:11
came to him and *a* food with him in . . . . . Job 42:11
Don't let them say, "We *a* him up!" . . . . . Ps 35:25
roasted meat and *a*. Should I make the . . . . Is 44:19
When you *a* and drank, weren't you the . . . . Zec 7:6
his waist. He *a* locusts and wild . . . . . Mt 3:4
his waist. He *a* locusts and wild . . . . . Mk 1:6
by the devil. He *a* nothing during. . . . . Lk 4:2
but because you *a* all the food you . . . . . Jn 6:26
in the temple and *a* in their homes. . . . . Ac 2:46
All *a* the same spiritual food 1Co 10:3
angel's hand and *a* it. And it was . . . . . Rev 10:10

ATHALIAH

mother's name was *A*; she was the 2Ki 8:26

ATTACHED

eat the tendon *a* to the thigh . . . . . Gn 32:32
and petals should all be *a* to it. . . . . Ex 25:31
Israel became *a* to the Baal of Peor, and . . . Nm 25:3
Issachar was *a* to Barak, and was . . . . . Jdg 5:15
it with no strings *a*. The leader should . . . . Ro 12:8

ATTACK

returned from his *a* on Chedorlaomer. . . . . Gn 14:17
from Kittim will *a* Asshur; they will. . . . . Nm 24:24
but makes war against you, you may *a* it. . . Dt 20:12
your enemies and *a* them from the . . . . . Josh 10:19
are cruel to me, *a* me with the . . . . . Job 30:21
can rally around it, safe from *a*. Selah . . . . . Ps 60:4
son) came up to *a* Jerusalem, but. . . . . Is 7:1
to come against the people who *a* us. . . . . Hab 3:16
the pearls, then turn around and *a* you. . . . Mt 7:6
encircle you, and *a* you from all sides. . . . . Lk 19:43
You devil! You *a* anything that is . . . . . Ac 13:10
destruction will *a* them, like labor 1Th 5:3

ATTACKED
in the field, Cain ***a*** his brother Abel . . . . . Gn 4:8
If the animal was ***a*** and ripped apart and . . . Ex 22:13
he came to Jahaz, he ***a*** the Israelites. . . . . Nm 21:23
sort of warrior to be ***a*** by you in battle? . . . Dt 20:19
armies, camped against Gibeon, and ***a*** it. . . Josh 10:5
bones of those who ***a*** you. You will put . . . . Ps 53:5
surrounded and ***a***. Go, gather all . . . . . Jer 12:9
Therefore, I have ***a*** them by the prophets, . . . Hos 6:5
is violently ***a*** as violent people . . . . . Mt 11:12
in the city. They ***a*** Jason's house, ... Ac 17:5
our reputation is ***a***, we are 1Co 4:13

ATTENDANTS
front of all his ***a***, so he declared, ... Gn 45:1
and all his ***a*** went out of his . . . . . Jdg 3:19
to the king. Her ***a***, the young women . . . . Ps 45:14
brings out their ***a*** one by one, ... Is 40:26
He said to his ***a***, 'Take his money and . . . . Lk 19:24

ATTENTION
of Lamech, pay ***a*** to my words: I . . . . . Gn 4:23
been paying close ***a*** to you and to what . . . . Ex 3:16
the LORD, "Pay no ***a*** to their offering. . . . . Nm 16:15
So pay ***a***! I am teaching all of you the . . . . . Dt 4:5
turned their ***a*** to the rest of the . . . . . Jdg 20:48
teaching and pay ***a*** to the arguments . . . . Job 13:6
Pay ***a*** to the sound of my cries, my king . . . . Ps 5:2
out my hand to you, but you paid no ***a***. . . . . Prv 1:24
hear my voice; pay ***a*** and hear my word: . . . . Is 28:23
this, priests! Pay ***a***, house of Israel! . . . . . Hos 5:1
to draw their ***a***. If you do, you . . . . . Mt 6:1
has ears to listen should pay ***a***! . . . . . Mk 4:9
Everyone who has ears should pay ***a***. . . . . Lk 8:8
and they gave him their undivided ***a***. . . . . Ac 8:6
needs to pay ***a*** to the way they 1Co 3:10
for us to pay more ***a*** to what we have . . . . . Heb 2:1

AUTHORITIES
rulers,and ***a***, don't worry about . . . . . Lk 12:11
because the Jewish ***a*** wanted to kill him. . . . . Jn 7:1
the legal ***a***, they said . . . . . Ac 16:20
from God, and the ***a*** that are there . . . . . Ro 13:1
he rules over all angels, ***a***, and powers. 1Pt 3:22

AUTHORITY
man and give him ***a*** over the land of . . . . Gn 41:33
live under your ***a*** is too small for 2Ki 6:1
king's word has ***a***, no one can say to . . . . . Ecc 8:4
given to us, and ***a*** will be on his . . . . . Is 9:6
like someone with ***a*** and not like their . . . . Mt 7:29
teaching them with ***a***, not like the . . . . . Mk 1:22
because he delivered his message with ***a***. . . . Lk 4:32
him, "By what ***a*** are you doing . . . . . Jn 2:18
that the Father has set by his own ***a***. . . . . Ac 1:7
under the ***a*** of the government. . . . . Ro 13:1
by accepting the ***a*** of your masters 1Pt 2:18
the end, I will give ***a*** over the nations . . . . Rev 2:26

AWE
The people were in ***a*** of the LORD, and . . . Ex 14:31
name, and they will be in ***a*** of you. . . . . Dt 28:10
the people were in ***a*** of the LORD and 1Sa 12:18
Supreme power and ***a*** belong to God; he. . . Job 25:2
Israel's offspring—stand in ***a*** of him! . . . . . Ps 22:23
fear, and whom you should hold in ***a***. . . . . Is 8:13
he honored me. He was in ***a*** of my name. . . . Mal 2:5
fell on their faces, filled with ***a***. . . . . Mt 17:6
Overcome with ***a***, they said to each . . . . . Mk 4:41
were filled with ***a***, and everyone . . . . . Lk 1:65
A sense of ***a*** came over everyone. God. . . . . Ac 2:43
is pleasing to God with respect and ***a***, . . . Heb 12:28
another great and ***a***-inspiring sign in . . . . Rev 15:1

AWESOME
sacred place is ***a***. It's none other . . . . . Gn 28:17
worthy of highest praise, doing ***a*** deeds? . . Ex 15:11
arm, or ***a*** power like all . . . . . Dt 4:34
Look at this ***a*** thing the LORD is 1Sa 12:16
me; you would do ***a*** things to me again. . . . Job 10:16
Let your strong hand perform ***a*** deeds. . . . . Ps 45:4
arm, and with ***a*** power, yes, with . . . . . Jer 32:21
look! What ***a*** stones and. . . . . Mk 13:1
pots so that the ***a*** power belongs to 2Co 4:7

AZARIAH
his officials: the priest ***A***, Zadok's son 1Ki 4:2
A, Hoshaiah's son, and Johanan, Kareah's . . . Jer 43:2

B

BAAL
After Shaul died, ***B***-hanan, Achbor's son, . . . Gn 36:38
sea in front of ***B***-zephon. You should . . . . Ex 14:2
attached to the ***B*** of Peor, and the . . . . . Nm 25:3
did concerning the ***B*** of Peor. The LORD . . . . Dt 4:3
Seir, as far as ***B***-gad at the foot of. . . . . Josh 11:17
themselves to ***B***-peor and ate . . . . . Ps 106:28
had a vineyard in ***B***-hamon. He gave . . . . Song 8:11
in the name of ***B***, going after what . . . . . Jer 2:8
silver, and gold that they used for ***B***. . . . . Hos 2:8
who haven't bowed their knees to ***B***. . . . . Ro 11:4

BAAL-ZEBUB
Go to Ekron's god ***B***, and ask if I will 2Ki 1:2

BAALS
the LORD saw as evil: They served the ***B***; . . Jdg 2:11
haven't gone after ***B***." Look what you . . . . Jer 2:23
dedicated to the ***B***, when she offered . . . . Hos 2:13

BAASHA
and Israel's King ***B*** throughout their 1Ki 15:16
Israel's King ***B***. Ishmael, ... Jer 41:9

BABIES
pushed out or the ***b*** she bore, because. . . . Dt 28:57
infant, like ***b*** who never see . . . . . Job 3:16
mouths of nursing ***b*** you have laid a . . . . . Ps 8:2
No more will ***b*** live only a few days, or. . . . Is 65:20
will fall—their ***b*** will be dashed, ... Hos 13:16
and intelligent and have shown them to ***b***. . Mt 11:25
and shown them to ***b***. Indeed, Father, . . . Lk 10:21
their newly born ***b*** so they would die. . . . . Ac 7:19
unspiritual people, like ***b*** in Christ. 1Co 3:1
of righteousness, because they are ***b***. . . . . Heb 5:13

BABY
and you see the ***b*** being born, if . . . . . Ex 1:16
the ground, with ***b*** birds or eggs, and . . . . Dt 22:6
wasn't my son—not the ***b*** I had birthed. . . . 1Ki 3:21
even to the ***b*** ravens when they . . . . . Ps 147:9
your greeting, the ***b*** in my womb jumped . . . Lk 1:44
like a newborn ***b***, desire the pure 1Pt 2:2

BABYLON
people from ***B***, Cuth, Avva, ... 2Ki 17:24
Daughter ***B***, you destroyer, a blessing on . . . Ps 137:8
An oracle about ***B***, which Isaiah, Amoz's. . . . Is 13:1
you will go to ***B***. There you will be. . . . . Mi 4:10
This was at the time of the exile to ***B***. . . . Mt 1:11
I will send you far away, farther than ***B***. . . . Ac 7:43
church in ***B*** greets you, and so 1Pt 5:13
Fallen, fallen is ***B*** the great! . . . . . Rev 14:8

BABYLONIAN

robe in the ***B*** style, two hundred . . . Josh 7:21
the army of the ***B*** king had . . . Jer 32:2

BABYLONIANS

Next the ***B*** burned God's temple down, . . . 2Ch 36:19
of Babylon and the ***B*** who have. . . . . Jer 21:4

BAD

looked just as ***b*** as they had . . . . . Gn 41:21
people heard the ***b*** news, they were . . . . Ex 33:4
something, whether ***b*** or good . . . . . Lv 5:4
they live good or ***b***? Are the towns in . . . . Nm 13:19
that she has a ***b*** reputation, ... Dt 22:14
against you every ***b*** thing as well. He . . . Josh 23:15
not also receive ***b***?" In all this, Job . . . . Job 2:10
them have turned ***b***. Everyone is . . . . . Ps 14:3
The buyer says, "***b***, bad," but then goes . . . Prv 20:14
Do good! Or do ***b***! Then we will all . . . . Is 41:23
then they acted in ***b*** faith against me. . . . Hos 6:7
speak all kinds of ***b*** and false things. . . . Mt 5:11
doesn't produce ***b*** fruit, nor does a . . . . Lk 6:43
reported or said anything ***b*** about you. . . . Ac 28:21
anything good or ***b***, it was shown that . . . Ro 9:11
imitate what is ***b*** but what is good. 3Jn 1:11

BALAAM

sent messengers to ***B***, Beor's son . . . . . Nm 22:5
because they hired ***B***, Beor's son . . . . . Dt 23:4
the fortune-teller ***B***, Beor's son. . . . . Josh 13:22
planned, and how ***B***, Beor's son . . . . . Mi 6:5
the way of ***B*** son of Bosor 2Pt 2:15
Balaam's teaching. ***B*** had taught Balak . . . Rev 2:14

BALAK

B, Zippor's son, saw everything that the. . . Nm 22:2
Then Moab's King ***B***, Zippor's son . . . . . Josh 24:9
what Moab's King ***B*** had planned. . . . . Mi 6:5
Balaam had taught ***B*** to trip up the. . . . . Rev 2:14

BAPTISM

cup I drink or receive the ***b*** I receive? . . . . Mk 10:38
I have a ***b*** I must experience. How I am . . . Lk 12:50
beginning from the ***b*** of John until the . . . . Ac 1:22
with him through ***b*** into his death, so. . . . . Ro 6:4
the good name spoken over you at your ***b***? . . Jas 2:7

BAPTIZE

I ***b*** with water those of you who have . . . . . Mt 3:11
I ***b*** you with water, but he will baptize. . . . Mk 1:8
to them all, "I ***b*** you with water, ... Lk 3:16
asked, "Why do you ***b*** if you aren't the . . . Jn 1:25
words: 'John will ***b*** with water, but . . . . Ac 11:16
God that I didn't ***b*** any of you, except 1Co 1:14

BAPTIZED

their sins, he ***b*** them in the Jordan . . . . . Mt 3:6
for people to be ***b*** to show that they . . . . . Mk 1:4
for people to be ***b*** to show that they . . . . . Lk 3:3
people were coming to him and being ***b***. . . . Jn 3:23
John ***b*** with water, but in only a few days . . . Ac 1:5
that all who were ***b*** into Christ Jesus . . . . . Ro 6:3

BARABBAS

was a well-known prisoner named Jesus ***B***. . . Mt 27:16
A man named ***B*** was locked up with the . . . . Mk 15:7
Away with this man! Release ***B*** to us. . . . . Lk 23:18
this man! Give us ***B***! . . . . . Jn 18:40

BARAK

She sent word to ***B***, Abinoam's son . . . . . Jdg 4:6
you about Gideon, ***B***, Samson, Jephthah, . . . Heb 11:32

BARLEY

the flax and the ***b*** were destroyed, ... Ex 9:31
fifty silver shekels per homer of ***b*** seed. . . . Lv 27:16
of an ephah of ***b*** flour. He will not . . . . . Nm 5:15
land of wheat and ***b***, vines, fig trees, ... Dt 8:8
that a loaf of ***b*** bread was rolling . . . . . Jdg 7:13
weeds instead of ***b***. Job's words are . . . . . Job 31:40
plant wheat and ***b*** in their places,. . . . . Is 28:25
a large amount of ***b***, and a portion of . . . . . Hos 3:2
here has five ***b*** loaves and two . . . . . Jn 6:9
three quarts of ***b*** for a denarion, ... Rev 6:6

BARNABAS

apostles nicknamed ***B***. . . . . Ac 4:36
is it only I and ***B*** who don't have the 1Co 9:6

BARS

make acacia-wood ***b***: five for the . . . . . Ex 26:26
the dwelling, its ***b***, pillars, bases, ... Nm 3:36
by entering a town with gates and ***b***! 1Sa 23:7
like bronze tubes, his limbs like iron ***b***. . . . Job 40:18
bronze doors and split iron ***b*** in two! . . . . Ps 107:16
quarreling is like the ***b*** of a castle. . . . . Prv 18:19
down all the ***b***, turning the . . . . . Is 43:14
will consume the ***b*** of their gates and . . . . Hos 11:6

BARTHOLOMEW

Philip; and ***B***; Thomas; and Matthew . . . . . Mt 10:3
Andrew; Philip; ***B***; Matthew; Thomas . . . . Mk 3:18
brother Andrew; James; John; Philip; ***B*** . . . . Lk 6:14
Philip and Thomas; ***B*** and Matthew. . . . . Ac 1:13

BARUCH

After him, ***B***, Zabbai's son . . . . . Neh 3:20
and gave it to ***B***, Neriah's son and . . . . . Jer 32:12

BASES

make forty silver ***b*** to go under the . . . . . Ex 26:19
its bars, pillars, ***b***, and all its . . . . . Nm 3:36
and shook; the ***b*** of the mountains . . . . . Ps 18:7

BASHAN

the road of ***B***. . . . . Nm 21:33
along the road to ***B***. Og, Bashan's. . . . . Dt 3:1
and all of ***B*** as far as the . . . . . Josh 12:5
me; mighty bulls from ***B*** encircle me. . . . . Ps 22:12
and lofty; against all the oaks of ***B***; . . . . . Is 2:13
you cows of ***B***, who are on Mount . . . . . Am 4:1

BASIN

Make a copper ***b*** for washing. . . . . Ex 30:18
as well as the ***b*** and its base . . . . . Lv 8:11
one silver ***b*** weighing seventy . . . . . Nm 7:13
cast for each ***b*** with wreaths on. 1Ki 7:30

BASKET

In the ***b*** on top there were baked goods . . . Gn 40:17
she took a reed ***b*** and sealed it up. . . . . Ex 2:3
two rams, and a ***b*** of unleavened . . . . . Lv 8:2
and a ***b*** of loaves of unleavened bread. . . . Nm 6:15
but don't carry any away in a ***b***. . . . . Dt 23:24
put the meat in a ***b*** and the broth in a. . . . Jdg 6:19
your hands are free of the brick ***b***! . . . . . Ps 81:6
One ***b*** was filled with fresh and ripe. . . . . Jer 24:2
LORD God showed me: a ***b*** of summer fruit. . . Am 8:1
and put it under a ***b***. Instead, they put . . . . Mt 5:15
to put it under a ***b*** or a bed? . . . . . Mk 4:21
closet or under a ***b***. Rather, they . . . . . Lk 11:33
lowered him in a ***b*** through an opening . . . Ac 9:25
being lowered in a ***b*** through a window . . . 2Co 11:33

BATHE

came down to ***b*** in the river, ... Ex 2:5
of their hair, and ***b*** in water; at that. . . . . Lv 14:8

his clothes and **b** his body in water. . . . . Nm 19:7
You should **b**, put on some perfume, wear . . . Ru 3:3
of my enemies. You **b** my head in oil; my . . . Ps 23:5

BATHSHEBA

Eliam's daughter **B**, the wife of Uriah 2Sa 11:3
Nathan said to **B**, Solomon's mother, ...1Ki 1:11
he had been with **B**.. . . . . Ps 51:1

BATTLE

took up **b** positions in the . . . . . Gn 14:8
up out of the land of Egypt ready for **b**. . . . Ex 13:18
and they will fall before you in **b**. . . . . Lv 26:7
to meet them in **b**, he and all his . . . . . Nm 21:33
out to meet you in **b**. They chased you. . . . Dt 1:44
to the plains of Jericho, ready for **b**. . . . . Josh 4:13
time of distress, for a day of **b** and war? . . . Job 38:23
I can charge into **b**; with my God I can . . . .Ps 18:29
for the day of **b**, but victory . . . . . Prv 21:31
fall by the sword, your warriors in **b**! . . . . . Is 3:25
on the day of **b**, when mothers were . . . . .Hos 10:14
more than twelve **b** groups of angels . . . . . Mt 26:53
then who will prepare for **b**? 1Co 14:8
horses ready for **b**. On their heads . . . . . Rev 9:7

BEAR

in pain you will **b** children.. . . . . Gn 3:16
but the woman will **b** her guilt. . . . . Nm 5:31
Both wives **b** children . . . . . Dt 21:15
and even more, if I were to **b** sons . . . . . Ru 1:12
made the **B** and Orion, Pleiades and the. . . . Job 9:9
Remember how I **b** in my heart all . . . . . .Ps 89:50
you are cynical, you will **b** it all alone. . . . .Prv 9:12
The cow and the **b** will graze.. . . . . Is 11:7
they will **b** no fruit. . . . . Hos 9:16
My yoke is easy to **b**, and my burden is . . . Mt 11:30
embrace it. They **b** fruit, in one case. . . . .Mk 4:20
Through their resolve, they **b** fruit. . . . . Lk 8:15
continued to **b** powerful witness . . . . . Ac 4:33
the dead so that we can **b** fruit for God. . . . Ro 7:4
b hardship for the sake of discipline. . . . . Heb 12:7
sent my angel to **b** witness to all of . . . . . Rev 22:16

BEARS

What if Joseph **b** a grudge against . . . . . Gn 50:15
male son that she **b** after his dead . . . . . Dt 25:6
both lions and **b**. 1Sa 17:36
of water, which **b** fruit at just the. . . . . .Ps 1:3
of us growl like **b**, and like doves we . . . . . Is 59:11
wealth choke the word, and it **b** no fruit. . . Mt 13:22
in and choke the word, and it **b** no fruit. . . .Mk 4:19
But if it dies, it **b** much fruit. . . . . Jn 12:24
The one who **b** witness to these things . . . Rev 22:20

BEAST

But then a wild **b** in Lebanon came 2Ki 14:9
The wild **b** enters its lair, lies down in . . . . Job 37:8
I will cut off from you human and **b**. . . . . .Eze 29:8
witnessing, the **b** that comes up from . . . . Rev 11:7

BEASTS

of the king of **b**—yet the teeth of. . . . . Job 4:10
a warrior among **b**, which doesn't . . . . . Prv 30:30
fat of well-fed **b**. I don't want the. . . . . Is 1:11
humanity and the **b**; I will destroy . . . . . Zep 1:3
wild **b**—as well as . . . . . Ac 11:6

BEAT

The hail **b** down everything . . . . . Ex 9:25
them down, and **b** them all the way. . . . . Nm 14:45
when you **b** the olives off . . . . . Dt 24:20
me, I'm going to **b** your skin with. . . . . Jdg 8:7
seek God—let your hearts **b** strong again . . .Ps 69:32
Then they will **b** their swords into . . . . . Is 2:4
b the iron tips of your plows into swords . . . Jl 3:10
the wind blew and **b** against that . . . . . Mt 7:25
the servant, **b** him, and sent him . . . . . .Mk 12:3
him naked, **b** him up, and left . . . . . Lk 10:30
citizens, they **b** us publicly. . . . . Ac 16:37
or scorching heat will **b** down on them, . . . Rev 7:16

BEATEN

them, were also **b** and asked, "Why . . . . . Ex 5:14
to you that you've **b** me these three . . . . . Nm 22:28
party is to be **b**, the presiding . . . . . Dt 25:2
let themselves be **b** before them. They. . . . Josh 8:15
attacked me—but they haven't **b** me! . . . . .Ps 129:2
no pain; though **b** up, I don't know . . . . . Prv 23:35
but fennel is **b** with a staff, and. . . . . Is 28:27
her images will be **b** to pieces; all her . . . . Mi 1:7
You will be **b** in the synagogues. . . . . .Mk 13:9
for it or act on it will be **b** severely. . . . . Lk 12:47
they had them **b**. They ordered them . . . . . Ac 5:40
often. I've been **b** more times than I 2Co 11:23
sinned and are **b** for it? But if you 1Pt 2:20

BEAUTIFUL

God grew every **b** tree with edible . . . . . Gn 2:9
was healthy and **b**, so she hid him . . . . . .Ex 2:2
How **b** are your tents, Jacob, your camps, . . . Nm 24:5
beyond it: those **b** highlands . . . . . Dt 3:25
I saw a single **b** robe . . . . . Josh 7:21
the land were as **b** as Job's. . . . . Job 42:15
total celebration. **b** things are always . . . . .Ps 16:11
a pig's nose is a **b** woman who lacks. . . . . Prv 11:22
branch will become **b** and glorious. . . . . Is 4:2
On that day the **b** young women and the . . . .Am 8:13
tombs. They look **b** on the outside. . . . . Mt 23:27
was decorated with **b** stones and . . . . . Lk 21:5
gate known as the **B** Gate so he could . . . . .Ac 3:2
it is written, How **b** are the feet of . . . . . Ro 10:15
that the child was **b** and they weren't . . . . Heb 11:23

BEAUTY

stones for **b**; the gold was from. 2Ch 3:6
I love the **b** of your house, LORD; I love . . . . Ps 26:8
Don't desire her **b** in secret; don't let . . . . .Prv 6:25
as mourning clothes; instead of **b**, shame. . . . Is 3:24
spread out; his **b** will be like the . . . . . Hos 14:6
fall and its **b** is lost. Just like. . . . . .Jas 1:11

BED

they went to **b**, the men of the . . . . . Gn 19:4
and onto your **b**, into your. . . . . .Ex 8:3
Any **b** on which someone with an emission . . . Lv 15:4
the Rephaim. His **b** was made of iron. . . . . Dt 3:11
to the town, a **b** was made for Saul 1Sa 9:25
comfort me," my **b** will diminish my . . . . Job 7:13
about it in your **b** and weep over it! . . . . . Ps 4:4
I've spread my **b** with luxurious covers, ...Prv 7:16
Under you is a **b** of maggots, and. . . . . Is 14:11
the corner of a **b**, and those in . . . . . .Am 3:12
mother-in-law lying in **b** with a fever. . . . . Mt 8:14
was in **b**, sick with a. . . . . Mk 1:30
or puts it under a **b**. Instead, they put . . . . Lk 8:16
been confined to his **b** for eight years. . . . . Ac 9:33

BEELZEBUL

head of the house **B**, it's certain that . . . . Mt 10:25
He's possessed by **B**. He throws out. . . . . Mk 3:22
the authority of **B**, the ruler of . . . . . Lk 11:15

BEER-SHEBA

and wandered through the desert near **B**. . . . Gn 21:14
Hazar-shual, **B** and its dependent cities . . . Josh 15:28

or cross over to ***B***; for Gilgal will . . . . . Am 5:5

BEG

will come and ***b*** him for a bit of 1Sa 2:36
to scare you; many will ***b*** for your favor. . . . Job 11:19
from the LORD. I ***b*** out loud for mercy . . . . Ps 142:1
master and king, I ***b*** you, don't send me . . . Jer 37:20
their distress, they will ***b*** for my favor. . . . Hos 5:15
marketplaces and ***b*** him to allow them . . . . Mk 6:56
Most High God? I ***b*** you, don't torture . . . . Lk 8:28
this the man who used to sit and ***b***? . . . . . Jn 9:8
you through us. We ***b*** you as Christ's 2Co 5:20
ones who heard it ***b*** that there . . . . . Heb 12:19

BEGINNING

my shepherd from the ***b*** until this day, ... Gn 48:15
feasts, and at the ***b*** of your months, ... Nm 10:10
them from the ***b*** of the execution; . . . . . Dt 13:9
Bethlehem at the ***b*** of the barley . . . . . Ru 1:22
The ***b*** of wisdom: Get wisdom! . . . . . Prv 4:7
discover what God has done from ***b*** to end. . . Ecc 3:11
as at the ***b***. After this you . . . . . Is 1:26
It was the ***b*** of sin . . . . . Mi 1:13
end than at the ***b***. This is the way . . . . . Mt 12:45
The ***b*** of the good news about Jesus. . . . . Mk 1:1
carefully from the ***b***, I have also . . . . . Lk 1:3
In the ***b*** was the Word and the Word was . . . Jn 1:1
Jesus did and taught from the ***b***, ... Ac 1:1
hidden since the ***b*** of time by God, ... Eph 3:9
foundations in the ***b***, and the heavens . . . . Heb 1:10
Alpha and the Omega, the ***b*** and the end. . . . Rev 21:6

BEHALF

thing with you, on ***b*** of every future . . . . . Gn 9:12
on Israel's ***b***, all the . . . . . Ex 18:8
acceptable on your ***b***, it must be a . . . . . Lv 22:19
and the duties on ***b*** of the Israelites. . . . . Nm 3:8
the good that he had done on Israel's ***b***. . . . Jdg 8:35
active on your ***b*** and reward your. . . . . Job 8:6
who avenges on my ***b***, who subdues. . . . . Ps 18:47
Speak out on ***b*** of the voiceless, and for . . . Prv 31:8
Consult the dead on ***b*** of the living . . . . . Is 8:19
in Israel on my ***b*** will come out from . . . . Mi 5:2
that I will ask the Father on your ***b***. . . . . Jn 16:26
compassionate acts on ***b*** of those in need. . . Ac 9:36
thank God on our ***b*** for the gift that 2Co 1:11
suffered on your ***b***. He left you an 1Pt 2:21
to offer it on ***b*** of the prayers of . . . . . Rev 8:3

BEHAVIOR

and the terrible ***b*** of their ancestors. . . . . Neh 9:2
criticize their ***b*** to their faces. . . . . Job 21:31
Aha!" stop because of their shameful ***b***. . . . Ps 70:3
strange, but the ***b*** of those who do . . . . . Prv 21:8
your rebellious ***b*** for my sake. I . . . . . Is 43:25
stop their evil ***b*** and the violence . . . . . Jon 3:8
injury or criminal ***b***, I would have. . . . . Ac 18:14
all the ungodly ***b*** and the injustice . . . . . Ro 1:18
and hated lawless ***b***. That is why God . . . . Heb 1:9

BELIEVE

nearly failed, and he didn't ***b*** them. . . . . Gn 45:26
what if they don't ***b*** me or pay . . . . . Ex 4:1
I didn't ***b*** it until I came and saw it 1Ki 10:7
me, I couldn't ***b*** that he heard my. . . . . Job 9:16
The naive ***b*** anything, but the prudent . . . Prv 14:15
If you don't ***b*** this, you can't be. . . . . Is 7:9
days that you wouldn't ***b*** even if told. . . . . Hab 1:5
to them, "Do you ***b*** I can do this?" . . . . . Mt 9:28
little ones who ***b*** in me to trip and . . . . . Mk 9:42
because you didn't ***b***, you will remain . . . . Lk 1:20
him everyone would ***b*** in the light. . . . . Jn 1:7
After they came to ***b*** Philip, who preached . . . Ac 8:12
about this: Do you ***b*** that you will. . . . . Ro 2:3
near to God must ***b*** that he exists and. . . . Heb 11:6

BELIEVED

The people ***b***. When they heard that the . . . . Ex 4:31
people of Nineveh ***b*** God. . . . . Jon 3:5
just as you have ***b***." And his servant. . . . . Mt 8:13
Happy is she who ***b*** that the Lord would. . . . Lk 1:45
those who ***b*** in his name, he . . . . . Jn 1:12
because you ***b*** you could buy . . . . . Ac 8:20
unless somehow you ***b*** it for nothing. 1Co 15:2
because she ***b*** that the one who . . . . . Heb 11:11

BELIEVERS

these ***b*** know that you sent . . . . . Jn 17:25
the family of ***b*** was a company of . . . . . Ac 1:15
wise enough to pass judgment between ***b***? . . . 1Co 6:5
with other ***b***, which some people . . . . . Heb 10:25

BELIEVES

doesn't waver but ***b*** that what is said . . . . Mk 11:23
that everyone who ***b*** in him will have . . . . Jn 3:15
that everyone who ***b*** in him receives . . . . Ac 10:43
respect for what everyone else ***b*** is good. . . Ro 12:17
The person who ***b*** in him will never 1Pt 2:6

BELLY

On your ***b*** you will crawl, ... Gn 3:14
that moves on its ***b*** or anything that . . . . Lv 11:42
existed, taken from the ***b*** to the grave. . . . Job 10:19
he's filled his ***b*** with our . . . . . Jer 51:34
Jonah was in the ***b*** of the fish for. . . . . Jon 1:17
was in the whale's ***b*** for three days and . . . Mt 12:40

BELONG

interpretations ***b*** to God? Describe . . . . . Gn 40:8
males born to your animal ***b*** to the LORD. . . Ex 13:12
the offering will ***b*** to the priest like . . . . Lv 5:13
sacred donations ***b*** to each person . . . . . Nm 5:10
cities that don't ***b*** to these nations . . . . . Dt 20:15
those cities that ***b*** to Ephraim . . . . . Josh 17:9
power and awe ***b*** to God. . . . . Job 25:2
earth's guardians ***b*** to God. . . . . Ps 47:9
To people ***b*** the plans of the heart . . . . . Prv 16:1
You ***b*** with the smooth talkers in the . . . . Is 57:6
what doesn't ***b*** to him and who. . . . . Hab 2:6
drink because you ***b*** to Christ will . . . . . Mk 9:41
People who ***b*** to this world are . . . . . Lk 16:8
sheep that don't ***b*** to this sheep pen. . . . . Jn 10:16
the Gentiles who ***b*** to me. . . . . Ac 15:17
Spirit of Christ, they don't ***b*** to him. . . . . Ro 8:9
will know that we ***b*** to the truth and 1Jn 3:19
glory, and power ***b*** to the one seated . . . . Rev 5:13

BELONGED

divine images that ***b*** to her father. . . . . Gn 31:19
one animal that ***b*** to the Israelites . . . . . Ex 9:6
the LORD. It ***b*** to Moses as his . . . . . Lv 8:29
To Gershon ***b*** the clans of Libni and . . . . Nm 3:21
the land that had ***b*** to the two Amorite . . . . Dt 3:8
everything that ***b*** to him. All Israel . . . . . Josh 7:24
gave them what had ***b*** to other nations. . . . Ps 111:6
chambers that ***b*** to the inner. . . . . Eze 42:3
could give me what ***b*** to me with . . . . . Mt 25:27
Zechariah who ***b*** to the priestly . . . . . Lk 1:5
If you ***b*** to the world, the world would. . . . Jn 15:19
from some who ***b*** to the so-called. . . . . Ac 6:9
like Cain, who ***b*** to the evil one. 1Jn 3:12

BELOW

In the hold ***b***, make the second. . . . . Gn 6:16
or on the earth ***b*** or in the waters. . . . . Ex 20:4

(the Dead Sea) ***b*** the slopes of . . . . . Dt 3:17
God in heaven above and on earth ***b***. . . . . Josh 2:11
roots dry out ***b***; their branches . . . . . Job 18:16
is an upward path, avoiding the grave ***b***. . . Prv 15:24
of the earth ***b*** could be fathomed, ... Jer 31:37
his fruit above and his roots ***b***. . . . . Am 2:9
Peter was ***b*** in the courtyard.. . . . . Mk 14:66
You are from ***b***; I'm from above. . . . . Jn 8:23
signs on the earth ***b***, blood and fire . . . . . Ac 2:19
into the region ***b***? . . . . . Ro 10:7

BELSHAZZAR

King ***B*** threw a huge party for a thousand . . . Dn 5:1

BELT

The vest's ***b*** should be attached to it and. . . . Ex 28:8
as well as his sword, his bow, and his ***b***. . . 1Sa 18:4
unties the ***b*** of kings, binds a garment . . . Job 12:18
he wears, like a ***b*** that is always. . . . . Ps 109:19
rest or sleep; no ***b*** is loose; no . . . . . Is 5:27
with a leather ***b*** around his waist.. . . . . Mt 3:4
with a leather ***b*** around his waist.. . . . . Mk 1:6
you tied your own ***b*** and walked around . . . Jn 21:18
took Paul's ***b***, tied his own feet . . . . . Ac 21:11
So stand with the ***b*** of truth around your . . . Eph 6:14

BELTESHAZZAR

He named Daniel "***B***," Hananiah . . . . . Dn 1:7

BEN-HADAD

to Aram's King ***B***, Tabrimmon's son. 1Ki 15:18
it will burn up the fortresses of ***B***. . . . . Jer 49:27
Hazael; it will devour the palaces of ***B***. . . . Am 1:4

BENAIAH

Jehoiada's son ***B*** was in command 2Sa 8:18
Jehoiada's son ***B***, the prophet 1Ki 1:8

BENEFIT

matters so you can ***b*** from the LORD's. 2Sa 21:3
a word that has no ***b*** and with . . . . . Job 15:3
it is to your ***b***; if you are . . . . . Prv 9:12
for your own ***b*** on earth, where. . . . . Mt 6:19
I say this for the ***b*** of the crowd . . . . . Jn 11:42
a Jew? Or what's the ***b*** of circumcision? . . . . Ro 3:1
does it for our ***b*** so that we can. . . . . Heb 12:10

BENJAMIN

him Ben-oni, but his father named him ***B***. . . Gn 35:18
Issachar, Zebulun, and ***B*** . . . . . Ex 1:3
from ***B***, Abidan, Gideoni's son . . . . . Nm 1:11
Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and ***B***. . . . . Dt 27:12
from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and ***B***. . . Josh 21:4
There's ***B*** leading them, though he's. . . . . Ps 68:27
priests from Anathoth in the land of ***B***. . . . Jer 1:1
at Beth-aven: "Look behind you, ***B***!" . . . . . Hos 5:8
from the tribe of ***B***, and he served as . . . . Ac 13:21
of Abraham, from the tribe of ***B***. . . . . Ro 11:1
from the tribe of ***B***, twelve thousand . . . . Rev 7:8

BENJAMINITE

the clans of the ***B*** tribe appeared . . . . . Josh 18:11
LORD about Cush, a ***B***. I take refuge in . . . . Ps 7:1

BENJAMINITES

Gibeah, the people of that place being ***B***. . . Jdg 19:16

BEST

of his master's ***b*** provisions, set . . . . . Gn 24:10
them back with the ***b*** from his own field. . . . Ex 22:5
gifts, from its ***b*** portions and its . . . . . Nm 18:29
and all your ***b*** payments that you. . . . . Dt 12:11
Do what seems ***b*** to you," said her 1Sa 1:23
Who could get the ***b*** of us with lips . . . . . Ps 12:4
you will eat the ***b*** food of the land. . . . . Is 1:19
of wine, put the ***b*** of oils on . . . . . Am 6:6
accuser, make your ***b*** effort to reach a . . . . Lk 12:58
family. Be the ***b*** at showing honor . . . . . Ro 12:10
as it seemed ***b*** to them, but God . . . . . Heb 12:10

BETH-HORON

on the way up to ***B*** and struck them . . . . Josh 10:10

BETH-SHEAN

and in Asher were ***B*** and its dependent . . . Josh 17:11

BETH-SHEMESH

went down to ***B***, and passed by. . . . . Josh 15:10

BETHANY

out of the city to ***B*** and spent the. . . . . Mt 21:17
to Bethphage and ***B*** at the Mount of . . . . . Mk 11:1
to Bethphage and ***B*** on the Mount of . . . . Lk 19:29
the Jordan in ***B*** where John was . . . . . Jn 1:28

BETHEL

mountains east of ***B***, and pitched his . . . . Gn 12:8
to the east of ***B***. He said to them, ... Josh 7:2
on account of ***B***, in which they . . . . . Jer 48:13
happen to you, ***B***, because of your . . . . . Hos 10:15

BETHLEHEM

near the road to Ephrath, that is, ***B***. . . . . Gn 35:19
(that is, ***B***), Peor, Etam, ... Josh 15:59
on the way at Geruth Chimham near ***B*** . . . Jer 41:17
As for you, ***B*** of Ephrathah, though you . . . . Mi 5:2
Jesus was born in ***B*** in the territory. . . . . Mt 2:1
to David's city, called ***B***, in Judea. . . . . Lk 2:4
family and from ***B***, David's village? . . . . . Jn 7:42

BETHSAIDA

will be for you, ***B***! For if the . . . . . Mt 11:21
the lake, toward ***B***, while he . . . . . Mk 6:45
withdrew privately to a city called ***B***. . . . . Lk 9:10
Philip was from ***B***, the hometown of . . . . Jn 1:44

BETHUEL

Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and ***B***. . . . Gn 22:22
B, Hormah, Ziklag 1Ch 4:30

BETRAY

you to have Rachel? Why did you ***b*** me? . . . Gn 29:25
Why could you ***b*** me like this, ... 1Sa 19:17
love from him. I won't ***b*** my faithfulness. . . Ps 89:33
doomed! Betrayers ***b***; treacherously. . . . . Is 24:16
They will ***b*** each other and . . . . . Mt 24:10
one of you will ***b*** me—someone eating . . . Mk 14:18
Judas, would you ***b*** the Human One with . . Lk 22:48
believe and the one who would ***b*** him. . . . . Jn 6:64

BETTER

It would have been ***b*** for us to work for . . . Ex 14:12
to eat? It was ***b*** for us in Egypt.. . . . . Nm 11:18
leftovers ***b*** than Abiezer's . . . . . Jdg 8:2
for the ***b***, Jacob will . . . . . Ps 14:7
Her profit is ***b*** than silver, and her gain . . . Prv 3:14
There's nothing ***b*** for human beings than . . Ecc 2:24
put it on the swelling, and he'll get ***b***. . . . . Is 38:21
husband, for I had it ***b*** then than now. . . . Hos 2:7
it away. It's ***b*** that you lose a . . . . . Mt 5:29
getting any ***b***. In fact, she had . . . . . Mk 5:26
but says, 'The well-aged wine is ***b***.'" . . . . . Lk 5:39
had started to get ***b***. And they said, ... Jn 4:52
we saying? Are we ***b*** off? Not at all. . . . . Ro 3:9
are convinced of ***b*** things in your . . . . . Heb 6:9

BIG

He made a ***b*** meal for them . . . . . Gn 19:3
them together in ***b*** piles, and the . . . . . Ex 8:14

his right thumb, and on his right ***b*** toe. . . . . Lv 8:23
They were ***b*** and numerous and . . . . . Dt 2:10
him, and cut off his thumbs and ***b*** toes. . . . . Jdg 1:6
a stranger brings ***b*** trouble, but the . . . . . Prv 11:15
I take your ***b*** sisters and little . . . . . Eze 16:61
wilderness to satisfy such a ***b*** crowd? . . . . Mt 15:33
come to you with a ***b*** stick to punish 1Co 4:21

BILDAD

Eliphaz of Teman, ***B*** of Shu'ah, and . . . . . Job 2:11

BILHAH

given his servant ***B*** to his daughter . . . . . Gn 29:29
B, Ezem, Tolad 1Ch 4:29

BINDING

When we were ***b*** stalks of grain in the. . . . . Gn 37:7
by a blue cord ***b*** its rings to the. . . . . Ex 28:28
or a woman makes a ***b*** promise to be a . . . . Nm 6:2
of making a transaction ***b*** in Israel. . . . . Ru 4:7
God set it up as ***b*** law for Jacob, as an . . . . Ps 105:10

BIRD

From each kind of ***b***, from each kind of . . . . Gn 6:20
will then tear the ***b*** open by its wings,. . . . . Lv 1:17
a land animal, a ***b*** that flies in the . . . . . Dt 4:17
A path—no ***b*** of prey knows it; a hawk's. . . . Job 28:7
say to me, "Flee to the hills like a ***b*** . . . . . Ps 11:1
to cast a net in the sight of a ***b***. . . . . Prv 1:17
I call a ***b*** of prey from the east, a man . . . . . Is 46:11
It's as if a ***b*** of prey has flown . . . . . Hos 8:1
kind of animal, ***b***, reptile, and fish. . . . . Jas 3:7
for every unclean ***b***, and a lair for. . . . . Rev 18:2

BIRDS

things, and let ***b*** fly above the . . . . . Gn 1:20
offering from the ***b***, you can present . . . . . Lv 1:14
ground, with baby ***b*** or eggs, and the . . . . . Dt 22:6
flesh to the wild ***b*** and the wild. 1Sa 17:44
teach you, the ***b*** in the sky, and. . . . . Job 12:7
the ***b*** in the sky, the fish of the ocean,. . . . . Ps 8:8
are like orphaned ***b*** pushed from the . . . . . Is 16:2
wild animals, the ***b*** in the sky, and . . . . . Hos 2:18
Look at the ***b*** in the sky. They don't sow . . . . Mt 6:26
on the path; and the ***b*** came and ate it. . . . . Mk 4:4
crushed, and the ***b*** in the sky came . . . . . Lk 8:5
animals, reptiles, and wild ***b***. . . . . Ac 10:12
mortal humans: ***b***, animals, and . . . . . Ro 1:23
said to all the ***b*** flying high. . . . . Rev 19:17

BIRTH

pregnant and gave ***b*** to Cain, and said, ... Gn 4:1
Hebrew women give ***b*** and you see the . . . . Ex 1:16
a child and gives ***b*** to a son, she will. . . . . Lv 12:2
people? Did I give ***b*** to them, that you. . . . Nm 11:12
you forgot the God who gave ***b*** to you! . . . Dt 32:18
Gilead's wife gave ***b*** to other sons for . . . . Jdg 11:2
didn't I die at ***b***, come forth from . . . . . Job 3:11
evil, conceive trouble, give ***b*** to lies! . . . . Ps 7:14
and bitter to her who gave ***b*** to him. . . . . Prv 17:25
is about to give ***b*** to a son, and she . . . . . Is 7:14
again and gave ***b*** to a daughter.. . . . . Hos 1:6
This is how the ***b*** of Jesus Christ took . . . . Mt 1:18
Syrophoenician by ***b***. She begged Jesus . . . . Mk 7:26
will give ***b*** to your son and . . . . . Lk 1:13
he saw a man who was blind from ***b***. . . . . Jn 9:1
man crippled since ***b*** was being carried . . . . Ac 3:2
I gave ***b*** to you in Christ 1Co 4:15
they give ***b*** to sin; and when . . . . . Jas 1:15
she was in labor, in pain from giving ***b***. . . . Rev 12:2

BIT

will eat the last ***b*** of vegetation. . . . . Ex 10:5
up every remaining ***b*** of your harvest. . . . . Lv 19:9
people and they ***b*** the people. . . . . Nm 21:6
God commands you. Don't deviate even a ***b***! . . Dt 5:32
deviate even a ***b*** from it, either to . . . . . Josh 1:7
controlled with a ***b*** and a bridle. . . . . Ps 32:9
Don't deviate a ***b*** to the right or the. . . . . Prv 4:27
sweet, every ***b*** of him desirable. . . . . Song 5:16
your nose and my ***b*** in your mouth. . . . . Is 37:29
even the little ***b*** they have will be . . . . . Mt 25:29
for each person to have even a little ***b***. . . . . Jn 6:7
regret it just a ***b*** because I see that 2Co 7:8
kingdom. People ***b*** their tongues . . . . . Rev 16:10

BITTER

along with unleavened bread and ***b*** herbs. . . . Ex 12:8
lamb with unleavened bread and ***b*** herbs. . . Nm 9:11
consuming plague, ***b*** sickness. . . . . Dt 32:24
This is more ***b*** for me than for . . . . . Ru 1:13
the hard worker, life to those ***b*** of soul, . . . Job 3:20
When my heart was ***b***, when I was all cut . . . Ps 73:21
in the end she is ***b*** as gall, sharp as . . . . . Prv 5:4
make bitterness sweet and sweetness ***b***. . . . Is 5:20
Ephraim has given ***b*** offense; so the LORD . . Hos 12:14
if you have ***b*** jealousy and . . . . . Jas 3:14
from the water, because it became so ***b***. . . . Rev 8:11

BITTERNESS

The water of ***b*** that brings the . . . . . Nm 5:18
among you that is sprouting poison and ***b***. . Dt 29:18
of my spirit, groan in the ***b*** of my life. . . . Job 7:11
darkness, who make ***b*** sweet and . . . . . Is 5:20
and the fruit of righteousness into ***b*** . . . . . Am 6:12
I see that your ***b*** has poisoned you . . . . . Ac 8:23
Their mouths are full of cursing and ***b***. . . . . Ro 3:14
that no root of ***b*** grows up that. . . . . Heb 12:15

BLAME

being beaten! Your own people are to ***b***!" . . . Ex 5:16
only themselves to ***b*** for their own . . . . . Josh 2:19
In all this, Job didn't sin or ***b*** God . . . . . Job 1:22
who lives free of ***b***, does what is . . . . . Ps 15:2
learn who is to ***b*** for this evil. . . . . Jon 1:7
why does he still ***b*** people? Who has . . . . . Ro 9:19

BLAMELESS

I'm ***b***, yet don't know myself; I reject . . . . Job 9:21
I'll be completely ***b***; I'll be innocent . . . . . Ps 19:13
is a shield for those who live a ***b*** life. . . . . Prv 2:7
before God, ***b*** in their . . . . . Lk 1:6
that you will be ***b*** on the day of our 1Co 1:8
and to present you ***b*** and rejoicing . . . . . Jud 1:24
lie came from their mouths; they are ***b***. . . . Rev 14:5

BLESS

He also said, "***b*** the LORD, the God of . . . . . Gn 9:26
Jethro said, "***b*** the LORD who rescued you. . Ex 18:10
his sons: You will ***b*** the Israelites as . . . . . Nm 6:23
more! And may God ***b*** you, just as he . . . . . Dt 1:11
replied, "May the LORD ***b*** you, my son!" . . . Jdg 17:2
the LORD has taken; ***b*** the LORD's name. . . . Job 1:21
Because you, LORD, ***b*** the righteous. You . . . Ps 5:12
grain, but they ***b*** those who sell it. . . . . Prv 11:26
this blessing: ***b*** Egypt my people; . . . . . Is 19:25
From this day forward, I will ***b*** you. . . . . Hg 2:19
so that he would ***b*** them. But the . . . . . Mk 10:13
b the Lord God of Israel because he has . . . . Lk 1:68
to you first—to ***b*** you by enabling . . . . . Ac 3:26
b people who harass you—bless and don't. . Ro 12:14
I will certainly ***b*** you and multiply . . . . . Heb 6:14

BLESSED

Then God ***b*** them: "Be fertile and multiply. . . . Gn 1:22

is why the LORD ***b*** the Sabbath day . . . . . Ex 20:11
the people and ***b*** them. . . . . Lv 9:22
you bless is ***b*** and whomever you . . . . . Nm 22:6
LORD your God has ***b*** you in all that . . . . . Dt 2:7
So Joshua ***b*** him. He gave Hebron to Caleb, Josh 14:13
all he has—and ***b*** the work of his . . . . . Job 1:10
Those ***b*** by God will possess the land, but . . Ps 37:22
May your spring be ***b***. Rejoice in the . . . . . Prv 5:18
the righteous how ***b*** they are; they . . . . . Is 3:10
them will say, "***b*** is the LORD, for I . . . . . Zec 11:5
up to heaven, ***b*** them and broke the. . . . . Mt 14:19
up to heaven, ***b*** them, broke the . . . . . Mk 6:41
God has ***b*** you above all . . . . . Lk 1:42
all the families on earth will be ***b***. . . . . Ac 3:25
of the creator, who is ***b*** forever. Amen. . . . . Ro 1:25
of the kings, and Melchizedek ***b*** him. . . . . Heb 7:1

BLESSING

your name respected, and you will be a ***b***. . . . Gn 12:2
Just go! And bring a ***b*** on me as well! . . . . . Ex 12:32
I will send my ***b*** on you in the sixth year. . . Lv 25:21
I received a ***b***, and he blessed. I can't . . . . Nm 23:20
I am setting ***b*** and curse before. . . . . Dt 11:26
commanded for the ***b*** of the Israelite . . . . Josh 8:33
The ***b*** of the perishing reached me; I made . . Job 29:13
the LORD! May your ***b*** be on your people! . . . . Ps 3:8
the righteous is a ***b***, but the name of . . . . . Prv 10:7
and Assyria, a ***b*** at the center of . . . . . Is 19:24
heart and leave a ***b*** behind him. . . . . Jl 2:14
give it your ***b*** of peace. . . . . Mt 10:13
fish. He said a ***b*** over them, then . . . . . Mk 8:7
If not, your ***b*** will return to you. . . . . Lk 10:6
sent back with a ***b*** of peace from the . . . . Ac 15:33
also pronounces a ***b*** on the person to . . . . . Ro 4:6
ground receives a ***b*** from God when it. . . . . Heb 6:7
and might, and honor, glory, and ***b***. . . . . Rev 5:12

BLESSINGS

will pronounce ***b***, saying, 'May God . . . . . Gn 48:20
him, and to offer ***b*** in his name. . . . . Dt 10:8
him, and to give ***b*** in his name 1Ch 23:13
You bring rich ***b*** right to him; you put a . . . . Ps 21:3
b cover the head of the righteous, but. . . . . Prv 10:6
will enjoy God's ***b***; they will boast. . . . . Jer 4:2
I will curse your ***b***, and I mean really . . . . . Mal 2:2
the Son of David! ***b*** on the one who . . . . . Mt 21:9
Hosanna! ***b*** on the one who . . . . . Mk 11:9
They said, "***b*** on the king who comes in . . . Lk 19:38
shouted, "Hosanna! ***b*** on the one who. . . . . Jn 12:13

BLIND

sighted or ***b***? Isn't it I, the . . . . . Ex 4:11
in front of a ***b*** person that would . . . . . Lv 19:14
who misleads a ***b*** person on a road. . . . . Dt 27:18
Now Ahijah had become ***b*** in his old age. . . . 1Ki 14:4
I was eyes to the ***b***, feet to the lame . . . . . Job 29:15
who makes the ***b*** see. The LORD: who . . . . . Ps 146:8
those who turn a ***b*** eye will be . . . . . Prv 28:27
and their eyes ***b***, so they can't see. . . . . Is 6:10
will walk like the ***b*** because they . . . . . Zep 1:17
departed, two ***b*** men followed him, ... Mt 9:27
people brought a ***b*** man to Jesus and . . . . . Mk 8:22
of sight to the ***b***, to liberate the . . . . . Lk 4:18
who were sick, ***b***, lame, and . . . . . Jn 5:3
three days he was ***b*** and neither ate. . . . . Ac 9:9
a guide for the ***b***; a light to those . . . . . Ro 2:19
shortsighted and ***b***, forgetting that 2Pt 1:9
miserable, pathetic, poor, ***b***, and naked. . . . Rev 3:17

BLOOD

of your brother's ***b*** is crying to me . . . . . Gn 4:10
Nile will turn into ***b*** on the dry ground. . . . . Ex 4:9
will present the ***b*** and toss it . . . . . Lv 1:5
must dash their ***b*** on the altar and . . . . . Nm 18:17
of the animals' ***b***. Pour it out on . . . . . Dt 12:16
And remember that I'm your flesh and ***b***! . . . Jdg 9:2
don't cover my ***b***; let my outcry. . . . . Job 16:18
in their ***b*** offerings; I won't . . . . . Ps 16:4
feet run to evil; they hurry to spill ***b***. . . . . Prv 1:16
I don't want the ***b*** of bulls, lambs, ... Is 1:11
of Jehu for the ***b*** of Jezreel, and I. . . . . Hos 1:4
all the righteous ***b*** that has been . . . . . Mt 23:35
them, "This is my ***b*** of the covenant, ... Mk 14:24
new covenant by my ***b***, which is poured . . . . Lk 22:20
born not from ***b*** nor from human desire or . . Jn 1:13
own language Hakeldama, or "Field of ***b***." . . . Ac 1:19
Their feet are quick to shed ***b***. . . . . Ro 3:15
share in flesh and ***b***, he also shared . . . . Heb 2:14
us and freed us from our sins by his ***b***, ... Rev 1:5

BLOODSHED

You are my bridegroom because of ***b***. . . . . Ex 4:25
guilty of ***b***; they have spilled . . . . . Lv 17:4
different kinds of ***b***, different kinds. . . . . Dt 17:8
held you back from ***b*** and taking 1Sa 25:26
one who avenges ***b*** remembers those . . . . . Ps 9:12
but there was ***b***; righteousness, ... Is 5:7
build Zion with ***b*** and Jerusalem with. . . . . Mi 3:10

BLOW

made an east wind ***b*** over the land all . . . . Ex 10:13
When you ***b*** a series of short blasts, the . . . Nm 10:5
Have them ***b*** a long blast on the ram's. . . . . Josh 6:5
b the horn on the new moon, at the full . . . . Ps 81:3
who watch the wind ***b*** will never sow, ... Ecc 11:4
Nile will dry up, ***b*** away, and be no . . . . . Is 19:7
b a horn in Gibeah; blow a trumpet in. . . . . Hos 5:8
to the poor, don't ***b*** your trumpet . . . . . Mt 6:2
wind began to ***b***, they thought they. . . . . Ac 27:13
that no wind would ***b*** against the earth . . . . Rev 7:1

BLUE

b, purple, and deep red yarns; fine . . . . . Ex 25:4
a whole cloth of ***b*** over it, and they . . . . . Nm 4:6
presence in a ***b*** and white royal. . . . . Est 8:15
Clothed in ***b*** and purple, all of . . . . . Jer 10:9
fiery red, dark ***b***, and yellow . . . . . Rev 9:17

BOARDS

Make acacia-wood ***b*** to stand upright . . . . Ex 26:15
the threshing ***b*** for wood, and the 1Ch 21:23

BOAT

streams where no ***b*** will go. . . . . Is 33:21
They were in a ***b*** with Zebedee . . . . . Mt 4:21
sons, in their ***b*** repairing the. . . . . Mk 1:19
down and taught the crowds from the ***b***. . . . Lk 5:3
They got into a ***b*** and were crossing the . . . . Jn 6:17

BOAZ

the family of Elimelech. His name was ***B***. . . . Ru 2:1
was the father of ***B***, whose mother was . . . . Mt 1:5
son of Obed son of ***B*** son of Sala son of . . . . Lk 3:32

BODIES

and all their ***b*** of water—so that . . . . . Ex 7:19
touch their dead ***b***; they are unclean . . . . . Lv 11:8
them shave their ***b***, wash their . . . . . Nm 8:7
all the heavenly ***b***, and be led. . . . . Dt 4:19
make them all dead ***b*** in Israel's . . . . . Josh 11:6
no pain; their ***b*** are fit and strong. . . . . Ps 73:4
morning, there were dead ***b*** everywhere. . . . Is 37:36
endless dead ***b***—they stumble over . . . . . Na 3:3
and other heavenly ***b*** will be shaken. . . . . Mt 24:29

and other heavenly ***b*** will be shaken. . . . . Mk 13:25
and other heavenly ***b*** will be shaken, ... Lk 21:26
didn't want the ***b*** to remain on the . . . . . Jn 19:31
Their ***b*** were brought back to Shechem and . . . Ac 7:16
of degrading their own ***b*** with each other. . . . Ro 1:24
who sinned, whose ***b*** fell in the desert? . . . Heb 3:17
Their dead ***b*** will lie on the street of. . . . . Rev 11:8

BODY

emerge from your ***b***. One people will . . . . . Gn 25:23
apart and its torn ***b*** is brought as. . . . . Ex 22:13
the dead ***b*** of an unclean wild . . . . . .Lv 5:2
and bathe his ***b*** in water. . . . . Nm 19:7
distances to the cities nearest the ***b***. . . . . Dt 21:2
and they took his ***b*** down from the . . . . . Josh 8:29
the pain of their ***b***, and they mourn. . . . . Job 14:22
My whole ***b*** is completely terrified! But . . . . . .Ps 6:3
Then your ***b*** will be healthy and your . . . . . Prv 3:8
dwindle; his sleek ***b*** will waste away. . . . . Is 17:4
dead, picks up the ***b*** to bring it out of . . . . .Am 6:10
a part of your ***b*** than that your . . . . . Mt 5:29
she sensed in her ***b*** that her illness . . . . . .Mk 5:29
the lamp of your ***b***. When your eye is . . . . Lk 11:34
temple Jesus was talking about was his ***b***. . . . Jn 2:21
Moreover, my ***b*** will live in hope, ... Ac 2:26
account his own ***b***, which was as good. . . . . Ro 4:19
in his ancestor's ***b*** when Abraham paid . . . . Heb 7:10

BONES

you, you must bring up my ***b*** out of here. . . Gn 50:25
the house, and you shouldn't break the ***b***. . . . Ex 12:46
break any of its ***b***. They will keep . . . . . Nm 9:12
had brought up the ***b*** of Joseph from . . . Josh 24:32
and strike his ***b*** and flesh. Then he . . . . . Job 2:5
LORD, because my ***b*** are shaking in . . . . . .Ps 6:2
God crushes all my ***b***. Between daybreak . . . Is 38:13
Can these ***b*** live again? . . . . . .Eze 37:3
burned to lime the ***b*** of the king of . . . . . Am 2:1
are full of dead ***b*** and all kinds of . . . . . Mt 23:27
have flesh and ***b*** like you see I . . . . . Lk 24:39
scripture, They won't break any of his ***b***. . . . Jn 19:36
gave instructions about burying his ***b***. . . . Heb 11:22

BORDER

harbor of ships, his ***b*** will be at Sidon. . . . Gn 49:13
they came to the ***b*** of the land of . . . . . Ex 16:35
in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your ***b***. . . . Nm 20:16
as far as the ***b*** with the . . . . . Dt 3:14
at Gilgal on the east ***b*** of Jericho. . . . . Josh 4:19
a standing stone for the LORD at its ***b***. . . . . Is 19:19
removing them far from their own ***b***. . . . . Jl 3:6
traveled along the ***b*** between Samaria. . . . Lk 17:11

BORE

his son—the one Sarah ***b*** him—Isaac. . . . . Gn 21:3
him a wife and she ***b*** him sons or . . . . . Ex 21:4
shoots, produced blossoms, and ***b*** almonds. . Nm 17:8
or the babies she ***b***, because she will . . . . Dt 28:57
in Shechem also ***b*** him a son, and he . . . . Jdg 8:31
to the one who ***b*** her. Young women . . . . . Sng 6:9
to yourself, Who ***b*** me these? I was . . . . . Is 49:21
and she became pregnant and ***b*** him a son. . . Hos 1:3
on good soil and ***b*** fruit, in one case . . . . Mt 13:8
into good soil and ***b*** fruit. Upon . . . . . Mk 4:8
our body, so that we ***b*** fruit for death. . . . . Ro 7:5
was saying when he ***b*** witness beforehand . . .1Pt 1:11
who ***b*** witness to the word of God and to . . . Rev 1:2

BORN

Irad was ***b*** to Enoch. Irad fathered . . . . . Gn 4:18
see the baby being ***b***, if it's a boy, ... Ex 1:16
daughter, whether ***b*** into the same . . . . . Lv 18:9
daughter, who was ***b*** to Levi in Egypt. . . . . Nm 26:59
Children ***b*** to them are permitted to . . . . . Dt 23:8
none of the people ***b*** in the desert on . . . . .Josh 5:5
Job spoke up and cursed the day he was ***b***. . . . Job 3:1
to those not yet ***b***, telling them what . . . . .Ps 22:31
and kinsfolk are ***b*** for times of . . . . . Prv 17:17
A child is ***b*** to us, a son is given to us, ... Is 9:6
on the day she was ***b***. I will make her . . . . . Hos 2:3
of whom Jesus was ***b***, who is called the . . . . Mt 1:16
better for him if he had never been ***b***." . . . Mk 14:21
one who is to be ***b*** will be holy. He . . . . . Lk 1:35
b not from blood nor from human desire or . . Jn 1:13
their newly ***b*** babies so they . . . . . Ac 7:19
they hadn't been ***b*** yet and when they. . . . . Ro 9:11
descendants were ***b*** from one man . . . . . .Heb 11:12

BOUGHT

He ***b*** the section of the field where he . . . . Gn 33:19
slave who has been ***b*** may eat it after . . . . Ex 12:44
you must allow for the land to be ***b*** back. . . Lv 25:24
that I've ***b*** from the hand of . . . . . Ru 4:9
It can't be ***b*** with gold; its price can't . . . Job 28:15
ancestors when I ***b*** them out of the . . . . . Jer 11:4
So I ***b*** her for fifteen pieces of silver, ... Hos 3:2
finder sold everything and ***b*** that field. . . . Mt 13:44
He ***b*** a linen cloth, took Jesus down from . . Mk 15:46
one told him, 'I ***b*** a farm and must go . . . . Lk 14:18
In fact, he ***b*** a field with the payment he. . . . Ac 1:18
You have been ***b*** and paid for, so honor . . . 1Co 6:20
the master who ***b*** them, bringing. 2Pt 2:1

BOUND

man—whose life is so ***b*** up with his . . . . . Gn 44:30
by which she ***b*** herself. Then the . . . . . Nm 30:8
still alive, it's ***b*** to get worse once . . . . . Dt 31:27
down to Gaza. They ***b*** him with bronze . . . Jdg 16:21
Death's ropes ***b*** me; the distress of the . . . .Ps 116:3
Folly is ***b*** up in a child's heart; the rod. . . . Prv 22:15
purple—a king is ***b*** by the tresses! . . . . . Sng 7:5
your escapees were ***b*** together, even . . . . . Is 22:3
wickedness is ***b*** up; his sin is . . . . . Hos 13:12
had arrested John, ***b*** him, and put him . . . . Mt 14:3
a plan. They ***b*** Jesus, led him . . . . . .Mk 15:1
so he would be ***b*** with leg irons and . . . . . Lk 8:29
came out, his feet ***b*** and his hands . . . . . Jn 11:44
two soldiers and ***b*** with two chains, ... Ac 12:6
angels who are ***b*** at the great river . . . . . Rev 9:14

BOUNDARIES

within the field's ***b***—was officially . . . . . Gn 23:17
The land of Canaan according to its ***b***: . . . . Nm 34:2
the people's ***b*** based on the . . . . . Dt 32:8
him within the ***b*** of his family . . . . . Jdg 2:9
You set all the ***b*** of the earth in place. . . . .Ps 74:17
house, but he preserves the widow's ***b***. . . . Prv 15:25
national ***b***; I raided their. . . . . .Is 10:13
appointed times and the ***b*** of their lands. . . Ac 17:26
ones who placed ***b*** on your affection 2Co 6:12

BOUNDARY

The Canaanite ***b*** extends from Sidon by way . Gn 10:19
Your southern ***b*** extends from the Zin . . . . Nm 34:3
river being the ***b*** line . . . . . Dt 3:16
because the Arnon was the ***b*** of Moab. . . . Jdg 11:18
People move ***b*** stones, herd flocks they've . . Job 24:2
You set a ***b*** they cannot cross so they'll . . . .Ps 104:9
remove an ancient ***b*** marker that your . . . . Prv 22:28
sea, an ancient ***b*** that it can't. . . . . .Jer 5:22
have no one to set ***b*** lines by lot in . . . . . Mi 2:5

BOW

I have placed my ***b*** in the clouds; it will . . . Gn 9:13

come down to me, *b* to me, and say, . . . Ex 11:8
Do not *b* down to them or worship them . . . Dt 5:9
It wasn't your sword or *b* that did this. . . Josh 24:12
the helpers of Rahab *b* beneath him. . . . . Job 9:13
love; I will *b* down at your holy . . . . . Ps 5:7
Evil people will *b* down before the good, . . Prv 14:19
from the bent *b* and from the . . . . . Is 21:15
I will break the *b* of Israel in the . . . . . Hos 1:5
all these if you *b* down and worship. . . . . Mt 4:9
were going to lower anchors from the *b*. . . Ac 27:30
every knee will *b* to me, and every . . . . . Ro 14:11
make them come and *b* down at your feet . . . Rev 3:9

BOWED

tent entrance to greet them and *b* deeply. . . Gn 18:2
oppression, they *b* down and. . . . . Ex 4:31
his hand. Then he *b* low and worshipped. . . Nm 22:31
Then she *b* down, face to the ground, and . . . Ru 2:10
Nebuchadnezzar *b* low and honored . . . . . Dn 2:46
hand. Then they *b* down in front of . . . . . Mt 27:29
frightened and *b* their faces toward. . . . . Lk 24:5
people who haven't *b* their knees to. . . . . Ro 11:4
he was dying and *b* in worship over . . . . . Heb 11:21

BOWING

moon and eleven stars were *b* down to me. . . Gn 37:9
in your land, *b* down to it, ... Lv 26:1
gods, serving and *b* down to them, I . . . . . Dt 8:19
on the ground, *b* low three times. 1Sa 20:41
a calf at Horeb, *b* down to a metal . . . . . Ps 106:19
temple. They were *b* to the sun in the . . . . Eze 8:16
those *b* down to the forces of heaven on. . . . Zep 1:5
with her sons. *b* before him, she . . . . . Mt 20:20
It is completed." *b* his head, he gave. . . . . Jn 19:30

BOWL

that is in the *b*, and touch the . . . . . Ex 12:22
one gold *b* weighing ten shekels full of . . . Nm 7:14
and your kneading *b* will be blessed. . . . . Dt 28:5
she presented him cream in a majestic *b*. . . Jdg 5:25
their hand in the *b*; they won't even . . . . Prv 19:24
snaps and the gold *b* shatters; the jar . . . . Ecc 12:6
every little dish, every *b*, every jar. . . . . Is 22:24
of gold. It has a *b* on top. The bowl . . . . . Zec 4:2
who dips his hand with me into this *b*. . . . Mt 26:23
who is dipping bread with me into this *b*. . . Mk 14:20
covers it with a *b* or puts it under a . . . . . Lk 8:16
dipped into the *b*." Then he dipped . . . . . Jn 13:26
as a "special *b*." They will be 2Ti 2:21
and he held a gold *b* for burning . . . . . Rev 8:3

BOWLS

put it in large *b*. The other half of. . . . . Ex 24:6
the dishes, the *b*, and the container. . . . . Nm 4:7
shovels, and *b*. And so Hiram 1Ki 7:40
with broth of unclean meat in their *b*; . . . Is 65:4
who drink *b* of wine, put the best of oils. . . Am 6:6
gold and silver *b* but also some 2Ti 2:20
a harp and gold *b* full of incense, ... Rev 5:8

BOY

man for wounding me, a *b* for striking me; . . Gn 4:23
born, if it's a *b*, kill him. But if . . . . . Ex 1:16
head, because the *b* is going to be a . . . . . Jdg 13:5
someone said, "A *b* has been . . . . . Job 3:3
Before the *b* learns to reject evil and . . . . Is 7:16
put up with you? Bring the *b* here to me. . . Mt 17:17
threw the *b* into a fit. He . . . . . Mk 9:20
to have her child, she gave birth to a *b*. . . . Lk 1:57

BRAG

battle shouldn't *b* like one returning 1Ki 20:11
The wicked *b* about their body's cravings; . . . Ps 10:3
People who *b* about a gift never given are . . Prv 25:14
Why do you *b* about your strength? Your . . . Jer 49:4
proud, and they *b*. They invent ways . . . . . Ro 1:30
now you boast and *b*, and all such . . . . . Jas 4:16

BRANCH

One *b* will have three cups shaped like . . . Ex 25:33
down from there a *b* with one cluster . . . . Nm 13:23
Before their *b* is formed, before it is . . . . Job 15:32
day, the LORD's *b* will become . . . . . Is 4:2
village wall, and a tree *b* will respond. . . . Hab 2:11
tree. After its *b* becomes tender and . . . . Mt 24:32
tree. After its *b* becomes tender and . . . . Mk 13:28
and he trims any *b* that produces . . . . . Jn 15:2
were a wild olive *b*, and you were . . . . . Ro 11:17

BRANCHES

Jacob took new *b* from poplar, ... Gn 30:37
lampstand's base, *b*, cups, flowers, ... Ex 25:31
trees, palm *b*, branches of leafy. . . . . Lv 23:40
will drip from his *b*; his seed will . . . . . Nm 24:7
off a bundle of *b*, and hoisted them . . . . . Jdg 9:48
dry out below; their *b* wither above. . . . . Job 18:16
the mighty cedars were covered by its *b*. . . . Ps 80:10
chopping off the *b* with terrible . . . . . Is 10:33
His *b* will spread out; his beauty will be . . . Hos 14:6
birds in the sky come and nest in its *b*. . . . Mt 13:32
such large *b* that the birds in. . . . . Mk 4:32
the birds in the sky nested in its *b*. . . . . Lk 13:19
They took palm *b* and went out to meet . . . Jn 12:13
a root is holy, the *b* will be holy too. . . . . Ro 11:16
robes and held palm *b* in their hands. . . . . Rev 7:9

BRAVE

Be *b* and strong, because you are the one . . Josh 1:6
firm in your faith, be *b*, be strong. 1Co 16:13

BREAD

face you will eat *b*—until you return . . . . . Gn 3:19
and even into your ovens and *b* pans. . . . . Ex 8:3
as unleavened *b* in a holy place; . . . . . Lv 6:16
offering. The usual *b* will be on it. . . . . Nm 4:7
don't live on *b* alone. No, they . . . . . Dt 8:3
the land: unleavened *b* and roasted grain. . . Josh 5:11
groans become my *b*; my roars pour out . . . Job 3:24
they are eating *b* but never calling . . . . . Ps 14:4
They eat the *b* of evil, and they drink . . . . Prv 4:17
will eat our own *b* and wear our own . . . . . Is 4:1
they give me my *b* and my water, my . . . . . Hos 2:5
Son, command these stones to become *b*. . . . Mt 4:3
house and ate the *b* of the presence, ... Mk 2:26
this stone to become a loaf of *b*. . . . . Lk 4:3
Jesus took the *b*. When he had given . . . . . Jn 6:11
during the Festival of Unleavened *b*. . . . . Ac 12:3
to be unleavened *b*. Christ our 1Co 5:7
and the loaves of *b* presented to God. . . . . Heb 9:2

BREAK

Esau said, "Let's *b* camp and set out, and . . . Gn 33:12
sores that will *b* out in blisters on . . . . . Ex 9:9
continues to *b* out so that the . . . . . Lv 13:12
When it's time to *b* camp, the Levites . . . . Nm 1:51
they will *b* the cow's neck . . . . . Dt 21:4
I will never *b* my covenant with . . . . . Jdg 2:1
In the dark they *b* into houses; they shut . . Job 24:16
b the arms of those who are wicked and . . . Ps 10:15
and a tender tongue can *b* a bone. . . . . Prv 25:15
powerful wind and *b* it into seven . . . . . Is 11:15
On that day I will *b* the bow of Israel in . . . Hos 1:5
and where thieves *b* in and steal them. . . . Mt 6:19
for more things *b* in and choke the . . . . . Mk 4:19

the dawn from heaven will **b** upon us, . . . Lk 1:78
already dead so they didn't **b** his legs. . . . Jn 19:33
of bread that we **b** a sharing in the 1Co 10:16
and you didn't **b** faith with me even. . . . . Rev 2:13

BREAKING

plain, making and **b** camp as he went. . . . . Gn 12:9
thief is caught **b** in and is beaten . . . . . Ex 22:2
by unintentionally **b** any of the. . . . . Lv 4:22
anyone else, thus **b** faith with the . . . . . Nm 5:6
your God's eyes, by **b** God's covenant, ... Dt 17:2
They finally let her go as dawn was **b**. . . . . Jdg 19:25
of the world, **b** the bow and . . . . . Ps 46:9
be destroyed. I'm **b** down its walls, so . . . . . Is 5:5
your disciples are **b** the Sabbath law. . . . . Mt 12:2
Look! Why are they **b** the Sabbath law? . . . . Mk 2:24
said, "Why are you **b** the Sabbath law?" . . . . Lk 6:2
Sabbath without **b** Moses' Law, why . . . . . Jn 7:23
you weeping and **b** my heart? . . . . . Ac 21:13
the Law, do you shame God by **b** the Law? . . Ro 2:23

BREAST

Take the **b** of the ram for Aaron's . . . . . Ex 29:26
the fat with the **b** so that the breast. . . . . Lv 7:30
priest, with the **b** of the uplifted . . . . . Nm 6:20
held him to her **b**, and she became . . . . . Ru 4:16
is stolen from the **b**; the infant of the . . . . Job 24:9
To those who have hardly outgrown the **b**? . . Is 28:9

BREASTS

sea below, blessings from **b** and womb. . . . Gn 49:25
on the animals' **b**, and Aaron. . . . . Lv 9:20
did knees receive me and **b** let me nurse? . . Job 3:12
womb, placing me safely at my mother's **b**. . . Ps 22:9
doe. Let her **b** intoxicate you all . . . . . Prv 5:19
beating your **b** for the pleasant fields, . . . Is 32:12
and adultery from between her **b**, ... Hos 2:2
birth, and the **b** that never nursed . . . . . Lk 23:29

BREATH

and blew life's **b** into his nostrils. . . . . Gn 2:7
With the **b** of your nostrils the waters. . . . Ex 15:8
at the LORD's temple, it took her **b** away. . . 1Ki 10:5
they perish; by a **b** of his nostril . . . . . Job 4:9
starry multitude by the **b** of his mouth. . . . Ps 33:6
The **b** of a person is the lamp of the . . . . . Prv 20:27
his mouth; by the **b** of his lips he . . . . . Is 11:4
will come—the **b** of God rising from . . . . Hos 13:15
who gives life, **b**, and everything . . . . . Ac 17:25
him with the **b** from his mouth. 2Th 2:8
a half days, the **b** of life from God . . . . . Rev 11:11

BRIDE

Make the **b** price and marriage gifts as . . . . Gn 34:12
marry her and pay the **b**-price for her. . . . Ex 22:16
from Lebanon, my **b**—if only you. . . . . Song 4:8
on like ornaments, bind them on like a **b**. . . Is 49:18
leave his room and the **b** her chamber. . . . . Jl 2:16
a bridegroom and **b** will never be . . . . . Rev 18:23

BRINGING

I am now **b** the floodwaters over the . . . . . Gn 6:17
you done to us by **b** us out of Egypt . . . . . Ex 14:11
a flawless male, **b** it to the meeting . . . . . Lv 1:3
Why is the LORD **b** us to this land to fall . . Nm 14:3
LORD your God is **b** you to a wonderful . . . . Dt 8:7
to visit his wife, **b** along a young . . . . . Jdg 15:1
b wars to an end in every corner of the . . . . Ps 46:9
of merchant ships, **b** food from a . . . . . Prv 31:14
Stop **b** worthless offerings. Your incense . . . Is 1:13
a warrior **b** victory. He will. . . . . Zep 3:17
four of them were **b** to him a man who . . . . Mk 2:3
Some men were **b** a man who was paralyzed, . . Lk 5:18
Look! I'm **b** him out to you to . . . . . Jn 19:4
would gather, **b** the sick and those . . . . . Ac 5:16
God has appeared, **b** salvation to all. . . . . Ti 2:11
who bought them, **b** quick destruction 2Pt 2:1

BRINGS

When the LORD **b** you into the land of the. . . Ex 13:11
of bitterness that **b** the curse will be . . . . Nm 5:18
the LORD your God **b** you into the land . . . . Dt 7:1
The LORD! He **b** death, gives life, takes 1Sa 2:6
for wrath **b** punishment by the. . . . . Job 19:29
are the one who **b** me back from the . . . . . Ps 9:13
a foolish child **b** sorrow to his . . . . . Prv 10:1
these? The one who **b** out their. . . . . Is 40:26
The Chaldean **b** all of them up with a . . . . Hab 1:15
Indeed, Father, this **b** you happiness . . . . Mt 11:26
Indeed, Father, this **b** you happiness. . . . . Lk 10:21
say? That God, who **b** wrath upon us, ... Ro 3:5
your confidence—it **b** a great reward. . . . . Heb 10:35

BROKE

Conflicts **b** out between those herding . . . . Gn 13:7
community **b** camp and set out. . . . . Ex 17:1
A fight **b** out between this . . . . . Lv 24:10
their trumpets and **b** their jars . . . . . Jdg 7:20
was there that he **b** the fiery shafts . . . . . Ps 76:3
the day Ephraim **b** away from . . . . . Is 7:17
But like Adam they **b** the covenant . . . . . Hos 6:7
God's house and **b** the law by eating . . . . . Mt 12:4
but he **b** the chains and . . . . . Mk 5:4
He **b** the Law by going into God's house . . . . Lk 6:4
soldiers came and **b** the legs of the . . . . . Jn 19:32
of them all, then **b** it and began to . . . . . Ac 27:35
giving thanks, he **b** it and said, "This 1Co 11:24

BROKEN

from his people. He has **b** my covenant. . . . Gn 17:14
is cooked must be **b**, but if it is . . . . . Lv 6:28
had an affair and has **b** faith with him, . . . Nm 5:12
cow whose neck was **b** in the river . . . . . Dt 21:6
the altar to Baal **b** down, with the . . . . . Jdg 6:28
took a piece of **b** pottery to scratch . . . . . Job 2:8
up like a piece of **b** pottery. My tongue . . . Ps 22:15
they will be quickly **b** beyond healing. . . . Prv 6:15
or sleep; no belt is loose; no sandal **b**; . . . . Is 5:27
because they have **b** my covenant. . . . . Hos 8:1
have allowed his home to be **b** into. . . . . Lk 12:39
of those crucified **b** and the bodies . . . . . Jn 19:31
and the stern was **b** into pieces. . . . . Ac 27:41
the branches were **b** off . . . . . Ro 11:17

BRONZE

all artisans of **b** and iron. . . . . Gn 4:22
it is cooked in a **b** container . . . . . Lv 6:28
priest took the **b** censers presented . . . . . Nm 16:39
will be as hard as **b**; the earth under . . . . Dt 28:23
gold, along with **b** and iron . . . . . Josh 6:19
Is my strength that of rocks, my flesh **b** . . . Job 6:12
for war so my arms can bend a **b** bow. . . . . Ps 18:34
I will shatter **b** doors; I will cut . . . . . Is 45:2
I will make out of **b**. You will crush . . . . . Mi 4:13
of gold, silver, **b**, stone . . . . . Rev 9:20

BROTHER

time to Cain's **b** Abel. Abel cared . . . . . Gn 4:2
What about your **b** Aaron the Levite? . . . . Ex 4:14
Tell your **b** Aaron that he cannot come . . . . Lv 16:2
father, mother, **b**, or sister. . . . . Nm 6:7
Instead, her **b**-in-law should go. . . . . Dt 25:5
of Kenaz, Caleb's **b**, captured it, and . . . . Josh 15:17
I have become a **b** to jackals, a companion . . Job 30:29

a friend or a **b**. I was weighed . . . . . Ps 35:14
him, saying, "My **b**, my sister!" They . . . . Jer 22:18
Say to your **b**, My People, and to your . . . . Hos 2:1
of Zebedee and his **b** John. They were in . . . Mt 4:21
God's will is my **b**, sister, and. . . . . Mk 3:35
over Galilee, his **b** Philip was ruler . . . . . Lk 3:1
Jesus was Andrew, the **b** of Simon Peter. . . . Jn 1:40
on Saul and said, "**b** Saul, the Lord . . . . . Ac 9:17
do you judge your **b** or sister? . . . . . Ro 14:10
neighbor or their **b** or sister, saying, ... Heb 8:11
I, John, your **b** who shares with you in . . . . Rev 1:9

BROTHERS

and told his two **b** who were outside. . . . . Gn 9:22
Joseph, his **b**, and everyone in . . . . . Ex 1:6
with you your **b** from the tribe of. . . . . Nm 18:2
are we doing? Our **b** have made our. . . . . Dt 1:28
my father, mother, **b**, and sisters,. . . . . Josh 2:13
All his **b**, sisters, and acquaintances. . . . . Job 42:11
your name to my **b** and sisters; I . . . . . Ps 22:22
will divide an inheritance with the **b**. . . . . Prv 17:2
grandson, and his **b** and all his sons, ... Jer 35:3
the oldest of twin **b**; as an adult he . . . . . Hos 12:3
Jacob was the father of Judah and his **b**. . . . Mt 1:2
Sea, he saw two **b**, Simon and Andrew. . . . . Mk 1:16
Jesus' mother and **b** came to him but were . . . Lk 8:19
his mother, his **b**, and his disciples . . . . . Jn 2:12
Mary the mother of Jesus, and his **b**. . . . . Ac 1:14
want you to know, **b** and sisters, that . . . . . Ro 1:13
to call them **b** and sisters when. . . . . Heb 2:11
servants and **b** and sisters. . . . . Rev 6:11

BUILD

said, "Come, let's **b** for ourselves a . . . . . Gn 11:4
work. They had to **b** storage cities . . . . . Ex 1:11
said to Balak, "**b** me seven altars . . . . . Nm 23:1
and wonderful towns that you didn't **b**, ... Dt 6:10
b an altar to the LORD your God in the . . . . Jdg 6:26
the poor; stole a house they didn't **b**; . . . . Job 20:19
forever; I will **b** up your throne. . . . . Ps 89:4
quarrel; those who **b** a high doorway . . . . Prv 17:19
a shield. He won't **b** a ramp to besiege. . . . . Is 37:33
thorns; and I will **b** a wall against. . . . . Hos 2:6
Peter. And I'll **b** my church on this . . . . . Mt 16:18
three days I will **b** another, one not . . . . . Mk 14:58
killed the prophets, and you **b** memorials! . Lk 11:48
forty-six years to **b** this temple, and . . . . . Jn 2:20
of house will you **b** for me,' says the. . . . . Ac 7:49
and the things that **b** each other up. . . . . Ro 14:19
you, dear friends: **b** each other up on. . . . . Jud 1:20

BUILDING

the earth, and they stopped **b** the city. . . . . Gn 11:8
to be used for **b** the meeting tent. . . . . Ex 35:21
the LORD by **b** yourselves an. . . . . Josh 22:16
for tearing down and a time for **b** up, ... Ecc 3:3
relatives aren't **b** houses. The city. . . . . Eze 11:3
A day for the **b** of your walls!. . . . . Mi 7:11
It's like a person **b** a house by digging . . . . Lk 6:48
so that I won't be **b** on someone else's. . . . Ro 15:20

BULL

Joseph is a young **b**, a young bull by a . . . . Gn 49:22
Take a young **b** and two flawless . . . . . Ex 29:1
will slaughter the **b** before the LORD. . . . . Lv 1:5
one **b** from the herd, one ram, and one . . . Nm 7:15
A firstborn **b**—that's how majestic he. . . . Dt 33:17
your father's **b** and a second bull . . . . . Jdg 6:25
Their **b** always breeds successfully; their. . . Job 21:10
like a young **b**, makes Sirion jump . . . . . Ps 29:6
there is a strong **b**, there is abundant . . . . Prv 14:4
I knocked down their rulers like a **b**. . . . . Is 10:13
the flock, and **b** calves from the . . . . . Am 6:4

BULLS

forty cows and ten **b**, and twenty female . . Gn 32:15
were twelve **b**, twelve rams, ... Nm 7:87
Lions, **b**, and winged otherworldly 1Ki 7:29
So now, take seven **b** and seven rams, go . . Job 42:8
Many **b** surround me; mighty bulls from . . Ps 22:12
want the blood of **b**, lambs, and goats. . . . . Is 1:11
they sacrifice **b**, so their altars . . . . . Hos 12:11
the city, brought **b** and wreaths to the. . . . Ac 14:13
blood of goats and **b** and the sprinkled . . . Heb 9:13

BURDEN

have placed the **b** of all these. . . . . Nm 11:11
this be a blot or **b** on my master's. 1Sa 25:31
me your target so that I'm a **b** to myself? . . Job 7:20
Cast your **b** on the LORD—he will . . . . . Ps 55:22
They've become a **b** that I'm tired of . . . . Is 1:14
due to the **b** of kings and . . . . . Hos 8:10
yoke is easy to bear, and my **b** is light. . . . Mt 11:30
God by placing a **b** on the shoulders . . . . Ac 15:10
with you, I didn't **b** any of you even. 2Co 11:9
of Satan—I won't **b** you with anything . . . . Rev 2:24

BURIAL

property for a **b** plot among you . . . . . Gn 23:4
was given a decent **b**, however, because . . . 2Ch 22:9
won't join them in **b**, for you destroyed . . . Is 14:20
has anointed my body ahead of time for **b**. . Mk 14:8
preparation for my **b**, and this is how . . . . Jn 12:7

BURIED

in peace and be **b** after a good long . . . . . Gn 15:15
because there they **b** the people who had . . Nm 11:34
Aaron died and was **b**. His son Eleazar . . . Dt 10:6
They **b** him within the border of his own Josh 24:30
wasn't I like a **b** miscarried infant . . . . . Job 3:16
So I went and **b** it at the Euphrates . . . . . Jer 13:5
took his body and **b** it. Then they went . . . Mt 14:12
the mother of Joses saw where he was **b**. . . Mk 15:47
side. The rich man also died and was **b**. . . Lk 16:22
He died and was **b**, and his tomb is . . . . . Ac 2:29
Therefore we were **b** together with him . . . . Ro 6:4

BURN

bush was in flames, but it didn't **b** up. . . . . Ex 3:2
then completely **b** all of it on the . . . . . Lv 1:9
should approach to **b** incense in the. . . . . Nm 16:40
God's anger will **b** against you, and . . . . . Dt 6:15
death by burning. **b** everything that . . . . Josh 7:15
How long will your anger **b** like fire? . . . . . Ps 79:5
the two will **b** together, with no . . . . . Is 1:31
it continues to **b** like a flaming . . . . . Hos 7:6
barn. But he will **b** the husks with a . . . . Mt 3:12
into the Lord's sanctuary and **b** incense. . . . Lk 1:9
better to marry than to **b** with passion. . . . 1Co 7:9
and it was allowed to **b** people with fire. . . Rev 16:8

BURNED

placed entirely **b** offerings on the. . . . . Gn 8:20
and entirely **b** offerings to . . . . . Ex 10:25
is an entirely **b** offering from the . . . . . Lv 1:3
as an entirely **b** offering. He will . . . . . Nm 6:11
I took it and I **b** it with fire. Then . . . . . Dt 9:21
They **b** the city and everything in it. But. . . Josh 6:24
prepared entirely **b** offerings for each . . . . Job 1:5
savor your entirely **b** offerings. Selah . . . . Ps 20:3
into his lap and his clothes not get **b**? . . . Prv 6:27
your cities **b** with fire; your . . . . . Is 1:7
and make entirely **b** offerings on . . . . . Hos 4:13

in bundles to be **b**. But bring the . . . . Mt 13:30
kinds of entirely **b** offerings and . . . . Mk 12:33
gathered up, thrown into a fire, and **b**. . . . Jn 15:6
sorcery texts and **b** them publicly. The . . . Ac 19:19
with females, and **b** with lust for each. . . . Ro 1:27
to being cursed. It ends up being **b**. . . . Heb 6:8
of the earth was **b** up. A third of the . . . . Rev 8:7

BURNING

LORD rained down **b** asphalt from the . . . Gn 19:24
find out why the bush isn't **b** up. . . . . Ex 3:3
until morning, while the fire is kept **b**. . . . Lv 6:9
them into the fire where the cow is **b**. . . . Nm 19:6
be put to death by **b**. Burn everything. . . . Josh 7:15
unleash his **b** anger on them, ... Job 20:23
My insides are **b** up; there's nothing in . . . . Ps 38:7
you will heap **b** coals on their . . . . . Prv 25:22
torches, over the **b** anger of Rezin and . . . . Is 7:4
oven, their hearts **b**. Throughout the . . . . Hos 7:6
throw them into a **b** furnace. . . . . Mt 13:42
passage about the **b** bush, how God said. . . Mk 12:26
passage about the **b** bush, when he . . . . Lk 20:37
John was a **b** and shining lamp, and, at . . . . Jn 5:35
in the flame of a **b** bush in the . . . . . Ac 7:30
you will pile **b** coals of fire upon . . . . . Ro 12:20
judgment and of a **b** fire that's going . . . . Heb 10:27
seven oil lamps **b** on top of seven. . . . . Rev 1:12

BURNS

your hot anger; it **b** them up like straw. . . . Ex 15:7
The person who **b** them must wash their . . . Lv 16:28
A fire **b** in me—it will blaze to the . . . . Dt 32:22
Jeroboam, as one **b** dung until it is 1Ki 14:10
His anger **b** against me; he considers me . . Job 19:11
heavenly forces on the day his anger **b**. . . . Is 13:13
Samaria. My anger **b** against them. . . . . Hos 8:5
of their mouth and **b** up their enemies. . . . Rev 11:5

BURY

you so that I can **b** my deceased wife . . . . Gn 23:4
the tree but must **b** it the same day . . . . Dt 21:23
him and then **b** him. In doing 1Ki 2:31
and there's no one left to **b** them. . . . . Ps 79:3
Lazy people **b** their hand in the bowl; . . . Prv 19:24
Valley. They will **b** in Topheth until . . . . Jer 7:32
them, Memphis will **b** them. Briars will . . . Hos 9:6
Lord, first let me go and **b** my father. . . . Mt 8:21
Lord, first let me go and **b** my father. . . . Lk 9:59

BUSINESS

things, all who do **b** dishonestly, are . . . . Dt 25:16
in Maon who did **b** in Carmel. He was . . . 1Sa 25:2
they won't enjoy the wealth from their **b**. . . Job 20:18
whom you were in **b** from your youth: . . . . Is 47:15
went to work doing **b** with them. He . . . . Mt 25:16
He said, 'Do **b** with this until I . . . . . Lk 19:13
make my Father's house a place of **b**. . . . Jn 2:16
temple, and his **b** generated a lot of . . . . Ac 19:24
my confidence in this **b** of bragging. 2Co 11:17

BUY

travel through it, and **b** property in it. . . . Gn 34:10
When you **b** a male Hebrew slave, he will . . . Ex 21:2
something to or **b** something from . . . . . Lv 25:14
Of course you may **b** food from them with. . . Dt 2:6
you know and say, 'B it, in the . . . . . Ru 4:4
b truth and don't sell it; buy wisdom, ... Prv 23:23
You didn't **b** spices for me with your . . . . Is 43:24
in order to **b** the needy for silver and . . . . Am 8:6
the villages and **b** food for . . . . . Mt 14:15
and villages and **b** something to eat. . . . . Mk 6:36
we go and **b** food for all these . . . . . Lk 9:13
gone into the city to **b** him some food. . . . . Jn 4:8
believed you could **b** God's gift with. . . . . Ac 8:20
happy. Those who **b** something should . . . 1Co 7:30
advice is that you **b** gold from me that . . . . Rev 3:18

C

CAESAR

allow people to pay taxes to **C** or not? . . . Mt 22:17
to pay taxes to **C** or not? Should we . . . . Mk 12:14
In those days **C** Augustus declared that . . . . Lk 2:1
Law, against the temple, or against **C**. . . . Ac 25:8

CAESAREA

to the area of **C** Philippi, he asked . . . . Mt 16:13
the villages near **C** Philippi. On the . . . . Mk 8:27
in all the cities until he reached **C**. . . . . Ac 8:40

CAIN

and gave birth to **C**, and said, "I have . . . Gn 4:1
to God than **C**, which showed that . . . . Heb 11:4

CAKES

baked unleavened **c** from the dough . . . . Ex 12:39
and make it into **c**. It tasted like . . . . . Nm 11:8
one hundred raisin **c**, and two hundred . . . 1Sa 25:18
me with raisin **c**, strengthen me . . . . . Song 2:5
for the raisin **c** of Kir-hareseth. . . . . Is 16:7
turn to other gods and love raisin **c**. . . . . Hos 3:1

CALEB

the tribe of Judah, **C**, Jephunneh's son; . . . Nm 13:6
only exception is **C**, Jephunneh's son. . . . Dt 1:36
approached Joshua. **C** son of Jephunneh . . . Josh 14:6

CALF

female **c**, a three-year-old . . . . . Gn 15:9
image of a bull **c**, and the people . . . . Ex 32:4
made yourselves a **c**, an idol made of . . . . Dt 9:16
had a fattened **c** in the house, and 1Sa 28:24
They made a **c** at Horeb, bowing down to a. . Ps 106:19
with love than a plump **c** with hate. . . . Prv 15:17
young goat; the **c** and the young lion . . . . Is 11:6
Your **c** is rejected, Samaria. My anger . . . . Hos 8:5
Fetch the fattened **c** and slaughter it. We . . Lk 15:23
in the shape of a **c**, offered a . . . . . Ac 7:41

CALL

you will no longer **c** her Sarai. . . . . Gn 17:15
said to you. Don't **c** on the names of . . . . Ex 23:13
Sidonians **c** Hermon "Sirion," but the . . . . Dt 3:9
Ammonites and not **c** us to go with you? . . . Jdg 12:1
c out. Will anyone answer you? To which . . . Job 5:1
him for help, and my **c** reached his ears. . . . Ps 18:6
Then they will **c** me, but I won't answer; . . . Prv 1:28
Doom to those who **c** evil good and good . . . Is 5:20
the LORD, you will **c** me, "My husband," . . . Hos 2:16
her, he decided to **c** off their . . . . . Mt 1:19
I didn't come to **c** righteous people, ... Mk 2:17
father to see what he wanted to **c** him. . . . Lk 1:62
The man they **c** Jesus made mud, ... Jn 9:11
I should never **c** a person impure or. . . . . Ac 10:28
But, if you **c** yourself a Jew; if you rely . . . Ro 2:17
isn't ashamed to **c** them brothers and . . . . Heb 2:11

CALLED

She will be **c** a woman because . . . . . Gn 2:23
the king of Egypt **c** the two midwives . . . . Ex 1:18
Then the LORD **c** to Moses and said to him . . . Lv 1:1
of that place was **c** Taberah, because . . . . Nm 11:3
But the Moabites **c** them "Emim." . . . . Dt 2:11
Joshua **c** for the twelve men he had. . . . . Josh 4:4

to friends who **c** to God and he . . . . . Job 12:4
out to the LORD; I **c** to my God for . . . . . Ps 18:6
skilled mind is **c** discerning, and . . . . . Prv 16:21
this you will be **c** Righteous City, ... Is 1:26
I loved him, and out of Egypt I **c** my son. . . Hos 11:1
whom Jesus was born, who is **c** the Christ. . . Mt 1:16
very moment he **c** them. They . . . . . Mk 1:20
and he will be **c** the Son of the . . . . . Lk 1:32
John. You will be **c** Cephas. . . . . Jn 1:42
Jerusalem, so they **c** that field in . . . . . Ac 1:19
of Christ Jesus, **c** to be an apostle . . . . . Ro 1:1
as long as it's **c** "today," so that . . . . . Heb 3:13
was on the island **c** Patmos because of . . . . Rev 1:9

CALLING

us this way by not **c** us when you went . . . . Jdg 8:1
are eating bread but never **c** on the LORD? . . Ps 14:4
sabbath, and the **c** of an assembly . . . . . Is 1:13
But now I am **c** them from the places where . . . Jl 3:7
in the marketplaces **c** out to others, ... Mt 11:16
in the wilderness **c** for people to be . . . . . Mk 1:4
the Jordan River, **c** for people to be . . . . . Lk 3:3
The teacher is here and he's **c** for you. . . . Jn 11:28
After **c** the apostles back, they had them . . . Ac 5:40
God's gifts and **c** can't be taken back . . . . Ro 11:29
in the heavenly **c**, think about . . . . . Heb 3:1
out of the temple, **c** in a loud voice to . . . . Rev 14:15

CALLS

lie down. If he **c** you, say 'Speak, ... 1Sa 3:9
power! If justice—who **c** God to meet me? . Job 9:19
God **c** out to the skies above and to the . . . . Ps 50:4
noisy crowd, she **c** out. At the . . . . . Prv 1:21
that this people **c** conspiracy. . . . . Is 8:12
But everyone who **c** on the LORD's name . . . Jl 2:32
If David **c** him Lord, how can he be . . . . . Mt 22:45
David himself **c** him 'Lord,' so how can he . . Mk 12:37
arrives home, he **c** together his. . . . . Lk 15:6
to his voice. He **c** his own sheep by . . . . . Jn 10:3
And everyone who **c** on the name of the. . . . Ac 2:21
to the dead and **c** things that don't . . . . . Ro 4:17
Jezebel, who **c** herself a prophet. . . . . Rev 2:20

CALM

off the earth'? **c** down your fierce . . . . . Ex 32:12
you **c** the roaring seas; calm the roaring . . . . Ps 65:7
but patient people **c** down strife. . . . . Prv 15:18
The **c** words of the wise are better heeded . . . Ecc 9:17
careful and stay **c**. Don't fear, and . . . . . Is 7:4
sea will become **c** around us?. . . . . Jon 1:11
and the lake, and there was a great **c**. . . . . Mt 8:26
settled down and there was a great **c**. . . . . Mk 4:39
waves. The storm died down and it was **c**. . . . Lk 8:24
you must **c** down.. . . . . Ac 19:36

CALVES

take any of their **c** that are following 1Sa 6:7
of bulls among the **c** of the peoples.. . . . . Ps 68:30
like the desert. **c** graze there; they . . . . . Is 27:10
these," they say. People are kissing **c**! . . . . Hos 13:2
blood of goats or **c**, securing our . . . . . Heb 9:12

CAMELS

women servants, female donkeys, and **c**. . . . Gn 12:16
horses, donkeys, **c**, cattle, and . . . . . Ex 9:3
them or their **c**. They came into . . . . . Jdg 6:5
three thousand **c**, five hundred. . . . . Job 1:3
Countless **c** will cover your land, young . . . Is 60:6
the horses, mules, **c**, donkeys, and any . . . Zec 14:15

CAMP

plain, making and breaking **c** as he went. . . . Gn 12:9
back and set up **c** in front of . . . . . Ex 14:2
outside the **c**, to the ash heap. . . . . Lv 4:12
ceremonies, and **c** around the . . . . . Nm 1:50
where you should **c**, in fire by night, ... Dt 1:33
Go through the **c** and give orders to the . . . Josh 1:11
ramp against me; they **c** around my tent. . . . Job 19:12
Let their **c** be devastated; let no one . . . . Ps 69:25
the pass: "We'll **c** at Geba!" Ramah . . . . Is 10:29
the stink of your **c** go up into your . . . . . Am 4:10
their bodies are burned outside the **c**. . . . Heb 13:11
the saints' **c**, the city that God . . . . . Rev 20:9

CAMPED

away from there, **c** in the valley of . . . . . Gn 26:17
journey, as they **c** overnight, the . . . . . Ex 4:24
Moses: they **c** under their . . . . . Nm 2:34
When you are **c** in battle against your . . . . Dt 23:9
first month. They **c** at Gilgal on the . . . . Josh 4:19
of his army. He **c** beside the city . . . . . Jer 52:4

CAMPS

He established **c** from Havilah to Shur, . . . Gn 25:18
the center of the **c**. They will march . . . . Nm 2:17
Then he and Samuel went to stay in the **c**. . . 1Sa 19:18
If an army **c** against me, my heart won't. . . . Ps 27:3
ramps, set up army **c**, and place . . . . . Eze 4:2
any cattle in those **c** during this plague. . . . Zec 14:15

CANAAN

said, "Cursed be **C**: the lowest . . . . . Gn 9:25
them the land of **C** where they lived . . . . . Ex 6:4
enter the land of **C**, which I am giving. . . . Lv 14:34
the land of **C**, which I'm giving . . . . . Nm 13:2
at the land of **C**, which I'm giving. . . . . Dt 32:49
year they ate the crops of the land of **C**. . . . Josh 5:12
you the land of **C** as your allotted. . . . . Ps 105:11
the language of **C** and swear loyalty . . . . . Is 19:18
is against you, **C**, land of the . . . . . Zep 2:5
upon all Egypt and **C**, and great . . . . . Ac 7:11

CANAANITE

After this the **C** clans were . . . . . Gn 10:18
and Shaul, a **C** woman's son. These . . . . . Ex 6:15
When the **C** king of Arad, who ruled in the . . Nm 21:1
Jordan and all the **C** kings near the sea . . . Josh 5:1
the king of Bashan, and all the **C** kings. . . . Ps 135:11
A **C** woman from those territories came out . Mt 15:22

CANAANITES

oak of Moreh. The **C** lived in the land . . . . Gn 12:6
a place where the **C**, the Hittites, the . . . . . Ex 3:8
mountains; and the **C** live by the sea . . . . Nm 13:29
land of the **C**—and the Lebanon . . . . . Dt 1:7
remove the **C**, Hittites, ... Josh 3:10
the land of the **C** as far as . . . . . Obad 1:20

CAPERNAUM

and settled in **C**, which lies . . . . . Mt 4:13
went into **C**. Immediately on . . . . . Mk 1:21
hometown what we've heard you did in **C**.' . . Lk 4:23
went down to **C** and stayed there . . . . . Jn 2:12

CAPTIVE

against Israel and took some of them **c**. . . . Nm 21:1
land they are held **c**, changing their 1Ki 8:47
his power be held **c**, let his glory go . . . . Ps 78:61
bonds from your neck, **c** Daughter Zion! . . . Is 52:2
trap that holds them **c** to do his will. 2Ti 2:26
are to be taken **c**, then into . . . . . Rev 13:10

CAPTIVES

his daughters as **c** to the Amorite. . . . . Nm 21:29
you see among the **c** a beautiful woman,. . . Dt 21:11

and goats, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 **c**. . . 1Ch 5:21
leading away your **c**, receiving tribute . . . . Ps 68:18
land, making **c** of their captors . . . . . Is 14:2
toward the desert. He takes **c** like sand. . . . Hab 1:9
be taken away as **c** among all nations. . . . . Lk 21:24

CAPTIVITY

had come from the **c** to Jerusalem . . . . . Ezr 3:8
burden, but they themselves go into **c**. . . . . Is 46:2
she went into **c**. Indeed, her . . . . . Na 3:10
captive, then into **c** they will go. If . . . . . Rev 13:10

CAPTURE

can overpower us, **c** us, make slaves of . . . Gn 43:18
Arise, Barak! **c** your prisoners, ... Jdg 5:12
to have self-control than to **c** a city. . . . . Prv 16:32
tear it apart, **c** it for ourselves, ... Is 7:6
of God. They **c** every thought to 2Co 10:5

CAPTURED

relative had been **c**, he took all of . . . . . Gn 14:14
to Jazer. They **c** its villages and . . . . . Nm 21:32
At that time, we **c** all of Sihon's cities, ... Dt 2:34
straight ahead. They **c** the city. . . . . Josh 6:20
speak, let them be **c** in their pride. . . . . Ps 59:12
You have **c** my heart, my sister, my bride! . . Song 4:9
and fall, and be broken, snared, and **c**. . . . . Is 8:15
the city will be **c**, the houses will . . . . . Zec 14:2
to the heights, he **c** prisoners, and he . . . . . Eph 4:8
gave him a tenth of everything he **c**. . . . . Heb 7:4

CARE

of Eden to farm it and to take **c** of it. . . . . Gn 2:15
Moses was taking **c** of the flock for his . . . . Ex 3:1
I have to take **c** to speak whatever . . . . . Nm 23:12
bring to me and I will take **c** of it. . . . . Dt 1:17
but let me take **c** of all your needs. . . . . Jdg 19:20
pity and doesn't **c**, pours my gall on. . . . . Job 16:13
takes personal **c** of the faithful. . . . . Ps 4:3
The righteous **c** about their livestock's . . . Prv 12:10
land is desolate, and no one seems to **c**. . . . Jer 12:11
forces says: I **c** passionately about . . . . . Zec 1:14
him, and angels came and took **c** of him. . . . Mt 4:11
animals, and the angels took **c** of him. . . . Mk 1:13
took him to an inn, and took **c** of him. . . . Lk 10:34
Jesus said to him, "Take **c** of my sheep." . . Jn 21:16
place them in the **c** and under the . . . . . Ac 4:35
I couldn't **c** less if I'm judged by you or 1Co 4:3
is the human being that you **c** about them? . . Heb 2:6
she will be taken **c** of for one. . . . . Rev 12:6

CARMEL

Kedesh one the king of Jokneam in **C** one Josh 12:22
you like Mount **C**, and your hair, ... Song 7:5
and Bashan and **C** were dropping. . . . . Is 33:9
wither, and the top of **C** dries up. . . . . Am 1:2

CARRY

Joseph had sent to **c** him, Jacob . . . . . Gn 45:27
of you, you must **c** my bones out of . . . . . Ex 13:19
and told them, "Go **c** your relatives out . . . . Lv 10:4
to it. They will **c** the dwelling and. . . . . Nm 1:50
tribe of Levi to **c** the chest . . . . . Dt 10:8
the priests who **c** the covenant . . . . . Josh 3:8
secure, who **c** God in their hands. . . . . Job 12:6
Shepherd them and **c** them for all time! . . . . Ps 28:9
their prey, and **c** it off, with no . . . . . Is 5:29
no children to **c** on your name. . . . . Na 1:14
I'm not worthy to **c** his sandals. . . . . Mt 3:11
They couldn't **c** him through the crowd, so. . . Mk 2:4
and he has blessed the child you **c**. . . . . Lk 1:42
you aren't allowed to **c** your mat. . . . . Jn 5:10
at the door. They will **c** you out too. . . . . Ac 5:9
put in place to **c** out his punishment . . . . . Ro 13:4
God moved them to **c** out his purposes. . . . Rev 17:17

CART

So get a new **c** ready along with two. 1Sa 6:7
fraud, and haul sin as if with **c** ropes, ... Is 5:18
you, just like a **c** is weighed down. . . . . Am 2:13

CARVED

must not place any **c** stone in your . . . . . Lv 26:1
destroy all their **c** figures. . . . . Nm 33:52
of acacia wood and **c** two stone tablets . . . . Dt 10:3
turned back at the **c** stones near . . . . . Jdg 3:19
be like pillars **c** to decorate a . . . . . Ps 144:12
her house; she has **c** out her seven . . . . . Prv 9:1
She saw men **c** in wall reliefs, ... Eze 23:14
built houses of **c** stone, but you . . . . . Am 5:11
tomb, which he had **c** out of the rock. . . . . Mt 27:60
tomb that had been **c** out of rock. . . . . Mk 15:46
laid it in a tomb **c** out of the rock, ... Lk 23:53
brought death was **c** in letters on 2Co 3:7

CAST

c four gold rings for it and put them on . . . Ex 25:12
Aaron will **c** lots over the two goats: one. . . . Lv 16:8
destroy all their **c** images. You will . . . . . Nm 33:52
made themselves an idol out of **c** metal. . . . Dt 9:12
to me. Then I will **c** the lot for you . . . . . Josh 18:6
early grapes and **c** off their blossoms . . . . Job 15:33
themselves; they **c** lots for my . . . . . Ps 22:18
It's useless to **c** a net in the sight of a . . . . Prv 1:17
But you are **c** away from your own grave. . . . Is 14:19
the lily, he will **c** out his roots like . . . . . Hos 14:5
one eye than to be **c** into a burning . . . . . Mt 18:9
They **c** out many demons, and they anointed. . Mk 6:13
No, you will be **c** down to the place . . . . . Lk 10:15
not tear it. Let's **c** lots to see who. . . . . Jn 19:24
When they **c** lots, the lot fell on . . . . . Ac 1:26
body that **c** the shadow is . . . . . Col 2:17
they sinned but **c** them into the 2Pt 2:4
deceived by the spell you **c**, and because . . Rev 18:23

CATCH

after the men and **c** up with them! . . . . . Gn 44:4
is too far—might **c** and kill him even . . . . Dt 19:6
after them! You might **c** up with them. . . . Josh 2:5
He doesn't let me **c** my breath, for he . . . . Job 9:18
not only chase but **c** me, trampling my . . . . Ps 7:5
You can **c** lizards in your hand, but they . . . Prv 30:28
though you didn't **c** them breaking and . . . Jer 2:34
but she won't **c** up with them; she . . . . . Hos 2:7
the first fish you **c**. When you open its . . . Mt 17:27
deep water, and drop your nets for a **c**. . . . . Lk 5:4
the foresail to **c** the wind and made . . . . . Ac 27:40
so the day won't **c** you by surprise 1Th 5:4

CATTLE

acquired flocks, **c**, male donkeys, men. . . . Gn 12:16
horses, donkeys, camels, **c**, and flocks. . . . . Ex 9:3
the LORD, and the **c** of the Levites in . . . . Nm 3:41
offspring of your **c** and flocks . . . . . Dt 7:13
children, and **c** may remain in the . . . . . Josh 1:14
announces it; even **c** proclaim its . . . . . Job 36:33
all sheep and all **c**, the wild animals . . . . . Ps 8:7
places where **c** are turned loose. . . . . Is 7:25
sheep and their **c** they will go to . . . . . Hos 5:6
and the fattened **c**. Now everything's . . . . Mt 22:4
who were selling **c**, sheep, and doves, ... Jn 2:14
flour, and wheat; **c**, sheep, horses, ... Rev 18:13

CAUSE

of Egypt. It will **c** skin sores that . . . Ex 9:9
person that would **c** them to trip. . . . Lv 19:14
in hand that could **c** death and he dies, . . . Nm 35:17
This would **c** something wet to . . . . . Dt 29:19
thought; she'll **c** him problems, and. . . . 1Sa 18:21
of your hands and **c** the purpose of . . . . Job 10:3
The trouble they **c** will come back on . . . . Ps 7:16
The empty-headed **c** conflict out of pride; . . Prv 13:10
and the widow's **c** never reaches them. . . . Is 1:23
since you're the **c** of this evil . . . . . Jon 1:8
all things that **c** people to fall . . . . . Mt 13:41
assigned to be the **c** of the falling and . . . . Lk 2:34
I will **c** wonders to occur in the heavens . . . . Ac 2:19
or else I may **c** my brother or. 1Co 8:13
up that might **c** trouble and . . . . . Heb 12:15
even speak and **c** anyone who didn't . . . . Rev 13:15

CAUSED

loyal to him. He **c** the jail's . . . . . Gn 39:21
in the air, and it **c** skin sores and . . . . . Ex 9:10
had returned and **c** the entire . . . . . Nm 14:36
the LORD had **c** a rupture in the . . . . . Jdg 21:15
without payment and **c** its owners grief, . . Job 31:39
with the trouble their own lips **c**! . . . . . Ps 140:9
She has **c** many corpses to fall; she has . . . Prv 7:26
Certainly the LORD **c** her grief because . . . Lam 1:5
the path. You have **c** many to stumble by . . . Mal 2:8
not! But sin **c** my death through . . . . . Ro 7:13

CAVALRY

chariots, his **c**, and his army . . . . . Ex 14:9
chariots and his **c** and as runners for 1Sa 8:11
Charging **c**, flashing sword, and . . . . . Na 3:3
The number of **c** troops was two hundred . . Rev 9:16

CAVE

he and his two daughters lived in a **c**. . . . Gn 19:30
kings fled and hid in the **c** at Makkedah. Josh 10:16
from Saul into the **c**.] Have mercy on . . . . Ps 57:1
them down on every mountain, hill, and **c**. . Jer 16:16
the tomb. It was a **c**, and a stone . . . . . Jn 11:38

CEDAR

has planted, like **c** trees next to . . . . . Nm 24:6
to David with **c** logs, bricklayers, ... 2Sa 5:11
his tail like a **c**; the tendons in . . . . . Job 40:17
voice breaks **c** trees—yes, the . . . . . Ps 29:5
in the desert **c**, acacia, myrtle, ... Is 41:19
was as tall as **c** trees, and whose . . . . . Am 2:9

CELEBRATE

to eat and drink and then got up to **c**. . . . Ex 32:6
which you will **c** at their appointed . . . . Lv 23:4
work. You will **c** a festival to the . . . . . Nm 29:12
and you will **c** all you have done . . . . Dt 12:7
daughters of the uncircumcised will **c**. . . . 2Sa 1:20
take refuge in you **c**. Let them sing out . . . . Ps 5:11
You will no longer **c**, violated virgin . . . . Is 23:12
Israel! Don't **c** as other nations . . . . . Hos 9:1
you in charge of much. Come, **c** with me.' . . Mt 25:21
saying to them, 'c with me because . . . . . Lk 15:6
sow and those who harvest can **c** together. . . Jn 4:36
it, and began to **c** what they had made . . . . Ac 7:41
so let's **c** the feast with the unleavened . . . 1Co 5:8
them. They will **c** and give each . . . . . Rev 11:10

CELEBRATED

in Gilgal. They **c** Passover on the . . . . . Josh 5:10
I stumbled, they **c** and gathered . . . . . Ps 35:15
and relatives **c** with her because . . . . . Lk 1:58

CELEBRATION

you off with a **c**, with songs and . . . . . Gn 31:27
fruit will be holy, a **c** for the LORD. . . . . Lv 19:24
day will be a **c** for the LORD your . . . . . Dt 16:8
out, and had a **c**. They entered . . . . . Jdg 9:27
presence is total **c**. Beautiful things . . . . Ps 16:11
I can't stand wickedness with **c**! . . . . . Is 1:13
from a wedding **c**, who can. . . . . Lk 12:36
his disciples were also invited to the **c**. . . . Jn 2:2

CENSUS

When you take a **c** of the Israelites to . . . . Ex 30:12
Take a **c** of the entire Israelite . . . . . Nm 1:2
and take a **c** of the people so I 2Sa 24:2
at the time of the **c**, Judas the . . . . . Ac 5:37

CENTURION

Jesus went to Capernaum, a **c** approached, . . Mt 8:5
When the **c**, who stood facing Jesus, saw . . Mk 15:39
A **c** had a servant who was very important. . . Lk 7:2
named Cornelius, a **c** in the Italian . . . . . Ac 10:1

CHAINS

along with two **c** of pure gold, twisted. . . . Ex 28:14
him with bronze **c**, and he worked the . . . Jdg 16:21
you bind Pleiades' **c** or loosen the. . . . . Job 38:31
off their ropes and throw off their **c**! . . . . Ps 2:3
the splendid ankle **c**; headbands and . . . . Is 3:18
his yoke from you and tear off your **c**. . . . Na 1:13
with leg irons and **c**, but he broke the . . . . Mk 5:4
with leg irons and **c** and placed under . . . . Lk 8:29
has poisoned you and evil has you in **c**. . . . Ac 8:23
an ambassador in **c** for the sake of . . . . Eph 6:20
they were even put in **c** and in prison. . . . Heb 11:36

CHALDEA

a throne, Daughter **C**, because they will . . . . Is 47:1

CHALDEAN

The LORD sent **C**, Aramean, Moabite, and . . . 2Ki 24:2
to teach them the **C** language and its . . . . Dn 1:4
The **C** is dreadful and fearful. He makes . . . Hab 1:7

CHALDEANS

Terah in his native land, in Ur of the **C**. . . . Gn 11:28
king's garden. The **C** were surrounding . . . 2Ki 25:4
arrived and said: "**C** set up three . . . . . Job 1:17
at the land of the **C**, the people who . . . . Is 23:13
about to rouse the **C**, that bitter and . . . . Hab 1:6
the land of the **C** and settled in. . . . . Ac 7:4

CHAMBERS

the grave, going down to the **c** of death. . . . Prv 7:27
me into his **c**, saying, "Let's . . . . . Song 1:4
and his upper **c** with injustice, ... Jer 22:13

CHANGED

cheated me and **c** my payment ten . . . . . Gn 31:7
and his officials **c** their minds about . . . . Ex 14:5
infection has not **c** its appearance, ... Lv 13:55
the land. Moses **c** the name of . . . . . Nm 13:16
when they had just **c** the guards. Then . . . Jdg 7:19
Then the LORD **c** Job's fortune when he . . . Job 42:10
You **c** my mourning into dancing. You took . . Ps 30:11
people because they haven't **c** their ways. . . Jer 15:7
then the people **c** their hearts, and . . . . Zec 1:6
shows you have **c** your hearts and . . . . . Mt 3:8
hearts had been **c** so that they . . . . . Mk 6:52
shows you have **c** your hearts and . . . . . Lk 3:8
The sun will be **c** into darkness, and the . . . Ac 2:20
circumcised has **c** into not being . . . . . Ro 2:25
coat. They will be **c** like a person . . . . . Heb 1:12

CHARGE

that they may take **c** of the fish of the. . . . Gn 1:26
don't be a creditor and **c** them interest. . . . Ex 22:25
those who were in **c** of the enlistment. . . . Nm 7:2
Don't **c** your fellow Israelites. . . . . Dt 23:19
grandson, was in **c** of ministering. . . . . Jdg 20:28
and levels a **c** against his angels, ... Job 4:18
With you I can **c** into battle; with my God . . .Ps 18:29
hard worker is in **c**, while a lazy one. . . . . Prv 12:24
Shebna, who is in **c** of the house, and . . . . . Is 22:15
Level a **c** against your mother; plead with . . . Hos 2:2
master puts in **c** of giving food at. . . . . Mt 24:45
the servants in **c**, giving each one a . . . . . Mk 13:34
master will put in **c** of his household . . . . Lk 12:42
and asked, "What **c** do you bring . . . . . Jn 18:29
We will put them in **c** of this concern. . . . . Ac 6:3
already stated the **c**: both Jews and . . . . . Ro 3:9
people and put in **c** of things that. . . . . Heb 5:1

CHARIOT

put Joseph on the **c** of his . . . . . Gn 41:43
So he sent for his **c** and took his army. . . . . Ex 14:6
got down from his **c** and fled on foot. . . . . Jdg 4:15
Jacob's God, both **c** and horse were . . . . . Ps 76:6
she had set me in an official's **c**! . . . . . Song 6:12
who brings out **c** and horse, army and. . . . . Is 43:17
the horses to the **c**, inhabitants of . . . . . Mi 1:13

CHARIOTS

Even **c** and horsemen went with him; it was . . Gn 50:9
six hundred elite **c** and all of Egypt's . . . . . Ex 14:7
to its horses and **c**—how he made the. . . . . Dt 11:4
There were very many horses and **c**. . . . . Josh 11:4
people trust in **c**, others in horses; . . . . . Ps 20:7
my dearest, as a mare among Pharaoh's **c**! . . Song 1:9
with horses; they have countless **c**. . . . . Is 2:7
the rumbling of **c**. They leap on the . . . . . Jl 2:5
the sound of many **c** and horses racing . . . . Rev 9:9

CHASE

you go, he'll eagerly **c** you out of here. . . . . Ex 11:1
You will **c** your enemies, and they will. . . . . Lv 26:7
you like bees give **c**! They gave you a . . . . . Dt 1:44
men went. Hurry! **c** after them! You . . . . . Josh 2:5
Save me from all who **c** me! Rescue me! . . . . . Ps 7:1
so I will suddenly **c** down Edom and . . . . . Jer 49:19
your synagogues and **c** from city to city. . . . Mt 23:34
Don't **c** after what you will eat and what. . . . Lk 12:29
and do good; seek peace and **c** after it. 1Pt 3:11

CHASED

attacked, and **c** them to Hobah . . . . . Gn 14:15
along and rudely **c** them away. Moses . . . . . Ex 2:17
in battle. They **c** you like bees give . . . . . Dt 1:44
men from Jericho **c** after them in the . . . . . Josh 2:7
I **c** my enemies and caught them! I didn't . . . Ps 18:37
Babylonian army **c** them down and . . . . . Jer 39:5
because he **c** after his brother . . . . . Am 1:11
from ropes and **c** them all out of . . . . . Jn 2:15
to the earth, he **c** the woman who had . . . Rev 12:13

CHASING

will run away even when no one is **c** you. . . . Lv 26:17
As soon as those **c** them went out, the . . . . Josh 2:7
messenger be the one who does the **c**! . . . . Ps 35:6
everything is pointless, a **c** after wind. . . . . Ecc 1:14
rest. All who were **c** her caught . . . . . Lam 1:3
here!' Don't leave or go **c** after them. . . . . Lk 17:23

CHEMOSH

people of **C**! He gave his sons. . . . . Nm 21:29
you possess what **C** your god has given . . . Jdg 11:24
will be captured. **C** will go into . . . . . Jer 48:7

CHEST

setting in the priest's vest and **c** piece. . . . . Ex 25:7
Moses placed the **c** piece on Aaron and . . . . Lv 8:8
for the **c**, the table, the . . . . . Nm 3:31
to me. Construct a wooden **c** as well. . . . . Dt 10:1
LORD your God's **c** containing the . . . . . Josh 3:3
heart pounds in my **c** because death's . . . . Ps 55:4
LORD's covenant **c**; they won't recall . . . . Jer 3:16
and new things out of their treasure **c**. . . . Mt 13:52
he struck his **c** and said, 'God, ... Lk 18:13
incense and the **c** containing the . . . . . Heb 9:4
and he had a gold sash around his **c**. . . . . Rev 1:13

CHIEF

Esau's oldest son: **C** Teman, Chief Omar, . . . Gn 36:15
God, and don't curse your people's **c**. . . . . Ex 22:28
units. The **c** of the people of . . . . . Nm 2:3
from Hachmon was **c** of the Three. He. . . . 2Sa 23:8
These were the **c** officers over Solomon's. . . .1Ki 9:23
their path, sat as **c**. I lived like a . . . . . Job 29:25
The **c** of Aram is Damascus; the chief of . . . . Is 7:8
son, and to the **C** Priest Joshua, ... Hg 2:2
gathered all the **c** priests and the . . . . . Mt 2:4
by the elders, **c** priests, and the. . . . . Mk 8:31
the elders, **c** priests, and the . . . . . Lk 9:22
Jesus, and the **c** priests and . . . . . Jn 7:32
everything the **c** priests and elders . . . . . Ac 4:23
And when the **c** shepherd appears, you will . . 1Pt 5:4

CHIEFS

are the tribal **c** from Esau's sons. . . . . Gn 36:15
Then Edom's tribal **c** were terrified; . . . . . Ex 15:15
the community, **c** of their ancestral . . . . . Nm 1:16
all the **c** of your tribes and . . . . . Dt 5:23
leaders, and the **c** of Israel's clans. 1Ki 8:1
the tribal **c** have led Egypt . . . . . Is 19:13
Mount Samaria, the **c** of the nations, to. . . . Am 6:1

CHILD

given me another **c** in place of Abel . . . . . Gn 4:25
tar. She put the **c** in the basket and . . . . . Ex 2:3
woman conceives a **c** and gives birth to . . . . Lv 12:2
an unweaned **c**,' to the fertile . . . . . Nm 11:12
carried you just as a parent carries a **c**. . . . Dt 1:31
them their oldest **c**. Setting up its . . . . Josh 6:26
a human, a worm, a person's **c**, a grub. . . . Job 25:6
woman's stillborn **c**, let them never. . . . . Ps 58:8
of Solomon: A wise **c** makes a father . . . . .Prv 10:1
A **c** is born to us, a son is given to us, ... Is 9:6
When Israel was a **c**, I loved him, and . . . . Hos 11:1
wife, because the **c** she carries was . . . . . Mt 1:20
to the paralytic, "**c**, your sins are . . . . . Mk 2:5
greeting, the **c** leaped in her . . . . . Lk 1:41
come. But when the **c** is born, she no . . . . Jn 16:21
even though Abraham had no **c**. . . . . Ac 7:5
to her: The older **c** will be a slave to . . . . . Ro 9:12
ability to have a **c**, though she . . . . . Heb 11:11
she gave birth, he might devour her **c**. . . . Rev 12:4

CHILDREN

pain you will bear **c**. You will desire . . . . . Gn 3:16
This must be one of the Hebrews' **c**. . . . . Ex 2:6
both you and your **c** as a permanent . . . . Lv 10:15
Our wives and our **c** will be taken by . . . . Nm 14:3
on to him and his **c** for this reason: . . . . . Dt 1:36
Your wives, **c**, and cattle may remain in . . . Josh 1:14
and purify his **c**. Getting up early. . . . . Job 1:5
ones; let their **c** be filled full so . . . . . Ps 17:14
Hear, **c**, fatherly instruction; pay . . . . . Prv 4:1
spoken: I reared **c**; I raised them, ... Is 1:2

and have **c** of prostitution, . . . Hos 1:2
kill all the male **c** in Bethlehem and . . . Mt 2:16
He responded, "The **c** have to be fed. . . . Mk 7:27
They had no **c** because Elizabeth was . . . Lk 1:7
name, he authorized to become God's **c**, . . Jn 1:12
is for you, your **c**, and for all who . . . . Ac 2:39
are adopted as his **c**. With this Spirit, . . . Ro 8:15
Here I am with the **c** whom God has given . . Heb 2:13
will even put her **c** to death with . . . . . Rev 2:23

CHOICE

some of the land's **c** produce, and bring . . . Gn 43:11
must be of **c** flour. They must . . . . . Lv 2:1
All the **c** oil, new wine, and the grain's. . . . Nm 18:12
This is what the LORD says: Take your **c**: . . 1Ch 21:11
silver, knowledge rather than **c** gold. . . . . Prv 8:10
feast, a feast of **c** wines, of select . . . . . Is 25:6
Though they offer **c** sacrifices, though. . . . Hos 8:13
not by its own **c**—it was the choice . . . . . Ro 8:20

CHOOSE

that you won't **c** a wife for my son . . . . . Gn 24:3
said to Joshua, "**c** some men for us . . . . . Ex 17:9
the common people **c** to look the other . . . . Lv 20:4
of the person I **c** will sprout. Then . . . . . Nm 17:5
of your tribes, **c** wise, discerning, ... Dt 1:13
wherever God would **c**. That is still the . . . Josh 9:27
I would **c** strangling and death instead of . . Job 7:15
is the one you **c** to bring close, ... Ps 65:4
and didn't **c** the fear of the. . . . . Prv 1:29
and learn to reject evil and **c** good. . . . . Is 7:15
and they will **c** one head. . . . . Hos 1:11
one prisoner, whomever they might **c**. . . . Mt 27:15
replied, "Didn't I **c** you twelve? . . . . . Jn 6:70
sisters, carefully **c** seven . . . . . Ac 6:3
on whomever I **c** to have mercy, and . . . . Ro 9:15

CHOSE

were, so they married the ones they **c**. . . . Gn 6:2
Moses **c** capable persons from all Israel . . . Ex 18:25
your ancestors and **c** their descendants . . . Dt 4:37
up to Ai. Joshua **c** thirty thousand . . . . . Josh 8:3
Instead, he **c** the tribe of Judah, the . . . . Ps 78:68
embarrassed by the gardens you once **c**. . . . Is 1:29
is because Ephraim **c** to pursue. . . . . Hos 5:11
my Servant whom I **c**, the one I love, . . . Mt 12:18
the ones whom God **c**, he has cut short . . . Mk 13:20
his disciples. He **c** twelve of them. . . . . Lk 6:13
choose me, but I **c** you and appointed . . . Jn 15:16
witnesses whom God **c** beforehand, who . . Ac 10:41
But God **c** what the world considers. 1Co 1:27
He **c** to be mistreated with God's people. . . Heb 11:25

CHOSEN

Look, I have **c** Bezalel, Uri's son and . . . . Ex 31:2
of the community, **c** by the assembly, ... Nm 16:2
that you have **c** to serve the . . . . . Josh 24:22
evil because you've **c** it over affliction. . . . Job 36:21
that God has **c** as his possession, ... Ps 33:12
Jacob, whom I have **c**, offspring of . . . . . Is 41:8
because I have **c** you, says the LORD . . . . . Hg 2:23
are invited, but few people are **c**. . . . . Mt 22:14
the sake of the **c** ones, the ones . . . . . Mk 13:20
service, he was **c** by lottery to go . . . . . Lk 1:9
those whom I've **c**. But this is to . . . . . Jn 13:18
Jesus instructed the apostles he had **c**. . . . Ac 1:2
Those who were **c** found it, but the . . . . . Ro 11:7
listen! Hasn't God **c** those who are poor . . . Jas 2:5
with him are called, **c**, and faithful. . . . . Rev 17:14

CHRIST

ancestors of Jesus **C**, son of David, son . . . . Mt 1:1
the good news about Jesus **C**, God's Son, . . . Mk 1:1
today in David's city. He is **C** the Lord. . . . . Lk 2:11
truth came into being through Jesus **C**. . . . . Jn 1:17
resurrection of **C**, that he wasn't . . . . . Ac 2:31
Paul, a slave of **C** Jesus, called to . . . . . Ro 1:1
are partners with **C**, but only if we . . . . . Heb 3:14
of Jesus **C**, which God gave . . . . . Rev 1:1

CHURCH

And I'll build my **c** on this rock. The. . . . . Mt 16:18
seized the whole **c** and all who heard . . . . . Ac 5:11
who is a deacon of the **c** in Cenchreae. . . . . Ro 16:1
the elders of the **c**, and the elders. . . . . Jas 5:14
the angel of the **c** in Ephesus: These. . . . . Rev 2:1

CHURCHES

Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the **c**. . . . Ac 15:41
them, but all the **c** of the Gentiles do . . . . Ro 16:4
John, to the seven **c** that are in Asia: . . . . Rev 1:4

CIRCUMCISED

generation must be **c**, including those. . . . Gn 17:12
been bought may eat it after he's been **c**. . . Ex 12:44
flesh of the boy's foreskin must be **c**. . . . . Lv 12:3
for himself. He **c** the Israelites at . . . . . Josh 5:3
deal with everyone who is physically **c**: . . . . Jer 9:25
Jesus' parents **c** him and gave him . . . . . Lk 2:21
If a man can be **c** on the Sabbath without . . . Jn 7:23
birth, Abraham **c** him. Isaac did the. . . . . Ac 7:8
status of being **c** has changed into . . . . . Ro 2:25

CIRCUMSTANCES

desperate and dire **c** that your enemy . . . . Dt 28:53
or in desperate **c** gathered around 1Sa 22:2
his people's **c** for the better, ... Ps 14:7
I will improve the **c** of Sodom and her. . . . Eze 16:53
when I would improve the **c** of my people. . . Hos 6:11
tied down in these **c**. God has called 1Co 7:15

CISTERN

into this desert **c**, but don't lay a . . . . . Gn 37:22
Now, a spring or **c** that collects water is . . . Lv 11:36
from your own **c**, gushing water . . . . . Prv 5:15
from a hearth, or to dip water from a **c**. . . . Is 30:14

CITIES

The most important **c** in his kingdom were . Gn 10:10
to build storage **c** named Pithom and . . . . Ex 1:11
in the levitical **c** that are part of . . . . . Lv 25:32
in the land. The **c** have huge . . . . . Nm 13:28
a report about the **c** that we'll be . . . . . Dt 1:22
and came to their **c**: Gibeon, ... Josh 9:17
lived in ruined **c**, unoccupied houses . . . . Job 15:28
torn down their **c**—even the memory. . . . . Ps 9:6
is deserted, your **c** burned with fire; . . . . . Is 1:7
multiplied walled **c**; but I will send a . . . . Hos 8:14
among all the **c** and villages, ... Mt 9:35
in the Ten **c** all that Jesus had . . . . . Mk 5:20
went to their own **c** to be enrolled. . . . . Lk 2:3
news in all the **c** until he reached . . . . . Ac 8:40
God condemned the **c** of Sodom and Gomorrah 2Pt 2:6
parts, and the **c** of the nations . . . . . Rev 16:19

CITIZEN

deceiving a fellow **c** concerning a . . . . . Lv 6:2
Every **c** will perform these rituals in . . . . Nm 15:13
men and women, nursing baby and senior **c**. Dt 32:25
you from a fellow **c** in an outlying 2Ch 19:10
in Cilicia, a **c** of an important . . . . . Ac 21:39

CITIZENS

The **c** of Sodom were very evil and sinful . . Gn 13:13
were one of your **c**. You must love . . . . . Lv 19:34

they've led the **c** of their town . . . . . Dt 13:13
and full **c**. Half stood facing . . . . . Josh 8:33
Listen closely, all you **c** of the world. . . . . Ps 49:1
Their **c** have lost their power; they are. . . . . Is 37:27
of her powerful **c** were bound in . . . . . Na 3:10
The **c** of Nineveh will stand up at the . . . . Mt 12:41
out to one of the **c** of that country, ... Lk 15:15
we are Roman **c**, they beat us . . . . . Ac 16:37
aliens rather than **c** of Israel, and. . . . . Eph 2:12

CITY

Cain built a **c** and named the city . . . . . Gn 4:17
as I've left the **c**, I'll spread out . . . . . Ex 9:29
outside the **c** in an unclean area. . . . . Lv 14:40
are in Kadesh, a **c** on the edge of . . . . . Nm 20:16
there wasn't a **c** that could resist . . . . . Dt 2:36
outer side of the **c** wall, and she . . . . . Josh 2:15
From the **c**, the dying cry out; the . . . . . Job 24:12
to me when I was like a **c** under siege! . . . . Ps 31:21
entrances of the **c** gates, she has her . . . . . Prv 1:21
in a cucumber field, like a **c** besieged. . . . . Is 1:8
Gilead is a **c** of wicked people, tracked. . . . . Hos 6:8
He settled in a **c** called Nazareth so that. . . . Mt 2:23
the story in the **c** and in the . . . . . Mk 5:14
Gabriel to Nazareth, a **c** in Galilee, ... Lk 1:26
to a Samaritan **c** called Sychar, ... Jn 4:5
they entered the **c**, they went to the . . . . . Ac 1:13
you. Erastus the **c** treasurer says . . . . . Ro 16:23
forward to a **c** that has . . . . . Heb 11:10
the name of the **c** of my God, the New . . . . Rev 3:12

CLAIM

I **c** the Levites from the Israelites in. . . . . Nm 3:12
However, if the **c** is true and proof of . . . . Dt 22:20
Israelites might **c** credit for . . . . . Jdg 7:2
deepest darkness **c** it and a cloud . . . . . Job 3:5
for me and my **c**, because you rule . . . . . Ps 9:4
Because you **c** not to have . . . . . Jer 2:35
wilderness, to lay **c** to the land of the . . . . Am 2:10
some people to **c**, "We heard him . . . . . Ac 6:11
are qualified to **c** that anything came 2Co 3:5
If those who **c** devotion to God don't . . . . Jas 1:26

CLAN

the Hanochite **c**; from Pallu, the. . . . . Nm 26:5
or female, **c** or tribe—whose . . . . . Dt 29:18
brought her whole **c** out and let them . . . . Josh 6:23
Buzite from the **c** of Ram was angry, ... Job 32:2
by itself: the **c** of David's house. . . . . Zec 12:12

CLANS

and their **c** within their . . . . . Gn 10:5
Hezron, and Carmi. These were Reuben's **c**. . . Ex 6:14
community by their **c** and their . . . . . Nm 1:2
He made the **c** of Judah come forward. He. . Josh 7:17
They are the **c** of Edom and the. . . . . Ps 83:6
nations and the **c** of the lands in . . . . . Eze 20:32
mourn, each of the **c** by itself: the . . . . . Zec 12:12

CLAY

holy water in a **c** jar, and taking . . . . . Nm 5:17
king cast them in **c** molds in the 1Ki 7:46
dwell in houses of **c**, whose foundations. . . Job 4:19
evil heart are like silver coating on **c**. . . . Prv 26:23
be thought of as **c**? Should what is . . . . . Is 29:16
to God? Does the **c** say to the potter, ... Ro 9:20
its feet were... **c**. . . . . Dn 2:33

CLEAN

From every **c** animal, take seven pairs, a. . . . Gn 7:2
-will be taken to a **c** location outside . . . . Lv 4:12
persons who are **c** and not on a trip, ... Nm 9:13
You are allowed to eat any **c** bird . . . . . Dt 14:11
he restored me because my hands are **c**, . . . 2Sa 22:21
is pure, and I'm **c** in God's eyes. . . . . Job 11:4
he restored me because my hands are **c**, . . . Ps 18:20
oxen, the stall is **c**, but when there is . . . . Prv 14:4
Wash! Be **c**! Remove your ugly deeds from . . . Is 1:16
He said, "Put a **c** turban upon his head." . . . Zec 3:5
his hands. He will **c** out his threshing . . . . Mt 3:12
begged, "If you want, you can make me **c**." . . Mk 1:40
his hands. He will **c** out his threshing . . . . Lk 3:17
are completely **c**. You disciples are . . . . . Jn 13:10
c out the old yeast so you can be a new 1Co 5:7
contaminated people holy and **c**, ... Heb 9:13

CLEANSE

To **c** the house, the priest will take two . . . Lv 14:49
Levites from the Israelites and **c** them. . . . . Nm 8:6
hate him; he will **c** his people's land. . . . . Dt 32:43
remove evil; beatings **c** the inner parts. . . . Prv 20:30
my people, not merely to winnow or **c**. . . . . Jer 4:11
will open to **c** the sin and . . . . . Zec 13:1
raise the dead, **c** those with skin . . . . . Mt 10:8
promises, let's **c** ourselves from 2Co 7:1
us our sins and **c** us from everything 1Jn 1:9

CLEANSED

She will then be **c** from her blood. . . . . Lv 12:7
after you have **c** them and presented . . . . Nm 8:15
we still haven't **c** ourselves from . . . . . Josh 22:17
innocent to the core; I'm **c** from my sin? . . . Prv 20:9
defile you! I **c** you, but you . . . . . Eze 24:13
clean." Instantly his skin disease was **c**. . . . Mt 8:3
none of them were **c**. Instead, Naaman . . . . Lk 4:27
everything is **c** by blood, ... Heb 9:22

CLOSED

of his ribs and **c** up the flesh over. . . . . Gn 2:21
and the earth **c** over them. They . . . . . Nm 16:33
Now Jericho was **c** up tightly because of. . . Josh 6:1
You've **c** their mind to insight; . . . . . Job 17:4
past your ears are **c**, because I knew. . . . . Is 48:8
eyes blind and **c** their minds so. . . . . Jn 12:40
Some people had **c** their minds, though. . . . Ac 19:9
their minds were **c**. 2Co 3:14

CLOTH

a simple mourning **c** around his waist, ... Gn 37:34
The extra **c** that is left over from the . . . . Ex 26:12
it is wood, **c**, skin, or funeral . . . . . Lv 11:32
spread a whole **c** of blue over it, ... Nm 4:6
out a piece of **c**, and everyone . . . . . Jdg 8:25
I've sewed rough **c** over my skin and . . . . Job 16:15
Makers of **c** will be crushed; all who earn . . . Is 19:10
wool and my linen **c**, my oil and my . . . . . Hos 2:5
out with work, and they don't spin **c**. . . . . Mt 6:28
of new, unshrunk **c** on old clothes; . . . . . Mk 2:21
they don't spin **c**. But I say to you. . . . . Lk 12:27
covered with a **c**. Jesus said to . . . . . Jn 11:44
a dealer in purple **c**. As she listened, ... Ac 16:14

CLOTHED

out red all over, **c** with hair, and she . . . . Gn 25:25
was a young boy, **c** in a linen 1Sa 2:18
hate you will be **c** with shame, and . . . . . Job 8:22
the LORD is robed, **c** with strength. . . . . Ps 93:1
because he has **c** me with clothes of. . . . . Is 61:10
They were **c** with heavenly splendor and. . . . Lk 9:31
rotting body to be **c** with what can't 1Co 15:53
will walk with me **c** in white because . . . . . Rev 3:4

CLOTHES

and his wife leather **c** and dressed them. . . . Gn 3:21

make them holy. Have them wash their *c*. . . Ex 19:10
then take off his *c*, dress in a . . . . . Lv 6:11
bodies, wash their *c*, and cleanse . . . . . Nm 8:7
forty years, your *c* didn't wear out . . . . . Dt 8:4
ripped open his *c*. He, along with . . . . . Josh 7:6
arose, tore his *c*, shaved his head, ... Job 1:20
themselves; they cast lots for my *c*. . . . . Ps 22:18
into his lap and his *c* not get burned? . . . . Prv 6:27
of expensive *c*, rags as mourning . . . . . Is 3:24
wear mourning *c* and shave their . . . . . Am 8:10
John wore *c* made of camel's hair, with a . . . Mt 3:4
John wore *c* made of camel's hair, with a . . . Mk 1:6
up in refined *c*? Look, those who . . . . . Lk 7:25
they took his *c* and his sandals, ... Jn 19:23
they tore their *c* in protest and . . . . . Ac 14:14
food, and in the cold without enough *c*. . . . 2Co 11:27
They will all wear out like old *c*. . . . . Heb 1:11
hundred sixty days, wearing mourning *c*. . . Rev 11:3

CLOTHING

silver jewelry and *c* and gave them to . . . . Gn 24:53
as well as their *c*. Then you will put . . . . . Ex 3:22
him, the priestly *c*, the anointing . . . . . Lv 8:2
the edges of your *c* for all time. Have . . . . Nm 15:38
loves immigrants, giving them food and *c*. . . Dt 10:18
and with much *c*. Divide the spoil . . . . . Josh 22:8
like refuse, like *c* that a moth eats. . . . . Job 13:28
will wear out like *c*; you change them . . . . Ps 102:26
herself; fine linen and purple are her *c*. . . . Prv 31:22
saying, "You have *c*! You be our. . . . . Is 3:6
dressed in funeral *c*, one who has lost . . . . Jl 1:8
the hem of his *c*. Everyone who . . . . . Mk 6:56
than food and more to the body than *c*. . . . Lk 12:23
cast lots for my *c*. That's what the. . . . . Jn 19:24
tunics and other *c* Dorcas made when . . . . Ac 9:39
appearance with *c* that is modest and 1Ti 2:9
hating even the *c* contaminated by . . . . . Jud 1:23
stained their *c*. They will walk . . . . . Rev 3:4

CLOUD

day in a column of *c* to guide them and . . . Ex 13:21
I am present in the *c* above the cover. . . . . Lv 16:2
was erected, the *c* covered the . . . . . Nm 9:15
were taking, and in *c* during the daytime. . . . Dt 1:33
they sent up a big *c* of smoke from the . . . Jdg 20:38
claim it and a *c* linger over it . . . . . Job 3:5
his covering was dark water and dense *c*. . . . Ps 18:11
favor is like a *c* that brings spring. . . . . Prv 16:15
its assembly a *c* by day and smoke . . . . . Is 4:5
is like a morning *c*, like the dew that . . . . . Hos 6:4
look, a bright *c* overshadowed them. . . . . Mt 17:5
Then a *c* overshadowed them, and a voice . . . Mk 9:7
speaking when a *c* overshadowed them. . . . . Lk 9:34
lifted up and a *c* took him out of . . . . . Ac 1:9
were all under the *c* and they all went 1Co 10:1
have such a great *c* of witnesses . . . . . Heb 12:1
was robed with a *c*, with a rainbow . . . . . Rev 10:1

CLOUDS

my bow in the *c*; it will be the . . . . . Gn 9:13
you, rides majestically through the *c*. . . . . Dt 33:26
sky poured down, the *c* poured down water. . . Jdg 5:4
heaven and their heads touch the *c*, ... Job 20:6
God's *c* went ahead of the brightness . . . . . Ps 18:12
he thickened the *c* above, when he . . . . . Prv 8:28
I will command the *c* not to rain on it. . . . . Is 5:6
no light, a day of *c* and thick . . . . . Jl 2:2
in the heavenly *c* with power and. . . . . Mt 24:30
One coming in the *c* with great power. . . . . Mk 13:26
with them in the *c* to meet with the 1Th 4:17
They are waterless *c* carried along by . . . . . Jud 1:12
is coming with the *c*! Every eye will . . . . . Rev 1:7

COALS

full of burning *c* from the altar, ... Lv 16:12
baked on glowing *c* and a jar of water 1Ki 19:6
His breath lights *c*; a flame shoots from . . . Job 41:21
will rain fiery *c* and sulfur on the . . . . . Ps 11:6
a man walks on hot *c*, don't his feet. . . . . Prv 6:28
works it over *c*, and shapes it . . . . . Is 44:12
will pile burning *c* of fire upon his . . . . . Ro 12:20

COASTLANDS

Hamath, and from the *c* of the sea. . . . . Is 11:11
disappear. All the *c* of the nations . . . . . Zep 2:11

COAT

hand inside your *c*." So Moses put his . . . . Ex 4:6
for the four corners of the *c* you wear. . . . Dt 22:12
gear, putting a *c* of armor on him. 1Sa 17:38
me, righteousness as my *c* and turban; . . . Job 29:14
wore curses like a *c*, let them seep . . . . . Ps 109:18
put on a shaggy *c* in order to . . . . . Zec 13:4
your shirt, let them have your *c* too. . . . . Mt 5:40
Throwing his *c* to the side, he jumped up . . Mk 10:50
someone takes your *c*, don't withhold. . . . . Lk 6:29
he wrapped his *c* around himself . . . . . Jn 21:7
said, "Put on your *c* and follow me." . . . . Ac 12:8
bring along the *c* I left with Carpus 2Ti 4:13
them up like a *c*. They will be. . . . . Heb 1:12

COLLECT

they should *c* all such food and. . . . . Gn 41:35
has commanded: '*c* as much of it as . . . . . Ex 16:16
roam around and *c* it and grind it. . . . . Nm 11:8
to the priests, "*c* all the currently 2Ki 12:4
Their hearts *c* evil gossip; once . . . . . Ps 41:6
Israel. God will *c* the dispersed . . . . . Is 11:12
gather nations, to *c* kingdoms, to pour . . . . Zep 3:8
Instead, *c* treasures for yourselves in . . . . Mt 6:20
sent a servant to *c* from the tenants . . . . Mk 12:2
He replied, "*c* no more than you are. . . . . Lk 3:13
They will *c* teachers who say 2Ti 4:3
under the Law to *c* a tenth of . . . . . Heb 7:5

COLLECTED

He *c* all of the food during the seven . . . . Gn 41:48
out what they have *c*, it will be twice . . . . Ex 16:5
day. The least *c* was ten homers, ... Nm 11:32
Once you have *c* the food and drink you . . . Dt 16:13
your ancestors *c* up to now will be 2Ki 20:17
prods; the *c* sayings of the . . . . . Ecc 12:11
City, and you *c* the waters of the . . . . . Is 22:9
fruits have been *c*, has no cluster of. . . . . Mi 7:1
The disciples *c* seven baskets full . . . . . Mt 15:37
were full. They *c* seven baskets full . . . . . Mk 8:8
your city that has *c* on our feet. But. . . . . Lk 10:11
sorcery. They *c* their sorcery . . . . . Ac 19:19

COLUMN

the day in a *c* of cloud to guide . . . . . Ex 13:21
descended in a *c* of cloud, stood at . . . . . Nm 12:5
But then the *c* of smoke began to rise . . . . Jdg 20:40
Each *c* was about twenty-seven feet high . . . Jer 52:21

COLUMNS

four rows of cedar *c* with cedar. 1Ki 7:2
read three or four *c* of the scroll, the . . . . Jer 36:23
the earth—blood and fire and *c* of smoke. . . . Jl 2:30

COMFORT

So Isaac found *c* after his mother's . . . . . Gn 24:67
will definitely *c* me, because my 2Sa 14:17
to come so they could console and *c* him. . . . Job 2:11

increase my honor and **c** me all around. Ps 71:21
Don't try to **c** me about the Is 22:4
and provide empty **c**. Therefore, they Zec 10:2
because you have already received your **c**. Lk 6:24
Jews had come to **c** Martha and Mary. Jn 11:19
up, and giving them encouragement and **c**. 1Co 14:3

COMFORTED

he refused to be **c**, telling them, Gn 37:35
because you've **c** me and because Ru 2:13
in his house. They **c** and consoled him. Job 42:11
numb; my whole being refuses to be **c**. Ps 77:2
me, your anger turned away and you **c** me. Is 12:1
did not want to be **c**, because they were Mt 2:18
Lazarus is being **c** and you are in Lk 16:25
man away alive, and they were greatly **c**. Ac 20:12
If we are **c**, it is to bring 2Co 1:6

COMMAND

will obey your **c**. Only as the Gn 41:40
everything that I **c** you, and your Ex 7:2
c Aaron and his sons: This is the Lv 6:9
will be at the **c** of Aaron and his Nm 4:27
c the people as follows: You are about to. Dt 2:4
Remember the **c** that Moses the LORD's Josh 1:13
Or at your **c** does the eagle soar Job 39:27
up, my God; you **c** that justice be Ps 7:6
keep your father's **c**; don't abandon Prv 6:20
grow up. I will **c** the clouds not to. Is 5:6
But now, this **c** is for you, priests Mal 2:1
you are God's Son, **c** these stones to Mt 4:3
and deaf spirit, I **c** you to come out of. Mk 9:25
you are God's Son, **c** this stone to. Lk 4:3
are my friends if you do what I **c** you. Jn 15:14
of Jesus Christ, I **c** you to leave her! Ac 16:18
based on the **c** of the eternal God. Ro 16:26
hand, an earlier **c** is set aside. Heb 7:18
you kept my **c** to endure, I will Rev 3:10

COMMANDED

The LORD God **c** the human, "Eat your fill Gn 2:16
same day Pharaoh **c** the people's slave. Ex 5:6
The LORD **c** that these things be given to Lv 7:36
the Sinai desert just as the LORD **c** him. Nm 1:19
what the LORD had **c** him for them. Dt 1:3
Moses my servant **c** you. Don't deviate Josh 1:7
lifetime have you **c** the morning, Job 38:12
it happened! When he **c**, there it was! Ps 33:9
I have **c** my holy ones; I have called my Is 13:3
drink wine, and **c** the prophets, Am 2:12
an angel from God **c** and took Mary as Mt 1:24
that Moses **c**. This will be a Mk 1:44
Jesus had already **c** the unclean spirit Lk 8:29
In the Law, Moses **c** us to stone women Jn 8:5
He **c** us to preach to the people and to. Ac 10:42
same way, the Lord **c** that those who 1Co 9:14
Lord and savior **c** through your. 2Pt 3:2

COMMANDER

and Phicol **c** of his forces, Gn 21:22
Neither! I'm the **c** of the LORD's Josh 5:14
The ant has no **c**, officer, or ruler Prv 6:7
c and celebrity; counselor, clever Is 3:3
of soldiers, the **c**, and the guards Jn 18:12
report reached the **c** of a company of Ac 21:31

COMMANDERS

angry with the **c** of the army, the Nm 31:14
There were **c** over thousands, Dt 1:15
to the military **c** who had gone out Josh 10:24
make youths their **c**; mischief makers Is 3:4
with the military **c** and the city's Ac 25:23

COMMANDING

the word that I am **c** you, and don't Dt 4:2
And now you are **c** me: 'Go and say to your 1Ki 18:11
Then all the **c** officers of the king of Jer 39:3
it the proclamation that I am **c** you. Jon 3:2

COMMANDMENT

to do all this **c** before the LORD Dt 6:25
to carry out the **c** and Instruction Josh 22:5
has a limit, but your **c** is boundless. Ps 119:96
The **c** is a lamp and instruction a light; Prv 6:23
what is the greatest **c** in the Law? Mt 22:36
You ignore God's **c** while holding on to Mk 7:8
on the Sabbath in keeping with the **c**. Lk 23:56
Moses gave you the **c** about circumcision Jn 7:22
and used this **c** to produce all Ro 7:8
of priest have a **c** under the Law Heb 7:5

COMMANDMENTS

kept my orders, my **c**, my statutes, and Gn 26:5
attention to his **c**, and keep all of Ex 15:26
These are the **c** and the case laws that Nm 36:13
you to do—the Ten **C**—and wrote them Dt 4:13
ways and obey his **c**. Hold on to him Josh 22:5
kept the **c** from his lips and not Job 23:12
God's deeds, but keeping God's **c** Ps 78:7
want to enter eternal life, keep the **c**. Mt 19:17
You know the **c**: Don't commit murder. Mk 10:19
of all the Lord's **c** and regulations. Lk 1:6
If you love me, you will keep my **c** Jn 14:15
The **c**, Don't commit adultery, don't. Ro 13:9
know that we know him: if we keep his **c**. 1Jn 2:3
who keep God's **c** and hold firmly to Rev 12:17

COMMANDS

Joseph gave **c** to his household manager: Gn 44:1
any of the LORD's **c**, doing something Lv 4:2
obey all these **c** that the LORD Nm 15:22
Instead, keep the **c** of the LORD your Dt 4:2
obey any of your **c** will be put to Josh 1:18
Who **c** the sun, and it does not rise, even Job 9:7
heart. The LORD's **c** are pure, giving. Ps 19:8
son, accept my words and store up my **c**. Prv 2:1
attention to my **c**, your well-being Is 48:18
the least of these **c** and teaches others Mt 5:19
authority! He even **c** unclean spirits Mk 1:27
Who is this? He **c** even the winds and Lk 8:25
Jewish myths and **c** from people who Ti 1:14
according to his **c**. This is the 2Jn 1:6

COMMIT

us? What sin did I **c** against you that Gn 20:9
Do not **c** adultery. Ex 20:14
Whenever you **c** wrongdoing, Lv 5:15
Do not **c** adultery. Dt 5:18
please don't **c** such an evil act, Jdg 19:23
the violence they **c** will come down on Ps 7:16
c your work to the LORD, and your plans Prv 16:3
Wrongdoers may **c** a hundred crimes but Ecc 8:12
steal and murder, **c** adultery Jer 7:9
people of the land **c** great prostitution Hos 1:2
long ago, Don't **c** murder, and all Mt 5:21
Don't **c** murder. Mk 10:19
hear the word and **c** themselves to it Lk 8:15
adultery," do you **c** adultery? If you Ro 2:22
who said, Don't **c** adultery, also Jas 2:11
to idols and **c** sexual immorality. Rev 2:14

COMMITTED

people, "You've **c** a terrible sin. So Ex 32:30
offering for the sin he has **c**. Lv 4:3
us for the sin that we foolishly **c**. Nm 12:11

sin that you had **c** by doing such evil . . . . . Dt 9:18
covenant and has **c** an outrage in . . . . . Josh 7:15
He **c** himself to the LORD, so let God . . . . . Ps 22:8
My people have **c** two crimes: They have. . . . . Jer 2:13
has already **c** adultery in his . . . . . Mt 5:28
the rebels who had **c** murder during an . . . . . Mk 15:7
Mary **c** these things to memory and . . . . . Lk 2:19
everyone to remain fully **c** to the Lord. . . . . Ac 11:23
a person can do is **c** outside the body, ... 1Co 6:18
for the sins the people **c** in ignorance. . . . . Heb 9:7
those who have **c** adultery with her . . . . . Rev 2:22

COMMUNAL

the offering is a **c** sacrifice of . . . . . Lv 3:1
as well as for the **c** sacrifices were . . . . . Eze 40:42

COMMUNITY

whole Israelite **c**: On the tenth day . . . . . Ex 12:3
entire Israelite **c** that has done . . . . . Lv 4:13
entire Israelite **c** by their clans and . . . . . Nm 1:2
to take. Remove such evil from your **c**! . . . . . Dt 13:5
The leaders of the **c** made a solemn . . . . . Josh 9:15
brink of utter ruin in the assembled **c**. . . . . Prv 5:14
A few of the **c** elders got up and . . . . . Jer 26:17
responsible for my **c**, says the LORD . . . . . Zec 13:7
thousand people into the **c** on that day. . . . . Ac 2:41
did this thing is expelled from your **c**. 1Co 5:2

COMPANIONS

My **c** who had gone up with me made the . . Josh 14:8
My **c** are treacherous like a stream in the . . Job 6:15
with the oil of joy more than all your **c**! . . . . Ps 45:7
are rebels, **c** of thieves. . . . . Is 1:23
one who makes his **c** drunk, pouring out . . Hab 2:15
what David and his **c** did when they were . . . Lk 6:3
Paul and his **c** sailed from Paphos to . . . . Ac 13:13
anointed you with oil instead of your **c**. . . . Heb 1:9

COMPANY

and one **c** is coming from the . . . . . Jdg 9:37
up to no good; I don't keep **c** with liars. . . . . Ps 26:4
insight will rest in the **c** of the dead. . . . . Prv 21:16
to her young men; wipe out her entire **c**! . . . Jer 51:3
gathered the whole **c** of soldiers around . . . Mt 27:27
called together the whole **c** of soldiers. . . . Mk 15:16
ground. A great **c** of his disciples . . . . . Lk 6:17
Judas brought a **c** of soldiers and some . . . . Jn 18:3
of believers was a **c** of about one . . . . . Ac 1:15
been reenergized by some time in your **c**. . . Ro 15:24

COMPARE

their rocks can't **c** to our rock! Our . . . . . Dt 32:31
God! No one can **c** to you, no god 2Sa 7:22
gold nor glass can **c** with it; she can't . . . . Job 28:17
LORD, who could **c** to you? You rescue . . . . Ps 35:10
pearls; all you desire can't **c** with her. . . . . Prv 3:15
God; to what likeness will you **c** him? . . . . Is 40:18
To what will I **c** this generation? It is . . . . Mt 11:16
To what will I **c** the people of this . . . . . Lk 7:31
same league or to **c** ourselves with 2Co 10:12

COMPASSION

and I will have **c** to whomever I wish . . . . Ex 33:19
them! Don't have **c** on them and don't . . . . Dt 13:8
to Israel and had **c** on them, turning 2Ki 13:23
so that God has **c** on that person and . . . . Job 33:24
remember your **c** and faithful . . . . . Ps 25:6
but even the **c** of the wicked is . . . . . Prv 12:10
The LORD will have **c** on Jacob, will again . . . Is 14:1
Name her No **c**, because I will no . . . . . Hos 1:6
the crowds, he had **c** for them because . . . . Mt 9:36
crowd, he had **c** on them because . . . . . Mk 6:34
of our God's deep **c**, the dawn from . . . . . Lk 1:78
and I'll show **c** to whomever I . . . . . Ro 9:15
for the Lord is full of **c** and mercy. . . . . Jas 5:11

COMPASSIONATE

make the man **c** toward you so that . . . . . Gn 43:14
out to me, I'll listen, because I'm **c**. . . . . Ex 22:27
LORD your God is a **c** God. He won't let . . . . Dt 4:31
is merciful and **c**. He won't withdraw 2Ch 30:9
But God, being **c**, kept forgiving their . . . . Ps 78:38
he is merciful and **c**, very patient, ... Jl 2:13
Be **c** just as your Father is . . . . . Lk 6:36
good works and **c** acts on behalf of . . . . . Ac 9:36
blessed! He is the **c** Father and God of. 2Co 1:3
fellow believers, **c**, and modest in. 1Pt 3:8

COMPENSATION

You demanded **c** from me for any. . . . . Gn 31:39
owner has to pay **c** instead, he must . . . . Ex 21:30
to the LORD as **c** for the sin that . . . . . Lv 5:6
be made, then the **c** payment will go to . . . . Nm 5:8
What **c** offering should we return to 1Sa 6:4
offerings or **c** offerings—but. . . . . Ps 40:6
He won't accept **c**; he'll refuse even a . . . . Prv 6:35
offerings, and the **c** offerings were . . . . . Eze 40:39

COMPLETE

for the ark and **c** it one foot from . . . . . Gn 6:16
because of their **c** exhaustion and . . . . . Ex 6:9
be completely burned as a **c** offering. . . . . Lv 6:22
only one weight, **c** and correct, and . . . . . Dt 25:15
Joab sent a **c** report of the battle to 2Sa 11:18
c darkness waits for their treasured. . . . . Job 20:26
its circuit is **c** at the other. . . . . Ps 19:6
My anger will be **c**. I will exhaust my . . . . Eze 5:13
heavenly Father is **c** in showing love to . . . . Mt 5:48
and on the third day I will **c** my work. . . . . Lk 13:32
voice. Therefore, my joy is now **c**. . . . . Jn 3:29
Jesus gave him **c** health right . . . . . Ac 3:16
and if I have such **c** faith that I can 1Co 13:2
Let this endurance **c** its work so that you . . . Jas 1:4
works are far from **c** in the eyes of my. . . . Rev 3:2

COMPLETED

earth and all who live in them were **c**. . . . . Gn 2:1
your ordination is **c**, because your . . . . . Lv 8:33
as a nazirite is **c**, the person will . . . . . Nm 6:13
the officials have **c** their speech to . . . . . Dt 20:9
He **c** the temple with a roof of cedar 1Ki 6:9
the feast had been **c**, Job would send . . . . . Job 1:5
When you have **c** these days, lie on your . . . . Eze 4:6
When he **c** the days of his priestly . . . . . Lk 1:23
was already **c**, in order to . . . . . Jn 19:28
God's grace to the work they had now **c**. . . . Ac 14:26
Spirit. So I've **c** the circuit of . . . . . Ro 15:19
God's works were **c** at the foundation . . . . . Heb 4:3

CONCEIVED

of time, Hannah **c** and gave birth to 1Sa 1:20
night someone said, "A boy has been **c**." . . . . Job 3:3
in sin, from the moment my mother **c** me. . . . Ps 51:5
muttering lying words **c** in our minds. . . . . Is 59:13
she who **c** them has behaved . . . . . Hos 2:5
she carries was **c** by the Holy Spirit. . . . . Mt 1:20
Elizabeth has **c** a son. This woman . . . . . Lk 1:36
but also Rebecca **c** children with one . . . . . Ro 9:10

CONDEMN

servants is right. **c** the guilty party, ... 1Ki 8:32
rule; will you **c** the most righteous . . . . . Job 34:17
c them, God! Let them fail by their own . . . . Ps 5:10
will curse them. Nations will **c** them. . . . . Prv 24:24

help me. Who will *c* me? Look, they. . . . . Is 50:9
generation and *c* it as guilty, ... Mt 12:41
experts. They will *c* him to death and . . . . Mk 10:33
insult you, and *c* your name as evil . . . . . Lk 6:22
are they? Is there no one to *c* you? . . . . . Jn 8:10
And I will *c* the nation they serve as . . . . . Ac 7:7
any excuse. You *c* yourself when you . . . . . Ro 2:1
Even if our hearts *c* us, God is greater. 1Jn 3:20

CONDEMNED

because you are a *c* man. 1Ki 2:26
groans, to set free those *c* to death, ... Ps 102:20
in danger of being *c* by the governing . . . . . Mt 5:22
think?" They all *c* him. "He deserves . . . . Mk 14:64
and you won't be *c*. Forgive, and you . . . . . Lk 6:37
because this world's ruler stands *c*. . . . . Jn 16:11
May your money be *c* to hell along with . . . . Ac 8:20
selfishness. God *c* sin in the body by . . . . . Ro 8:3
You have *c* and murdered the righteous . . . . Jas 5:6
God has *c* her as she . . . . . Rev 18:20

CONDUCT

So watch your *c* closely, because you . . . . . Dt 4:15
them for their *c*, but justify the 1Ki 8:32
integrity of your *c*, the source of . . . . . Job 4:6
as are those who *c* their affairs with. . . . . Ps 112:5
whether their *c* is pure and . . . . . Prv 20:11
Your own *c*, your own deeds have done . . . . Jer 4:18
in this man's *c* that provides a . . . . . Lk 23:14
gossip, conceit, and disorderly *c*. 2Co 12:20
you should *c* yourselves with. 1Pt 1:17

CONFESS

ways, you must *c* how you have sinned . . . . Lv 5:5
Such persons will *c* the sin they have . . . . . Nm 5:7
of Israel. "I *c* the sins of the . . . . . Neh 1:6
my guilt. "I'll *c* my sins to the . . . . . Ps 32:5
but those who *c* and give them up . . . . . Prv 28:13
knee will bow and every tongue will *c*; . . . . Is 45:23
Because if you *c* with your mouth "Jesus . . . Ro 10:9
the fruit from our lips that *c* his name. . . . Heb 13:15

CONFIDENCE

your duties with *c*, and may the LORD . . . 2Ch 19:11
the source of your *c*; the integrity of . . . . . Job 4:6
LORD will be your *c*; he will guard . . . . . Prv 3:26
I want you to have *c* in the soundness of . . . Lk 1:4
by surprise by the *c* with which Peter . . . . Ac 4:13
that we would have *c* in God, who raises. . . . 2Co 1:9
we hold on to the *c* and the pride that. . . . . Heb 3:6

CONFLICT

When a *c* arises between them, they come . . Ex 18:16
I were in a great *c* with the. . . . . Jdg 12:2
because I see violence and *c* in the city. . . . Ps 55:9
Hate stirs up *c*, but love covers all . . . . . Prv 10:12
become a source of *c* and dissension in . . . Jer 15:10
me? There is strife, and *c* abounds. . . . . Hab 1:3
There was external *c*, and there were 2Co 7:5
is the source of *c* among you? What is. . . . . Jas 4:1

CONGREGATION

stood up in the *c* of Judah and 2Ch 20:5
praise you in the very center of the *c*! . . . . Ps 22:22

CONSCIENCE

on my master's *c*, that you shed 1Sa 25:31
it; my *c* will never blame. . . . . Job 27:6
altogether clear *c* right up to this . . . . . Ac 23:1
not lying, as my *c* assures me with . . . . . Ro 9:1
can't perfect the *c* of the one who is. . . . . Heb 9:9

CONSIDER

because I will not *c* innocent those who . . . . Ex 23:7
tree, you must *c* its fruit off . . . . . Lv 19:23
alone; it doesn't *c* itself among the . . . . . Nm 23:9
Don't *c* it a hardship to set these . . . . . Dt 15:18
may the LORD *c* my life valuable, ... 1Sa 26:24
me, you won't *c* me innocent of . . . . . Job 10:14
David.] Hear my words, LORD! *c* my groans! . . . Ps 5:1
Don't *c* yourself wise. Fear the LORD and . . . Prv 3:7
Doom to those who *c* themselves wise, who . . Is 5:21
But they don't *c* within their hearts that . . . Hos 7:2
Either *c* the tree good and its fruit . . . . . Mt 12:33
c a mustard seed. When scattered on the . . . Mk 4:31
now on, everyone will *c* me highly favored . . Lk 1:48
Israelites, *c* carefully what you . . . . . Ac 5:35
law of faith. We *c* that a person is. . . . . Ro 3:28
their faith as you *c* the way their . . . . . Heb 13:7

CONSIDERED

his father Isaac *c* Canaanite women. . . . . Gn 28:8
it. It will be *c* foul, and the . . . . . Lv 7:18
It will be *c* your gift offering, like the . . . . Nm 18:27
more, we will be *c* righteous if we. . . . . Dt 6:25
Ekron territory is *c* to be Canaanite. . . . . Josh 13:3
Why are we *c* beasts, ignorant in your. . . . . Job 18:3
of you that we are *c* sheep ready for. . . . . Ps 44:22
again, and the farmland be *c* a forest? . . . . Is 29:17
the ones who are *c* the rulers by the. . . . . Mk 10:42
heard about this *c* it carefully. They . . . . . Lk 1:66
low-life—what is *c* to be nothing 1Co 1:28

CONSTANTLY

for the lamp, to keep a light burning *c*. . . . . Lv 24:2
eyes are on it *c* from the first of . . . . . Dt 11:12
searched for him *c*, but God did not. 1Sa 23:14
LORD's beauty and *c* adoring his temple. . . . Ps 27:4
lazy desire things *c*, but the righteous. . . . Prv 21:26
What's more, they *c* eat in darkness, with . . Ecc 5:17
me nothing but insult and injury, *c*. . . . . Jer 20:8
the Jewish people and prayed to God *c*. . . . . Ac 10:2
you when we mention you *c* in our prayers. . . 1Th 1:2

CONSUME

You must not *c* any blood . . . . . Lv 7:26
so that I may *c* them in a moment. . . . . Nm 16:21
massive fire will *c* us! If we hear any . . . . Dt 5:25
She must not *c* anything that comes from . . Jdg 13:14
so do those who *c* them. But what do . . . . Ecc 5:11
as a fire; it will *c* the people, who . . . . . Jer 5:14
cities; it will *c* the bars of their . . . . . Hos 11:6
to call fire down from heaven to *c* them? . . . Lk 9:54

CONSUMED

The dry heat *c* me during the day, and the . . Gn 31:40
burned them and *c* the edges of the. . . . . Nm 11:1
hard work will be *c* by people you. . . . . Dt 28:33
fire fell; it *c* the sacrifice, the 1Ki 18:38
My life is *c* with sadness; my years are. . . . Ps 31:10
they *c* on the right, but remained hungry; . . . Is 9:20
cups. They are *c* like stubble that . . . . . Na 1:10
elements will be *c* by fire, and the. 2Pt 3:10
She will be *c* by fire because . . . . . Rev 18:8

CONTACT

relative for sexual *c*: I am the LORD. . . . . Lv 18:6
has become unclean from *c* with a corpse. . . . Nm 5:2

CONTEMPT

I will put *c* between you and the woman, . . . Gn 3:15
God's words with *c* and ridiculing. 2Ch 36:16
a torch of *c* to one who is idle, a fixed . . . . Job 12:5
against the righteous with pride and *c*! . . . . Ps 31:18

insight, but a warped mind leads to **c**. . . . Prv 12:8
of cursing, scorn, **c**, and disgrace. . . . . Jer 44:12
treat you with **c** and make you a . . . . . Na 3:6
the one and have **c** for the other. You . . . . Mt 6:24
the one and have **c** for the other. You . . . Lk 16:13
Or do you have **c** for the riches of God's . . . Ro 2:4

CONTINUE

let them go and you **c** to hold them back, . . . Ex 9:2
If you **c** to oppose me and are unwilling . . . Lv 26:21
dissent as they **c** to complain . . . . . Nm 14:27
ancestors' God, **c** to multiply you . . . . . Dt 1:11
She said, "May I **c** to find favor in your . . . Ru 2:13
How long will you **c** to love what is . . . . . Ps 4:2
the rivers flow, there they **c** to flow. . . . . Ecc 1:7
beatings? Why **c** to rebel? . . . . . Is 1:5
drinking, they **c** to behave like . . . . . Hos 4:18
Why should it **c** depleting the . . . . . Lk 13:7
to them and will **c** to make it known . . . . Jn 17:26
Don't be afraid. **c** speaking. Don't be . . . . Ac 18:9
to say? Should we **c** sinning so grace . . . . Ro 6:1
you served and **c** to serve God's . . . . . Heb 6:10

CONTROL

under Pharaoh's **c**, protecting the. . . . . Gn 41:35
yourself that these people are out of **c**. . . . Ex 32:22
him, and they took **c** of the crossing . . . . Jdg 3:28
are my portion, my cup; you **c** my destiny. . . Ps 16:5
come under the **c** of your neighbor. . . . . Prv 6:3
person will have **c** over the results . . . . . Ecc 2:19
Just as I took **c** of idolatrous kingdoms . . . Is 10:10
and the violence that's under their **c**! . . . . Jon 3:8
they came to take **c** of him. They were. . . . Mk 3:21
we were able to **c** the lifeboat only . . . . . Ac 27:16
were free from the **c** of righteousness. . . . . Ro 6:20
are talking about) under the angels' **c**. . . . Heb 2:5

CONVINCED

I was afraid and **c** myself that you . . . . . Gn 31:31
she arrived, she **c** Othniel to ask her . . . . Jdg 1:14
and because he **c** you to believe a . . . . . Jer 29:31
people who had **c** themselves that . . . . . Lk 18:9
God!" The council was **c** by his reasoning. . . . Ac 5:39
He was fully **c** that God was able to do . . . . Ro 4:21
But we are **c** of better things in your . . . . Heb 6:9

COPPER

receive from them: gold, silver, and **c**; . . . . Ex 25:3
Gold, silver, **c**, iron, tin, and lead- . . . . Nm 31:22
and where you will mine **c** from the hills. . . . Dt 8:9
of highly polished **c**, which were as . . . . . Ezr 8:27
from the earth; rock is smelted into **c**. . . . Job 28:2
me. They are all **c**, tin, iron, and . . . . . Eze 22:18
gold or silver or **c** coins for your . . . . . Mt 10:9
put in two small **c** coins worth a . . . . . Mk 12:42
throw in two small **c** coins worth a . . . . . Lk 21:2

CORDS

gold, twisted like **c**. Attach the corded. . . . Ex 28:14
the altar, and its **c**—all these. . . . . Nm 3:26
on our bodies and **c** around our heads. . . . 1Ki 20:31
with ropes, caught in **c** of affliction, ... Job 36:8
Death's **c** were wrapped around me; rivers . . . Ps 18:4
guilt along with **c** of fraud, and haul . . . . Is 5:18
kindness, with **c** of love. I treated. . . . . Hos 11:4

CORNER

man trap us in a **c** like this? Let the . . . . Ex 10:7
is just around the **c**; their final . . . . . Dt 32:35
snuck up and cut off a **c** of Saul's robe. . . . 1Sa 24:4
to an end in every **c** of the world, ... Ps 46:9
the street at her **c** and walked down . . . . . Prv 7:8
from the Tower of Hananel to the **c** Gate. . . . Jer 31:38
escape with the **c** of a bed, and . . . . . Am 3:12

CORNERS

the rings to the four **c** at its four legs. . . . . Ex 25:26
for the four **c** of the coat you. . . . . Dt 22:12
in the far **c** of the Ephraim. . . . . Jdg 19:1
struck the four **c** of the house. It . . . . . Job 1:19
the far **c** of the earth will . . . . . Ps 2:8
of Judah from the four **c** of the earth. . . . . Is 11:12
like a bowl, like the **c** of the altar. . . . . Zec 9:15
and on the street **c** so that people . . . . . Mt 6:5
from the four **c** of the earth, from . . . . . Mk 13:27
being lowered to the earth by its four **c**. . . . Ac 10:11
gone out to the **c** of the inhabited . . . . . Ro 10:18
at the four **c** of the earth. They . . . . . Rev 7:1

CORPSES

for my master is our **c** and our farmland. . . . Gn 47:18
Your **c** will be food for every bird in the . . . Dt 28:26
and recovered the **c** of Saul and his 1Ch 10:12
has caused many **c** to fall; she has . . . . . Prv 7:26
and their **c** lay in the middle . . . . . Is 5:25
will be many **c**, thrown about . . . . . Am 8:3

CORRECT

descendants are **c** in what they're. . . . . Nm 36:5
They will announce to you the **c** ruling. . . . Dt 17:9
your claims are **c** and valid, but the 2Sa 15:3
Do you intend to **c** my words, to treat the . . . Job 6:26
the LORD is **c**, lasting forever. . . . . Ps 19:9
respond when I **c** you. Look, I'll . . . . . Prv 1:23
speaks truth, who announces what is **c**. . . . Is 45:19
corruption; I will **c** them through . . . . . Hos 5:2
him, began to **c** him: "God forbid, ... Mt 16:22
Jesus and, scolding him, began to **c** him. . . . Mk 8:32
know that you are **c** in what you say . . . . Lk 20:21
Don't **c** an older man but encourage him . . . 1Ti 5:1
I **c** and discipline those whom I love. . . . . Rev 3:19

CORRECTION

of the LORD, my son; don't despise his **c**. . . . Prv 3:11
have rejected my **c**. You have devoured . . . . Jer 2:30

CORRUPT

earth had become **c** and was filled . . . . . Gn 6:11
and not **c**. Set these persons . . . . . Ex 18:21
are abominable and **c**, for they drink . . . . Job 15:16
no God. They are **c** and do evil . . . . . Ps 14:1
to do with a **c** mouth; keep. . . . . Prv 4:24
offspring, **c** children! They . . . . . Is 1:4
they rose early to **c** their deeds. . . . . Zep 3:7
are crooked and **c**. Among these . . . . . Phil 2:15
follow after the **c** cravings of the 2Pt 2:10

COST

one of you at the **c** of a son or a . . . . . Ex 32:29
foundations will **c** them their oldest . . . . Josh 6:26
not aware that it will **c** him his life. . . . . Prv 7:23
money, at no **c**, buy wine and milk! . . . . . Is 55:1
and calculate the **c**, to determine . . . . . Lk 14:28
them, and pay the **c** of having their . . . . . Ac 21:24

COUNCIL

never enter their **c**. May my honor . . . . . Gn 49:6
listen in God's **c**; is wisdom limited . . . . . Job 15:8
in the divine **c**; he gives judgment . . . . . Ps 82:1
in the LORD's **c** to listen to God's . . . . . Jer 23:18
by the governing **c**. And if they say, ... Mt 5:22
was a prominent **c** member who also . . . . Mk 15:43
and Jesus was brought before their **c**. . . . Lk 22:66
together the **c** and said, "What . . . . . Jn 11:47
The **c** was caught by surprise by the . . . . . Ac 4:13

COUNT

If someone could **c** the bits of dust . . . Gn 13:16
the Israelites to **c** them, each of them . . . Ex 30:12
emission, he will **c** off seven days for . . . Lv 15:13
Who can **c** the dust of Jacob, or number a . . Nm 23:10
c out seven weeks, starting the count . . . . Dt 16:9
that no one could **c** them or their. . . . . Jdg 6:5
They can't **c** on turning away from . . . . . Job 15:22
c on it: they will be in utter panic. . . . . Ps 14:5
trees will be no more than a child can **c**. . . . Is 10:19
times than I can **c**. I've faced death 2Co 11:23

COUNTED

many children, so many they can't be **c**! . . . Gn 16:10
LORD when they are **c**. Then no plague . . . Ex 30:12
servants have **c** the warriors in. . . . . Nm 31:49
When Saul **c** them at Bezek, the soldiers . . . 1Sa 11:8
may it not be **c**, in the days of a. . . . . Job 3:6
You **c** Jerusalem's houses, and you tore . . . Is 22:10
Even the hairs of your head are all **c** . . . . Mt 10:30
your head are all **c**. Don't be afraid. . . . . Lk 12:7
circumcised be **c** as if he were . . . . . Ro 2:26

COUNTRIES

into their own **c**, each according to . . . . . Gn 10:5
survive in the **c** where the LORD . . . . . Dt 4:27
kings do to other **c**, wiping them out. 2Ki 19:11
from various **c**, from east and . . . . . Ps 107:3
gods from those **c** has rescued their. . . . . Is 36:20

COUNTRY

I can go to my own place and my own **c**. . . . Gn 30:25
send a plague of frogs over your whole **c**. . . . Ex 8:2
as if they were **c** fields. They can . . . . . Lv 25:31
of Bashan, was often called Rephaim **c**. . . . Dt 3:13
from a distant **c**. So now, make a . . . . . Josh 9:6
surface, sends water to the open **c**, ... Job 5:10
gnats throughout their whole **c**! . . . . . Ps 105:31
Your **c** is deserted, your cities burned . . . . . Is 1:7
from? What's your **c** and of what people. . . . Jon 1:8
back to their own **c** by another route. . . . . Mt 2:12
arose in that **c** and he began to be . . . . . Lk 15:14
prophets have no honor in their own **c**. . . . Jn 4:44
great power, he led them out of that **c**. . . . Ac 13:17
thinking about the **c** that they had . . . . . Heb 11:15

COUNTRYSIDE

the animals in the **c**, so he decided to . . . . . Gn 34:5
will release the wild bird into the **c**. . . . . Lv 14:7
in the Moabite **c**, to the top of . . . . . Nm 21:20
across your entire **c**. That nation will . . . . Dt 28:52
risked death; Naphtali too in the high **c**. . . . Jdg 5:18
Let the **c** and everything in it celebrate! . . . Ps 96:12
hiding out in the **c** when they heard . . . . . Jer 40:7
city and in the **c**. People came to . . . . . Mk 5:14
about him spread throughout the whole **c**. . . . Lk 4:14
went from the **c** up to Jerusalem to. . . . . Jn 11:55

COURAGE

comrades might lose **c** just as he has. . . . . Dt 20:8
work up their **c**. This is because. . . . . Josh 2:11
Let your heart take **c**! Hope in the LORD! . . . Ps 27:14
each saying to the other, "Take **c**!" . . . . . Is 41:6
I hope with daring **c** that Christ's. . . . . Phil 1:20

COURSE

He may, of **c**, eat of his God's most holy . . . Lv 21:22
Of **c** you may buy food from them with . . . . Dt 2:6
Then she said, "Of **c** the men came to . . . . . Josh 2:4
Of **c**, there's no speech, no words . . . . . Ps 19:3
as well as integrity, every good **c**. . . . . Prv 2:9
because, in the **c** of time, you may . . . . . Ecc 11:1
turns to their own **c**, like a stallion . . . . . Jer 8:6
own path; they didn't change their **c**. . . . . Jl 2:7
sail on a straight **c** to Cos, reaching . . . . . Ac 21:1
fully (within the boundaries, of **c**). 2Co 10:15
Of **c**, he isn't trying to help angels, ... Heb 2:16

COURT

he left Pharaoh's **c** and traveled . . . . . Gn 41:46
officers of the **c**. Carry out your 2Ch 19:11
so that we could come together in **c**. . . . . Job 9:32
no standing in the **c** of justice . . . . . Ps 1:5
I will take you to **c** and charge even . . . . . Jer 2:9
them on the way to **c**. Otherwise, they . . . . Mt 5:25
you are going to **c** with your accuser, ... Lk 12:58
Paul and brought him before the **c**. . . . . Ac 18:12
or by any human **c**; I don't even 1Co 4:3
Aren't they the ones who drag you into **c**? . . . Jas 2:6
don't measure the **c** outside the . . . . . Rev 11:2

COURTYARD

up the dwelling's **c**. The courtyard's . . . . . Ex 27:9
must eat it in the meeting tent's **c**. . . . . Lv 6:16
curtains of the **c**, the screen for . . . . . Nm 3:26
He built the inner **c** with three rows of 1Ki 6:36
in the temple **c** and speak to all. . . . . Jer 26:2
gathered in the **c** of Caiaphas the . . . . . Mt 26:3
the high priest's **c**. He was sitting. . . . . Mk 14:54
the middle of the **c** and sat down . . . . . Lk 22:55
went with Jesus into the high priest's **c**. . . . Jn 18:15

COURTYARDS

from your houses, **c**, and fields? . . . . . Ex 8:9
altars in the two **c** of the LORD's 2Ki 21:4
who lives in your **c**! We are filled . . . . . Ps 65:4
who gather will drink it in my holy **c**. . . . . Is 62:9

COVENANT

I will set up my **c** with you. You will . . . . Gn 6:18
God remembered his **c** with Abraham, ... Ex 2:24
salt of your God's **c** from your grain. . . . . Lv 2:13
the Levites to the **c** dwelling, to all . . . . . Nm 1:50
LORD declared his **c** to you, which he . . . . . Dt 4:13
containing the **c** and the levitical . . . . . Josh 3:3
I've made a **c** with my eyes; how could I . . . Job 31:1
for those who keep his **c** and laws. . . . . Ps 25:10
youth; she even forgets her **c** with God. . . . Prv 2:17
aside law, and broken the ancient **c**. . . . . Is 24:5
day, I will make a **c** for them with the . . . . Hos 2:18
is my blood of the **c**, which is poured . . . . Mt 26:28
is my blood of the **c**, which is poured . . . . Mk 14:24
our ancestors, and remembered his holy **c**, . . . Lk 1:72
prophets and the **c** that God made with . . . . Ac 3:25
This is my **c** with them, when I take away . . . Ro 11:27
has become the guarantee of a better **c**. . . . Heb 7:22
containing his **c** appeared in his . . . . . Rev 11:19

COVENANTS

Don't make any **c** with them or their gods . . Ex 23:32
Don't make any **c** with them, and. . . . . Dt 7:2
despising solemn pledges and breaking **c**. . . Eze 16:59
when making **c**; so judgment. . . . . Hos 10:4
the glory, the **c**, the giving of the . . . . . Ro 9:4

COVER

nesting places and **c** it inside and out . . . . . Gn 6:14
insects and also the ground that they **c**. . . . . Ex 8:21
their hair, **c** their upper lip, ... Lv 13:45
and they will **c** the chest. . . . . Nm 4:5
up large stones and **c** them with plaster. . . . Dt 27:2
and inner rooms, and the room for the **c**. . . . 1Ch 28:11
is sealed in a bag; you would **c** my sin. . . . Job 14:17
the righteous. You **c** them with favor . . . . . Ps 5:12

Blessings **c** the head of the righteous, ...Prv 10:6
of his wings will **c** the width of the . . . . . Is 8:8
cloth, which were to **c** her nakedness. . . . . Hos 2:9
Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'c us.' . . . . . Lk 23:30
If a woman doesn't **c** her head, then she. . . 1Co 11:6
using your freedom as a **c**-up for evil. 1Pt 2:16

COVERED

the earth; they **c** all of the highest . . . . . Gn 7:19
frogs crawled up and **c** the land of Egypt. . . . .Ex 8:6
skin disease has **c** the person's whole . . . . Lv 13:13
the LORD: six **c** wagons and twelve . . . . . Nm 7:3
on them, and it **c** them. With your . . . . . Josh 24:7
My flesh is **c** with worms and crusted . . . . . Job 7:5
whose sin is **c** over, is truly . . . . . Ps 32:1
all over it; weeds **c** the ground, and . . . . . Prv 24:31
a rejected branch, **c** by the dead and . . . . . Is 14:19
of his robe, **c** himself with . . . . . Jon 3:6
else found and **c** up. Full of joy, ... Mt 13:44
spit on him. Some **c** his face and hit. . . . . Mk 14:65
was also a man **c** with a skin . . . . . Lk 5:12
name Bethsaida. It had five **c** porches, ...Jn 5:2
they shrieked and **c** their ears. . . . . Ac 7:57
Law are forgiven, and whose sins are **c**. . . . . Ro 4:7
which was **c** with gold on all . . . . . Heb 9:4
creatures were **c** with eyes on the. . . . . Rev 4:6

COVERING

twenty-three feet high, **c** the mountains. . . . Gn 7:20
the tent, make a **c** of rams' skins . . . . . Ex 26:14
the fat tail, the **c** fat, the kidneys, ... Lv 9:19
the tent with its **c**, the screen for . . . . . Nm 3:25
a hole, then refill it, **c** your excrement. . . . Dt 23:13
hair on its head and **c** it with clothes. 1Sa 19:13
naked before God; the underworld lacks **c**. . Job 26:6
cloak him; his **c** was dark water and . . . . . .Ps 18:11
Judah's **c** has been stripped away. On that. . . Is 22:8
trap is set, **c** all his ways, and. . . . . Hos 9:8
her long hair is given to her for a **c**. 1Co 11:15

COWS

their young, forty **c** and ten bulls, and . . . Gn 32:15
the oldest offspring of **c** and sheep. . . . . Ex 34:19
with two nursing **c** that have never 1Sa 6:7
their **c** give birth and . . . . . Job 21:10
this word, you **c** of Bashan, who are. . . . . Am 4:1
sprinkled ashes of **c** made spiritually . . . . Heb 9:13

CREATE

When God began to **c** the heavens and the. . . Gn 1:1
He will be able to **c** designs; do . . . . . Ex 31:4
Jerusalem and to **c** a disturbance in. . . . . Neh 4:8
c a clean heart for me, God; put a new, ...Ps 51:10
to do evil; they **c** controversies all. . . . . .Prv 6:14
then the LORD will **c** over the whole site . . . . Is 4:5
victory. He will **c** calm with his . . . . . Zep 3:17
that we shouldn't **c** problems for . . . . . Ac 15:19
out for people who **c** divisions and . . . . . Ro 16:17
These people **c** divisions. Since they. . . . . Jud 1:19

CREATED

God **c** the great sea animals and all the . . . . Gn 1:21
the sanctuary, LORD, that your hand **c**. . . . Ex 15:17
the day God first **c** human beings on . . . . . Dt 4:32
idols, but it is the LORD who **c** heaven! 1Ch 16:26
and south—you **c** them! The . . . . . .Ps 89:12
The LORD **c** me at the beginning of his . . . .Prv 8:22
forces has **c** a plan; who can . . . . . Is 14:27
of us, one God who **c** us? Why does . . . . . Mal 2:10
The Sabbath was **c** for humans; humans . . . .Mk 2:27
I shared with you before the world was **c**. . . . Jn 17:5
are the one who **c** the heaven, the . . . . . Ac 4:24
or depth, or any other thing that is **c**. . . . . Ro 8:39
of everything and **c** the world through . . . . Heb 1:2
power, because you **c** all things. It is . . . . Rev 4:11

CREATION

on it God rested from all the work of **c**. . . . . Gn 2:3
performs an act of **c**, and the ground . . . . Nm 16:30
Then all **c** will rejoice over Babylon, ... Jer 51:48
the beginning of **c**, God made them. . . . . .Mk 10:6
you loved me before the **c** of the world. . . . Jn 17:24
Ever since the **c** of the world, God's . . . . . Ro 1:20
the seventh day of **c**: God rested on the . . . Heb 4:4
and true witness, the ruler of God's **c**. . . . Rev 3:14

CREATURE

and every kind of **c** that crawls on the. . . . Gn 1:25
winged heavenly **c** at one end and one . . . Ex 25:19
unclean swarming **c**—but the fact goes . . . . .Lv 5:2
Any clean winged **c** can be eaten, however . . Dt 14:20
the first winged **c** were each seven 1Ki 6:24
voice; some winged **c** could report what . . . Ecc 10:20
entire earth; no **c** fluttered a wing . . . . . Is 10:14
and proclaim the good news to every **c**. . . . Mk 16:15
No **c** is hidden from it, but rather. . . . . Heb 4:13
The first living **c** was like a lion. . . . . Rev 4:7

CREATURES

stationed winged **c** wielding flaming . . . . . Gn 3:24
winged heavenly **c** of hammered gold, ... Ex 25:18
These are the **c** that you are . . . . . Lv 11:2
the two winged **c**. In this way he . . . . . Nm 7:89
winged heavenly **c**. Eli's two sons 1Sa 4:4
the heavenly **c** and flew; he . . . . . .Ps 18:10
Ants as **c** aren't strong, but they store. . . . Prv 30:25
Winged **c** were stationed around him. Each . . . Is 6:2
and the creeping **c** of the fertile . . . . . Hos 2:18
magnificent winged **c** casting their . . . . . Heb 9:5
were four living **c** encircling the . . . . . Rev 4:6

CRIED

sat at a distance, **c** out in grief, and . . . . . Gn 21:16
hard work. They **c** out, and their cry . . . . . Ex 2:23
When the people **c** out to Moses, Moses. . . Nm 11:2
you came back, you **c** before the LORD, ... Dt 1:45
Then they **c** for help to the LORD. So he . . . Josh 24:7
the weak who **c** out, the orphans . . . . . Job 29:12
is praiseworthy, I **c** out to the LORD, ... Ps 18:3
those in Ariel **c** out in the . . . . . Is 33:7
and each one **c** out to his god. . . . . Jon 1:5
They **c** out, "What are you going to do. . . . Mt 8:29
the boy's father **c** out, "I have . . . . . .Mk 9:24
And Peter went out and **c** uncontrollably. . . Lk 22:62
the Jewish leaders **c** out, saying, ... Jn 19:12
They **c** uncontrollably as everyone . . . . . Ac 20:37
They **c** out with a loud voice, "Holy and . . . Rev 6:10

CRIES

LORD said, "The **c** of injustice from . . . . . Gn 18:20
the Israelites' **c** of injustice have . . . . . .Ex 3:9
God hear their **c** when distress . . . . . Job 27:9
to the sound of my **c**, my king and my. . . . . .Ps 5:2
their ears to the **c** of the poor will . . . . . Prv 21:13
My heart **c** out for Moab. Its fugitives. . . . . Is 15:5
Israel **c** to me, "My God, we know you! . . . . Hos 8:2
But Isaiah **c** out for Israel, Though the. . . . Ro 9:27
requests with loud **c** and tears as his . . . . . Heb 5:7

CRIME

and what's my **c** that you've . . . . . Gn 31:36
of a capital **c**, for he must . . . . . Nm 35:31
someone in any **c**, wrongdoing, or in . . . . . Dt 19:15
wasn't the only one to die for his **c**. . . . . Josh 22:20

for that's a *c*; it's a punishable . . . . . Job 31:11
say, "It's not a *c*," are friends of . . . . . Prv 28:24
to my people their *c*, to the house of . . . . . Is 58:1
are common; bloody *c* followed by bloody . . . Hos 4:2
us guilty of a *c*, and they threw us . . . . . Ac 16:37

CRIMES

try to expose our *c*! We've devised a . . . . . Ps 64:6
numerous, so do *c*; the righteous . . . . . Prv 29:16
commit a hundred *c* but still live . . . . . Ecc 8:12
weighed down with *c*, evildoing . . . . . Is 1:4
will bring his *c* down on him and . . . . . Hos 12:14
him with any of the *c* I had expected. . . . . Ac 25:18

CROOKED

pure, but toward the *c*, you are tricky. 2Sa 22:27
the people continued their *c* practices. . . . 2Ch 27:2
pure, but toward the *c*, you are tricky. . . . .Ps 18:26
and guilty people go around with *c* talk. . . .Prv 6:12
What's *c* can't be straightened; what . . . . .Ecc 1:15
make their roads *c*; no one who walks . . . . . Is 59:8
justice and make *c* all that is . . . . . Mi 3:9
You faithless and *c* generation, how. . . . . Mt 17:17
be leveled. The *c* will be made . . . . . .Lk 3:5
by people who are *c* and corrupt. . . . . Phil 2:15

CROP

When the *c* comes in, you must give . . . . . Gn 47:24
be stripped of its *c*, the owner must. . . . . Ex 22:5
the entire *c* that you have . . . . . Dt 22:9
though the olive *c* withers, and the . . . . . Hab 3:17
Whenever the *c* is ready, the farmer goes . . .Mk 4:29
rich man's land produced a bountiful *c*. . . . Lk 12:16
as the first *c* of the harvest . . . . . Ro 8:23
are like the first *c* from the harvest . . . . . Jas 1:18

CROPS

before any field *c* grew, because the . . . . . Gn 2:5
you should plant *c* on your land and . . . . Ex 23:10
the land's *c*, you will . . . . . Lv 23:39
yield any of its *c*. You will quickly . . . . . Dt 11:17
year they ate the *c* of the land of . . . . . Josh 5:12
devour their *c*; it's taken even . . . . . Job 5:5
handed over their *c* to caterpillars, ...Ps 78:46
wealth and with the first of all your *c*. . . . .Prv 3:9
the field and the *c* of the fertile. . . . . Jer 7:20
barley, for the *c* of the field are . . . . . Jl 1:11
grain or gather *c* into barns. Yet . . . . . Mt 6:26
The earth produces *c* all by itself, first. . . . .Mk 4:28
produces twelve *c* of fruit, bearing . . . . . Rev 22:2

CROSS

to him, and he helped them *c* the river. . . . Gn 32:23
Please let us *c* through your land. We . . . . Nm 20:17
then, get going. *c* the Zered ravine. . . . . Dt 2:13
Now get ready to *c* over the Jordan . . . . .Josh 1:2
I won't let their names *c* my lips. . . . . Ps 16:4
until the other comes and *c*-examines him. . Prv 18:17
c over to Tarshish; wail, inhabitants of . . . . Is 23:6
into Gilgal, or *c* over to . . . . . Am 5:5
take up their *c*, and follow me. . . . . Mt 16:24
to them, "Let's *c* over to the other . . . . . .Mk 4:35
to them, "Let's *c* over to the other . . . . . Lk 8:22
Carrying his *c* by himself, he went out to . . . Jn 19:17
had Jesus killed by nailing him to a *c*. . . . . Ac 2:23
so that Christ's *c* won't be emptied 1Co 1:17
He endured the *c*, ignoring the . . . . . Heb 12:2

CROSSED

He got up, *c* the river, and set . . . . . Gn 31:21
The land that we *c* over to explore is . . . . . Nm 13:32
Zered ravine." So we *c* the Zered ravine. . . . . Dt 2:13
highlands. They *c* the Jordan and. . . . . Josh 2:23
trodden on it; a lion hasn't *c* over it. . . . . Job 28:8
I won't renege on what *c* my lips. . . . . .Ps 89:34
They *c* at the pass: "We'll camp at Geba!" . . . Is 10:29
a boat, Jesus *c* to the other side . . . . . Mt 9:1
Jesus *c* the lake again, and on the other . . . .Mk 5:21
injured man, he *c* over to the other . . . . . Lk 10:31
his disciples and *c* over to the other. . . . . Jn 18:1
or that haven't *c* the mind of any 1Co 2:9
By faith they *c* the Red Sea as if they . . . . Heb 11:29

CROWD

A diverse *c* also went up with them along . . . Ex 12:38
at Jezreel saw a *c* of people coming 2Ki 9:17
I feared the large *c*; the clan's . . . . . Job 31:34
I will praise you in a huge *c* of people. . . . .Ps 35:18
Above the noisy *c*, she calls out. At the . . . .Prv 1:21
that of a great *c*. Listen! An uproar . . . . . Is 13:4
They don't *c* each other; each keeps to. . . . . Jl 2:8
when Jesus saw the *c*, he ordered his . . . . .Mt 8:18
him through the *c*, so they tore off . . . . . Mk 2:4
passed through the *c* and went on his . . . . .Lk 4:30
and a *c* of people who were sick, blind, ...Jn 5:3
this sound, a *c* gathered. . . . . .Ac 2:6
there was a great *c* that no one could . . . . . Rev 7:9

CROWDS

Large *c* followed him from Galilee, the . . . .Mt 4:25
region of Judea. *c* gathered around . . . . . .Mk 10:1
John said to the *c* who came to be . . . . . .Lk 3:7
The *c* were murmuring about him. . . . . Jn 7:12
The *c* were united by what they heard . . . . .Ac 8:6
are peoples, *c*, nations, and . . . . . Rev 17:15

CROWN

head and place the holy *c* on the turban. . . . Ex 29:6
ornament, the holy *c*, on the turban's . . . . . .Lv 8:9
head, on the *c* of that prince . . . . . Dt 33:16
took Milcom's *c* from his head. He 1Ch 20:2
from me, removed the *c* from my head, . . . Job 19:9
to him; you put a *c* of pure gold on . . . . . Ps 21:3
head; she will give you a glorious *c*. . . . . Prv 4:9
to give them a *c* in place of ashes,. . . . . Is 61:3
gold and make a *c*. Place it on the. . . . . .Zec 6:11
twisted together a *c* of thorns and put . . . Mt 27:29
twisted together a *c* of thorns and put . . . Mk 15:17
twisted together a *c* of thorns and put . . . . Jn 19:2
do this to get a *c* of leaves that 1Co 9:25
you will receive an unfading *c* of glory. 1Pt 5:4
death, and I will give you the *c* of life. . . . . Rev 2:10

CRUCIFIED

tortured, and *c*. But he will be . . . . . Mt 20:19
whipped, then handed him over to be *c*. . . Mk 15:15
that Jesus be *c*. Their voices won . . . . . Lk 23:23
Jesus over to be *c*. The soldiers took . . . . Jn 19:16
Jesus, whom you *c*, both Lord and . . . . . Ac 2:36
we used to be was *c* with him in order. . . . . Ro 6:6
and Egypt, where also their Lord was *c*. . . . Rev 11:8

CRUCIFY

you will kill and *c*. And some you will . . . . Mt 23:34
They shouted back, "*c* him! . . . . . Mk 15:13
kept shouting out, "*c* him! Crucify him!" . . Lk 23:21
they shouted out, "*c*, crucify!" Pilate . . . . . Jn 19:6

CRUEL

them to do all kinds of other *c* work. . . . . Ex 1:14
is snake poison, venom from a *c* cobra. . . . Dt 32:33
be disturbed. *c* people will no 2Sa 7:10
You are *c* to me, attack me with the . . . . . Job 30:21
swords. They aim their arrow—a *c* word. . . . Ps 64:3

to others, your years to a **c** person. . . . . Prv 5:9
is coming with **c** rage and burning . . . . . Is 13:9

CRUSH

to stand before you; you will **c** them. . . . . Dt 7:24
God be willing to **c** me, release his . . . . . Job 6:9
who are needy, but let him **c** oppressors! . . . Ps 72:4
How dare you **c** my people and grind the . . . Is 3:15
is ripe. Go and **c** grapes, for the. . . . . Jl 3:13
And the stone will **c** the person it. . . . . Mt 21:44
for him so the crowd wouldn't **c** him. . . . . Mk 3:9
you authority to **c** snakes and . . . . . Lk 10:19
of peace will soon **c** Satan under your . . . . Ro 16:20

CRUSHED

I took the grapes, **c** them into . . . . . Gn 40:11
you pure oil of **c** olives for the . . . . . Ex 27:20
offering from the **c** heads of newly . . . . . Lv 2:14
testicles are **c** or whose penis is. . . . . Dt 23:1
who oppressed and **c** them. So the LORD . . Jdg 2:18
are in dust, and who are **c** like a moth? . . . Job 4:19
victims are **c**; they collapse, ... Ps 10:10
infants will be **c** before their eyes; . . . . . Is 13:16
this stone will be **c**. And the stone . . . . . Mt 21:44
path where it was **c**, and the birds in . . . . . Lk 8:5
but we aren't **c**. We are confused, ... 2Co 4:8

CRY

a loud agonizing **c** and wept bitterly. . . . . Gn 27:34
out, and their **c** to be rescued from . . . . . Ex 2:23
them fled at their **c**, for they said, ... Nm 16:34
do that, they will **c** out to the LORD. . . . . Dt 15:9
out a loud war **c**. Then the city . . . . . Josh 6:5
If I **c**"Violence!" I'm not answered; I. . . . . Job 19:7
I **c** out loud to the LORD, and he answers . . . . Ps 3:4
for insight, and **c** aloud for. . . . . Prv 2:3
Someone else will **c** out on that day, "I'm . . . . Is 3:7
They don't **c** to me from the heart . . . . . Hos 7:14
there was a **c**, 'Look, the groom! . . . . . Mt 25:6
But Jesus let out a loud **c** and died . . . . . Mk 15:37
compassion for her and said, "Don't **c**." . . . . Lk 7:13
Jesus began to **c** . . . . . Jn 11:35
With this Spirit, we **c**, "Abba, Father." . . . . Ro 8:15
c out in sorrow, mourn, and weep! . . . . . Jas 4:9

CRYING

brother's blood is **c** to me from the . . . . . Gn 4:10
child. The boy was **c**, and she felt . . . . . Ex 2:6
heard the people **c** throughout their . . . . Nm 11:10
hills in sadness, **c** over the fact that . . . . Jdg 11:37
face is red from **c**, and dark gloom . . . . . Job 16:16
because the LORD has heard me **c**! . . . . . Ps 6:8
is in labor pains, **c** out in her pangs, ... Is 26:17
forces, the Lord: **c** will be heard in . . . . . Am 5:16
men followed him, **c** out, "Show us . . . . . Mt 9:27
with people **c** and wailing loudly. . . . . Mk 5:38
prophet, A voice **c** out in the . . . . . Lk 3:4
about him, **c** out, "This is the. . . . . Jn 1:15
stood beside him, **c** as they showed the . . . . Ac 9:39
are happy, and cry with those who are **c**. . . . Ro 12:15
be no mourning, **c**, or pain anymore, ... Rev 21:4

CUP

Pharaoh's **c** was in my hand, so I took the . . Gn 40:11
and drink from his **c**—even sleep in his . . . 2Sa 12:3
are my portion, my **c**; you control my . . . . Ps 16:5
it sparkles in the **c**, going down. . . . . Prv 23:31
up in a measuring **c** or weighed the . . . . . Is 40:12
and stagger. The **c** of the LORD's . . . . . Hab 2:16
who gives even a **c** of cold water to . . . . Mt 10:42
gives you a **c** of water to drink . . . . . Mk 9:41
the outside of the **c** and platter, but. . . . . Lk 11:39
I not to drink the **c** the Father has . . . . . Jn 18:11
Isn't the **c** of blessing that we bless a 1Co 10:16
strength into the **c** of his wrath. . . . . Rev 14:10

CUPS

base, branches, **c**, flowers, and . . . . . Ex 25:31
the **c**, wick trimmers, bowls, ladles, and . . . 1Ki 7:50
the wicked; their **c** will be filled. . . . . Ps 11:6
fortune, and fill **c** of mixed wine for. . . . . Is 65:11
drunkards in their **c**. They are consumed . . . Na 1:10
as the washing of **c**, jugs, pans, and . . . . . Mk 7:4

CURSE

I will not **c** the fertile land . . . . . Gn 8:21
Don't say a **c** against God, and don't . . . . Ex 22:28
that brings the **c** will be in the . . . . . Nm 5:18
blessing and **c** before you right . . . . . Dt 11:26
both blessing and **c**, in agreement with . . . . Josh 8:34
He will certainly **c** you to your face. . . . . Job 1:11
of me; those who mock me **c** using my name! Ps 102:8
The LORD's **c** is on the house of the . . . . . Prv 3:33
enraged and will **c** their king and . . . . . Is 8:21
me, "This is the **c** going out across . . . . . Zec 5:3
name can quickly turn around and **c** me. . . . . Mk 9:39
Bless those who **c** you. Pray for those who . . . Lk 6:28
the Law. And they are under God's **c**! . . . . . Jn 7:49
who harass you—bless and don't **c** them. . . . Ro 12:14
and Father and **c** human beings made. . . . . Jas 3:9
no longer be any **c**. The throne of God. . . . Rev 22:3

CURSED

you are the one **c** out of all the . . . . . Gn 3:14
They have **c** their own father . . . . . Lv 20:9
is blessed and whomever you curse is **c**. . . . Nm 22:6
c is anyone who makes an idol or an . . . . Dt 27:15
of Jericho will be **c** before the LORD. . . . . Josh 6:26
sinned and then **c** God in their . . . . . Job 1:5
land, but those **c** by God will be cut . . . . . Ps 37:22
who turn a blind eye will be greatly **c**. . . . Prv 28:27
earlier time, God **c** the land of . . . . . Is 9:1
You are being **c** with a curse, and you, ... Mal 3:9
Then he **c** and swore, "I don't know the . . . Mt 26:74
how the fig tree you **c** has dried up. . . . . Mk 11:21
I wish I could be **c**, cut off from Christ. . . . Ro 9:3
and close to being **c**. It ends up being . . . . Heb 6:8
heat, and they **c** the name of the . . . . . Rev 16:9

CURSES

Anyone who **c** their father or mother . . . . Ex 21:17
If anyone **c** their father or mother, they . . . Lv 20:9
water of bitterness that brings these **c**. . . . Nm 5:19
now, all these **c** will come upon you . . . . Dt 28:15
citizens—all the **c** written in the 2Ch 34:24
are filled with **c**, dishonesty, ... Ps 10:7
lent or borrowed, still everyone **c** me. . . . Jer 15:10
bow, uttering **c** for the arrows. . . . . Hab 3:9

CURSING

and the one **c** you will be . . . . . Nm 24:9
Mount Ebal for the **c**: Reuben, Gad, ... Dt 27:13
how his sons were **c** God, but he 1Sa 3:13
cravings; the greedy reject the LORD, **c**. . . . Ps 10:3
so you don't hear your servant **c** you. . . . . Ecc 7:21
of horror, shock, and **c**, as it is today; . . . Jer 25:18
mouths are full of **c** and bitterness. . . . . Ro 3:14
Blessing and **c** come from the same mouth. . . Jas 3:10

CURTAIN

Each **c** should be forty-two feet long and . . . Ex 26:2
the LORD, toward the sanctuary's inner **c**. . . . Lv 4:6
down the screening **c**, and they will . . . . . Nm 4:5
Then he made the **c** out of fine linen and . . . 2Ch 3:14

like a robe; you open the skies like a ***c***. . . . .Ps 104:2
the skies like a ***c*** and spreads it out . . . . .Is 40:22
Look, the ***c*** of the sanctuary was torn in. . . Mt 27:51
The ***c*** of the sanctuary was torn in two . . . Mk 15:38
shining. Then the ***c*** in the sanctuary . . . . Lk 23:45
being, enters the sanctuary behind the ***c***. . . Heb 6:19

CURTAINS

dwelling with ten ***c*** of fine twisted . . . . . Ex 26:1
the ***c*** of the courtyard, the screen for . . . . Nm 3:26
the LORD's covenant is under ***c***. 1Ch 17:1
nomads, like the ***c*** of Solomon's . . . . . Song 1:5
under duress. The ***c*** of the land of. . . . . Hab 3:7

CUSH

It flows around the entire land of ***C***. . . . . Gn 2:13
Ham's family: ***C***, Egypt, Put, and Canaan . . . 1Ch 1:8
to the LORD about ***C***, a Benjaminite. . . . . Ps 7:1
from Pathros, ***C***, Elam, Shinar, ... Is 11:11
C and Egypt constituted her strength, ... Na 3:9

CUSHITE

on account of the ***C*** woman whom he had . . Nm 12:1
Libyan, Sukkite, and ***C*** warriors. 2Ch 12:3
C topaz won't compare with her; she can't . Job 28:19
Can a ***C*** change his skin or a leopard its . . . Jer 13:23

CUT

will all life be ***c*** off by . . . . . Gn 9:11
flint stone and ***c*** off her son's . . . . . Ex 4:25
will be skinned and ***c*** up into pieces. . . . . Lv 1:6
persons will be ***c*** off from their. . . . . Nm 9:13
sacred stones, ***c*** down their sacred . . . . . Dt 7:5
the Jordan will be ***c*** off. The water . . . . Josh 3:13
crush me, release his hand and ***c*** me off. . . . Job 6:9
Let the LORD ***c*** off all slick-talking lips . . . Ps 12:3
the wicked will be ***c*** off from the land,. . . . Prv 2:22
which when it is ***c*** down leaves a . . . . . Is 6:13
Samaria will be ***c*** off; her king is like a . . . Hos 10:7
the road. Others ***c*** palm branches off . . . . Mt 21:8
farmer goes out to ***c*** the grain because . . . Mk 4:29
The master will ***c*** them into pieces . . . . . Lk 12:46
ear Peter had ***c*** off, said to him,. . . . . Jn 18:26
will be totally ***c*** off from the . . . . . Ac 3:23
I could be cursed, ***c*** off from Christ if . . . . Ro 9:3
death, they were ***c*** in two, and they . . . . Heb 11:37
sharp sickle to ***c*** the clusters in. . . . . Rev 14:18

CYPRUS

returning from ***C***, they heard about. . . . . Is 23:1
was a Levite from ***C***. . . . . Ac 4:36

CYRENE

Simon, a man from ***C***. They forced him . . . Mt 27:32
Simon, a man from ***C***, Alexander and . . . . Mk 15:21
Simon, a man from ***C***, who was coming in . . Lk 23:26
of Libya bordering ***C***; and visitors from . . . . Ac 2:10

CYRUS

of Persia's King ***C***, to carry out the 2Ch 36:22
who say about ***C***, "My shepherd—he will . . . Is 44:28

D

DAGON

to their god ***D*** and to hold a . . . . . Jdg 16:23

DAILY

you make the same ***d*** quota as when you . . . Ex 5:13
home from his ***d*** work in the. . . . . Jdg 19:16
filling my heart? ***d***? How long will my . . . . Ps 13:2
to me, watching ***d*** at my doors,. . . . . Prv 8:34
a loaf of bread ***d*** from the street . . . . . Jer 37:21
take up their cross ***d***, and follow me. . . . . Lk 9:23
The Lord added ***d*** to the community . . . . Ac 2:47
there's my ***d*** stress because I'm 2Co 11:28
the midst of their ***d*** lives, the wealthy . . . . Jas 1:11

DAMASCUS

and chased them to Hobah, north of ***D***. . . . Gn 14:15
them. They went to ***D***, stayed there, and. . . 1Ki 11:24
tower of Lebanon, looking out toward ***D***. . . Song 7:4
chief of Aram is ***D***; the chief of . . . . . Is 7:8
three crimes of ***D***, and for four, I . . . . . Am 1:3
the synagogues in ***D***. If he found . . . . . Ac 9:2
At ***D*** the governor under King Aretas was . . 2Co 11:32

DAN

and went after them as far as ***D***. . . . . Gn 14:14
D and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. . . . . Ex 1:4
Dibri's daughter from the tribe of ***D***. . . . Lv 24:11
from ***D***, Ahiezer, Ammishaddai's son . . . . Nm 1:12
Gad, Asher, Zebulun, ***D***, and Naphtali. . . . Dt 27:13
of the people of ***D*** was lost to them.. . . . Josh 19:47
declares from ***D***; someone proclaims . . . . Jer 4:15
your god lives, ***D***," and, "As the way . . . . Am 8:14

DANGER

You've put me in ***d*** by making me. . . . . Gn 34:30
from surrounding ***d***, exactly as he had . . . Josh 21:44
valley, I fear no ***d*** because you are. . . . . Ps 23:4
of distress and ***d***, lioness and. . . . . Is 30:6
commit murder will be in ***d*** of judgment. . . Mt 5:21
filling up with water and they were in ***d***. . . Lk 8:23
This poses a ***d*** not only by discrediting . . . Ac 19:27
or famine, or nakedness, or ***d***, or sword? . . . Ro 8:35

DANIEL

the second ***D***, with Abigail the 1Ch 3:1
three men, Noah, ***D***, and Job, lived . . . . Eze 14:14
thing that ***D*** talked about . . . . . Mt 24:15

DANITE

These are the ***D*** clans according to . . . . Nm 26:42
out seventh for the clans of the ***D*** tribe. . . Josh 19:40

DANITES

the tribe of the ***D***, a chief, Bukki, ... Nm 34:22
The ***D*** sent five men from their whole . . . Jdg 18:2

DARIUS

Cyrus until the rule of Persia's King ***D***. . . Ezr 4:5
D the Mede received the kingdom at the . . Dn 5:31
year of King ***D***, in the sixth . . . . . Hg 1:1

DARK

or form, it was ***d*** over the deep sea, ... Gn 1:2
close the gate at ***d***, but I don't know . . . .Josh 2:5
evening stars stay ***d***; may it wait in . . . . Job 3:9
his covering was ***d*** water and dense . . . . .Ps 18:11
will be snuffed out when it becomes ***d***. . . . Prv 20:20
The sun will be ***d*** when it rises; the . . . . Is 13:10
not light; all ***d*** with no brightness . . . . .Am 5:20
who lived in the ***d*** have seen a great. . . . . Mt 4:16
sun will become ***d***,and the moon won't . . . Mk 13:24
already getting ***d*** and Jesus hadn't . . . . Jn 6:17
As soon as it was ***d***, the brothers and . . . . Ac 17:10
are hidden in the ***d*** to light, and he 1Co 4:5
lamp shining in a ***d*** place, until the 2Pt 1:19
of them became ***d***. The day lost a . . . . . Rev 8:12

DARKNESS

was. God separated the light from the ***d***. . . . Gn 1:4
the sky so that ***d*** spreads over the . . . . . Ex 10:21
to the sky, with ***d***, cloud, and thick . . . . . Dt 4:11
LORD. So he set ***d*** between you and. . . . . Josh 24:7
let it be ***d***; may God above . . . . . Job 3:4

came down; thick ***d*** was beneath his . . . . . Ps 18:9
is like deep ***d***; they don't know . . . . . Prv 4:19
evil, who present ***d*** as light and light . . . . . Is 5:20
a day of ***d*** and no light, a day of clouds . . . . . Jl 2:2
will be full of ***d***. If then the light . . . . . Mt 6:23
who are sitting in ***d*** and in the shadow . . . . Lk 1:79
shines in the ***d***, and the darkness . . . . . Jn 1:5
be changed into ***d***, and the moon will . . . . . Ac 2:20
the blind; a light to those who are in ***d***; . . . . Ro 2:19
a burning fire, ***d***, shadow, a . . . . . Heb 12:18
throne, and ***d*** covered its . . . . . Rev 16:10

DAUGHTER

was Milcah the ***d*** of Haran, father . . . . . Gn 11:29
Pharaoh's ***d*** came down to bathe in the . . . . . Ex 2:5
gives birth to a ***d***, she will be . . . . . Lv 12:5
was Cozbi the ***d*** of Zur, a tribal . . . . . Nm 25:15
Don't give your ***d*** to one of their . . . . . Dt 7:3
give Achsah my ***d*** in marriage to . . . . . Josh 15:16
in your salvation in the gates of ***d*** Zion. . . . . Ps 9:14
d Zion is left like a small shelter in a . . . . . Is 1:8
Gomer, Diblaim's ***d***, and she became . . . . . Hos 1:3
him, saying, "My ***d*** has just died. But . . . . . Mt 9:18
with him, "My ***d*** is about to die. . . . . Mk 5:23
prophet, Anna the ***d*** of Phanuel, who . . . . . Lk 2:36
Don't be afraid, ***d*** Zion. Look! Your king. . . . Jn 12:15
Pharaoh's ***d*** adopted and cared . . . . . Ac 7:21
slave but a son or ***d***, and if you are . . . . . Ga 4:7
son of Pharaoh's ***d*** when he was grown . . . Heb 11:24

DAUGHTERS

lived 800 years; he had other sons and ***d***. . . . . Gn 5:4
who had seven ***d***. The daughters . . . . . Ex 2:16
and your sons and ***d***. These things are . . . . Lv 10:14
sons, and your ***d***: I'm giving you . . . . . Nm 18:11
you, your sons or ***d***, your male or . . . . . Dt 5:14
bar, his sons and ***d***, his cattle, ... Josh 7:24
He had seven sons and three ***d*** . . . . . Job 1:2
their own sons and ***d*** to demons! . . . . . Ps 106:37
The leech has two ***d***: "Give, give!" There . . . Prv 30:15
Because Zion's ***d*** applaud . . . . . Is 3:16
Therefore, your ***d*** act like . . . . . Hos 4:13
women and said, "***d*** of Jerusalem, ... Lk 23:28
Your sons and ***d*** will prophesy. . . . . Ac 2:17
led by God's Spirit are God's sons and ***d***. . . . Ro 8:14
to many sons and ***d*** whom he's leading . . . Heb 2:10
God, and they will be my sons and ***d***. . . . . Rev 21:7

DAVID

of Jesse, and Jesse the father of ***D***. . . . . Ru 4:22
A psalm of ***D***, when he fled from his son. . . . Ps 3:1
When the house of ***D*** was told that Aram . . . Is 7:2
LORD their God and ***D*** their king; they . . . Hos 3:5
Jesus Christ, son of ***D***, son of Abraham: . . . Mt 1:1
you ever read what ***D*** did when he was in . . . Mk 2:25
will give him the throne of ***D*** his father. . . . Lk 1:32
beforehand through ***D*** had to be . . . . . Ac 1:16
scriptures. His Son was descended from ***D***. . . Ro 1:3
he says through ***D*** much later, Today, ... Heb 4:7
who has the key of ***D***. Whatever he . . . . . Rev 3:7

DAWN

When ***d*** broke, the messengers urged Lot, . . Gn 19:15
he shone like the ***d*** on us, from Paran . . . . Dt 33:2
they got up at ***d***. They circled the . . . . . Josh 6:15
and restless thoughts fill me until ***d***. . . . . Job 7:4
According to the "Doe of ***D***." . . . . . Ps 22:1
things, but they will never see the ***d***. . . . . Is 8:20
as certain as the ***d***; who will come to . . . . Hos 6:3
the Sabbath, at ***d*** on the first day . . . . . Mt 28:1
compassion, the ***d*** from heaven will. . . . . Lk 1:78

DAY

named the light ***d*** and the darkness. . . . . Gn 1:5
One ***d*** after Moses had become an adult, he . . Ex 2:11
to the owner on the ***d*** you become guilty. . . . Lv 6:5
tent on the first ***d*** of the second . . . . . Nm 1:1
year, on the first ***d*** of the eleventh . . . . . Dt 1:3
scroll. Recite it ***d*** and night so you . . . . . Josh 1:8
One ***d*** the divine beings came to present . . . Job 1:6
recite God's Instruction ***d*** and night! . . . . . Ps 1:2
brighter and brighter till it is full ***d***. . . . . Prv 4:18
the LORD alone will be exalted on that ***d***. . . . Is 2:11
On that ***d*** I will break the bow of Israel . . . Hos 1:5
about itself. Each ***d*** has enough trouble . . . Mt 6:34
wakes night and ***d***. The seed sprouts . . . . Mk 4:27
One ***d*** Zechariah was serving as a priest. . . . Lk 1:8
The next ***d*** John saw Jesus coming toward. . . Jn 1:29
right up to the ***d*** when he was taken up . . . . Ac 1:2
will be revealed on the ***d*** of wrath. . . . . Ro 2:5
rebellion, on the ***d*** when they tested . . . . Heb 3:8
on the Lord's ***d***, and I heard . . . . . Rev 1:10

DAYS

events, sacred seasons, ***d***, and years. . . . . Gn 1:14
Seven ***d*** went by after the LORD had struck . . Ex 7:25
entrance for seven ***d***, until the period . . . . Lv 8:33
tent for many ***d***, the Israelites . . . . . Nm 9:19
It is eleven ***d*** from Horeb to . . . . . Dt 1:2
because in three ***d*** you will be . . . . . Josh 1:11
When the ***d*** of the feast had been. . . . . Job 1:5
allright—long ***d***, forever and. . . . . Ps 21:4
Through me your ***d*** will be many; years . . . Prv 9:11
son, saw in the ***d*** of Judah's kings . . . . . Is 1:1
son, in the ***d*** of Judah's Kings . . . . . Hos 1:1
In those ***d*** John the Baptist appeared in . . . Mt 3:1
for forty ***d***, tempted by Satan. . . . . Mk 1:13
he completed the ***d*** of his priestly . . . . . Lk 1:23
Capernaum and stayed there for a few ***d***. . . . Jn 2:12
a period of forty ***d***, speaking to them . . . . Ac 1:3
considers some ***d*** to be more sacred. . . . . Ro 14:5
In these final ***d***, though, he spoke to us . . . Heb 1:2
hardship for ten ***d***. Be faithful even . . . . . Rev 2:10

DEAD

the Siddim Valley (that is, the ***d*** Sea). . . . Gn 14:3
because they thought, We'll all be ***d***. . . . . Ex 12:33
unclean thing—the ***d*** body of an unclean . . . Lv 5:2
Your ***d*** bodies will fall in this desert. . . . Nm 14:29
desert sea (the ***d*** Sea) below the . . . . . Dt 3:17
servant Moses is ***d***. Now get ready to . . . . Josh 1:2
The ***d*** writhe, the inhabitants beneath the . . Job 26:5
you when they are ***d***. Who gives you . . . . . Ps 6:5
and her paths go down to the shadowy ***d***. . . Prv 2:18
Consult the ***d*** on behalf of the . . . . . Is 8:19
who touch the ***d***; all who eat of it . . . . . Hos 9:4
who were trying to kill the child are ***d***. . . . Mt 2:20
The child isn't ***d***. She's only . . . . . Mk 5:39
the city gate, a ***d*** man was being . . . . . Lk 7:12
raised from the ***d***, his disciples . . . . . Jn 2:22
raised from the ***d***. We are witnesses. . . . . Ac 3:15
from the ***d***, which was based . . . . . Ro 1:4
turning away from ***d*** works, of faith in . . . Heb 6:1
from among the ***d***, and the ruler of . . . . . Rev 1:5

DEADLY

will give us a ***d*** disease or . . . . . Ex 5:3
there was a ***d*** panic throughout 1Sa 5:11
God has ***d*** weapons in store for those who . . Ps 7:13
Let's set up a ***d*** ambush. Let's . . . . . Prv 1:11
Its weapons are ***d***; its warriors are many. . . Jer 5:16
It is a restless evil, full of ***d*** poison. . . . . Jas 3:8
killed, but its ***d*** wound was healed. . . . . Rev 13:3

DEAL

multiplied a great *d*. The LORD blessed . . . Gn 30:30
let's be smart and *d* with them. . . . . Ex 1:10
you in turn will *d* loyally with my . . . . Josh 2:12
You *d* faithfully with the faithful; you . . . Ps 18:25
shakes hands on a *d*, securing a loan . . . Prv 17:18
said, "We've cut a *d* with death; with . . . Is 28:15
give. Whatever you *d* out will be dealt. . . . Mt 7:2
and your own Law, *d* with them . . . . Ac 18:15
his own Son to *d* with sin in the . . . . Ro 8:3
priest is able to *d* gently with the . . . . Heb 5:2

DEAR

daughter or your *d* spouse or best . . . . Dt 13:6
hold their mocking *d*, and fools hate . . . . Prv 1:22
and my milk. Eat, *d* friends! Drink and . . . Song 5:1
I still hold him *d*. I yearn for him . . . . Jer 31:20
you along with our *d* friends Barnabas . . . Ac 15:25
for yourselves, my *d* friends, but leave . . . Ro 12:19
be misled, my *d* brothers and . . . . Jas 1:16

DEATH

you really put an innocent nation to *d*? . . . Gn 20:4
Egyptians, won't they stone us to *d*? . . . Ex 8:26
After the *d* of Aaron's two sons, which . . . Lv 16:1
person who approaches will be put to *d*. . . Nm 1:51
him even though a *d* sentence was not . . . Dt 19:6
will be put to *d*. Be brave and . . . . Josh 1:18
in vain for *d*, who search for it . . . . Job 3:21
brings me back from the very gates of *d*. . . Ps 9:13
sinks down to *d*, and her paths go . . . . Prv 2:18
of King Uzziah's *d*, I saw the Lord . . . . Is 6:1
I will put to *d* their much loved. . . . . Hos 9:16
lived in the region and in shadow of *d*. . . . Mt 4:16
or mother will certainly be put to *d*. . . . Mk 7:10
in the shadow of *d*, to guide us on . . . . Lk 1:79
judgment but has passed from *d* into life. . . Jn 5:24
was impossible for *d* to hang on to him. . . . Ac 2:24
practices deserve *d*, they not only . . . . Ro 1:32
suffering of his *d*. He suffered death . . . . Heb 2:9
I have the keys of *d* and the Grave. . . . . Rev 1:18

DECEIT

injustice for God, speak *d* on his behalf? . . Job 13:7
d is in the heart of those who plan evil, . . Prv 12:20
and speaking *d*, they conceive . . . . . Is 59:4
of bloodshed—all *d*, full of plunder: . . . . Na 3:1
evil actions, *d*, unrestrained . . . . . Mk 7:22
genuine Israelite in whom there is no *d*. . . . Jn 1:47
ill will and all *d*, pretense, envy, ... 1Pt 2:1

DECEIVE

must not steal nor *d* nor lie to each . . . . Lv 19:11
without reason; don't *d* with your lips. . . . Prv 24:28
the God you trust *d* you by saying, ... Is 37:10
Samaria; for they *d* and steal, a thief . . . . Hos 7:1
You *d* yourself! First take the log out of . . . Mt 7:5
I'm the one!' They will *d* many people. . . . Mk 13:6
your own eye? You *d* yourselves! First . . . . Lk 6:42
own feelings. They *d* the hearts of . . . . Ro 16:18
nor did he ever speak in ways meant to *d*. . . . 1Pt 2:22
used the signs to *d* people into . . . . . Rev 19:20

DECEIVED

Moreover, Jacob *d* Laban the Aramean by . . Gn 31:20
Why have you *d* us by saying, 'We . . . . Josh 9:22
success; the deceiver and the *d* are his. . . . Job 12:16
You have utterly *d* this people and . . . . Jer 4:10
Those *d* by worthless things lose their. . . . Jon 2:8
that you aren't *d*. Many will come in . . . . Lk 21:8
Pharisees replied, "Have you too been *d*? . . . Jn 7:47
the commandment, *d* me, and killed me. . . . Ro 7:11
the nations were *d* by the spell you . . . . Rev 18:23

DECEPTION

after you by the *d* they devised for . . . . Nm 25:18
it's like a sharpened razor, causing *d*. . . . . Ps 52:2
with their lips, keeping their *d* within. . . . Prv 26:24
He will be stern and a master of *d*. . . . . Dn 8:23
have become a *d* for the kings of . . . . . Mi 1:14
dead.' This last *d* will be worse than . . . . Mt 27:64
recognized their *d*, he said to them, ... Lk 20:23
murder, fighting, *d*, and malice. They . . . . Ro 1:29
insensitive to God because of sin's *d*. . . . . Heb 3:13
and all who love and practice *d*. . . . . Rev 22:15

DECIDE

Let the LORD *d* who is right, you . . . . . Gn 16:5
but they should *d* all of the minor . . . . Ex 18:22
for you to *d*, bring to me and I . . . . . Dt 1:17
who is the judge, *d* today between the. . . . Jdg 11:27
If he were to *d* to do it—to gather his . . . Job 34:14
God says, "When I *d* the time is right, I . . . . Ps 75:2
judge by appearances, nor *d* by hearsay. . . . Is 11:3
a witness, when I *d* to gather nations, ... Zep 3:8
from Jerusalem, I will *d* this case. . . . . Ac 24:22
is what you should *d*: never put a . . . . Ro 14:13

DECIDED

I've already *d* to speak with my . . . . . Gn 18:27
I've *d* to take you away from the . . . . . Ex 3:17
punishment must be *d* by two or three . . . Dt 17:6
of Shechem. They *d* to follow. . . . . Jdg 9:3
I *d* their path, sat as chief. I lived . . . . Job 29:25
with grain because that is what you've *d*. . . Ps 65:9
now the LORD has *d*—the one who . . . . . Is 49:5
humiliate her, he *d* to call off their . . . . Mt 1:19
I have also *d* to write a . . . . . Lk 1:3
had already *d* that whoever . . . . . Jn 9:22
though he had already *d* to release him. . . . Ac 3:13
in advance, and he *d* in advance that . . . . Ro 8:29

DECISION

for him the *d* by lot before the . . . . . Nm 27:21
favoritism in a *d*. Hear both sides. . . . . Dt 1:17
they didn't ask for any *d* from the LORD. . . Josh 9:14
the LORD's *d*: He said to me, ... Ps 2:7
the Chaldeans: "My *d* is final: If you. . . . Dn 2:5
before the *d* is made—the day vanishes . . . Zep 2:2
people reached the *d* to have Jesus put . . . Mt 27:1
Pilate issued his *d* to grant their . . . . Lk 23:24
reached a united *d* to select some. . . . . Ac 15:25
they know God's *d* that those who . . . . Ro 1:32
If we make the *d* to sin after we receive . . . Heb 10:26

DECLARE

household and *d* to the Israelites: . . . . Ex 19:3
sees this, he will *d* the person unclean. . . . Lv 13:3
to me. I will *d* my words to them . . . . Dt 4:10
opposes what you *d* and doesn't obey . . . Josh 1:18
I know that you won't *d* me innocent. . . . Job 9:28
so I can *d* all your praises, so I can . . . . Ps 9:14
among the peoples; *d* that God's name is . . . Is 12:4
great city, and *d* against it the . . . . . Jon 3:2
in parables; I'll *d* what has been . . . . Mt 13:35
who are here *d* what crime they . . . . Ac 24:20
of life, but will *d* their names in the. . . . . Rev 3:5

DECLARED

d war on Sodom's King Bera, Gomorrah's . . . Gn 14:2
and the people *d*, "These are your . . . . Ex 32:4
power be as great as you *d* when you said, . . Nm 14:17
The LORD *d* his covenant to you, which he. . . Dt 4:13
rescue Israel through me as you have *d*, . . . Jdg 6:36

only to myself. I *d* your faithfulness. . . . . Ps 40:10
because I have *d* my plan and will. . . . . Jer 4:28
saying this, Jesus *d* that no food could . . . Mk 7:19
Caesar Augustus *d* that everyone . . . . . Lk 2:1
his voice and *d*, "Judeans and . . . . . Ac 2:14
as a human, *d* righteous by the 1Ti 3:16
Instead, someone *d* somewhere, What is . . . Heb 2:6

DECLARES

the God of Israel, *d*: I had promised. 1Sa 2:30
I have integrity; but God *d* me perverse. . . Job 9:20
Massa. The man *d*: I'm tired, God; . . . . . Prv 30:1
He won't enter this city, *d* the LORD. . . . . Is 37:34

DECORATED

of fine twisted linen, *d* with needlework. . . . Ex 26:36
second pillar was *d* with lattices just 2Ki 25:17
The arches were *d* with palm trees. . . . . Eze 40:16
the place vacant, cleaned up, and *d*. . . . . Mt 12:44
it finds the house cleaned up and *d*. . . . . Lk 11:25
of its horns was *d* with a royal . . . . . Rev 13:1

DECREE

Joshua made this *d*: "Anyone who . . . . . Josh 6:26
If you *d* something, it will stand; light. . . . Job 22:28
He made it a *d* for Joseph when he went . . . Ps 81:5
mother's divorce *d*, with which I sent . . . . Is 50:1
In Nineveh, by *d* of the king and . . . . . Jon 3:7

DEDICATED

Israelites have *d* to the LORD while . . . . . Lv 22:3
a nazirite in order to be *d* to the LORD, . . . Nm 6:2
but hasn't yet *d* it? He can leave . . . . . Dt 20:5
hill. Then they *d* Eleazar, ... 1Sa 7:1
offerings. Every *d* thing in Israel . . . . . Eze 44:29
her for the days *d* to the Baals, when . . . . Hos 2:13
firstborn male will be *d* to the Lord. . . . . Lk 2:23
so that she can be *d* to God in both 1Co 7:34

DEDICATION

for Aaron for his *d* to serve me as a . . . . . Ex 28:3
the period of *d* to the LORD is . . . . . Nm 6:5
did, with complete *d* and honesty, and 1Ki 9:4
for the temple *d*. Of David.] I . . . . . Ps 30:1
and come for the *d* of the statue that . . . . . Dn 3:2
the Festival of *d* in Jerusalem. It . . . . . Jn 10:22
through your *d* to God by the 2Th 2:13

DEED

and the *d* escapes the . . . . . Lv 4:13
you for your *d*. May you receive a . . . . . Ru 2:12
turn them from a *d* and to smother. . . . . Job 33:17
pays you back the very *d* you did to us! . . . Ps 137:8
act in word and *d* insults the LORD, ... Is 3:8
a sick person, a good *d* that healed him? . . . Ac 4:9
every ungodly *d* they have . . . . . Jud 1:15

DEEDS

of highest praise, doing awesome *d*? . . . . Ex 15:11
of their guilty *d*. And they will rot . . . . . Lv 26:39
me to do these *d* and that it wasn't . . . . . Nm 16:28
or can perform your *d* and powerful acts? . . . Dt 3:24
goes, 'Evil *d* come from 1Sa 24:13
he regards their *d*, overturns them at . . . . Job 34:25
He loves righteous *d*. Those whose heart . . . Ps 11:7
his way, before his *d* long in the past. . . . . Prv 8:22
Remove your ugly *d* from my sight. Put . . . . Is 1:16
their ways, and judge them for their *d*. . . . . Hos 4:9
list of his evil *d*: he locked John up . . . . . Lk 3:20
and he was a man of powerful words and *d*. . . Ac 7:22
are doing loving *d* for all the 1Th 4:10
they have observed your honorable *d*. 1Pt 2:12
labors, because their *d* follow them. . . . . Rev 14:13

DEEP

was dark over the *d* sea, and God's . . . . . Gn 1:2
The *d* sea covered them; they sank into . . . . Ex 15:5
and about three feet *d* on the ground. . . . . Nm 11:31
above, with the *d* waters stretching . . . . . Dt 33:13
of Reuben there was *d* soul-searching. . . . . Jdg 5:15
of night, when *d* sleep falls on . . . . . Job 4:13
intimately acquainted with my *d* distress. . . . Ps 31:7
the wicked is like *d* darkness; they . . . . . Prv 4:19
God. Make it as *d* as the grave or as . . . . . Is 7:11
they have sunk *d* into corruption; I . . . . . Hos 5:2
immediately because the soil wasn't *d*. . . . . Mt 13:5
immediately because the soil wasn't *d*. . . . . Mk 4:5
of our God's *d* compassion, the. . . . . Lk 1:78
and the well is *d*. Where would you . . . . . Jn 4:11
was sinking into a *d* sleep as Paul. . . . . Ac 20:9
knowledge are so *d*! They are as . . . . . Ro 11:33
the word planted *d* inside you . . . . . Jas 1:21
the so-called "*d* secrets" of . . . . . Rev 2:24

DEFEAT

that he couldn't *d* Jacob, he grabbed . . . . Gn 32:25
sound of a song of *d*. The sound of . . . . . Ex 32:18
This was after the *d* of Sihon, the . . . . . Dt 1:4
with you, you'll *d* the Midianites as . . . . . Jdg 6:16
wisdom; God, not a person, will *d* him. . . . Job 32:13
My eyes have seen my enemies' *d*. . . . . Ps 54:7
but they won't *d* you, because I am . . . . . Jer 1:19
the day of their *d*; you shouldn't . . . . . Obad 1:13
would vigorously *d* Jewish arguments. . . . . Ac 18:28
world, and their *d* brings riches to . . . . . Ro 11:12
returned from the *d* of the kings, and . . . . . Heb 7:1

DEFEATED

Bedad's son who *d* Midian in the . . . . . Gn 36:35
So Joshua *d* Amalek and his army with the . . . Ex 17:13
you: you will be *d* by your enemies; . . . . . Lv 26:17
with you. You will be *d* by your enemies. . . . Dt 1:42
Perizzites. They *d* ten thousand men . . . . . Jdg 1:4
they will be *d* and ashamed . . . . . Ps 6:10
king, which was *d* by Babylon's. . . . . Jer 46:2
Don't be *d* by evil, but defeat evil with . . . . Ro 12:21
and you have *d* these people 1Jn 4:4

DEFEND

I will *d* this city and save it for my 2Ki 19:34
Save me by your name; *d* me by your might! . . Ps 54:1
and to *d* the needy and the . . . . . Prv 31:9
the oppressed; *d* the orphan; plead . . . . . Is 1:17
worry about how to *d* yourself or what . . . Lk 12:11
to speak of your hope, be ready to *d* it. . . . 1Pt 3:15

DEFENSE

our prey. Their *d* has deserted them, ... Nm 14:9
but he built cities for Judah's *d*. 2Ch 11:5
witnesses as a *d*; let them hear and . . . . . Is 43:9
minds not to prepare your *d* in advance. . . . Lk 21:14
wanted to offer a *d* before the . . . . . Ac 19:33
accuse them, or even make a *d* for them, . . . Ro 2:15

DEFILED

heard that Shechem *d* his daughter . . . . . Gn 34:5
because they *d* what is holy to . . . . . Lv 19:8
and that she has *d* herself in . . . . . Nm 5:13
to Beer-sheba, he *d* the shrines where. 2Ki 23:8
the ground; they *d* the dwelling place . . . . . Ps 74:7
Coniah merely a *d* and broken pottery . . . . Jer 22:28
acted like a prostitute; Israel is *d*. . . . . Hos 5:3
into the temple and *d* this holy place. . . . . Ac 21:28
They weren't *d* with women, for these. . . . . Rev 14:4

DELIGHT

because of my **d** in my God's 1Ch 29:3
Does the Almighty **d** in your innocence? . . Job 22:3
by the LORD when they **d** in his way. . . . . Ps 37:23
mind, and knowledge will fill you with **d**. . . Prv 2:10
He will **d** in fearing the LORD. He won't . . . Is 11:3
those who take **d** in oppressing us, ... Hab 3:14
The large crowd listened to him with **d**. . . . Mk 12:37
will be a joy and **d** to you, and many . . . . Lk 1:14
blemishes, taking **d** in their seductive 2Pt 2:13

DELIVER

covenant, I will **d** to you all that I . . . . . Ex 25:22
doomed! Who will **d** us from the grip 1Sa 4:8
he will **d** you; from seven . . . . . Job 5:19
back to me, LORD! **d** me! Save me for . . . . . Ps 6:4
the LORD is our king—he will **d** us. . . . . Is 33:22
and tears to pieces with no one to **d**. . . . . Mi 5:8
in God, so let God **d** him now if he . . . . . Mt 27:43
being. Who will **d** me from this dead . . . . . Ro 7:24
He built an ark to **d** his household. . . . . Heb 11:7

DELIVERED

LORD. Now you've **d** the Israelites . . . . . Josh 22:31
him, then he **d** them into the . . . . . Job 8:4
after the LORD **d** him from the power . . . . . Ps 18:1
word that you **d** is good," since he . . . . . Is 39:8
because they have **d** up entire . . . . . Am 1:9
One is about to be **d** over into human . . . . Mt 17:22
Human One will be **d** into human hands. . . . Mk 9:31
he has come to help and has **d** his people. . . . Lk 1:68
gathered the believers and **d** the letter. . . . Ac 15:30
and have safely **d** the final amount . . . . . Ro 15:28
for the faith **d** once and for all . . . . . Jud 1:3

DEMON

hyenas, the goat **d** will call to his . . . . . Is 34:14
many who were **d**-possessed. He . . . . . Mt 8:16
harshly to the **d**. "Come out of him!" . . . . Mk 1:25
the spirit of an unclean **d**. He screamed, . . . Lk 4:33
You have a **d**. Who wants to kill . . . . . Jn 7:20

DEMON-POSSESSED

many who were **d**. He threw the . . . . . Mt 8:16
to Jesus those who were sick or **d**. . . . . Mk 1:32
told them how the **d** man had been . . . . . Lk 8:36

DEMONS

to the goat **d** that they follow . . . . . Lv 17:7
They sacrificed to **d**, not to God, to . . . . . Dt 32:17
their own sons and daughters to **d**! . . . . . Ps 106:37
live there, and goat **d** will dance there. . . . Is 13:21
those possessed by **d**, those with . . . . . Mt 4:24
he threw out many **d**. But he didn't let . . . . Mk 1:34
d also came out of many people. They . . . . Lk 4:41
is sacrificed to **d** and not to God. I 1Co 10:20
one. Ha! Even the **d** believe this, and . . . . Jas 2:19
stop worshipping **d** and idols made of . . . . Rev 9:20

DENIED

and he hasn't **d** me anything except. . . . . Gn 39:9
you, but the LORD has **d** you any honor. . . . Nm 24:11
pain; for I've not **d** the words of the. . . . . Job 6:10
you haven't **d** what his lips. . . . . Ps 21:2
They've oppressed and **d** justice. . . . . Eze 22:29
with the sword, **d** all compassion, ... Am 1:11
But he **d** it in front of all of them, ... Mt 26:70
But he **d** it, saying, "I don't know what . . . . Mk 14:68
When everyone **d** it, Peter said, ... Lk 8:45
disciples?" Peter **d** it, saying, "I'm . . . . . Jn 18:25
handed over and **d** in Pilate's. . . . . Ac 3:13
they have **d** the faith. They. 1Ti 5:8
have kept my word and haven't **d** my name. . . Rev 3:8

DENY

month, you must **d** yourselves. You . . . . . Lv 16:29
for you. You will **d** yourselves and not . . . . Nm 29:7
I'll be full and **d** you, and say, "Who . . . . . Prv 30:9
immigrants and **d** the rights of . . . . . Eze 22:7
I also will **d** before my Father . . . . . Mt 10:33
Sadducees, who **d** that there is a . . . . . Mk 12:18
Sadducees, who **d** that there's a . . . . . Lk 20:27
(he didn't **d** but confessed), ... Jn 1:20
obvious to everyone and we can't **d** it. . . . Ac 4:16
together. If we **d** him, he will also. 2Ti 2:12
favoritism you **d** the faithfulness . . . . . Jas 2:1

DEPARTED

LORD's spirit had **d** from Saul, and an 1Sa 16:14
The Adversary **d** from the LORD's presence . . Job 2:7
Your guilt has **d**, and your sin is . . . . . Is 6:7
When the magi had **d**, an angel from the . . . Mt 2:13
They **d** in a boat by themselves for a . . . . . Mk 6:32
the devil **d** from him until the . . . . . Lk 4:13
come to an end, we **d**. All of them, ... Ac 21:5

DEPTHS

deep waters foamed in the **d** of the sea. . . . Ex 15:8
will blaze to the **d** of the grave; it . . . . . Dt 32:22
pursuers into the **d**, as a stone into . . . . . Neh 9:11
to the furthest **d**, into stone in . . . . . Job 28:3
I am instructed in the **d** of my mind. . . . . Ps 16:7
the watery **d** burst open, and. . . . . Prv 3:20
you are brought, to the **d** of the pit. . . . . Is 14:15
cast me into the **d** in the heart of . . . . . Jon 2:3
In the **d** of who I am I rejoice in God my . . . Lk 1:47
everything, including the **d** of God. 1Co 2:10

DESCENDANT

nation too, because he is also your **d**. . . . Gn 21:13
No **d** of Aaron the priest who has an . . . . Lv 21:21
will raise up your **d**—one of your very. . . . 2Sa 7:12
up a righteous **d** from David's line, ... Jer 23:5
His wife Elizabeth was a **d** of Aaron. . . . . Lk 1:5
a Pharisee and a **d** of Pharisees. I am . . . . Ac 23:6
an Israelite, a **d** of Abraham, from . . . . . Ro 11:1
I'm the root and **d** of David, the . . . . . Rev 22:16

DESCENDANTS

record of Adam's **d**. On the day God. . . . . Gn 5:1
households. The **d** of Reuben, ... Ex 6:14
males from Aaron's **d** can eat it as a . . . . . Lv 6:18
There were the **d** of Reuben, Israel's. . . . . Nm 1:20
Jacob, as well as to their **d** after them. . . . . Dt 1:8
son of Joseph, the male **d** by their clans. . . Josh 17:2
no offspring or **d** among their . . . . . Job 18:19
to David and to his **d** forever. . . . . Ps 18:50
sons, your own **d** whom you fathered, ... Is 39:7
to Abraham and to Abraham's **d** forever. . . . Lk 1:55
to seat one of his **d** on his throne. . . . . Ac 2:30
Abraham and to his **d**, that he would . . . . . Ro 4:13
but rather he's helping Abraham's **d**. . . . . Heb 2:16

DESCENDED

The LORD **d** in a cloud, spoke to him, and . . Nm 11:25
of the priests **d** from Aaron: . . . . . Josh 21:19
ten of the steps that it had already **d**. . . . . Is 38:8
scriptures. His Son was **d** from David. . . . . Ro 1:3
though they also are **d** from Abraham. . . . . Heb 7:5

DESERT

of Seir as far as El-paran near the **d**. . . . . Gn 14:6
to the edge of the **d**, and he came to . . . . . Ex 3:1
offerings to the LORD, in the Sinai **d**. . . . . Lv 7:38
Moses in the Sinai **d** in the meeting. . . . . Nm 1:1

River, in the ***d***, on the plain . . . . . .Dt 1:1
stretch from the ***d*** and the Lebanon as . . . .Josh 1:4
wind came from the ***d*** and struck the . . . . Job 1:19
run so far away! I'd live in the ***d***. Selah . . . . Ps 55:7
Don't ***d*** your friend or a friend of your . . . Prv 27:10
Sela through the ***d*** to the mountain of . . . . Is 16:1
make her like a ***d***, and turn her into. . . . . Hos 2:3
appeared in the ***d*** of Judea. . . . . Mt 3:1
Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a ***d*** road.) . . . Ac 8:26
the city, in the ***d***, on the sea, and 2Co 11:26
on the day when they tested me in the ***d***. . . . Heb 3:8
fled into the ***d***, where God has . . . . . Rev 12:6

DESERTED

in number that your roads will seem ***d***. . . . Lv 26:22
Their defense has ***d*** them, but the LORD. . . Nm 14:9
You ***d*** the rock that sired you; you forgot . . Dt 32:18
it a permanently ***d*** mound. That is . . . . .Josh 8:28
Your country is ***d***, your cities burned . . . . . Is 1:7
is virgin Israel, ***d*** on her land, with . . . . . Am 5:2
in a boat to a ***d*** place by himself. . . . . Mt 14:13
rose and went to a ***d*** place where he. . . . . .Mk 1:35
Jesus went to a ***d*** place. The crowds . . . . . Lk 4:42
of the Jews had ***d*** them and come to . . . . Jn 12:11
his home become ***d*** and let there be. . . . . Ac 1:20
woman who has been ***d*** will have many . . . . Ga 4:27
of authority but ***d*** their own home. . . . . Jud 1:6

DESERVE

I don't ***d*** how loyal and truthful you've . . . Gn 32:10
that your poor ***d*** in their lawsuits. . . . . Ex 23:6
and have treated him as his actions ***d*** . . . . Jdg 9:16
Give back to them exactly what they ***d***! . . . . Ps 28:4
what the wicked ***d***, and the wicked . . . . .Ecc 8:14
everyone what they ***d***, the consequences . . Jer 17:10
Lord, I don't ***d*** to have you come . . . . . Mt 8:8
bothered. I don't ***d*** to have you come . . . . .Lk 7:6
in such practices ***d*** death, they not . . . . . Ro 1:32
The world didn't ***d*** them. They wandered . . .Heb 11:38
give to each of you what your actions ***d***. . . . Rev 2:23

DESIRE

children. You will ***d*** your husband, but . . . . Gn 3:16
Do not ***d*** your neighbor's house. Do not . . . Ex 20:17
these deeds and that it wasn't my own ***d***. . . Nm 16:28
Do not ***d*** and try to take your neighbor's . . . Dt 5:21
so that you don't ***d*** and take some of . . . . Josh 6:18
Let the king ***d*** your beauty. Because he is . . .Ps 45:11
pearls; all you ***d*** can't compare with . . . . .Prv 3:15
lack nothing they ***d***. But God doesn't . . . . Ecc 6:2
pay no mind to silver, no ***d*** for gold. . . . . Is 13:17
I ***d*** faithful love and not sacrifice, the . . . . Hos 6:6
Instead, ***d*** first and foremost God's . . . . . Mt 6:33
of wealth, and the ***d*** for more things . . . . .Mk 4:19
Instead, ***d*** his kingdom and these things . . .Lk 12:31
nor from human ***d*** or passion, but . . . . . Jn 1:13
I have no ***d*** to sit in judgment . . . . . Ac 18:15
have known the ***d*** for what others . . . . . Ro 7:7
a newborn baby, ***d*** the pure milk of 1Pt 2:2

DESIRES

my thoughts and ***d***. I will build a 1Sa 2:35
my goals are destroyed, my heart's ***d***. . . . .Job 17:11
listen to the ***d*** of those who . . . . . .Ps 10:17
but he rejects the ***d*** of the wicked. . . . . .Prv 10:3
Some people's ***d*** are truly audacious; they . . . Hab 2:4
thoughts and ***d***. Show us clearly . . . . . Ac 1:24
to their hearts' ***d***, which led to the . . . . . Ro 1:24
to your former ***d***, those that shaped 1Pt 1:14

DESOLATE

offenses to a ***d*** region, then the. . . . . Lv 16:22
who gnaw dry ground, yesterday's ***d*** waste, . Job 30:3
lament and mourn; ***d***, she will sit on . . . . . Is 3:26
Samaria will be ***d***, because she has . . . . .Hos 13:16

DESPISE

dwelling among you, and I will not ***d*** you. . . Lv 26:11
Even the young ***d*** me; I get up, and they . . Job 19:18
Because he didn't ***d*** or detest the . . . . . .Ps 22:24
LORD, but fools ***d*** wisdom and . . . . . Prv 1:7
You ***d*** my holy things and degrade my . . . . .Eze 22:8
Those who ***d*** a time of little things will . . . .Zec 4:10

DESPISED

rejected my regulations and ***d*** my rules. . . . Lv 26:43
these the men you ***d***? Now march out and . . Jdg 9:38
insulted by one person, ***d*** by another. . . . . Ps 22:6
instruction! How my heart ***d*** correction! . . .Prv 5:12
of commoners is ***d*** and their words . . . . .Ecc 9:16
the LORD, ***d*** the holy one of . . . . . Is 1:4
among the nations; you will be totally ***d***. . . Obad 1:2

DESTROY

I am now about to ***d*** them along with . . . . . Gn 6:13
No plague will ***d*** you when I strike . . . . . Ex 12:13
Moreover, I will ***d*** from their people . . . . Lv 23:30
hands, we will completely ***d*** their city. . . . Nm 21:2
hand us over to the Amorites, to ***d*** us! . . . . Dt 1:27
the Amorites, to ***d*** us? If only we had . . . .Josh 7:7
made me; yet you want to ***d*** me utterly. . . . Job 10:8
you ***d*** liars. The LORD despises people who . . . Ps 5:6
they turn away; smugness will ***d*** fools. . . . .Prv 1:32
your shoulder and ***d*** the yoke on your. . . . . Is 10:27
and I will ***d*** the kingdom of the. . . . . Hos 1:4
of the one who can ***d*** both body and soul . . Mt 10:28
Have you come to ***d*** us? I know who you. . . .Mk 1:24
Have you come to ***d*** us? I know who you. . . . Lk 4:34
Jesus answered, "***d*** this temple and in. . . . . Jn 2:19
of Nazareth will ***d*** this place and . . . . . Ac 6:14
let your food ***d*** someone for whom . . . . . Ro 14:15
He did this to ***d*** the one who holds . . . . Heb 2:14
and great, and to ***d*** those who destroy. . . . Rev 11:18

DESTROYED

before the LORD ***d*** Sodom and . . . . . Gn 13:10
the barley were ***d***, because the . . . . . Ex 9:31
stove, it must be ***d***; they are unclean . . . . Lv 11:35
We are being ***d***. All of us are . . . . . Nm 17:12
LORD completely ***d*** the Zamzummim . . . . . Dt 2:21
the nations I have ***d***. They stretch from . . . Josh 23:4
have those who do the right thing been ***d***? . . Job 4:7
but the way of the wicked is ***d***. . . . . .Ps 1:6
virtuous; it is ***d*** by the words of . . . . . Prv 11:11
so it will be ***d***. I'm breaking down. . . . . Is 5:5
My people are ***d*** from lack of knowledge. . . Hos 4:6
house. It fell and was completely ***d***. . . . . Mt 7:27
and the wineskins ***d***. But new wine is . . . .Mk 2:22
instantly. It was completely ***d***. . . . . Lk 6:49
rather than the whole nation be ***d***. . . . . Jn 11:50
who are being ***d***. But it is the. 1Co 1:18
life that can't be ***d***, rather than a . . . . . Heb 7:16
died, and a third of the ships were ***d***. . . . . Rev 8:9

DESTRUCTION

and drought; with ***d*** and disease for. . . . . Dt 28:22
of the Mountain of ***D***. Solomon the king . . 2Ki 23:13
and you won't fear ***d*** when it comes. . . . . Job 5:21
inside them is ***d***. Their throats are . . . . . Ps 5:9
their eye plot ***d***; those who purse . . . . . Prv 16:30
schemes in secret; ***d*** is on his mind, ... Is 10:7
strayed from me; ***d*** will be their lot . . . . Hos 7:13
gate that leads to ***d*** is broad and the . . . . Mt 7:13
will know that its ***d*** is close at hand. . . . Lk 21:20

was destined for ***d***, so that scripture . . . . Jn 17:12
d and misery are in their ways . . . . . Ro 3:16
them, bringing quick ***d*** on themselves. 2Pt 2:1
abyss and go to ***d***. Those who live on . . . . Rev 17:8

DETERMINED

he was the one who ***d*** everything that. . . . Gn 39:22
Once it is ***d*** which city is closest to the . . . Dt 21:3
The land ***d*** by lot for the clans of the . . . Josh 15:1
So God ***d*** that he would destroy them . . . . Ps 106:23
are corrupt and ***d*** to do evil; they . . . . . Prv 6:14
If you are ***d*** to go to Egypt and . . . . . Jer 42:15
up into heaven, he ***d*** to go to Jerusalem. . . . Lk 9:51
whose lives are ***d*** by the light. . . . . Jn 12:36
and plan had already ***d*** would happen. . . . . Ac 4:28
God's wisdom, he ***d*** that the world 1Co 1:21
lives in ways ***d*** by human desires 1Pt 4:2

DETESTABLE

creatures in the water—is ***d*** to you . . . . . Lv 11:10
That is ***d*** to the LORD your. . . . . Dt 7:25
and Milcom the ***d*** god of the 1Ki 11:5
Devious people are ***d*** to the LORD, but the. . . Prv 3:32
into something ***d***? Should I bow down . . . . Is 44:19
shame; they became ***d*** like the thing . . . . Hos 9:10
They are ***d***, disobedient, and . . . . . Ti 1:16

DEVASTATED

Your land will be ***d*** and your cities . . . . . Lv 26:33
any vegetation, as ***d*** as Sodom and . . . . . Dt 29:23
the very one who ***d*** our land and . . . . . Jdg 16:24
Let their camp be ***d***; let no one dwell in . . . Ps 69:25
without people and the land is left ***d***. . . . . Is 6:11
The fields are ***d***, the ground mourns; for. . . . Jl 1:10

DEVASTATION

LORD's deeds, what ***d*** he has imposed on . . . Ps 46:8
destruction and ***d***, famine and . . . . . Is 51:19
the day of their ***d***; you shouldn't . . . . . Obad 1:12
will harvest ***d*** from their. . . . . Ga 6:8

DEVIATE

God commands you. Don't ***d*** even a bit! . . . Dt 5:32
you. Don't ***d*** even a bit from . . . . . Josh 1:7
Don't ***d*** a bit to the right or the left; . . . . Prv 4:27

DEVIL

wilderness so that the ***d*** might tempt him. . . Mt 4:1
forty days by the ***d***. He ate nothing . . . . . Lk 4:2
you twelve? Yet one of you is a ***d***. . . . . Jn 6:70
oppressed by the ***d*** because God was . . . . Ac 10:38
Don't provide an opportunity for the ***d*** . . . Eph 4:27
the power over death—the ***d***—by dying. . . . Heb 2:14
suffer. Look! The ***d*** is going to throw . . . . Rev 2:10

DEVOUR

starving! Let me ***d*** some of this red . . . . . Gn 25:30
my fury burn and ***d*** them. Then I'll . . . . . Ex 32:10
land of your enemies will ***d*** you. . . . . Lv 26:38
this assembly will ***d*** everything around . . . . Nm 22:4
the grapes because worms will ***d*** them. . . . Dt 28:39
this: Dogs will ***d*** Jezebel in the 1Ki 21:23
The hungry ***d*** their crops; it's taken even . . . Job 5:5
whole in his anger; fire will ***d*** them. . . . . Ps 21:9
knife, ready to ***d*** the needy from the . . . . Prv 30:14
will burn and ***d*** its thorns and . . . . . Is 10:17
the new moon will ***d*** them along with . . . . Hos 5:7
if you bite and ***d*** each other, be . . . . . Ga 5:15
fire that's going to ***d*** God's opponents. . . . Heb 10:27
she gave birth, he might ***d*** her child. . . . . Rev 12:4

DEVOURED

say a wild animal ***d*** him. Then we will . . . . Gn 37:20
the fire will have ***d*** the entirely . . . . . Lv 6:10
died and fire ***d*** 250 persons. They. . . . . Nm 26:10
from the rock and ***d*** the meat and the. . . . Jdg 6:21
up the sheep and ***d*** the young men. I . . . . Job 1:16
Fire ***d*** his young men, and his young women . Ps 78:63
rebel, you will be ***d*** by the sword. The . . . . Is 1:20
The locust ***d*** your fig treesand . . . . . Am 4:9

DEW

was a layer of ***d*** all around the . . . . . Ex 16:13
When the ***d*** fell on the camp during the . . . Nm 11:9
will settle like ***d***—like gentle . . . . . Dt 32:2
floor. If there is ***d*** only on the fleece. . . . Jdg 6:37
opening to water, ***d*** lingering on my . . . . Job 29:19
youthful strength is like the ***d*** itself. . . . . Ps 110:3
depths burst open, and the skies drop ***d***. . . Prv 3:20
the field grass. ***d*** from heaven is to . . . . . Dn 4:15
cloud, like the ***d*** that vanishes . . . . . Hos 6:4

DIE

on the day you eat from it, you will ***d***! . . . . Gn 2:17
Nile are going to ***d***, the Nile will . . . . . Ex 7:18
so you don't ***d***, because that's . . . . . Lv 8:35
lest they ***d***. These are the . . . . . Nm 4:15
I will ***d*** here in this land. I won't cross . . . . Dt 4:22
wasn't the only one to ***d*** for his crime.' . . . Josh 22:20
to your integrity? Curse God, and ***d***. . . . . Job 2:9
they fall down and ***d*** right in front of . . . . Ps 9:3
The immature will ***d*** because they turn . . . . Prv 1:32
by the sword; they didn't ***d*** in battle. . . . . Is 22:2
a dry land, and make her ***d*** of thirst. . . . . Hos 2:3
here won't ***d*** before they see . . . . . Mt 16:28
is about to ***d***. Please, come and . . . . . Mk 5:23
that he wouldn't ***d*** before he had seen. . . . Lk 2:26
heal his son, for his son was about to ***d***. . . . Jn 4:47
their newly born babies so they would ***d***. . . Ac 7:19
the Law will also ***d*** outside the Law,. . . . . Ro 2:12
by people who ***d***, and in the other . . . . . Heb 7:8
They will want to ***d***, but death will . . . . . Rev 9:6

DIED

In all, Adam lived 930 years, and he ***d***. . . . . Gn 5:5
and everyone in his generation ***d***. . . . . Ex 1:6
an animal that has ***d*** naturally or the . . . . Lv 7:24
Nadab and Abihu ***d*** before the LORD when . . Nm 3:4
in the camp, had ***d***, just as the LORD . . . . Dt 2:14
the LORD's servant ***d***, the LORD spoke to . . . Josh 1:1
people, and they ***d***. I alone escaped . . . . . Job 1:19
so hard I nearly ***d***, but the LORD . . . . . Ps 118:13
prophet Hananiah ***d*** in the seventh . . . . . Jer 28:17
but he became guilty through Baal and ***d***. . . Hos 13:1
there until Herod ***d***. This fulfilled . . . . . Mt 2:15
Your daughter has ***d***. Why bother the . . . . Mk 5:35
waves. The storm ***d*** down and it was . . . . Lk 8:24
ate manna in the wilderness and they ***d***. . . . Jn 6:49
David. He ***d*** and was buried, ... Ac 2:29
moment, Christ ***d*** for ungodly people. . . . . Ro 5:6
gift. Though he ***d***, he's still. . . . . Heb 11:4
and the last, who ***d*** and came back to . . . . Rev 2:8

DIES

and then he will bless you before he ***d***. . . . Gn 27:10
rod and the slave ***d*** immediately, the . . . . Ex 21:20
are allowed to eat ***d*** naturally, anyone . . . . Lv 11:39
someone suddenly ***d*** nearby, defiling . . . . Nm 6:9
who subsequently ***d***—these kinds of . . . . Dt 19:5
for God from birth until the day he ***d*** . . . . Jdg 13:7
the ground and its stump ***d*** in the dust, . . . Job 14:8
on a roof that ***d*** before it can be . . . . . Ps 129:6
days. The one who ***d*** at a hundred will. . . . Is 65:20
have children ***d***, his brother must. . . . . Mt 22:24

if a man's brother ***d***, leaving a widow . . . . Mk 12:19
if a man's brother ***d*** leaving a widow . . . . Lk 20:28
to him, "Lord, come before my son ***d***." . . . . Jn 4:49
But if her husband ***d***, she is released . . . . Ro 7:2

DIFFICULT

Is anything too ***d*** for the LORD? When I. . . Gn 18:14
The work is too ***d*** for you. You can't . . . . Ex 18:18
that is too ***d*** for you to decide, ... Dt 1:17
soldiers were in a ***d*** situation that day. . . . 1Sa 14:24
those who have a ***d*** day or my soul . . . . Job 30:25
the oppressed—a safe place in ***d*** times. . . . . Ps 9:9
proverbs and ***d*** sayings, the words . . . . Prv 1:6
and speech are ***d*** and obscure but to . . . . Eze 3:5
and the road ***d***, so few people . . . . Mt 7:14
Children, it's ***d*** to enter God's . . . . . Mk 10:24
days of slow and ***d*** sailing, we . . . . . Ac 27:7
topic, and it's ***d*** to explain, ... Heb 5:11

DINNER

the men will have ***d*** with me at noon. . . . . Gn 43:16
as with a rich ***d***. My mouth speaks . . . . Ps 63:5
on Jesus' head while he was sitting at ***d***. . . . Mt 26:7
Herod and his ***d*** guests. The king . . . . Mk 6:22
host a lunch or ***d***, don't invite your . . . . Lk 14:12
sisters hosted a ***d*** for him. Martha . . . . Jn 12:2
and will have ***d*** with them, and. . . . . Rev 3:20

DIRECTION

me in the right ***d*** to choose the. . . . . Gn 24:48
Levites, under the ***d*** of Ithamar, Aaron . . . Ex 38:21
observe the LORD's ***d*** and they wouldn't. . . Nm 9:19
you from one ***d*** but will run for. . . . . Dt 28:7
after them in the ***d*** of the Jordan up . . . . Josh 2:7
acknowledge its ***d***, don't dwell in . . . . Job 24:13
you about the ***d*** you should go. . . . . Ps 32:8
they moved in that ***d*** without swerving. . . Eze 10:11
head in the other ***d***, to the nearby . . . . Mk 1:38

DIRT

up and filled with ***d*** all of the wells . . . . Gn 26:15
and hit the land's ***d*** so that lice . . . . . Ex 8:16
drain its blood out and cover it with ***d***. . . . Lv 17:13
into dust. Only ***d*** will fall down on . . . . Dt 28:24
clothes were torn, and ***d*** was on his head. . . 1Sa 4:12
dust becomes mud and clods of ***d*** adhere? . . Job 38:38
laying my reputation in the ***d***. Selah . . . . Ps 7:5
his mouth in the ***d***—perhaps there is . . . . Lam 3:29
as one sifts ***d*** with a screen, but . . . . Am 9:9
because it removes ***d*** from your body but . . . 1Pt 3:21

DISASTER

Lot away from the ***d*** that overtook the . . . . Gn 19:29
saw that the ***d*** was over, he . . . . . Ex 8:15
them out for ***d*** in compliance with . . . . Dt 29:21
You have brought ***d*** to us! May the . . . . Josh 7:25
about all this ***d*** that had happened . . . . Job 2:11
Let ***d*** come to them when they don't . . . . Ps 35:8
I'll laugh at your ***d***; I'll make fun of . . . . Prv 1:26
of punishment when ***d*** comes from far . . . . Is 10:3
people tremble? If ***d*** falls on a city, ... Am 3:6

DISCIPLE

been trained as a ***d*** for the kingdom of . . . Mt 13:52
One young man, a ***d***, was wearing nothing. . Mk 14:51
even one's own life—cannot be my ***d***. . . . Lk 14:26
him: "You are his ***d***, but we are Moses' . . . Jn 9:28
was a certain ***d*** named Ananias. The . . . . Ac 9:10

DISCIPLES

seal up the teaching among my ***d***. . . . . Is 8:16
He sat down and his ***d*** came to him. . . . . Mt 5:1
with Jesus and his ***d***. Indeed, many of. . . . Mk 2:15
against his ***d***. They said, "Why . . . . . Lk 5:30
was standing again with two of his ***d***. . . . . Jn 1:35
the number of ***d*** continued to . . . . . Ac 6:1

DISCIPLINE

do not accept my ***d*** and continue to. . . . . Lv 26:23
voice in order to ***d*** you. On earth he. . . . . Dt 4:36
their ears with ***d*** and commands them . . . Job 36:10
are angry; don't ***d*** me when you are. . . . . Ps 6:1
teach wisdom and ***d***, to help one . . . . . Prv 1:2
have ignored your ***d***. They make their . . . . Jer 5:3
she accepted no ***d***. She didn't trust . . . . Zep 3:2
raise them with ***d*** and instruction . . . . Eph 6:4
of the Lord's ***d*** or give up when. . . . . Heb 12:5
I correct and ***d*** those whom I love. So be. . . Rev 3:19

DISEASE

his hand had a skin ***d*** flaky like snow. . . . . Ex 4:6
infection of skin ***d*** on their skin, ... Lv 13:2
anyone with a skin ***d***, an oozing . . . . . Nm 5:2
outbreaks of skin ***d*** by being very. . . . . Dt 24:8
was old, Asa developed a severe foot ***d***. . . . 1Ki 15:23
cattle over to ***d***, their herds to . . . . . Ps 78:48
will devour them with war, famine, and ***d***. . Jer 14:12
I struck you with ***d*** and mildew. I . . . . Am 4:9
and healed every ***d*** and sickness among . . . Mt 4:23
A man with a skin ***d*** approached Jesus, . . . Mk 1:40
with a skin ***d***. When he saw . . . . . Lk 5:12
to death with ***d***. Then all the . . . . . Rev 2:23

DISEASES

on you any of the ***d*** that I brought on . . . . Ex 15:26
things: wasting ***d*** and fevers that . . . . Lv 26:16
dreadful Egyptian ***d*** you experienced, ... Dt 7:15
die of horrible ***d***. No one will mourn . . . . Jer 16:4
where are your ***d***? Grave, where is . . . . Hos 13:14
various kinds of ***d***, those in pain, ... Mt 4:24
with all kinds of ***d***, and he threw out . . . . Mk 1:34
persons with skin ***d*** in Israel during. . . . Lk 4:27
sick, and their ***d*** were cured and the . . . . Ac 19:12

DISGRACE

other, it is a ***d***. They will be cut . . . . . Lv 20:17
away from you the ***d*** of Egypt." So the. . . . Josh 5:9
down on me and use my ***d*** to criticize me, . . Job 19:5
All day long my ***d*** confronts me, and shame . Ps 44:15
let us take your name; take away our ***d***. . . . Is 4:1
your inheritance a ***d***, an example of. . . . . Jl 2:17
me by removing my ***d*** among other . . . . Lk 1:25
worthy to suffer ***d*** for the sake of . . . . Ac 5:41
if a man has long hair, it is a ***d*** to him; . . . 1Co 11:14

DISGRACED

Shechem had ***d*** Israel by sleeping. . . . . Gn 34:7
would be completely ***d*** in your eyes. . . . . Dt 25:3
hurt me be thoroughly frustrated and ***d***. . . Ps 35:4
He is wounded and ***d***. His shame will . . . . Prv 6:33
will be shamed and ***d***. Those who contend . . . Is 41:11
and the diviners ***d***; they will all. . . . . Mi 3:7

DISTANCE

She sat at a ***d***, cried out in . . . . . Gn 21:16
people shook with fear and stood at a ***d***. . . Ex 20:18
around the meeting tent some ***d*** from it. . . . Nm 2:2
especially if the ***d*** to one of these . . . . Dt 19:6
let there be some ***d*** between you and . . . . Josh 3:4
looked up from a ***d*** and didn't . . . . . Job 2:12
friends keep their ***d*** from me in my . . . . Ps 38:11
those who guard their lives keep their ***d***. . . Prv 22:5
to them from a ***d***: I have loved you . . . . Jer 31:3
Far off in the ***d*** a large herd of pigs was . . . Mt 8:30
to travel, for some have come a long ***d***. . . . Mk 8:3

row out a little **d** from the shore. . . . . Lk 5:3
in this case: **d** yourselves from . . . . . Ac 5:38
I'm at a safe **d**: if I come again, ... 2Co 13:2
promises from a **d** and welcomed them. . . . Heb 11:13

DISTANT

LORD will bring a **d** nation—one from . . . Dt 28:49
have come from a **d** country. So now, ... Josh 9:6
The Silent Dove of **D** Places. . . . . Ps 56:1
Good news from a **d** land is like cold . . . . Prv 25:25
Listen, all **d** places of the . . . . . Is 8:9
On that day, the boundary will be **d**. . . . . Mi 7:11
she came from a **d** land to hear. . . . . Mt 12:42
she came from a **d** land to hear. . . . . Lk 11:31

DISTRESS

In your **d**, when all these things happen . . . Dt 4:30
them rescue you in the time of your **d**. . . . Jdg 10:14
dust, nor does **d** sprout from the . . . . . Job 5:6
my grief; it's weak because of all my **d**. . . . Ps 6:7
a tornado, when **d** and oppression . . . . . Prv 1:27
righteousness, but there was a cry of **d**! . . . . Is 5:7
seek me. In their **d**, they will beg for . . . . Hos 5:15
they experience **d** or abuse because . . . . . Mt 13:21
they experience **d** or abuse because . . . . . Mk 4:17
remembers her **d** because of her joy. . . . . Jn 16:21
of relief from the **d** of this age and he . . . . Ac 3:20
be trouble and **d** for every human . . . . . Ro 2:9
them he felt deep **d** every day on 2Pt 2:8

DISTRICT

servants of the **d** officials will do 1Ki 20:14
was from Herod's **d**, Pilate sent him. . . . . Lk 23:7
Barnabas, and threw them out of their **d**. . . Ac 13:50

DIVIDE

relentless. I'll **d** them up within . . . . . Gn 49:7
You should **d** the lamb in . . . . . Ex 12:4
and **d** the valuable property between the . . Nm 31:27
roads to them and **d** the regions of the . . . Dt 19:3
So now **d** up this land as a legacy for the. . . Josh 13:7
wear it; the innocent will **d** the silver. . . . Job 27:17
celebrate as I **d** up Shechem and . . . . . Ps 60:6
the needy than to **d** plunder with the . . . . Prv 16:19
harvest, as those who **d** plunder rejoice, ... Is 9:3
tell my brother to **d** the inheritance. . . . . Lk 12:13

DIVIDED

were **d** into their own . . . . . Gn 10:5
animal that has **d** hoofs, completely . . . . Lv 11:3
that Moses **d** from those who had . . . . . Nm 31:42
any animal with a **d** hoof—the hoof . . . . . Dt 14:6
The Israelites **d** up the land exactly as . . . . Josh 14:5
where light is **d** up; the east wind. . . . . Job 38:24
they talk with slick speech and **d** hearts. . . . Ps 12:2
spoil will be **d**; even the lame. . . . . Is 33:23
among the nations. They have **d** my land, ... Jl 3:2
him, they **d** up his clothes . . . . . Mt 27:35
himself and is **d**, then he can't . . . . . Mk 3:26
of five will be **d**—three against two . . . . . Lk 12:52
So the crowd was **d** over Jesus . . . . . Jn 7:43
of the city were **d**—some siding with . . . . Ac 14:4
other and don't be **d** into rival groups. . . . 1Co 1:10

DIVINE

own image, in the **d** image God created . . . . Gn 1:27
him with the **d** spirit, with. . . . . Ex 31:3
do not set up any **d** image or sacred. . . . . Lv 26:1
priestly vest and **d** images and . . . . . Jdg 17:5
One day the **d** beings came to present. . . . . Job 1:6
slightly less than **d**, crowning them . . . . . Ps 8:5
is human and not **d**; their horses are . . . . . Is 31:3
a priestly vest or household **d** images. . . . . Hos 3:4
endowment with **d** power, was doing . . . . . Ac 6:8
eternal power and **d** nature—have been . . . . Ro 1:20
by the Spirit according to **d** standards. 1Pt 4:6

DIVINERS

sign readers and **d**, but the LORD your . . . Dt 18:14
priests and the **d**. "What should we 1Sa 6:2
the omens of **d** and makes a . . . . . Is 44:25
ashamed, and the **d** disgraced; they . . . . . Mi 3:7

DIVISION

of the year. Each **d** numbered 24,000. . . . 1Ch 27:1
feet. So he made a **d** between the holy. . . . Eze 42:20
to the priestly **d** of Abijah. His . . . . . Lk 1:5
There was another **d** among the Jews . . . . Jn 10:19
there won't be **d** in the body and so 1Co 12:25

DIVISIONS

tribes and leaders of the **d** of Israel. . . . . Nm 1:16
The **d** of the Aaronites: Aaron's family: . . . 1Ch 24:1
or house torn apart by **d** will collapse. . . . Mt 12:25
a house torn apart by **d** will collapse. . . . . Mk 3:25
a house torn apart by **d** will collapse. . . . . Lk 11:17
people who create **d** and problems . . . . . Ro 16:17
people create **d**. Since they don't . . . . . Jud 1:19

DIVORCE

his wife; he is never allowed to **d** her. . . . . Dt 22:19
your mother's **d** decree, with which . . . . . Is 50:1
because he hates **d**, says the LORD God of . . Mal 2:16
his wife must give her a **d** certificate.' . . . . Mt 5:31
Does the Law allow a man to **d** his wife? . . . Mk 10:2
husband. And a man shouldn't **d** his wife. . . . 1Co 7:11

DIVORCED

they marry a woman **d** from her husband, . . . Lv 21:7
of a widow or a **d** woman who makes a . . . Nm 30:9
who originally **d** this woman is not . . . . . Dt 24:4
of Moab after he **d** his wives Hushim 1Ch 8:8
marry widows or **d** women, but only . . . . Eze 44:22
whoever marries a **d** woman commits. . . . . Mt 5:32
marries a woman **d** from her husband. . . . . Lk 16:18
If you are **d**, don't try to find. 1Co 7:27

DIVORCES

If a man **d** his wife, and after she leaves . . . . Jer 3:1
was said, 'Whoever **d** his wife must give . . . . Mt 5:31
to them, "Whoever **d** his wife and . . . . . Mk 10:11
Any man who **d** his wife and marries . . . . Lk 16:18

DOGS

in the field. Throw it to the **d** instead. . . . . Ex 22:31
d will eat any of Jeroboam's family who . . . 1Ki 14:11
d surround me; a pack of evil people . . . . Ps 22:16
They are all mute **d** that can't bark, ... Is 56:10
holy things to **d**, and don't throw . . . . . Mt 7:6
children's bread and toss it to the **d**. . . . . Mk 7:27
table. Instead, **d** would come and . . . . . Lk 16:21
Watch out for the "**d**." Watch out for . . . . Phil 3:2
Outside are the **d**, the drug users and . . . . Rev 22:15

DONKEY

harnessed his **d**, and took two of . . . . . Gn 22:3
put them on a **d**, and went back to . . . . . Ex 4:20
taken a single **d** from them, nor . . . . . Nm 16:15
servant, ox, **d**, or anything else. . . . . Dt 5:21
got down off her **d**, Caleb asked her, . . . Josh 15:18
Does a **d** bray over grass or an ox bellow. . . . Job 6:5
a bridle for a **d**, and a rod for the . . . . . Prv 26:3
its owner, and a **d** its master's . . . . . Is 1:3
an ass, on a colt, the offspring of a **d**. . . . . Zec 9:9
you will find a **d** tied up and a colt . . . . . Mt 21:2

man on his own ***d***, took him to an . . . . . Lk 10:34
found a young ***d*** and sat on it, ... Jn 12:14
his wrongdoing. A ***d***, which has no 2Pt 2:16

DONKEYS

cattle, male ***d***, men servants, ... Gn 12:16
field: on horses, ***d***, camels, cattle, ... Ex 9:3
whether human, oxen, ***d***, or flocks. . . . . Nm 31:28
your oxen or ***d*** or any of your . . . . . Dt 5:14
young and old, cattle, sheep, and ***d***. . . . . Josh 6:21
hundred female ***d***, and a vast number . . . . Job 1:3
animal—the wild ***d*** quench their . . . . . Ps 104:11
The oxen and ***d*** that are working the . . . . Is 30:24
mules, camels, ***d***, and any cattle in . . . . . Zec 14:15

DOOM

If I were guilty, ***d*** to me; I'm innocent, . . . Job 10:15
me, and their ***d*** would last forever! . . . . . Ps 81:15
d! Sinful nation, people weighed down . . . . Is 1:4
d to them, for they have strayed from me; . . Hos 7:13

DOOR

be waiting at the ***d*** ready to strike! . . . . . Gn 4:7
the beam over the ***d*** of the houses in . . . . Ex 12:7
go to the front ***d***, and quarantine . . . . . Lv 14:38
young woman to the ***d*** of her father's . . . . Dt 22:21
pounding on the ***d***. They said to the. . . . . Jdg 19:22
and I have lurked at my neighbor's ***d***, ... Job 31:9
close watch over the ***d*** that is my lips. . . . Ps 141:3
As a ***d*** turns on its hinge, so do lazy. . . . . Prv 26:14
Behind the ***d*** and the doorpost you placed . . . Is 57:8
the Achor Valley a ***d*** of hope. There she . . . Hos 2:15
room, shut the ***d***, and pray to your . . . . . Mt 6:6
The whole town gathered near the ***d*** . . . . . Mk 1:33
bother me. The ***d*** is already locked, ... Lk 11:7
husband are at the ***d***. They will carry . . . . Ac 5:9
God would open a ***d*** for the word so we . . . . Col 4:3
Look! The judge is standing at the ***d***! . . . . . Jas 5:9
of you an open ***d*** that no one can . . . . . Rev 3:8

DOORS

who go outside the ***d*** of your house into . . . Josh 2:19
didn't close the ***d*** of my mother's . . . . . Job 3:10
Ancient ***d***: rise up high! . . . . . Ps 24:7
daily at my ***d***, waiting at my . . . . . Prv 8:34
and shut your ***d*** behind you. Take. . . . . Is 26:20
guard the ***d*** of your mouth from . . . . . Mi 7:5
were behind closed ***d*** because they were . . . Jn 20:19
opened the prison ***d*** during the night . . . . Ac 5:19

DOVE

Then he sent out a ***d*** to see if the waters. . . . Gn 8:8
I had wings like a ***d***! I'd fly away and. . . . . Ps 55:6
My ***d***—in the rock crevices, hidden in . . . Song 2:14
I moan like a ***d***. My eyes have . . . . . Is 38:14
has become like a ***d***, silly and without . . . . Hos 7:11
coming down like a ***d*** and resting on him. . . . Mt 3:16
the Spirit, like a ***d***, coming down on. . . . . Mk 1:10
bodily form like a ***d***. And there was a . . . . Lk 3:22
from heaven like a ***d***, and it rested on . . . . Jn 1:32

DOWNFALL

leading to its ***d*** and elimination 1Ki 13:34
I won!" My foes will rejoice over my ***d***. . . . Ps 13:4
crimes; the righteous will see their ***d***. . . . Prv 29:16
is near; its ***d*** approaches rapidly. . . . . Jer 48:16
if food causes the ***d*** of my brother or 1Co 8:13

DRANK

He ***d*** some of the wine, became drunk, and . . Gn 9:21
they looked at God, and they ate and ***d***. . . . Ex 24:11
forty nights. I ate no bread, ***d*** no water. . . . Dt 9:9
temple and ate, ***d***, and made fun of . . . . . Jdg 9:27
up, Jerusalem, who ***d*** the cup of wrath . . . . Is 51:17
sold girls for wine, which they ***d*** down. . . . . Jl 3:3
gave it to them, and they all ***d*** from it. . . . Mk 14:23
say, 'We ate and ***d*** in your presence, ... Lk 13:26
well to us, and he ***d*** from it himself, ... Jn 4:12
was blind and neither ate nor ***d*** anything. . . . Ac 9:9
and all ***d*** the same spiritual drink. They . . . 1Co 10:4

DRAW

evening, when women come out to ***d*** water. . Gn 24:11
daughters came to ***d*** water and fill the . . . . Ex 2:16
your wood and those who ***d*** your water . . . Dt 29:11
young man didn't ***d*** his sword because . . . Jdg 8:20
I will ***d*** from my broad knowledge, ... Job 36:3
The wicked ***d*** their swords and bend their . . . Ps 37:14
those with understanding can ***d*** it out. . . . Prv 20:5
You will ***d*** water with joy from the . . . . . Is 12:3
all the soldiers ***d*** near, let them. . . . . Jl 3:9
front of people to ***d*** their attention. . . . . Mt 6:1
he told them, "Now ***d*** some from them and . . . Jn 2:8
So, my child, ***d*** your strength from the 2Ti 2:1
Finally, let's ***d*** near to the throne of . . . . Heb 4:16

DRAWN

He was ***d*** to Dinah, Jacob's daughter. He . . . Gn 34:3
with his sword ***d*** in his hand, so . . . . . Nm 22:23
him with his sword ***d***. Joshua went up . . . Josh 5:13
my heart has been ***d*** to a woman and I . . . Job 31:9
silky than oil, they are really ***d*** swords: . . . Ps 55:21
all their bows ***d***; their horses' . . . . . Is 5:28
of Nimrod with the ***d*** sword. He will . . . . Mi 5:6
servants who had ***d*** the water knew. . . . . Jn 2:9
the time has ***d*** short. From now 1Co 7:29
You haven't ***d*** near to something that can . . Heb 12:18

DREAD

will fear you and ***d*** you—all the birds . . . . Gn 9:2
at the Israelites with disgust and ***d***. . . . . Ex 1:12
Don't ***d*** these nations because the LORD . . . Dt 7:21
before covering Haman's face with ***d***. . . . . Est 7:8
fear and ***d*** struck me; all of my bones . . . . Job 4:14
left because the ***d*** of Israel had come . . . . Ps 105:38
make fun of you when ***d*** comes over you, . . . Prv 1:26
of the two kings you ***d*** will be abandoned. . . . Is 7:16
LORD our God; they will ***d*** and fear you! . . . Mi 7:17
with terror and ***d***, they fled from . . . . . Mk 16:8
Trepidation and ***d*** seized the whole church . . Ac 5:11

DREAM

that night in a ***d*** and said to him, ... Gn 20:3
if a prophet or a ***d*** interpreter . . . . . Dt 13:1
his friend about a ***d***. He said, "Get . . . . . Jdg 7:13
disappear like a ***d***, and none will . . . . . Job 20:8
As quickly as a ***d*** departs from someone . . . Ps 73:20
will be like a ***d***, a vision of the . . . . . Is 29:7
your old men will ***d*** dreams, and your . . . . Jl 2:28
to him in a ***d*** and said, "Joseph . . . . . Mt 1:20
see visions. Your elders will ***d*** dreams. . . . Ac 2:17

DREAMS

even more because of the ***d*** he told them. . . . Gn 37:8
to him in visions. I speak to him in ***d***. . . . Nm 12:6
answer him—not by ***d***, not by the Urim, . . . 1Sa 28:6
You scare me with ***d***, frighten me with . . . Job 7:14
a hungry person ***d*** of eating but . . . . . Is 29:8
old men will dream ***d***, and your young. . . . Jl 2:28
see visions. Your elders will dream ***d***. . . . . Ac 2:17

DRESS

d Aaron in the holy clothes. Anoint him . . . Ex 40:13
The priest will ***d*** in his linen robe, with . . . Lv 6:10
now ***d*** themselves in power 1Sa 2:4

praise when you ***d*** yourself with . . . . . .Ps 76:10
bride her wedding ***d***? Yet you have . . . . . .Jer 2:32
d for a funeral and grieve, you priests; . . . . Jl 1:13
Look, those who ***d*** in fashionable . . . . . Lk 7:25
Instead, ***d*** yourself with the Lord Jesus . . . Ro 13:14

DRESSED

and his wife leather clothes and ***d*** them. . . . Gn 3:21
it. You should be ***d***, with your sandals . . . . Ex 12:11
around him, and ***d*** him in the robe. . . . . .Lv 8:7
Then Saul ***d*** David in his own gear, ... 1Sa 17:38
off my funeral clothes and ***d*** me up in joy . . .Ps 30:11
approaches him, ***d*** like a prostitute . . . . .Prv 7:10
this splendidly ***d*** one, striding with . . . . . Is 63:1
to them and ***d*** herself up with . . . . . Hos 2:13
his splendor wasn't ***d*** like one of these. . . . .Mt 6:29
there fully ***d*** and completely . . . . . .Mk 5:15
out to see? A man ***d*** up in refined. . . . . Lk 7:25
on his head, and ***d*** him in a purple . . . . . Jn 19:2
continued, "Get ***d***. Put on your . . . . . Ac 12:8
We want to be ***d*** not undressed, so 2Co 5:4
the other is poor, ***d*** in filthy rags. . . . . Jas 2:2
The elders were ***d*** in white clothing . . . . . Rev 4:4

DRIED

waters over the entire earth had ***d*** up. . . . . Gn 8:7
juice or eat grapes, whether fresh or ***d***. . . . . Nm 6:3
heard how the LORD ***d*** up the water of . . . Josh 2:10
My strength is ***d*** up like a piece of . . . . . .Ps 22:15
so many of them are ***d*** up with thirst. . . . . Is 5:13
miscarries and breasts that are ***d*** up. . . . . Hos 9:14
plants, and they ***d*** up because they . . . . . .Mt 13:6
plants; and they ***d*** up because they . . . . . Mk 4:6
As it grew, it ***d*** up because it had . . . . . .Lk 8:6
Its water was ***d*** up so that the way . . . . . Rev 16:12

DRINK

our father wine to ***d***, lie down with . . . . . Gn 19:32
so that their father's flock could ***d***. . . . . Ex 2:16
your sons must not ***d*** wine or beer when . . . Lv 10:9
container for the ***d*** offering. The . . . . . Nm 4:7
and also water with money so you can ***d***. . . . .Dt 2:6
a little water to ***d***. I'm thirsty." So. . . . . Jdg 4:19
three sisters to eat and ***d*** with them. . . . . Job 1:4
you let them ***d*** from your river of. . . . . Ps 36:8
of evil, and they ***d*** the wine of . . . . . .Prv 4:17
of wine: "Eat and ***d***! Tomorrow we will . . . . Is 22:13
and my linen cloth, my oil and my ***d***. . . . . Hos 2:5
eat or what you'll ***d***, or about your . . . . . Mt 6:25
a cup of water to ***d*** because you belong . . . .Mk 9:41
eyes. He must not ***d*** wine and liquor. . . . . Lk 1:15
said to her, "Give me some water to ***d***." . . . . Jn 4:7
wouldn't eat or ***d*** until they had . . . . . Ac 23:12
give him a ***d***. By doing this, ... Ro 12:20
only about food, ***d***, and various. . . . . Heb 9:10
all the nations ***d*** the wine of her . . . . . Rev 14:8

DRINKING

had finished ***d***, the man took out . . . . . Gn 24:22
had to dig for ***d*** water along the . . . . . Ex 7:24
where your ***d*** water will be rain. . . . . Dt 11:11
days, eating, ***d***, and spending the. . . . . Jdg 19:4
were eating and ***d*** wine in their. . . . . Job 1:13
off one's feet or ***d*** down violence. . . . . .Prv 26:6
the cloth, eating, ***d***. "Arise, captains! . . . . Is 21:5
they have stopped ***d***, they continue to. . . . Hos 4:18
neither eating nor ***d***, and they say, 'He . . . Mt 11:18
your disciples are always eating and ***d***. . . . Lk 5:33
the guests are ***d*** freely. You kept . . . . . Jn 2:10
eating food and ***d*** but about . . . . . Ro 14:17

DRINKS

the cup my master ***d*** from and uses to. . . . . Gn 44:5
eats the prey and ***d*** the blood of the. . . . . Nm 23:24
They served the ***d*** in cups made of gold, ... Est 1:7
in me; my spirit ***d*** their poison, and. . . . . Job 6:4
bread. I've been mixing tears into my ***d*** . . . .Ps 102:9
warriors, mighty at mixing ***d***, ... Is 5:22
husbands, "Bring ***d***, so we can get . . . . . Am 4:1
No one who ***d*** a well-aged wine wants new. . . Lk 5:39
Everyone who ***d*** this water will be . . . . . Jn 4:13
from God when it ***d*** up the rain that . . . . . Heb 6:7

DRIVE

them go that he'll ***d*** them out of his. . . . . .Ex 6:1
destroy them and ***d*** them from the . . . . . Nm 22:6
so the LORD will ***d*** out all your . . . . . Dt 6:19
they didn't ***d*** out those who . . . . . Jdg 1:19
d off an orphan's donkey, take a widow's . . . Job 24:3
let the hands of the wicked ***d*** me off. . . . . .Ps 36:11
their father and ***d*** out their mother . . . . .Prv 19:26
How will you ***d*** back even the least . . . . . Is 36:9
their deeds I will ***d*** them out of my . . . . Hos 9:15
are needed to ***d*** them. But pilots . . . . . Jas 3:4

DRIVEN

Now that you've ***d*** me away from the . . . . . Gn 4:14
because they were ***d*** out of Egypt and . . . . Ex 12:39
LORD until he has ***d*** his enemies out . . . . Nm 32:21
LORD your God has ***d*** them out before . . . . .Dt 9:4
The LORD has ***d*** out all the nations before Josh 24:18
Like smoke is ***d*** away, drive them away! . . . . Ps 68:2
grain, their folly won't be ***d*** from them. . . . Prv 27:22
And God looks after what is ***d*** away. . . . . .Ecc 3:15
my flock and ***d*** them away. You. . . . . .Jer 23:2
your allies have ***d*** you to the border. . . . . Obad 1:7
When the wind had ***d*** them out for about . . . Jn 6:19
a poisonous snake, ***d*** out by the heat, ... Ac 28:3
with sins and ***d*** by all kinds of 2Ti 3:6
water, mists ***d*** by the wind. The. 2Pt 2:17

DRUNK

the wine, became ***d***, and took off his . . . . . Gn 9:21
eaten bread nor ***d*** wine or beer . . . . . Dt 29:6
was silent, so Eli thought she was ***d***. 1Sa 1:13
like they were ***d***. None of their . . . . . .Ps 107:27
all the time; always be ***d*** on her love. . . . . .Prv 5:19
my honey; I have ***d*** my wine and my . . . . Song 5:1
it does, just as a ***d*** stumbles in his . . . . . Is 19:14
Bring drinks, so we can get ***d***! . . . . . Am 4:1
a glutton and a ***d***, a friend of tax . . . . . Mt 11:19
a glutton and a ***d***, a friend of tax . . . . . Lk 7:34
people aren't ***d***, as you suspect;. . . . . Ac 2:15
and getting ***d***, not in sleeping . . . . . Ro 13:13
earth have become ***d*** with the wine of. . . . Rev 17:2

DRY

place so that the ***d*** land can appear. . . . . Gn 1:9
and pour it out on ***d*** ground. The water . . . . .Ex 4:9
mixed with oil or ***d***, will belong to . . . . . Lv 7:10
something wet to ***d*** up and become like . . . Dt 29:19
stood firmly on ***d*** land in the middle . . . . Josh 3:17
stop flowing in ***d*** times and vanish . . . . . Job 6:17
because of my suffering; my bones ***d*** up. . . .Ps 31:10
the fields or the first of the ***d*** land. . . . . .Prv 8:26
will be like ***d*** twigs, their deeds . . . . . Is 1:31
turn her into a ***d*** land, and make her . . . . Hos 2:3
it wanders through ***d*** places looking for . . . Mt 12:43
it wanders through ***d*** places looking for . . . Lk 11:24
wiped his feet ***d*** with her hair. The . . . . . Jn 12:3
a bunch of ***d*** sticks and put . . . . . Ac 28:3
as if they wee on ***d*** land, but when the . . .Heb 11:29

DUE

only the fee for hiring the animal is ***d***. . . . Ex 22:15
will be unclean ***d*** to her . . . . . Lv 15:19
consume the Israelites ***d*** to my jealousy. . . Nm 25:11
becomes polluted ***d*** to a nighttime . . . . . Dt 23:10
to him, "With all ***d*** respect, my Lord, ... Jdg 6:13
d to his wind, heaven became clear; his . . . Job 26:13
the LORD the glory ***d*** his name! Bow down . . Ps 29:2
receive their ***d*** on earth, how much . . . . . Prv 11:31
d to an unjust ruling he was taken away,. . . . Is 53:8
soon be diminished ***d*** to the burden of . . . Hos 8:10
have fallen ***d*** to the wine of her. . . . . Rev 18:3

DUG

from me will attest that I ***d*** this well. . . . . Gn 21:30
that the officials ***d***, that the . . . . . Nm 21:18
name, and he ***d*** a trench around 1Ki 18:32
no reason, they ***d*** a pit for me for . . . . . Ps 35:7
He ***d*** it, cleared away its stones, planted . . . . Is 5:2
a fence around it, ***d*** a winepress in it, . . . Mt 21:33
a fence around it, ***d*** a pit for the . . . . . Mk 12:1
you would have ***d*** out your eyes and. . . . . Ga 4:15

DUST

will crawl, and ***d*** you will eat every . . . . . Gn 3:14
jar, and taking ***d*** from the floor of . . . . . Nm 5:17
it was as fine as ***d***. Then I dumped the . . . . Dt 9:21
until evening. They put ***d*** on their heads. . . .Josh 7:6
and scattered ***d*** above his head . . . . . Job 2:12
They are like ***d*** that the wind . . . . . Ps 1:4
yourself in the ***d*** from the terror of . . . . . Is 2:10
the poor into the ***d*** of the earth, and . . . . Am 2:7
words, shake the ***d*** off your feet as . . . . Mt 10:14
leave, shake the ***d*** off your feet as a . . . . .Mk 6:11
city, shake the ***d*** off your feet as a. . . . . .Lk 9:5
Barnabas shook the ***d*** from their feet . . . . Ac 13:51
earth made from ***d***; the second human 1Co 15:47
They threw ***d*** on their heads, and they . . . Rev 18:19

DUTIES

that the ***d*** of priesthood . . . . . Ex 29:9
They will perform ***d*** for him and for the . . . . Nm 3:7
should any related ***d*** be placed on him. . . . Dt 24:5
to carry out their ***d*** due to the cloud 1Ki 8:11
you owe, pay the ***d*** you are charged,. . . . . Ro 13:7
their religious ***d*** had been . . . . . Heb 10:2

DUTY

wife, do your ***d*** as her . . . . . Gn 38:8
This is the ***d*** of the Gershonite clans for . . . Nm 4:24
according to the brother-in-law's ***d***. . . . . Dt 25:5
to some priestly ***d*** so I can have a 1Sa 2:36
the city, the guard on ***d*** is pointless. . . . .Ps 127:1
soldiers for guard ***d***. Go and make it as . . . Mt 27:65
because his priestly division was on ***d***. . . . .Lk 1:8

DWELL

the Levites who ***d*** in your cities . . . . . Dt 12:12
of Judah to ***d*** in the territory . . . . . Ru 1:1
less those who ***d*** in houses of clay, ... Job 4:19
LORD? Who can ***d*** on your holy . . . . . Ps 15:1
who obey me will ***d*** securely, ...Prv 1:33
and those who ***d*** in the dust will . . . . . Is 26:19
leave the city and ***d*** in the open field; . . . . Mi 4:10
and you who ***d*** in them. But oh! . . . . . Rev 12:12

DWELLING

show you for the ***d*** and for all its . . . . . Ex 25:9
and anointed the ***d*** and everything in . . . . Lv 8:10
to the covenant ***d***, to all its . . . . . Nm 1:50
That's where the ***d*** of the LORD. . . . . Josh 22:19
your behalf and reward your innocent ***d***. . . . Job 8:6
me in his own ***d*** during troubling . . . . . Ps 27:5
of the righteous. Don't destroy their ***d***. . . . Prv 24:15
seek him out, and his ***d*** will be glorious. . . . Is 11:10
of the rock, whose ***d*** is high above. You . . . Obad 1:3
have his word ***d*** with you because. . . . . Jn 5:38
he might provide a ***d*** place for the God . . . . Ac 7:46
the time of your ***d*** in a strange land. 1Pt 1:17
God's name and his ***d*** place (that is,. . . . . Rev 13:6

DYING

he had until his ***d*** day, so he lived. 2Ki 15:5
from them; their hope is a ***d*** gasp. . . . . Job 11:20
I've been ***d***. I've endured your . . . . . .Ps 88:15
officials are ***d*** of hunger; so many. . . . . Is 5:13
the sky, even the fish of the sea are ***d***. . . . Hos 4:3
It's as if I'm ***d***. Stay here and . . . . . Mt 26:38
It's as if I'm ***d***. Stay here and . . . . . Mk 14:34
was ***d***. As Jesus moved . . . . . Lk 8:42
Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from ***d***? . . . Jn 11:37
the body that is ***d*** to be clothed in 1Co 15:53
the power over death—the devil—by ***d***. . . Heb 2:14

DYNASTY

against Egypt, Pharaoh, and his entire ***d***. . . . Dt 6:22
you nor your ***d*** will be secure. 1Sa 20:31
will establish his ***d*** for all time. His . . . . .Ps 89:29
The nation and the ***d*** that won't serve you . . Is 60:12

E

EAGLE

detestable: the ***e***, the black. . . . . Lv 11:13
to eat: the ***e***, the vulture, the. . . . . Dt 14:12
made of reeds, as an ***e*** swoops on prey. . . . Job 9:26
wings like an ***e*** and flies. . . . . .Prv 23:5
who soars like an ***e*** and spreads its . . . . . Jer 48:40
you soar like the ***e***, though your nest . . . . Obad 1:4
living creature was like an ***e*** in flight. . . . . Rev 4:7

EAR

will pierce his ***e*** with a pointed . . . . . Ex 21:6
and pierce his ***e*** with it into the . . . . . Dt 15:17
things in David's ***e***. But David said, ... 1Sa 18:23
Doesn't the ***e*** test words and the palate . . . Job 12:11
Bend your ***e*** toward me and save . . . . . Ps 71:2
Turn your ***e*** toward wisdom, and stretch . . . Prv 2:2
LORD, turn your ***e*** this way and hear! . . . . Is 37:17
or the piece of an ***e*** from the mouth of. . . . .Am 3:12
high priest's slave, he cut off his ***e***. . . . . Mt 26:51
high priest's slave and cut off his ***e***. . . . . Mk 14:47
servant, cutting off his right ***e***. . . . . Lk 22:50
off his right ***e***. (The servant's. . . . . Jn 18:10
eye has seen, or ***e*** has heard, or that 1Co 2:9

EARLY

you can get up ***e*** and go on your . . . . . Gn 19:2
to Moses, "Get up ***e*** in the morning and . . . . Ex 8:20
with leaven, as ***e*** produce to the . . . . . Lv 23:17
They rose ***e*** in the morning and went up to . Nm 14:40
take some of the ***e*** produce of the fertile . . . Dt 26:2
took down the camp ***e*** in the morning. He . . .Josh 3:1
Getting up ***e*** in the morning, he . . . . . Job 1:5
of water. Yes, the ***e*** rain covers it . . . . . Ps 84:6
in the ***e*** evening, at the onset of night. . . . Prv 7:9
those who wake up ***e*** in the morning to . . . Is 5:11
that passes away ***e***, like husks that . . . . Hos 13:3
Very ***e*** in the morning he came to his . . . . Mt 14:25
e in the morning, well before sunrise, ...Mk 1:35
the people rose ***e*** in the morning to . . . . Lk 21:38
e in the morning he returned to the . . . . .Jn 8:2
e in the morning, they went into the . . . . Ac 5:21

among humankind as *e* produce for God . . Rev 14:4

EARS

the rings in their *e*, and Jacob buried . . . . . Gn 35:4
the barley had *e* of grain and the . . . . . Ex 9:31
you can pluck *e* by hand, but you . . . . . Dt 23:25
glean among the *e* of grain behind . . . . . Ru 2:2
up on me; my *e* caught a hint of . . . . . Job 4:12
me. So tilt your *e* toward me now. . . . . Ps 17:6
e to hear and eyes to see—the LORD made . Prv 20:12
dull. Make their *e* deaf and their . . . . . Is 6:10
cover their mouths; their *e* will be deaf. . . . . Mi 7:16
Let the person who has *e*, hear . . . . . Mt 11:15
said, "Whoever has *e* to listen should . . . . . Mk 4:9
Everyone who has *e* should pay . . . . . .Lk 8:8
and covered their *e*. Together, they . . . . . Ac 7:57
not see and their *e* not hear, right up . . . . . Ro 11:8
have reached the *e* of the Lord of . . . . . Jas 5:4
Whoever has *e* must listen. . . . . Rev 13:9

EARTH

began to create the heavens and the *e* . . . . Gn 1:1
you would have disappeared from the *e*. . . . Ex 9:15
that swarms on the *e* is detestable; it . . . . Lv 11:41
was humble, more so than anyone on *e*. . . Nm 12:3
in heaven or on *e* can act as you do . . . . . Dt 3:24
is God in heaven above and on *e* below. . . . Josh 2:11
LORD, "From wandering throughout the *e*." . . Job 1:7
far corners of the *e* will be your . . . . . .Ps 2:8
foundations of the *e* with wisdom, ...Prv 3:19
and listen *e*, for the LORD has . . . . . Is 1:2
the heavens and they will answer the *e*. . . . Hos 2:21
humble, because they will inherit the *e*. . . . . Mt 5:5
authority on the *e* to forgive sins. . . . . .Mk 2:10
in heaven, and on *e* peace among those . . . . Lk 2:14
heaven and down to *e* on the Human One. . . Jn 1:51
and Samaria, and to the end of the *e*. . . . . .Ac 1:8
name can be spread through the entire *e*. . . . Ro 9:17
During his days on *e*, Christ offered . . . . . Heb 5:7
the kings of the *e*. To the one who . . . . . Rev 1:5

EAST

in Eden in the *e* and put there the . . . . . Gn 2:8
the LORD made an *e* wind blow over the . . Ex 10:13
throw it by the *e* side of the altar,. . . . . Lv 1:16
On the *e* side toward the sunrise will be . . . Nm 2:3
the slopes of Mount Pisgah on the *e*. . . . . Dt 3:17
given you on the *e* side of the . . . . . Josh 1:14
was greater than all the people of the *e*. . . . Job 1:3
or like the *e* wind when it smashes the . . . . Ps 48:7
sorcerers from the *e* and. . . . . Is 2:6
and pursues the *e* wind all day long; . . . . Hos 12:1
Herod, magi came from the *e* to Jerusalem. . . Mt 2:1
sent out, from the *e* to the west, the . . . . .Mk 16:9
will come from *e* and west, north. . . . . Lk 13:29
coming up from the *e*, holding the seal . . . . Rev 7:2

EASTERN

Mesha by way of Sephar, the *e* mountains. . Gn 10:30
of Moab, from the *e* mountains. Come, . . . Nm 23:7
cities on the *e* side of the Jordan . . . . . Dt 4:41
included the whole *e* part of the desert . . . Josh 12:1
and from their *e* boundaries . . . . . .Eze 45:7
its front into the *e* sea, and its rear . . . . . Jl 2:20

EAT

the human, "*e* your fill from all. . . . . Gn 2:16
man? Invite him to *e* a meal with us. . . . . Ex 2:20
live: you must not *e* any fat or blood. . . . . Lv 3:17
any grape juice or *e* grapes, whether . . . . Nm 6:3
money so you can *e*, and also water . . . . . .Dt 2:6
or brandy or to *e* anything that is. . . . . Jdg 13:4
three sisters to *e* and drink with . . . . . Job 1:4
on fire. God will *e* them whole in his . . . . . Ps 21:9
They will *e* from the fruit of their way, ...Prv 1:31
and obey, you will *e* the best food of . . . . . Is 1:19
forest, and the wild animals will *e* them. . . Hos 2:12
moth and rust *e* them and where . . . . . Mt 6:19
Jesus sat down to *e* at Levi's house. Many . . .Mk 2:15
and others sat down to *e* with them. . . . . Lk 5:29
spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, *e*." . . . . . Jn 4:31
with it. Our ancestors had nothing to *e*. . . . Ac 7:11
Those who *e* must not look down on the. . . . Ro 14:3
tent don't have the right to *e* from it. . . . .Heb 13:10
victorious to *e* from the tree of. . . . . Rev 2:7

EATEN

and I haven't *e* your flock's rams. . . . . Gn 31:38
It should be *e* in one house. You . . . . . Ex 12:46
of it. It must be *e* as unleavened . . . . . Lv 6:16
flesh is half *e* as it comes out of . . . . . .Nm 12:12
off-limits for you. They are not to be *e*. . . . Dt 14:19
if the troops had *e* some of their 1Sa 14:30
Is tasteless food *e* without salt, or does . . . . Job 6:6
is sweet; food *e* in secret is. . . . . .Prv 9:17
very bad—so bad that they can't be *e*. . . . .Jer 24:3
Strangers have *e* up his strength, yet he . . . . Hos 7:9
men plus women and children had *e*. . . . . Mt 14:21
About five thousand had *e*. . . . . .Mk 6:44
had been left over by those who had *e*. . . . . Jn 6:13
Lord! I have never *e* anything impure or. . . . Ac 10:14
after they had *e*, saying, "This cup 1Co 11:25

EATING

because he enjoyed *e* game, but Rebekah . . Gn 25:28
to the number of people who will be *e* it. . . . Ex 12:4
compensation by *e* their own holy . . . . . Lv 22:16
would if they were *e* gazelle or deer. . . . . Dt 12:15
into his hands, *e* it as he continued . . . . . Jdg 14:9
and daughters were *e* and drinking wine . . . Job 1:13
like they are *e* bread but never . . . . . Ps 14:4
e too much honey isn't good, nor is it . . . . Prv 25:27
the cloth, *e*, drinking. "Arise,. . . . . Is 21:5
they had finished *e* the green plants . . . . . Am 7:2
John came neither *e* nor drinking, and . . . Mt 11:18
and sinners were *e* with Jesus and his. . . . .Mk 2:15
disciples are always *e* and drinking. . . . . Lk 5:33
When they finished *e*, Jesus asked Simon . . Jn 21:15
While they were *e* together, he ordered . . . .Ac 1:4
person believes in *e* everything, while. . . . . Ro 14:2
immorality and *e* food sacrificed to . . . . . Rev 2:20

EATS

because anyone who *e* leavened bread. . . . Ex 12:15
and the person who *e* of it will be. . . . . Lv 7:18
us, as an ox *e* up the grass in . . . . . Nm 22:4
Anyone who *e* anything before 1Sa 14:24
like refuse, like clothing that a moth *e*. . . . Job 13:28
God for an image of a bull that *e* grass. . . . Ps 106:20
woman: she *e* and wipes her . . . . . Prv 30:20
half he roasts and *e* meat, and he is. . . . . Is 44:16
man welcomes sinners and *e* with them. . . . Lk 15:2
so that whoever *e* from it will never . . . . . Jn 6:50
while the weak person *e* only vegetables. . . . Ro 14:2

EBER

fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered *E*. . . Gn 10:24
they will attack *E*, and even he will . . . . Nm 24:24
sons were born to *E*: one was named 1Ch 1:19
Reu son of Peleg son of *E* son of Shelah . . . Lk 3:35

EDGE

Machpelah at the *e* of his field. Let . . . . . Gn 23:9
flock out to the *e* of the desert, and. . . . . .Ex 3:1

all the way to the **e** of your field; and . . . . . Lv 19:9
Kadesh, a city on the **e** of your border. . . . Nm 20:16
which is on the **e** of the Arnon . . . . . Dt 2:36
feet touched the **e** of the water. The . . . . Josh 3:15
of rock, their fortress on rock's **e**. . . . . Job 39:28
you dulled the **e** of his sword and. . . . . Ps 89:43
to live on the **e** of a roof than . . . . . Prv 21:9
right, plunge left, wherever your **e** goes. . . Eze 21:16
just touch the **e** of his clothes. . . . . Mt 14:36
will fall by the **e** of the sword and. . . . . Lk 21:24
escaped from the **e** of the sword, ... Heb 11:34

EDOM

red stuff." That's why his name is **E**. . . . . Gn 25:30
to the king of **E**: "This is what . . . . . Nm 20:14
to the border of **E**. The Zin wasteland . . . . Josh 15:1
and defeated **E**, killing twelve . . . . . Ps 60:1
to the east. **E** and Moab will be. . . . . Is 11:14
desolate and **E** a desolate . . . . . Jl 3:19

EGYPT

Ham's sons: Cush, **E**, Put, and Canaan. . . . . Gn 10:6
who came to **E** with Jacob along . . . . . Ex 1:1
from the land of **E** to be your God. . . . . Lv 11:45
year after they left the land of **E**: . . . . . Nm 1:1
brought us out of **E**—to hand us over . . . . Dt 1:27
you when you left **E**. We have also . . . . . Josh 2:10
come from **E**; let Cush stretch . . . . . Ps 68:31
covers, with colored linens from **E**. . . . . Prv 7:16
streams of **E** and for the bees . . . . . Is 7:18
time when she came out of the land of **E**. . . Hos 2:15
and escape to **E**. Stay there until . . . . . Mt 2:13
and Pamphylia, **E** and the regions of . . . . . Ac 2:10
those who were brought out of **E** by Moses? . Heb 3:16
called Sodom and **E**, where also their . . . . Rev 11:8

EGYPTIAN

Since she had an **E** servant named . . . . . Gn 16:1
didn't obey the **E** king's order. . . . . Ex 1:17
mother and an **E** father came out. . . . . Lv 24:10
all those dreadful **E** diseases you . . . . . Dt 7:15
They found an **E** in the countryside and . . . 1Sa 30:11
the tongue of the **E** sea. God will wave . . . . Is 11:15
learned everything **E** wisdom had to . . . . . Ac 7:22

EGYPTIANS

When the **E** see you, they will say, 'This . . . Gn 12:12
As a result, the **E** put foremen of forced . . . Ex 1:11
to the LORD, "The **E** will hear, for. . . . . Nm 14:13
Don't detest **E** because you were . . . . . Dt 23:7
to the sea. The **E** chased your. . . . . Josh 24:6
became dark, but the **E** rejected his word. . . Ps 105:28
On that day, the **E** will be like women and . . . Is 19:16
land, but when the **E** tried it, they . . . . . Heb 11:29

EHUD

for them, **E**, Gera's son, a . . . . . Jdg 3:15

EIGHT

Isaac when he was **e** days old just as . . . . . Gn 21:4
so there will be **e** boards with their . . . . . Ex 26:25
Four wagons and **e** oxen he gave to the . . . . Nm 7:8
served Cushan-rishathaim **e** years. . . . . Jdg 3:8
people, even to **e**: you don't know . . . . . Ecc 11:2
son, and **e** of his men eluded. . . . . Jer 41:15
him seven shepherds and **e** human princes. . . Mi 5:5
bread worth almost **e** months' pay and . . . . Mk 6:37
When **e** days had passed, Jesus' parents. . . . Lk 2:21
After **e** days his disciples were again in . . . Jn 20:26
Accordingly, **e** days after Isaac's . . . . . Ac 7:8
a few (that is, **e**) lives were. 1Pt 3:20

EIGHTEEN

three hundred **e**, and went after . . . . . Gn 14:14
three feet long, **e** inches wide, and . . . . . Ex 25:23
served Moab's King Eglon **e** years. . . . . Jdg 3:14
feet high and **e** feet around. . . . . Jer 52:21
by a spirit for **e** years. She was . . . . . Lk 13:11
stayed there for **e** months, teaching. . . . . Ac 18:11

EIGHTH

On the **e** day after birth, every male in . . . Gn 17:12
seven days. On the **e** day, you should . . . . Ex 22:30
On the **e** day, Moses called for Aaron, ... Lv 9:1
On the **e** day the person will bring two . . . Nm 6:10
year during the **e** month, the month 1Ki 6:38
According to the **e**. A psalm of . . . . . Ps 6:1
the altar from the **e** day on, and I will . . . . Eze 43:27
In the **e** month in the second year of . . . . . Zec 1:1
On the **e** day, it came time to circumcise. . . . Lk 1:59
circumcised on the **e** day. I am from the . . . Phil 3:5
it is itself an **e** king that belongs . . . . . Rev 17:11

EKRON

as far as the **E** territory is . . . . . Josh 13:3
Gaza, **E**, and what's left . . . . . Jer 25:20
my hand against **E**, and the . . . . . Am 1:8

ELAM

Shem's sons: **E**, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, . . Gn 10:22
Shem's family: **E**, Asshur, Arpachshad, . . . 1Ch 1:17
Pathros, Cush, **E**, Shinar, Hamath, ... Is 11:11

ELDERS

and get Israel's **e** together and say . . . . . Ex 3:16
The community **e** will press their hands on . . Lv 4:15
men from Israel's **e**, whom you know as . . . Nm 11:16
chiefs of your tribes and your **e** came . . . . Dt 5:23
He, along with the **e** of Israel, lay . . . . . Josh 7:6
and praise God in the assembly of the **e**. . . . Ps 107:32
when he sits with the **e** of the land. . . . . Prv 31:23
judgment with the **e** and princes of his . . . . Is 3:14
Hear this, **e**, pay attention, everyone in . . . . Jl 1:2
things from the **e**, chief priests, ... Mt 16:21
observing the rules handed down by the **e**. . . Mk 7:3
sent some Jewish **e** to Jesus to ask . . . . . Lk 7:3
beginning with the **e**. Finally, only . . . . . Jn 8:9
see visions. Your **e** will dream dreams. . . . . Ac 2:17
prophecy when the **e** laid hands on you. . . . 1Ti 4:14
The **e** in the past were approved because . . . Heb 11:2
with twenty-four **e** seated upon them, ... Rev 4:4

ELEAZAR

birth to Nadab, Abihu, **E**, and Ithamar. . . . . Ex 6:23
and his sons, **E** and Ithamar, ... Lv 10:6
the oldest, and Abihu, **E**, and Ithamar. . . . . Nm 3:2
buried. His son **E** succeeded him in . . . . . Dt 10:6
land of Canaan. **E** the priest, Joshua . . . . . Josh 14:1
was the father of **E**. Eleazar was the. . . . . Mt 1:15

ELEVEN

servants, and his **e** sons, and crossed . . . . Gn 32:22
tent over the dwelling. Make **e** curtains. . . . Ex 26:7
On the third day: **e** bulls, two rams, and. . . Nm 29:20
It is **e** days from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea . . . Dt 1:2
Giloh. In total: **e** cities and their . . . . . Josh 15:51
and he ruled for **e** years in . . . . . Jer 52:1
Now the **e** disciples went to Galilee, to . . . Mt 28:16
he appeared to the **e** while they were . . . . Mk 16:14
these things to the **e** and all the others. . . . Lk 24:9
Matthias. He was added to the **e** apostles. . . . Ac 1:26

ELEVENTH

On the **e** day Asher's Chief Pagiel, ... Nm 7:72
first day of the **e** month, that Moses . . . . . Dt 1:3

in the *e* year during the 1Ki 6:38
fifth month of the *e* year of King . . . . . Jer 1:3
day of the *e* month . . . . . Zec 1:7
chrysoprase, the *e* was jacinth, and . . . . Rev 21:20

ELI

the LORD. (Now *E* the priest was 1Sa 1:9
a loud shout, "*E*, Eli, lama . . . . . Mt 27:46

ELIAB

from Zebulun, *E*, Helon's son . . . . . Nm 1:9
the descendants of *E* the Reubenite, ... Dt 11:6
Samuel looked at *E* and thought, that 1Sa 16:6

ELIAKIM

Hilkiah's son *E*, who was the 2Ki 18:18
I will call my servant *E*, Hilkiah's son. . . . . Is 22:20
was the father of *E*. Eliakim was the . . . . Mt 1:13
Judah son of Joseph son of Jonam son of *E* . . Lk 3:30

ELIASHIB

family: Hodaviah, *E*, Pelaiah, Akkub, ... 1Ch 3:24

ELIEZER

of my household is *E*, a man from . . . . . Gn 15:2
other was named *E* because he said, ... Ex 18:4
Zemirah, Joash, *E*, Elioenai, Omri, ... 1Ch 7:8
of Joshua son of *E* son of Jorim son . . . . . Lk 3:29

ELIJAH

E from Tishbe, who was one of the 1Ki 17:1
Look, I am sending *E* the prophet to you, . . . Mal 4:5
to accept it, he is *E* who is to come. . . . . Mt 11:14
saying, "He is *E*." Still others . . . . . Mk 6:15
and power of *E*. He will turn the . . . . . Lk 1:17
are you? Are you *E*?" John said, "I'm . . . . . Jn 1:21
in the case of *E*, when he pleads . . . . . Ro 11:2
E was a person just like us. When he . . . . . Jas 5:17

ELIMINATE

I will *e* your shrines, chop down your . . . . Lv 26:30
images. You will *e* all their shrines. . . . . Nm 33:52
soon when I will *e* both your children 1Sa 2:31
who do evil, to *e* even the memory of . . . . Ps 34:16
our fortresses to *e* children from the . . . . Jer 9:21
of Damascus, and *e* the people from . . . . . Am 1:5

ELIPHAZ

Adah gave birth to *E* for Esau, Basemath . . . Gn 36:4
Esau's family: *E*, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, ... 1Ch 1:35
Then *E*, a native of Teman, responded. . . . . Job 4:1

ELISHA

Israel; and anoint *E* from Abel-meholah, . . . 1Ki 19:16
of the prophet *E*, but none of them . . . . . Lk 4:27

ELISHAMA

from Ephraim, *E*, Ammihud's son; . . . . . Nm 1:10
and Jekamiah was the father of *E*. 1Ch 2:41
meeting together: *E* the scribe;. . . . . Jer 36:12

ELIZABETH

Abijah. His wife *E* was a descendant . . . . . Lk 1:5

ELKANAH

Korahites: Assir, *E*, and Abiasaph. . . . . Ex 6:24
whose name was *E*. He was from the 1Sa 1:1

ELYON

the priest of El *E* had brought bread . . . . Gn 14:18

EMISSION

man has a genital *e*, that emission is . . . . . Lv 15:2
due to a nighttime *e*, he must exit the. . . . Dt 23:10

EMPTY

the cistern, an *e* cistern with no . . . . . Gn 37:24
to you and you won't go away *e*-handed. . . . Ex 3:21
you must not let them go *e*-handed. . . . . Dt 15:13
a trumpet and an *e* jar, with a torch. . . . . Jdg 7:16
long; leave me alone, for my days are *e*. . . . Job 7:16
who engage in *e* pursuits have no. . . . . Prv 12:11
pride and arrogance, his *e* boasting. . . . . Is 16:6
They have spoken *e* words, and swearing . . . Hos 10:4
out a flood of *e* words, as the. . . . . Mt 6:7
worship of me is *e* since they teach . . . . . Mk 7:7
things and sent the rich away *e*-handed. . . . Lk 1:53
this case won't be *e* words, and so that 2Co 9:3
or gold from the *e* lifestyle you 1Pt 1:18

EN-GEDI

Nibshan (the Salt City), and *E*. . . . . Josh 15:62
my love to me in the desert gardens of *E*. . . Song 1:14
beside it, from *E* to En-eglayim, and . . . . Eze 47:10

ENCOURAGE

him, and *e* him because he's . . . . . Dt 3:28
the city and destroy it!' *E* Joab! 2Sa 11:25
They *e* themselves with evil words. They. . . . Ps 64:5
tell lies. They *e* evildoers so that . . . . . Jer 23:14
we can mutually *e* each other while I . . . . . Ro 1:12
Instead, *e* each other every day, as long . . . Heb 3:13

ENCOURAGED

because he *e* you to turn away . . . . . Dt 13:5
to David at Horesh and *e* him with God. . . . 1Sa 23:16
answered me. You *e* me with inner . . . . . Ps 138:3
comers. And so you *e* even more . . . . . Eze 16:25
was paralyzed, "Be *e*, my child, your . . . . . Mt 9:2
spoke to them, "Be *e*! It's me. Don't be . . . . Mk 6:50
distress. But be *e*! I have conquered. . . . . Jn 16:33
to them and *e* them, saying, "Be . . . . . Ac 2:40
you. We can be *e* by the . . . . . Ro 1:12
in him, can be *e* to grasp the hope . . . . . Heb 6:18

END

said to Noah, "The *e* has come for all . . . . . Gn 6:13
At the *e* of four hundred thirty years, on . . . Ex 12:41
this desert. There they'll meet their *e*. . . . Nm 14:35
on earth, from one *e* of heaven to the . . . . Dt 4:32
At the *e* of three days the officers went . . . . Josh 3:2
I should hope; my *e*, that my life . . . . . Job 6:11
It rises in one *e* of the sky; its circuit . . . . Ps 19:6
but in the *e* she is bitter as gall, sharp . . . . Prv 5:4
from my sight. Put an *e* to such evil; . . . . Is 1:16
I will *e* all her religious celebrations, ... Hos 2:11
stands firm until the *e* will be saved. . . . . Mt 10:22
these things are about to come to an *e*? . . . . Mk 13:4
and there will be no *e* to his kingdom. . . . . Lk 1:33
and Samaria, and to the *e* of the earth. . . . . Ac 1:8
Christ until the *e* so that you will 1Co 1:8
years of your life won't come to an *e*. . . . . Heb 1:12
until the *e*, I will give . . . . . Rev 2:26

ENDURANCE

because your *e* will be rewarded, ... Jer 31:16
When my *e* was weakening, I remembered the Jon 2:7
because we know that trouble produces *e*, . . . Ro 5:3
the testing of your faith produces *e*. . . . . Jas 1:3
kingdom, and *e* that we have in . . . . . Rev 1:9

ENDURE

waters, you won't *e*, for you went up . . . . . Gn 49:4
will be able to *e*. And all these . . . . . Ex 18:23
then don't let me *e* this wretched. . . . . Nm 11:15
their food, so their riches will not *e*. . . . . Job 20:21
Let his name *e* as long as the. . . . . Ps 72:17
but the family of the righteous will *e*. . . . . Prv 12:7
so in the future it will *e* as a witness. . . . . Is 30:8

it stirs up great fear—who can *e* it? . . . Jl 2:11
with himself. How then can his kingdom *e*? . Mt 12:26
divided, then he can't *e*. He's done for. . . . Mk 3:26
will his kingdom *e*? I ask this. . . . . Lk 11:18
way out so that you will be able to *e* it. . . 1Co 10:13
You need to *e* so that you can receive the . . Heb 10:36
kept my command to *e*, I will keep you . . . Rev 3:10

ENDURING

will remember the *e* covenant between . . . Gn 9:16
stones will be an *e* memorial for the . . . . Josh 4:7
me, as well as *e* wealth and . . . . . Prv 8:18
LORD's stature, an *e* reminder that . . . . . Is 55:13
have a pure and *e* inheritance that 1Pt 1:4

ENEMIES

victory over your *e*." Abram gave . . . . . Gn 14:20
they will join our *e*, fight against us, ... Ex 1:10
will chase your *e*, and they will . . . . . Lv 26:7
LORD your God and be saved from your *e*. . Nm 10:9
with you. You will be defeated by your *e*. . . Dt 1:42
Are you on our side or that of our *e*? . . . . Josh 5:13
our *e* are certainly cut off; fire will . . . . Job 22:20
I have so many *e*! So many are . . . . . Ps 3:1
LORD, even their *e* are at peace with . . . . Prv 16:7
my foes; I will take it out on my *e*, ... Is 1:24
pressure from its *e*; Ephraim's rights . . . . Hos 5:11
to you, love your *e* and pray for those . . . . Mt 5:44
until I turn your *e* into your . . . . . Mk 12:36
salvation from our *e* and from the power . . . Lk 1:71
until I make your *e* a footstool for your . . . Ac 2:35
we were still *e*, now that we have . . . . . Ro 5:10
until I put your *e* under your feet. . . . . Heb 1:13
and burns up their *e*. So if anyone . . . . . Rev 11:5

ENEMY

your strong hand, LORD, shatters the *e*! . . . Ex 15:6
and you will be handed over to the *e*. . . . . Lv 26:25
land against an *e* who is attacking . . . . . Nm 10:9
that your *e* has brought on you. . . . . Dt 28:53
and hadn't been an *e* in the past. . . . . Josh 20:5
the hand of my *e*? Ransom me from . . . . Job 6:23
then let my *e* not only chase but catch . . . . Ps 7:5
friend; excessive are the kisses of an *e*. . . . Prv 27:6
turned into their *e*—he fought. . . . . Is 63:10
from the good; the *e* will pursue him. . . . . Hos 8:3
must love your neighbor and hate your *e*. . . Mt 5:43
the power of the *e*. Nothing will harm. . . . Lk 10:19
Instead, If your *e* is hungry, feed him; . . . . Ro 12:20
with the world makes you an *e* of God? . . . Jas 4:4

ENJOY

same formula to *e* its fragrance will. . . . . Ex 30:38
the land will *e* its sabbaths. At . . . . . Lv 26:34
You can then *e* your enemies' . . . . . Dt 20:14
Why not spend the night and *e* yourself? . . Jdg 19:6
labor; they won't *e* the wealth from. . . . . Job 20:18
you relish the chance to *e* good things? . . . Ps 34:12
They *e* doing evil, rejoicing in their . . . . . Prv 2:14
offspring; he will *e* long life. The . . . . . Is 53:10
festivals; I don't *e* your joyous . . . . . Am 5:21
Take it easy! Eat, drink, and *e* yourself. . . . Lk 12:19
They even *e* unruly parties in 2Pt 2:13

ENLISTED

Moses *e* them in the Sinai desert just as. . . Nm 1:19

ENOCH

and gave birth to ***E***. Cain built a city . . . . Gn 4:17
E, Methuselah, Lamech 1Ch 1:3
Methuselah son of ***E*** son of Jared son. . . . Lk 3:37
By faith ***E*** was taken up so that he didn't . . Heb 11:5

ENROLLMENT

Their *e*, according to the number of. . . . . Nm 3:22
This first *e* occurred when Quirinius . . . . . Lk 2:2

ENTER

May I myself never *e* their council. May . . . Gn 49:6
let the destroyer *e* your houses to . . . . . Ex 12:23
or beer when you *e* the meeting tent . . . . Lv 10:9
and his sons will *e* and take down the . . . . Nm 4:5
Get going! *e* the hills of the Amorites . . . . . Dt 1:7
over the Jordan to *e* the land and take . . . Josh 1:11
makes utter darkness *e* the light; . . . . . Job 12:22
But me? I will *e* your house because of . . . . Ps 5:7
Wisdom will *e* your mind, and knowledge . . Prv 2:10
The LORD will *e* into judgment with the. . . . Is 3:14
guilty. Don't *e* into Gilgal, or go . . . . . Hos 4:15
you will never *e* the kingdom of . . . . . Mt 5:20
wasn't able to *e* a town openly. He . . . . . Mk 1:45
so that those who *e* can see the light. . . . . Lk 8:16
It's impossible to *e* the mother's womb . . . . Jn 3:4
and John about to *e*, he began to ask . . . . . Ac 3:3
I swore: "They will never *e* my rest!" . . . . Heb 3:11
unclean will ever *e* it, nor anyone who . . . Rev 21:27

ENTERED

wives with him *e* the ark to escape . . . . . Gn 7:7
Moses *e* the cloud and went up the . . . . . Ex 24:18
and Aaron then *e* the meeting tent. . . . . Lv 9:23
When Moses *e* the meeting tent to speak . . Nm 7:89
Once you have *e* the land the LORD your . . Dt 17:14
They set out and *e* the house of a . . . . . Josh 2:1
when together we *e* God's house with . . . . Ps 55:14
windows; it has *e* our fortresses to . . . . . Jer 9:21
and foreigners *e* his gates and cast . . . . Obad 1:11
They *e* the house and saw the child with. . . . Mt 2:11
the Sabbath Jesus *e* the synagogue and . . . Mk 1:21
She *e* Zechariah's home and greeted . . . . Lk 1:40
He hadn't *e* the village but was still in. . . . Jn 11:30
When they *e* the city, they went to the . . . . Ac 1:13
same way that sin *e* the world through . . . Ro 5:12
The one who *e* God's rest also rested from . . Heb 4:10
of life from God *e* them, and they . . . . Rev 11:11

ENTERING

report about the cities that we'll be *e*. . . . . Dt 1:22
trapped himself by *e* a town with gates . . . 1Sa 23:7
them breaking and *e*. Yet, despite all . . . . Jer 2:34
prostitutes are *e* God's kingdom . . . . . Mt 21:31
Jerusalem. After *e* the temple, he. . . . . Mk 11:15
stood in the way of those who were *e*. . . . Lk 11:52
enter the palace; *e* the palace would. . . . . Jn 18:28
ask for money from those *e* the temple. . . . . Ac 3:2
who have faith are *e* the rest. As God . . . . Heb 4:3

ENTERS

Anyone who *e* the house during the entire. . Lv 14:46
or anyone else who *e* his temple in 1Sa 5:5
The wild beast *e* its lair, lies down in . . . . Job 37:8
The one who *e* in the LORD's name is . . . . Ps 118:26
cover you when he *e* your gates as one . . . Eze 26:10
sound. Rottenness *e* my bones. I . . . . . Hab 3:16
into the mouth *e* the stomach and . . . . . Mt 15:17
the outside that *e* a person has the . . . . . Mk 7:18
meet you. Follow him to the house he *e*. . . Lk 22:10
The one who *e* through the gate is the. . . . . Jn 10:2
our whole being, *e* the sanctuary . . . . . Heb 6:19

ENTHRONED

Only as the *e* king will I be. . . . . Gn 41:40
forces, who sits *e* on the winged 1Sa 4:4
are the holy one, *e*. You are Israel's . . . . Ps 22:3
of Israel: you sit *e* on the winged . . . . . Is 37:16

ENTRANCE
he sat at the *e* of his tent in the . Gn 18:1
for the tent's *e* of blue, purple, . Ex 26:36
the meeting tent's *e* for its acceptance . Lv 1:3
the screen for the *e* of the meeting . Nm 3:25
the cloud pillar stood at the tent's *e*. . Dt 31:15
the LORD at the *e* of the meeting. . Josh 19:51
stand outside the *e* of my God's house . Ps 84:10
her; don't approach the *e* to her house. . Prv 5:8
broken; every house is shut, without *e*. . Is 24:10
rolled a stone against the *e* to the tomb. . Mk 15:46
It was a cave, and a stone covered the *e*. . Jn 11:38
with soldiers guarding the prison *e*. . Ac 12:6

EPHAH
Midian's sons were ***E***, Epher, Enoch, . Gn 25:4
An omer is one-tenth of an *e*. . Ex 16:36
sin a tenth of an *e* of choice flour as. . Lv 5:11
one-tenth of an *e* of barley flour. . Nm 5:15
and only one *e*, also complete and . Dt 25:15
goat and used an *e* of flour for . Jdg 6:19
a homer of seed will produce only an *e*. . Is 5:10
for sale, make the *e* smaller, enlarge . Am 8:5

EPHESUS
they arrived in ***E***, he left Priscilla . Ac 18:19
wild animals in ***E***? If the dead . 1Co 15:32
seven churches: to ***E***, Smyrna, Pergamum, . Rev 1:11

EPHRAIM
named the second ***E***, "because," he . Gn 41:52
sons: from ***E***, Elishama, . Nm 1:10
with the land of ***E*** and Manasseh, as . Dt 34:2
Manasseh and ***E***. The Levites. . Josh 14:4
Manasseh is mine; ***E*** is my helmet; . Ps 60:7
become allies with ***E***, their hearts and. . Is 7:2
E is associated with idols—let him . Hos 4:17
to a city called ***E***, where he stayed . Jn 11:54

EPHRAIMITE
the legacy for the clans of the ***E*** tribe. . Josh 16:8

EPHRAIMITES
the tribe of the ***E***, a chief, Kemuel, . Nm 34:24
Then the ***E*** said to him, "Why did you . Jdg 8:1

EPHRON
me, listen to me and ask ***E***, Zohar's son, . Gn 23:8
cities of Mount ***E***. The border turned . Josh 15:9

EQUIPMENT
you for the dwelling and for all its *e*. . Ex 25:9
altar and all its *e*, as well as the. . Lv 8:11
to all its *e*, and to everything. . Nm 1:50
bronze and iron *e*, are holy to the. . Josh 6:19
to Migron. At Michmash he stored his *e*. . Is 10:28
yourself again the *e* of a foolish . Zec 11:15
and also all the *e* that would be used . Heb 9:21

ESAU
clothed with hair, and she named him ***E***. . Gn 25:25
I gave Jacob and ***E***. I gave Mount Seir . Josh 24:4
disaster on ***E***: its day of . Jer 49:8
How ***E*** has been looted, his treasures . Obad 1:6
is written, I loved Jacob, but I hated ***E***. . Ro 9:13
blessed Jacob and ***E*** concerning their . Heb 11:20

ESCAPE
him entered the ark to *e* the floodwaters. . Gn 7:7
against us, and then *e* from the land. . Ex 1:10
to which a person who has killed can *e*. . Dt 19:3
down until there was no one left to *e* . Josh 8:22
belly; couldn't *e* with their . Job 20:20
of salvation, and *e* from certain death. . Ps 68:20
but the children of the righteous will *e*. . Prv 11:21
king of Assyria. How then will we *e*? . Is 20:6
Israel doesn't *e* my eye; for now . Hos 5:3
and his mother and *e* to Egypt. Stay . Mt 2:13
those in Judea must *e* to the mountains. . Mk 13:14
Who warned you to *e* from the angry . Lk 3:7
believe that you will *e* God's judgment? . Ro 2:3
how will we *e* if we ignore such a great . Heb 2:3

ESCAPED
to owners if they've *e* and come to you. . Dt 23:15
among them *e* into the fortified . Josh 10:20
men with swords. I alone *e* to tell you. . Job 1:15
We *e* like a bird from the hunters' trap; . Ps 124:7
All your leaders *e* together but were . Is 22:3
wanted to arrest him, but he *e* from them. . Jn 10:39
the prisoners had *e*, so he drew his . Ac 16:27
out raging fires, *e* from the edge of . Heb 11:34

ESTABLISH
You will *e* six refuge cities for . Nm 35:13
in order to *e* the covenant he. . Dt 8:18
Then I will *e* for myself a trustworthy . 1Sa 2:35
the Almighty *e* times for . Job 24:1
judge the peoples. *e* justice for me, . Ps 7:8
delay. I will *e* salvation in Zion . Is 46:13
love good, and *e* justice at the . Am 5:15
commandment in order to *e* these rules. . Mk 7:9
and they try to *e* their own . Ro 10:3
puts an end to the first to *e* the second. . Heb 10:9

ESTABLISHED
He *e* camps from Havilah to Shur, which is . Gn 25:18
it be built. Let the city of Sihon be *e*. . Nm 21:27
line, which has been previously *e*. . Dt 19:14
for the people and *e* just rule for them . Josh 24:25
it, spoke of it, *e* it, searched it . Job 28:27
because you have *e* justice for me and my . Ps 9:4
was there when he *e* the heavens, when . Prv 8:27
a throne will be *e* based on goodness, and . Is 16:5
judgment. Rock, you *e* him as a rebuke. . Hab 1:12
every word may be *e* by the mouth of . Mt 18:16
with God's *e* plan and . Ac 2:23
what God has *e*. People who take . Ro 13:2
blood of the covenant that God *e* for you. . Heb 9:20

ESTHER
Hadassah (that is, ***E***), though she was. . Est 2:7

ETERNAL
blessings of the *e* mountains, the. . Gn 49:26
mountains, with the gifts of *e* hills; . Dt 33:15
Israel with an *e* love, the LORD. . 1Ki 10:9
divine throne is *e* and everlasting. . Ps 45:6
There is no *e* memory of the wise any more . Ecc 2:16
Mighty God, *e* Father, Prince of . Is 9:6
of the LORD! Hear, *e* foundations of the. . Mi 6:2
be thrown into the *e* fire with two . Mt 18:8
what must I do to obtain *e* life? . Mk 10:17
he said, "what must I do to gain *e* life?" . Lk 10:25
who believes in him will have *e* life. . Jn 3:15
to receive *e* life, we will turn . Ac 13:46
qualities—God's *e* power and divine . Ro 1:20
from the dead, and *e* judgment—all over . Heb 6:2
high overhead with *e* good news to . Rev 14:6

EUNUCH
Hegai the king's *e* in charge of the . Est 2:3
And don't let the *e* say, "I'm just a . Is 56:3
worship. He was a *e* and an official . Ac 8:27

EUNUCHS
They will become *e* in the palace of . 2Ki 20:18

be taken to become **e** in the king of . . . . . Is 39:7
For there are **e** who have been eunuchs . . . Mt 19:12

EUPHRATES

the name of the fourth river is the **E**. . . . . Gn 2:14
range, all the way to the great **E** River. . . . . Dt 1:7
far as the great **E** River, including. . . . . Josh 1:4
shoots went all the way to the **E** River. . . . Ps 80:11
from beyond the **E**—with the king of . . . . . Is 7:20
who are bound at the great river **E**. . . . . Rev 9:14

EVENING

There was **e** and there was . . . . . Gn 1:5
month, from the **e** of the fourteenth . . . . Ex 12:18
half in the morning and half in the **e**. . . . . Lv 6:20
the camp, but he will be unclean until **e**. . . Nm 19:7
name to reside, at **e** time, when the sun . . . Dt 16:6
Passover on the **e** of the fourteenth. . . . . Josh 5:10
May its **e** stars stay dark; may it wait in . . . Job 3:9
At **e**, morning, and midday I complain and . . Ps 55:17
in the early **e**, at the onset of night . . . . . Prv 7:9
In the **e**, there is terror; but before . . . . . Is 17:14
than wolves of the **e**. His horsemen. . . . . Hab 1:8
That **e** people brought to Jesus many who . . . Mt 8:16
That **e**, at sunset, people brought to. . . . . Mk 1:32
us. It's nearly **e**, and the day is . . . . . Lk 24:29
When **e** came, Jesus' disciples went down . . . Jn 6:16
until the next day. (It was already **e**.) . . . . Ac 4:3

EVERLASTING

the wealth of the **e** hills. May they . . . . . Gn 49:26
your God. From **e** to everlasting . . . . . Neh 9:5
is eternal and **e**. Your royal. . . . . Ps 45:6
Who among us can live with the **e** blaze? . . . Is 33:14
the nations. The **e** mountains . . . . . Hab 3:6
welcome into the **e** kingdom of our 2Pt 1:11

EVERY

the earth produce **e** kind of living . . . . . Gn 1:24
his people: "Throw **e** baby boy born to. . . . . Ex 1:22
toss it against **e** side of the altar . . . . . Lv 1:5
households, recording the name of **e** male, . . Nm 1:2
generation, **e** one of fighting . . . . . Dt 2:14
I am giving you **e** place where you set . . . . Josh 1:3
them each morning, test them **e** moment? . . Job 7:18
out from groaning. **e** night, I drench my. . . . Ps 6:6
as well as integrity, **e** good course. . . . . Prv 2:9
against **e** tall tower; against every . . . . . Is 2:15
e wickedness of theirs began at Gilgal; . . . Hos 9:15
trees. Therefore, **e** tree that doesn't . . . . . Mt 3:10
for all sins and insults of **e** kind. . . . . Mk 3:28
Law of the Lord, "**e** firstborn male . . . . . Lk 2:23
are clean, but not **e** one of you." . . . . . Jn 13:10
pious Jews from **e** nation under . . . . . Ac 2:5
So **e** single one of you who judge others . . . . Ro 2:1
was reliable, and **e** offense and act of . . . . Heb 2:2
with the clouds! **e** eye will see him, ... Rev 1:7

EVIL

the tree of the knowledge of good and **e**. . . . Gn 2:9
you are plotting some **e** scheme. . . . . Ex 10:10
bring us to this **e** place without. . . . . Nm 20:5
and do what is **e** in the eyes of the . . . . . Dt 4:25
the LORD saw as **e**: They served the. . . . . Jdg 2:11
integrity; he feared God and avoided **e**. . . . . Job 1:1
enjoys wickedness; **e** doesn't live with. . . . . Ps 5:4
their feet run to **e**; they hurry to . . . . . Prv 1:16
from my sight. Put an end to such **e**; . . . . . Is 1:16
they set their hearts on **e** things. . . . . Hos 4:8
more than this comes from the **e** one. . . . . Mt 5:37
a person with an **e** spirit screamed, ... Mk 1:23
and because of all the **e** he had done. . . . . Lk 3:19
than the light, for their actions are **e**. . . . . Jn 3:19
each of you to turn from your **e** ways. . . . . Ac 3:26
greed, and **e** behavior. They are. . . . . Ro 1:29
of you have an **e**, unfaithful heart . . . . . Heb 3:12
with those who are **e**. You have tested. . . . . Rev 2:2

EVILDOERS

deeds come from **e**!' but I won't lift 1Sa 24:13
darkness, where **e** can hide . . . . . Job 34:22
last long in your sight; you hate all **e**; . . . . . Ps 5:5
the house of **e** and against the . . . . . Is 31:2
walk in them, but **e** will stumble in . . . . . Hos 14:9
are from. Go away from me, all you **e**!' . . . Lk 13:27
But **e** will receive their reward for their . . . . Col 3:25

EXALT

Why then do you **e** yourselves above . . . . . Nm 16:3
beings, that you **e** them, that you. . . . . Job 7:17
Of David.] I **e** you, LORD, because . . . . . Ps 30:1
her, and she will **e** you. She will. . . . . Prv 4:8
are my God. I will **e** you; I will praise . . . . . Is 25:1

EXALTED

to insight; therefore, you won't be **e**. . . . . Job 17:4
Be **e**, LORD, in your strength! We will . . . . . Ps 21:13
the LORD alone will be **e** on that day. . . . . Is 2:11
He was **e** to God's right side and received . . . Ac 2:33

EXAMINE

go down now to **e** the cries of . . . . . Gn 18:21
The priest will **e** the infection on the . . . . . Lv 13:3
my God, that you **e** the mind and take . . . 1Ch 29:17
secure. You will **e** your home and miss . . . . Job 5:24
e me, LORD; put me to the test! Purify my. . . Ps 26:2
at you; they will **e** you closely: "Is . . . . . Is 14:16
e the scriptures, since you think that in . . . . Jn 5:39
who were about to **e** him stepped away. . . . Ac 22:29
e yourselves to see if you are in the 2Co 13:5
angels long to **e**, have now been 1Pt 1:12

EXAMPLE

commands, and didn't follow their **e**. . . . . Jdg 2:17
I've become an **e** to many people because . . . Ps 71:7
the following **e** of wisdom under . . . . . Ecc 9:13
a disgrace, an **e** of failure among . . . . . Jl 2:17
have given you an **e**: just as I have . . . . . Jn 13:15
so I encourage you to follow my **e**. 1Co 4:16
by following the same **e** of disobedience, . . Heb 4:11

EXECUTE

to Molech and do not **e** such a person, ... Lv 20:4
against Midian and **e** the LORD's just . . . . Nm 31:3
Instead, you must **e** them. Your own hand . . . Dt 13:9
so that we can **e** them and remove . . . . . Jdg 20:13
my proud, jubilant ones, to **e** my wrath. . . . Is 13:3
and friends. They will **e** some of you. . . . . Lk 21:16
to **e** judgment on everyone and to convict . . Jud 1:15

EXECUTED

to Molech must be **e**. The common people . . . Lv 20:2
The LORD also **e** judgments against . . . . . Nm 33:4
must be **e** because he . . . . . Dt 13:5
No one will be **e** because today the 1Sa 11:13
in you. When I've **e** judgment against . . . . Eze 28:22
other over to be **e**. A father will. . . . . Mt 10:21
up against their parents and have them **e**. . . Mk 13:12
two other criminals to be **e** with Jesus. . . . Lk 23:32
and had them **e**. Afterward, Herod . . . . . Ac 12:19

EXHAUSTED

over, they were **e** but still giving . . . . . Jdg 8:4
My eyes are **e** with waiting for . . . . . Ps 69:3
the end when your body and flesh are **e**, . . . Prv 5:11

distress won't be ***e***. At an earlier . . . . . Is 9:1

EXILE

Danite tribe until the land went into ***e***. . . . Jdg 18:30
in the walls, no ***e***, no outcries in . . . . . Ps 144:14
my people go into ***e*** since they didn't . . . . . Is 5:13
will go into ***e***, and Bethel will . . . . . Am 5:5
This was at the time of the ***e*** to Babylon. . . . Mt 1:11

EXILED

So Israel was ***e*** from its land to 2Ki 17:23
its dusk; happiness is ***e*** from the earth. . . . . Is 24:11

EXILES

thousand ***e***-as well as all the 2Ki 24:14
Jerusalem, gathering up Israel's ***e***. . . . . Ps 147:2
of Egypt and the ***e*** of Cush, both . . . . . Is 20:4
and gold from the ***e*** who came from . . . . Zec 6:10

EXPERIENCE

peace. You won't ***e*** the disaster I am 2Ki 22:20
a runner; they flee and don't ***e*** good. . . . . Job 9:25
faith that I will ***e*** the LORD's . . . . . Ps 27:13
longer will they ***e*** famine in the . . . . . Eze 34:29
while. When they ***e*** distress or abuse . . . . Mt 13:21
while. When they ***e*** distress or abuse . . . . Mk 4:17
a baptism I must ***e***. How I am . . . . . Lk 12:50
nor permit your holy one to ***e*** decay. . . . . Ac 2:27
comfort from the ***e*** of endurance while 2Co 1:6
But if you don't ***e*** discipline, which . . . . Heb 12:8

EXPERTS

Egypt's religious ***e*** and all of its. . . . . Gn 41:8
Egypt's religious ***e*** did the same thing. . . . . Ex 7:11
and the legal ***e*** and asked them. . . . . Mt 2:4
with authority, not like the legal ***e***. . . . . Mk 1:22
and legal ***e*** were sitting . . . . . Lk 5:17
The legal ***e*** and Pharisees brought a woman . . . Jn 8:3
elders, and legal ***e*** gathered in . . . . . Ac 4:5
are the legal ***e***? Where are today's. 1Co 1:20

EXPLAIN

experts, but they couldn't ***e*** it to me. . . . . Gn 41:24
You should ***e*** to your child on that day, ... Ex 13:8
Moses began to ***e*** this Instruction. . . . . Dt 1:5
the city gate, and ***e*** their situation to . . . . Josh 20:4
a proverb; I will ***e*** my riddle on the . . . . . Ps 49:4
To whom will he ***e*** the message? To . . . . . Is 28:9
to him and said, "***e*** to us the parable . . . . Mt 13:36
kingdom? What parable can I use to ***e*** it? . . . Mk 4:30
He began to ***e*** to them, "Today, this . . . . Lk 4:21
the council must ***e*** to the commander . . . . Ac 23:15
it's difficult to ***e***, because you have . . . . Heb 5:11

EXPOSED

your genitals won't be ***e*** by doing so. . . . . Ex 20:26
with her, he has ***e*** the source of her . . . . Lv 20:18
his father's private matters are not ***e***. . . . . Dt 22:30
The seabeds were ***e***; the earth's . . . . . Ps 18:15
nakedness will be ***e***, and your disgrace . . . . Is 47:3
of Ephraim are ***e***, and the wicked . . . . . Hos 7:1
that won't be ***e***. Nor is anything . . . . . Lk 8:17
their actions will be ***e*** to the light. . . . . Jn 3:20
that sin would be ***e*** as sin. That way . . . . Ro 7:13
is naked and ***e*** to the eyes of the . . . . . Heb 4:13
be shamefully ***e***, and ointment to. . . . . Rev 3:18

EYE

an ***e*** for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a . . . . Ex 21:24
anyone who has an ***e*** disease, a rash, ... Lv 21:20
son; the oracle of a man whose ***e*** is open. . . . Nm 24:3
life for life, ***e*** for eye, tooth for . . . . . Dt 19:21
Timnah, a Philistine woman caught his ***e***. . . . Jdg 14:1
The ***e*** that sees me now will no longer . . . . Job 7:8
very pupil of your ***e***! Hide me in the. . . . . Ps 17:8
my instruction like the pupil of your ***e***. . . . . Prv 7:2
has perceived, no ***e*** has seen any god . . . . Is 64:4
doesn't escape my ***e***; for now Ephraim . . . . Hos 5:3
And if your right ***e*** causes you to fall . . . . Mt 5:29
If your ***e*** causes you to fall into sin, ... Mk 9:47
sat down. Every ***e*** in the synagogue. . . . . Lk 4:20
love him that no ***e*** has seen, or ear 1Co 2:9
the clouds! Every ***e*** will see him, ... Rev 1:7

EYES

God opened her ***e***, and she saw a . . . . . Gn 21:19
that make the ***e*** fail and drain . . . . . Lv 26:16
camp in the desert, and you can be our ***e***. . . Nm 10:31
saw with your own ***e*** what the LORD did. . . . . Dt 4:3
and thorns in your ***e***, until you vanish. . . . Josh 23:13
womb, didn't hide trouble from my ***e***. . . . Job 3:10
people; their ***e*** spot those who are . . . . . Ps 10:8
approval in the ***e*** of God and . . . . . Prv 3:4
I'll hide my ***e*** from you. Even. . . . . Is 1:15
Compassion is hidden from my ***e***. . . . . Hos 13:14
touched their ***e*** and said, "It will . . . . . Mt 9:29
Don't you have ***e***? Why can't you see? . . . . Mk 8:18
in the Lord's ***e***. He must not drink . . . . . Lk 1:15
you: open your ***e*** and notice that . . . . . Jn 4:35
him complete health right before your ***e***. . . . Ac 3:16
righteous in God's ***e***. It is the ones . . . . . Ro 2:13
and exposed to the ***e*** of the one to whom . . . Heb 4:13
like snow—and his ***e*** were like a fiery . . . . Rev 1:14

EZRA

King Artaxerxes, ***E*** son of Seraiah son. . . . . Ezr 7:1

F

FACE

the sweat of your ***f*** you will eat . . . . . Gn 3:19
Moses hid his ***f*** because he was. . . . . Ex 3:6
I will set my own ***f*** against such a . . . . . Lv 20:3
The LORD make his ***f*** shine on you and be . . . Nm 6:25
spoke with you ***f***-to-face on the . . . . . Dt 5:4
fell flat on his ***f*** and worshipped. . . . . Josh 5:14
He will certainly curse you to your ***f***. . . . . Job 1:11
The light of your ***f*** has left us, LORD! . . . . . Ps 4:6
kisses him. Her ***f*** is brazen as she . . . . . Prv 7:13
who has hidden his ***f*** from the house of . . . . Is 8:17
who they are, right in front of my ***f***. . . . . Hos 7:2
don't put on a sad ***f*** like the . . . . . Mt 6:16
Some covered his ***f*** and hit him, ... Mk 14:65
he fell on his ***f*** and begged, "Lord, ... Lk 5:12
tied, and his ***f*** covered with a. . . . . Jn 11:44
they saw that his ***f*** was radiant, just. . . . . Ac 6:15
then we will see ***f***-to-face. Now I 1Co 13:12
destined to die once and then ***f*** judgment. . Heb 9:27
creature had a ***f*** like a human . . . . . Rev 4:7

FACED

heavenly creatures ***f*** each other toward . . . . Ex 37:9
that you've ***f*** from your youth 2Sa 19:7
the leading one ***f***, they moved in . . . . . Eze 10:11
moved forward, he ***f*** smothering crowds. . . . Lk 8:42
before they have ***f*** their accusers and . . . . Ac 25:16
I can count. I've ***f*** death many times. 2Co 11:23

FACES

bowed down to him, their ***f*** to the ground. . . Gn 42:6
fellow Israelites ***f*** financial. . . . . Lv 25:25
fell on their ***f*** before the . . . . . Nm 14:5
slope, which ***f*** Jericho. The LORD . . . . . Dt 34:1
lay flat on their ***f*** before the LORD's. . . . . Josh 7:6

he covers the *f* of its judges. If . . . . . Job 9:24
you aim your bow straight at their *f*! . . . . . Ps 21:12
who plots quietly provokes angry *f*. . . . . Prv 25:23
and grind the *f* of the poor? says . . . . . Is 3:15
with fear; all *f* turn red with . . . . . Jl 2:6
They distort their *f* so people will. . . . . Mt 6:16
and bowed their *f* toward the ground, ... Lk 24:5
will fall on their *f* and worship God, ... 1Co 14:25
those who look at their *f* in a mirror. . . . . Jas 1:23
gold crowns. Their *f* were like human . . . . . Rev 9:7

FACING

laid the halves *f* each other, but he . . . . . Gn 15:10
on the front, *f* east should be . . . . . Ex 27:13
chest. They were *f* the levitical . . . . . Josh 8:33
my head, full of shame and *f* my misery. . . . Job 10:15
twenty-five men *f* toward the east . . . . . Eze 8:16
who stood *f* Jesus, saw how he . . . . . Mk 15:39
Jesus our Lord, I'm *f* death every day. . . . 1Co 15:31

FACT

you did this. In *f*, I kept you from. . . . . Gn 20:6
Jacob's God has in *f* appeared to you. . . . . Ex 4:5
creature—but the *f* goes unknown so . . . . . Lv 5:2
In *f*, the LORD's power was against them, . . . Dt 2:15
In *f*, Moses had given out the legacy of . . . Josh 14:3
me, my God! In *f*, hit all my . . . . . Ps 3:7
they insist, when in *f* nothing is well. . . . . Jer 6:14
In *f*, didn't my words and laws, which I . . . . Zec 1:6
yourselves the *f* that you don't . . . . . Mt 16:8
any better. In *f*, she had gotten. . . . . Mk 5:26
In *f*, I didn't even consider myself . . . . . Lk 7:7
have seen him. In *f*, he is the one . . . . . Jn 9:37
In *f*, he bought a field with the payment. . . . Ac 1:18
circumcised? In *f*, it was credited . . . . . Ro 4:10
his actions. In *f*, his faith was . . . . . Jas 2:22
of being alive, and you are in *f* dead. . . . . Rev 3:1

FAIL

that make the eyes *f* and drain life . . . . . Lv 26:16
oil because your olive trees will *f*. . . . . Dt 28:40
him, not allowing any of his words to *f*. . . . 1Sa 3:19
still sprouting and its shoots don't *f*, ... Job 14:7
God! Let them *f* by their own . . . . . Ps 5:10
Plans *f* with no counsel, but with many . . . Prv 15:22
spirit will *f* from within; I . . . . . Is 19:3
feed them; the new wine will *f* them. . . . . Hos 9:2
your faith won't *f*. When you have . . . . . Lk 22:32
you? Unless, of course, you *f* the test. . . . 2Co 13:5
But they *f* to notice that, by God's word, . . . 2Pt 3:5

FAILED

heart nearly *f*, and he didn't . . . . . Gn 45:26
that Joshua *f* to read aloud in . . . . . Josh 8:35
the showers have *f* and the spring . . . . . Jer 3:3
God's word has *f*. Not all who are . . . . . Ro 9:6

FAITH

thus breaking *f* with the LORD, ... Nm 5:6
But you had no *f* in the LORD your God . . . . Dt 1:32
with my family. Give me a sign of good *f*. . . Josh 2:12
But I have sure *f* that I will experience . . . . Ps 27:13
nation enter, a nation that keeps *f*. . . . . Is 26:2
then they acted in bad *f* against me. . . . . Hos 6:7
much more for you, you people of weak *f*? . . Mt 6:30
Jesus saw their *f*, he said to the . . . . . Mk 2:5
Jesus saw their *f*, he said, "Friend, ... Lk 5:20
acknowledge their *f* because they. . . . . Jn 12:42
is, because of *f* in Jesus' name, ... Ac 3:16
to all who have *f* in God, to the Jew. . . . . Ro 1:16
enter because of their lack of *f*. . . . . Heb 3:19
you didn't break *f* with me even at . . . . . Rev 2:13

FAITHFUL

you're loyal and *f* to my master, tell . . . . . Gn 24:49
God! He is the *f* God, who keeps the . . . . . Dt 7:9
the feet of his *f* ones, but the 1Sa 2:9
care of the *f*. The LORD will . . . . . Ps 4:3
This *f* town has become a prostitute! She . . . Is 1:21
land. There's no *f* love or loyalty, ... Hos 4:1
Who then are the *f* and wise servants . . . . Mt 24:45
Who are the *f* and wise managers. . . . . Lk 12:42
disciples if you remain *f* to my teaching. . . . Jn 8:31
them to remain *f* to the message of . . . . . Ac 13:43
all Gentiles to *f* obedience for his . . . . . Ro 1:5
a merciful and *f* high priest in . . . . . Heb 2:17
Jesus Christ—the *f* witness, the . . . . . Rev 1:5

FAITHFULLY

So now, if you *f* obey me and stay true to . . . Ex 19:5
Keep them *f* because that will show your . . . Dt 4:6
deal loyally and *f* with you when the . . . . Josh 2:14
You deal *f* with the faithful; you show . . . . Ps 18:25
Instead, they will *f* depend on the . . . . . Is 10:20
serve them more *f*, because the 1Ti 6:2
friend, you act *f* in whatever you do. 3Jn 1:5

FAITHFULNESS

loyalty and his *f* to my master. The . . . . . Gn 24:27
patient, full of great loyalty and *f*, ... Ex 34:6
abandoned his *f* with the living or . . . . . Ru 2:20
dust thank you? Does it proclaim your *f*? . . . Ps 30:9
let loyalty and *f* leave you. Bind . . . . . Prv 3:3
his hips, and *f* the belt around . . . . . Is 11:5
you for my wife in *f*; and you will know . . . Hos 2:20
all falter in your *f* to me. It is. . . . . Mk 14:27
One comes, will he find *f* on earth? . . . . . Lk 18:8
news about your *f* is being spread . . . . . Ro 1:8
you deny the *f* of our Lord Jesus . . . . . Jas 2:1
your love and *f*, your service and . . . . . Rev 2:19

FALL

heaviest hail to *f* on Egypt that has . . . . . Ex 9:18
of these creatures *f* into a pottery . . . . . Lv 11:33
the night, the manna would *f* with it. . . . . Nm 11:9
woman, and you *f* in love with her . . . . . Dt 21:11
die of thirst and *f* into the hands of. . . . . Jdg 15:18
scare you and dread of him *f* on you? . . . . Job 13:11
will lie down and *f* asleep in peace . . . . . Ps 4:8
many corpses to *f*; she has killed . . . . . Prv 7:26
Your men will *f* by the sword, your . . . . . Is 3:25
officials will *f* by the sword. . . . . Hos 7:16
eye causes you to *f* into sin, tear it . . . . . Mt 5:29
of the word, they immediately *f* away. . . . . Mk 4:17
overflowing—will *f* into your lap. The. . . . . Lk 6:38
things to you so that you won't *f* away. . . . . Jn 16:1
shadow could *f* on some of them as . . . . . Ac 5:15
have sinned and *f* short of God's . . . . . Ro 3:23
that no one will *f* by following the . . . . . Heb 4:11
twenty-four elders *f* before the one . . . . . Rev 4:10

FALLEN

that has ever *f* from the day Egypt . . . . . Ex 9:18
grapes that have *f* there. Leave these . . . . Lv 19:10
because the lot had *f* to them first. . . . . Josh 21:10
The nations have *f* into the hole they . . . . Ps 9:15
and Judah has *f*, because the way. . . . . Is 3:8
their kings have *f*; none of them call . . . . Hos 7:7
Spirit had not yet *f* on any of them; . . . . . Ac 8:16
so that they've *f* permanently, have. . . . . Ro 11:11
long ago hasn't *f* idle, nor is their. 2Pt 2:3
which you have *f*. Change your . . . . . Rev 2:5

FALLS

a horse's heels, so its rider *f* backward. . . . Gn 49:17

it and an ox or a donkey *f* into the pit, . . . Ex 21:33
of these creatures *f* when it is dead . . . . Lv 11:32
visions, who *f* down with eyes . . . . . Nm 24:4
that is fighting against you until it *f*. . . . Dt 20:20
of night, when deep sleep *f* on people, . . . Job 4:13
bottom of things *f* out, what can a . . . . Ps 11:3
everyone wails and *f* down weeping. . . . . Is 15:3
If disaster *f* on a city, is it . . . . . Am 3:6
has a sheep that *f* into a pit on the . . . . Mt 12:11
Everyone who *f* on that stone will be . . . . Lk 20:18
a grain of wheat *f* into the earth and . . . . Jn 12:24
comes and *f* on it and yields . . . . . Heb 6:7

FALSE

Don't spread *f* rumors. Don't plot with . . . . Ex 23:1
presence on account of their *f* rumor. . . . Nm 14:37
witness has given *f* testimony against. . . . Dt 19:18
who hasn't made *f* promises, the one . . . . Ps 24:4
a *f* witness who breathes lies, and one. . . . Prv 6:19
to Samaria and her *f* gods, won't I also . . . . Is 10:11
f religious practices. Wine and new wine . . Hos 4:11
kinds of bad and *f* things about you, ... Mt 5:11
of this life, the *f* appeal of wealth, ... Mk 4:19
did the same things to the *f* prophets. . . . Lk 6:26
they presented *f* witnesses who . . . . . Ac 6:13
people who worship *f* gods—otherwise . . . 1Co 5:10
But *f* prophets also arose among the 2Pt 2:1
mouth, and the mouth of the *f* prophet. . . Rev 16:13

FAMILIES

ground, came out of the ark by their *f*. . . . Gn 8:19
the flock for your *f*, and slaughter the. . . . Ex 12:21
their extended *f* that are with you, ... Lv 25:45
them, their *f*, their tents, and . . . . . Dt 11:6
the heads of the *f* of the Israelite . . . . . Josh 14:1
to the LORD, all *f* of the nations . . . . . Ps 96:7
and upon your *f* days unlike any . . . . . Is 7:17
deeply of all the *f* of the earth. . . . . Am 3:2
all the *f* on earth will be . . . . . Ac 3:25
many language *f* in the world, and 1Co 14:10

FAMILY

your land, your *f*, and your father's . . . . . Gn 12:1
number in Jacob's *f* was seventy. . . . . Ex 1:5
community. Your *f*—all of Israel's . . . . . Lv 10:6
Mount Seir to Esau's *f* as their property. . . . Dt 2:5
loyally with my *f*. Give me a sign of . . . . Josh 2:12
told and have not concealed from their *f*, . . Job 15:18
to the LORD; every *f* among all the . . . . . Ps 22:27
who trouble their *f* will inherit the . . . . . Prv 11:29
will seize a *f* member, saying, ... Is 3:6
against the whole *f* that I brought out. . . . Am 3:1
When his *f* heard what was happening, they . Mk 3:21
David's house and *f* line, he went up . . . . . Lk 2:4
comes from David's *f* and from. . . . . Jn 7:42
this time, the *f* of believers was a . . . . . Ac 1:15
members of your *f*. Be the best at. . . . . Ro 12:10
or mother or any *f*. He has no . . . . . Heb 7:3

FAMINE

When a *f* struck the land, Abram went down. Gn 12:10
you—during *f*, drought, ... Dt 28:48
ruled, there was a *f* in the land. A man . . . Ru 1:1
In *f* he will ransom you from death; in . . . Job 5:20
death and keep them alive during a *f*. . . . . Ps 33:19
and devastation, *f* and sword . . . . . Is 51:19
I have sent a *f* in all your cities, and. . . . Am 4:6
A *f* came upon all Egypt and Canaan, and . . . Ac 7:11
or harassment, or *f*, or nakedness, or . . . . Ro 8:35
to kill by sword, *f*, disease, and the . . . . . Rev 6:8

FAR

the land as *f* as the sacred . . . . . Gn 12:6
you don't go too *f* away and you pray . . . . Ex 8:28
head to toe, as *f* as the priest can . . . . . Lv 13:12
You've gone too *f*, because the . . . . . Nm 16:3
hills, going as *f* as the Cluster . . . . . Dt 1:24
and the Lebanon as *f* as the great. . . . . Josh 1:4
Their children are *f* from safety, crushed. . . . Job 5:4
possession; the *f* corners of the . . . . . Ps 2:8
mouth; keep devious lips *f* from you. . . . . Prv 4:24
to a nation from *f* away and whistle. . . . . Is 5:26
the northern army *f* from you and drive. . . . Jl 2:20
f off in the distance a large herd of . . . . . Mt 8:30
he saw Jesus from *f* away, he ran and . . . . Mk 5:6
a trip to a land *f* away. There, he . . . . . Lk 15:13
for they weren't *f* from shore, only . . . . . Jn 21:8
for all who are *f* away—as many as . . . . . Ac 2:39
that was so *f* beyond our 2Co 1:8
who goes too *f* and does not 2Jn 1:9
your works are *f* from complete in . . . . . Rev 3:2

FARMERS

behind to work the vineyards and be *f*. . . . 2Ki 25:12
my back like *f*; they made their. . . . . Ps 129:3
will be your *f* and vinedressers. . . . . Is 61:5
Be shocked, you *f*; howl, you . . . . . Jl 1:11
he rented it to tenant *f* and took a trip. . . . Mt 21:33
he rented it to tenant *f* and took a trip. . . . Mk 12:1
it to tenant *f*, and went on a . . . . . Lk 20:9

FARMLAND

for my master is our corpses and our *f*. . . . Gn 47:18
produce of your *f* to the LORD your . . . . . Ex 34:26
to the king for her house and her *f*. 2Ki 8:3
forest and *f* will be finished . . . . . Is 10:18

FAST

going only as *f* as the animals in . . . . . Gn 33:14
you as *f* as the eagle. . . . . Dt 28:49
Each man stood *f* in his position around . . . Jdg 7:21
You've let me walk *f* and safe, without . . . Ps 18:36
try to get rich *f*, unaware that loss . . . . Prv 28:22
who holds it *f*, who keeps the . . . . . Is 56:2
Demand a *f*, request a special assembly. . . . Jl 1:14
And when you *f*, don't put on a sad face . . . Mt 6:16
Pharisees' disciples *f*, but yours don't? . . . Mk 2:18
disciples of John *f* often and pray . . . . . Lk 5:33

FASTING

mourned for days, *f* and praying before . . . Neh 1:4
legs are weak from *f*; my body is skin . . . . Ps 109:24
on the next day of *f*, and read the. . . . . Jer 36:6
your hearts, with *f*, with weeping, and . . . Jl 2:12
will know they are *f*. I assure you that. . . . Mt 6:16
had a habit of *f*. Some people asked. . . . . Mk 2:18
God with *f* and prayer night . . . . . Lk 2:37
the Lord and *f*, the Holy Spirit . . . . . Ac 13:2

FAT

with their *f*. The LORD looked . . . . . Gn 4:4
Don't let the *f* of my festival . . . . . Ex 23:18
the head, and the *f* on the wood that . . . . Lv 1:8
and turn their *f* into smoke for a . . . . . Nm 18:17
get full, then *f*, and then turn . . . . . Dt 31:20
Moab's King Eglon, who was a very *f* man. . Jdg 3:17
of rams and the *f* of well-fed . . . . . Is 1:11
his portion grows *f* and his food . . . . . Hab 1:16

FATHER

a man leaves his *f* and mother and . . . . . Gn 2:24
back home to their *f* Reuel, he asked, ... Ex 2:18
priest after his *f* will perform the. . . . . Lv 16:32

during the lifetime of their *f* Aaron. . . . . Nm 3:4
Honor your *f* and your mother, exactly as . . . Dt 5:16
the lives of my *f*, mother, brothers, ... Josh 2:13
with us; those much older than your *f*. . . . Job 15:10
are my son, today I have become your *f*. . . . . Ps 2:7
just like a *f* who treats his son . . . . . Prv 3:12
Mighty God, Eternal *f*, Prince of Peace. . . . . Is 9:6
out of the way. *f* and son have . . . . . Am 2:7
Abraham was the *f* of Isaac. Isaac was the . . . Mt 1:2
him, leaving their *f* Zebedee in the . . . . . Mk 1:20
will give him the throne of David his *f*. . . . . Lk 1:32
The *f* loves the Son and gives everything . . . Jn 3:35
wait for what the *f* had promised. He . . . . . Ac 1:4
peace from God our *f* and the Lord Jesus . . . Ro 1:7
I have become your *f*? Or, even, I will . . . . Heb 1:5
to his God and *f*—to him be glory . . . . . Rev 1:6

FATHER-IN-LAW

was told, "Your *f* is now on his way . . . . . Gn 38:13
the flock for his *f* Jethro, Midian's . . . . . Ex 3:1
son and Moses' *f*, "We're marching . . . . . Nm 10:29
of Moses' *f* the Kenite went up . . . . . Jdg 1:16
Annas. He was the *f* of Caiaphas, the . . . . Jn 18:13

FATHERED

to Enoch. Irad *f* Mehujael, Mehujael . . . . . Gn 4:18
clan. Machir *f* Gilead. From . . . . . Nm 26:29
in Jerusalem and *f* more sons and 1Ch 14:3
whom you *f*, will be taken to . . . . . Is 39:7

FATHERS

I lie down with my *f*, carry me from. . . . . Gn 47:30
When their *f* or brothers come to us to . . . Jdg 21:22
I mock me, whose *f* I refused to put. . . . . Job 30:1
will succeed your *f*; you will appoint . . . . Ps 45:16
gather wood, the *f* light the fire, ... Jer 7:18
turn the hearts of *f* back to their . . . . . Lk 1:17
Brothers and *f*, listen to me. Our . . . . . Ac 7:2
don't have many *f*. I gave birth to. 1Co 4:15

FAVOR

You've done me a *f* and have been so kind . . Gn 19:19
stretch the truth to *f* important people. . . . Ex 23:2
haven't I found *f* in your eyes, for. . . . . Nm 11:11
LORD our God in *f* of going to serve . . . . Dt 29:18
them, 'Do us a *f* for their sake. We . . . . . Jdg 21:22
to scare you; many will beg for your *f*. . . . Job 11:19
You cover them with *f* like a shield. . . . . Ps 5:12
Then you will find *f* and approval in the . . . . Prv 3:4
LORD, show us *f*; we hope in you. Be our . . . Is 33:2
their distress, they will beg for my *f*: . . . . Hos 5:15
Bowing before him, she asked a *f* of him. . . Mt 20:20
with God's word in *f* of the rules . . . . . Mk 7:13
He has shown his *f* to me by removing . . . . Lk 1:25
wanted to grant a *f* to the Jews, he . . . . . Ac 24:27
Our Lord's *f* poured all over me along 1Ti 1:14
to the throne of *f* with confidence so . . . . Heb 4:16
have this in your *f*: you hate what the . . . . Rev 2:6

FEAR

on the earth will *f* you and dread . . . . . Gn 9:2
all of Canaan's inhabitants melted in *f*. . . . Ex 15:15
to trip. Instead, *f* your God; I am the . . . . Lv 19:14
they will learn to *f* me every day of . . . . . Dt 4:10
land has melted down in *f* because of you. . . Josh 2:9
f and dread struck me; all of my bones . . . . Job 4:14
Strike them with *f*, LORD. Let the . . . . . Ps 9:20
begins with the *f* of the LORD, but . . . . . Prv 1:7
stay calm. Don't *f*, and don't lose . . . . . Is 7:4
peoples shake with *f*; all faces turn . . . . . Jl 2:6
away hungry for *f* they won't have . . . . . Mt 15:32
The woman, full of *f* and trembling, came . . . Mk 5:33
he was startled and overcome with *f*. . . . . Lk 1:12
to the light for *f* that their actions . . . . . Jn 3:20
Trembling with *f*, Moses didn't dare . . . . . Ac 7:32
There is no *f* of God in their view of the . . . Ro 3:18
their entire lives by their *f* of death. . . . . Heb 2:15
their feet. Great *f* came over those . . . . . Rev 11:11

FEARED

Moabites greatly *f* the people, for. . . . . Nm 22:3
account. So we *f* for our very lives . . . . . Josh 9:24
integrity; he *f* God and avoided. . . . . Job 1:1
to a people *f* near and far, a . . . . . Is 18:2
God sent him. Then the people *f* the LORD. . . Hg 1:12
to kill him, he *f* the crowd because . . . . . Mt 14:5
judge who neither *f* God nor respected . . . . Lk 18:2
this because they *f* the Jewish . . . . . Jn 9:22
that the commander *f* they might tear . . . . Ac 23:10

FEAST

You will have a *f* there, each of you and . . . . Dt 12:7
Samson put on a *f* there, as was the. . . . . Jdg 14:10
his sons hosted a *f* in his own house . . . . . Job 1:4
They *f* on the bounty of your house; you. . . . Ps 36:8
but a happy heart has a continual *f*. . . . . Prv 15:15
all peoples a rich *f*, a feast of choice. . . . . Is 25:6
away, and the *f* of those who. . . . . Am 6:7
happen during the *f* so there wouldn't . . . . Mt 26:5
he had prepared a *f* for his. . . . . Mk 6:21
are those who will *f* in God's kingdom. . . . Lk 14:15
we need for the *f*," or that he. . . . . Jn 13:29
celebrate the *f* with the 1Co 5:8
dangerous. They *f* with you without. . . . . Jud 1:12

FEED

of straw and *f* for the camels, ... Gn 24:25
that I used to *f* you in the desert . . . . . Ex 16:32
our own straw and *f* for our donkeys, ... Jdg 19:19
tear it up, so that the bugs can *f* on it? . . . Ps 80:13
seeks knowledge; but fools *f* on folly. . . . . Prv 15:14
young goats will *f* among the ruins of . . . . Is 5:17
They *f* on the sin of my people; they set . . . Hos 4:8
see you hungry and *f* you, or thirsty . . . . Mt 25:37
who sent him into his fields to *f* pigs. . . . . Lk 15:15
will we buy food to *f* these people? . . . . . Jn 6:5
enemy is hungry, *f* him; if he is. . . . . Ro 12:20

FEEL

bread so you will *f* stronger, and . . . . . Gn 18:5
of Egypt, a darkness that you can *f*. . . . . Ex 10:21
desire to do so), *f* free to do so . . . . . Dt 12:20
me where I can *f* the pillars that . . . . . Jdg 16:26
They *f* their way in the dark without . . . . Job 12:25
Before your pots *f* the thorns, whether . . . . Ps 58:9
Though hit, I *f* no pain; though beaten . . . Prv 23:35
says this: Why do you *f* so confident? . . . . Is 36:4
and said, "I *f* sorry for the . . . . . Mt 15:32
I *f* sorry for the crowd because they. . . . . Mk 8:2
and doesn't *f* the pressure, but 1Co 7:37

FEET

four hundred fifty *f* long, seventy-five . . . Gn 6:15
sandals on your *f* and your walking . . . . . Ex 12:11
that walks on four *f* is detestable to. . . . . Lv 11:20
and about three *f* deep on the ground. . . . Nm 11:31
and a half *f* long and six feet . . . . . Dt 3:11
three thousand *f*. Don't come near . . . . . Josh 3:4
is idle, a fixed point for slipping *f*. . . . . Job 12:5
kiss his *f* or else he will become angry, ... Ps 2:12
with them; keep your *f* from their way . . . . Prv 1:15
tiptoeing as they walk, *f* jingling . . . . . Is 3:16
and storm; clouds are the dust of his *f*. . . . Na 1:3
away and trampled under people's *f*. . . . . Mt 5:13

fell down at his *f* and shouted, "You. . . . . Mk 3:11
behind him at his *f* and crying, she . . . . . Lk 7:38
oil and wiped his *f* with her hair. Her . . . . Jn 11:2
your enemies a footstool for your *f*.' . . . . . Ac 2:35
Their *f* are quick to shed blood . . . . . Ro 3:15
enemies under your *f* like a footstool? . . . Heb 1:13
down to his *f*, and he had a gold . . . . . Rev 1:13

FELL

retreated, they *f* into them; and the. . . . . Gn 14:10
intense darkness *f* on the whole land . . . . Ex 10:22
it. They shouted for joy and *f* facedown. . . . Lv 9:24
When the dew *f* on the camp during the. . . Nm 11:9
Then I *f* before the LORD as I had done . . . . Dt 9:18
Then Joshua *f* flat on his face . . . . . Josh 5:14
A raging fire *f* from the sky and . . . . . Job 1:16
get up again; they *f* under my feet. . . . . .Ps 18:38
a word against Jacob; it *f* upon Israel; . . . . Is 9:8
They cast lots, and the lot *f* on Jonah. . . . . Jon 1:7
The rain *f*, the floods came, and the. . . . . Mt 7:25
approached Jesus, *f* to his knees, and . . . . .Mk 1:40
saw the catch, he *f* at Jesus' knees . . . . . .Lk 5:8
and saw him, she *f* at his feet and. . . . . Jn 11:32
cast lots, the lot *f* on Matthias. He . . . . . Ac 1:26
just as judgment *f* on everyone. . . . . Ro 5:18
who sinned, whose bodies *f* in the desert? . Heb 3:17
When I saw him, I *f* at his feet like a . . . . Rev 1:17

FELLOW

Why are you abusing your *f* Hebrew? . . . . . Ex 2:13
by deceiving a *f* citizen concerning . . . . . .Lv 6:2
may assist his *f* Levites in the . . . . . Nm 8:26
Listen to your *f* tribe members and . . . . . Dt 1:16
in front of your *f* Israelites. You . . . . . Josh 1:14
righteousness affects *f* human beings. . . . Job 35:8
not setting your *f* citizens free, so . . . . . Jer 34:17
found one of his *f* servants who owed. . . . Mt 18:28
in the presence of all your *f* guests. . . . . Lk 14:10
f Israelites, listen to these words!. . . . . Ac 2:22
God's heirs and *f* heirs with Christ, ... Ro 8:17
affection for your *f* believers, love 1Pt 1:22
until their *f* servants and . . . . . Rev 6:11

FEMALE

them, male and *f* God created them. . . . . Gn 1:27
your male or *f* servants, your . . . . . Ex 20:10
it is male or *f*—must present a . . . . . .Lv 3:1
out both male and *f*. You must send . . . . . Nm 5:3
of any image, any likeness—male or *f*. . . . . Dt 4:16
Abimelech, his *f* servant's son, ... Jdg 9:18
oxen, five hundred *f* donkeys, and a. . . . . Job 1:3
the son of your *f* servant—you've . . . . . Ps 116:16
and embrace the breasts of a foreign *f*? . . . .Prv 5:20
them as male and *f* slaves in the . . . . . Is 14:2
out my spirit on the male and *f* slaves. . . . . Jl 2:29
the creator made them male and *f*? . . . . . Mt 19:4
of creation, God made them male and *f*. . . .Mk 10:6
the outer gate, a *f* servant named. . . . . Ac 12:13
is there male and *f*, for you are all . . . . . Ga 3:28

FERTILE

blessed them: "Be *f* and multiply and . . . . . Gn 1:22
Israelites were *f* and became . . . . . .Ex 1:7
possess their *f* land; I am giving . . . . . Lv 20:24
child,' to the *f* land that you . . . . . Nm 11:12
their lives on the *f* land, and teach . . . . . Dt 4:10
vanish from this *f* land that the LORD . . Josh 23:13
loved one had a vineyard on a *f* hillside. . . . . Is 5:1
creatures of the *f* ground. I will do . . . . . Hos 2:18

FESTIVAL

they can hold a *f* for me in the . . . . . .Ex 5:1
The LORD's *f* of Unleavened Bread is on . . . . Lv 23:6
On your *f* days, your appointed feasts, ... Nm 10:10
point, perform the *f* of Weeks for the . . . . Dt 16:10
said, "the annual *f* of the LORD is. . . . . Jdg 21:19
songs—a huge crowd celebrating the *f*! . . . . Ps 42:4
people celebrate a *f*. The heart will be . . . . Is 30:29
day of appointed *f*; on the day of the . . . . . Hos 9:5
first day of the *f* of Unleavened. . . . . Mt 26:17
Passover and the *f* of Unleavened. . . . . .Mk 14:1
went to Jerusalem for the Passover *f*. . . . . Lk 2:41
for the Passover *f*, many believed in . . . . . Jn 2:23
during the *f* of Unleavened . . . . . Ac 12:3
here in Ephesus until the *f* of Pentecost. . . 1Co 16:8
to countless angels in a *f* gathering, ... Heb 12:22

FESTIVALS

the new moons, and *f*, a designated. 1Ch 23:31
new moons and your *f*. They've become a . . . Is 1:14
celebrations, her *f*, her new moons,. . . . . Hos 2:11

FESTUS

by Porcius *F*. Since Felix . . . . . Ac 24:27

FIELD

and before any *f* crops grew, ... Gn 2:5
and bricks, doing *f* work, and by . . . . . Ex 1:14
the edge of your *f*; and don't gather. . . . . Lv 19:9
the inheritance of *f* and vineyard. . . . . Nm 16:14
neighbor's house, *f*, male or female . . . . . Dt 5:21
into asking for a *f* from her father. . . . . Josh 15:18
the stones of the *f*; and the beasts of . . . . Job 5:23
in the land of Egypt, in the *f* of Zoan. . . . .Ps 78:12
in the *f*; then you can . . . . . Prv 24:27
hut in a cucumber *f*, like a city . . . . . Is 1:8
poisonous weeds in the furrows of the *f*. . . Hos 10:4
the lilies in the *f* grow. They don't . . . . . Mt 6:28
Those in the *f* shouldn't come back to . . . . Mk 13:16
grass in the *f* so beautifully, ... Lk 12:28
fact, he bought a *f* with the payment . . . . . Ac 1:18
and you are God's *f*, God's building. 1Co 3:9
the wages of your *f* hands. These are . . . . . Jas 5:4

FIELDS

whether in the city or in the *f* nearby. . . . Gn 34:28
courtyards, and *f*? They'll stay only . . . . . .Ex 8:9
will plant your *f* for six years, and . . . . . Lv 25:3
also make your *f* lush for your . . . . . Dt 11:15
already given the *f* of the city and . . . . Josh 21:12
bird; even the insects in the *f* are mine. . . . .Ps 50:11
the earth and the *f* or the first of . . . . . .Prv 8:26
The *f* of Heshbon languish. The vines of . . . . Is 16:8
moon will devour them along with their *f*. . . Hos 5:7
through the wheat *f* on the Sabbath. . . . . Mt 12:1
through the wheat *f* on the Sabbath. As . . . .Mk 2:23
were living in the *f*, guarding their . . . . . .Lk 2:8
notice that the *f* are already ripe . . . . . Jn 4:35
who harvested your *f*. The cries of the. . . . . Jas 5:4

FIERCE

Calm down your *f* anger. Change your. . . . Ex 32:12
The fighting was *f*, and the. . . . . Jdg 20:34
Nobody is *f* enough to rouse him; who then . Job 41:10
expelling with a *f* blast on the day . . . . . Is 27:8
the howling of a *f* wind filled the . . . . . .Ac 2:2

FIERY

vessel with a *f* flame passed . . . . . Gn 15:17
when suddenly a *f* chariot and fiery. 2Ki 2:11
his mouth; like *f* sparks they fly . . . . . Job 41:19
God will rain *f* coals and sulfur on the. . . . . Ps 11:6
in hot anger, to rebuke with *f* flames. . . . . Is 66:15
fool,' they will be in danger of *f* hell. . . . . Mt 5:22

about the *f* trials that have 1Pt 4:12
snow—and his eyes were like a *f* flame. . . . Rev 1:14

FIFTEEN

Each board will be *f* feet long and . . . . Ex 26:16
more, the value is *f* shekels if the . . . . . Lv 27:7
their camp, about *f* thousand men, all, . . . Jdg 8:10
tears. I will add *f* years to your life. . . . . Is 38:5
I bought her for *f* pieces of silver, ... Hos 3:2
visit Cephas and stayed with him *f* days. . . . Ga 1:18
rod, and it was *f* hundred miles. Its . . . . Rev 21:16

FIFTEENTH

set out on the *f* day of the second . . . . . Ex 16:1
Bread is on the *f* day of the same . . . . . Lv 23:6
On the *f* day of this month there will be . . . Nm 28:17
celebration on the *f* day of the eighth 1Ki 12:32
year, on the *f* day of the first . . . . . Eze 32:17
In the *f* year of the rule of the emperor . . . . Lk 3:1

FIFTH

evening and there was morning: the *f* day. . . Gn 1:23
In the *f* year you can eat the fruit. This . . . Lv 19:25
On the *f* day Simeon's Chief Shelumiel, . . . Nm 7:36
The lot went out *f* for the clans of the . . . Josh 19:24
son, until the *f* month of the. . . . . Jer 1:3
I weep in the *f* month and abstain . . . . . Zec 7:3
When he opened the *f* seal, I saw under . . . . Rev 6:9

FIFTY

it: four hundred *f* feet long, ... Gn 6:15
Make *f* loops on the one curtain in the . . . . Ex 26:5
You will count off *f* days until the day . . . . Lv 23:16
with two hundred *f* Israelite men, ... Nm 16:2
with her must give *f* silver shekels to . . . . Dt 22:29
gold bar weighing *f* shekels. I desired . . . . Josh 7:21
it was one hundred *f* feet. After he . . . . . Eze 40:19
the wine vat for *f* measures, there . . . . . Hg 2:16
work. The other owed enough money for *f*. . . Lk 7:41
fish, one hundred *f*-three of them. Yet . . . . Jn 21:11
about four hundred *f* years. "After . . . . . Ac 13:20

FIG

So they sewed *f* leaves together . . . . . Gn 3:7
and barley, vines, *f* trees, and . . . . . Dt 8:8
trees said to the *f* tree, 'You come. . . . . Jdg 9:10
vines and their *f* trees; shattered . . . . . Ps 105:33
Those who tend a *f* tree will eat its . . . . . Prv 27:18
fruit is on the *f* tree, and the . . . . . Song 2:13
be like an early *f* before the summer . . . . Is 28:4
her vines and her *f* trees, of which . . . . . Hos 2:12
He saw a *f* tree along the road, but when . . Mt 21:19
away, he noticed a *f* tree in leaf, so . . . . Mk 11:13
A man owned a *f* tree planted in . . . . . Lk 13:6
called you, I saw you under the *f* tree. . . . . Jn 1:48
and sisters, can a *f* tree produce . . . . . Jas 3:12
to the earth as a *f* tree drops its . . . . . Rev 6:13

FIGHT

of a man; he will *f* everyone, and they. . . . Gn 16:12
join our enemies, *f* against us, and . . . . . Ex 1:10
the Israelites. A *f* broke out between . . . . Lv 24:10
I'll be able to *f* against them and . . . . . Nm 22:11
you. He will *f* for you just as he. . . . . Dt 1:30
men old enough to *f* who went out from . . . Josh 5:6
who argue with me, *f* with those who . . . . Ps 35:1
to back off from a *f*, but fools jump . . . . Prv 20:3
and they will *f*, one against . . . . . Is 19:2
their beds; they *f* over grain and . . . . . Hos 7:14
and kingdoms will *f* against each . . . . . Mt 24:7
and kingdoms will *f* against each . . . . . Mk 13:8
and kingdoms will *f* against each other. . . . Lk 21:10
my guards would *f* so that I wouldn't . . . . Jn 18:36
who started the *f* against his . . . . . Ac 7:27
goal in sight. I *f* like a boxer in 1Co 9:26
you struggle and *f*. You don't have . . . . . Jas 4:2
the beast, and who can *f* against it? . . . . Rev 13:4

FIGHTING

saw two Hebrew men *f* with each other. . . . Ex 2:13
every one of *f* age in the camp, ... Dt 2:14
Gibeah. The *f* was fierce, and . . . . . Jdg 20:34
Don't get *f* mad at evil people; don't be . . . Prv 24:19
horde of nations *f* against Ariel, and . . . . Is 29:7
the boat, *f* a strong headwind, ... Mt 14:24
find yourselves *f* God!" The council . . . . . Ac 5:39
jealousy, murder, *f*, deception, and . . . . Ro 1:29

FIGS

They also took pomegranates and *f*. . . . . Nm 13:23
a bandage made of *f*." They did so and. . . . 2Ki 20:7
a salve made from *f*, put it on the. . . . . Is 38:21
weeds, or do they get *f* from thistles? . . . . Mt 7:16
leaves, since it wasn't the season for *f*. . . . Mk 11:13
don't gather *f* from thorny. . . . . Lk 6:44
grapevine produce *f*? Of course not, ... Jas 3:12

FILL

and multiply and *f* the waters in the . . . . Gn 1:22
to draw water and *f* the troughs so . . . . . Ex 2:16
you can eat your *f* and live securely . . . . . Lv 25:19
from the fleece to *f* a bowl with water. . . . Jdg 6:38
who have gold, who *f* their houses with . . . Job 3:15
fleeting life. But *f* the stomachs of . . . . Ps 17:14
wealth; we'll *f* our houses with . . . . . Prv 1:13
over the earth or *f* the world with . . . . . Is 14:21
have drunk your *f* of dishonor rather . . . . Hab 2:16
said, "Why do you *f* your minds with . . . . Mt 9:4
them, "Why do you *f* your minds with . . . . Mk 2:8
Why do you *f* your minds with . . . . . Lk 5:22
to the servants, "*f* the jars with. . . . . Jn 2:7
your presence will *f* me with happiness. . . . Ac 2:28
the God of hope *f* you with all joy. . . . . Ro 15:13
all the birds ate their *f* of their flesh. . . . Rev 19:21

FILLED

become corrupt and was *f* with violence. . . . Gn 6:11
houses will be *f* with swarms of . . . . . Ex 8:21
Nun's son, was *f* with wisdom . . . . . Dt 34:9
were new when we *f* them. But here . . . . Josh 9:13
Vigor *f* their bones and now sleeps with . . . Job 20:11
But you have *f* my heart with more joy . . . . Ps 4:7
your barns will be *f* with plenty, and . . . . Prv 3:10
Their land is *f* with horses; they . . . . . Is 2:7
But me! I am *f* with power, with the . . . . Mi 3:8
they saw the star, they were *f* with joy. . . . Mt 2:10
man who had been *f* with many demons . . . Mk 5:15
liquor. He will be *f* with the Holy . . . . . Lk 1:15
with water," and they *f* them to the brim. . . . Jn 2:7
of a fierce wind *f* the entire house . . . . . Ac 2:2
So they were *f* with all injustice, wicked . . . Ro 1:29
gentle, obedient, *f* with mercy and . . . . . Jas 3:17
container and *f* it with fire from . . . . . Rev 8:5

FINALLY

said,"This one *f* is bone from my . . . . . Gn 2:23
f, all the skilled workers building the . . . . Ex 36:4
f, the LORD will take you back to Egypt . . . Dt 28:68
investigated, and *f* they concluded, ... Jdg 6:29
how his sins were *f* removed: he made . . . . Is 27:9
ones hired and moving on *f* to the first.' . . . Mt 20:8
f, the time was right. It was on one of. . . . Mk 6:21
he refused but *f* said to himself, I. . . . . Lk 18:4
with the elders. *f*, only Jesus and . . . . . Jn 8:9

at the gate. They *f* opened the gate . . . . . Ac 12:16
f, brothers and sisters, good-bye. Put 2Co 13:11
f, let's draw near to the throne of. . . . . Heb 4:16

FIND

LORD said, "If I *f* fifty innocent. . . . . Gn 18:26
like me to go and *f* one of the Hebrew. . . . . Ex 2:7
the LORD. Know that your sin will *f* you. . . Nm 32:23
and you will *f* him if you seek . . . . . Dt 4:29
for Israel, to *f* out whether they . . . . . Jdg 3:4
who are thrilled when they *f* a grave? . . . . Job 3:22
say, "We can't *f* goodness anywhere. . . . . Ps 4:6
We'll *f* all sorts of precious wealth; . . . . . Prv 1:13
among God's people will *f* refuge there. . . . Is 14:32
her, so that she can't *f* her paths. . . . . Hos 2:6
I dearly love; I *f* happiness in him. . . . . Mt 3:17
I dearly love; in you I *f* happiness. . . . . Mk 1:11
for you: you will *f* a newborn baby . . . . . Lk 2:12
me, but you won't *f* me, and where I am . . . Jn 7:34
they couldn't *f* a way to punish. . . . . Ac 4:21
faithfulness we *f* in each other,. . . . . Ro 1:12
receive mercy and *f* grace when we need. . . Heb 4:16
but they won't *f* it. They will want . . . . . Rev 9:6

FINDS

earth, and anyone who *f* me will kill me. . . . Gn 4:14
The one whom God *f* at fault must pay . . . . Ex 22:9
will return. If he *f* that the infection . . . . Lv 14:39
the close relative *f* him outside the . . . . . Nm 35:27
When someone *f* an enemy, do they send the 1Sa 24:19
God! Humanity *f* refuge in the . . . . . Ps 36:7
He who *f* a wife finds what is good, ... Prv 18:22
the nations; she *f* no rest. All who . . . . . Lam 1:3
hands. In you the orphan *f* compassion. . . . Hos 14:3
Whoever seeks, *f*. And to everyone . . . . . Mt 7:8
Whoever seeks, *f*. To everyone who. . . . . Lk 11:10

FINE

responded, "*f*. Do just as you. . . . . Gn 18:5
and deep red yarns; *f* linen; goats' hair; . . . Ex 25:4
a covering of *f* leather on it. . . . . Nm 4:6
until it was as *f* as dust. Then I . . . . . Dt 9:21
If Saul says '*f*,' then I, your servant, ... 1Sa 20:7
my trust, said to *f* gold: "My . . . . . Job 31:24
that kind of *f* oil because my . . . . . Ps 141:5
than gold, even *f* gold; my crops are. . . . . Prv 8:19
ruins, large, *f* houses, with no . . . . . Is 5:9
is like a merchant in search of *f* pearls. . . . Mt 13:45
in purple and *f* linen, and who . . . . . Lk 16:19
you, anytime is *f*. But my time . . . . . Jn 7:6
f. They were broken off because they . . . . Ro 11:20
a gold ring and *f* clothes, while the . . . . . Jas 2:2
His feet were like *f* brass that has been . . . Rev 1:15

FINEST

three seahs of the *f* flour and make . . . . . Gn 18:6
along with the *f* wheat—and for . . . . . Dt 32:14
huge stones of the *f* quality in order 1Ki 5:17
feed you with the *f* wheat. I would . . . . . Ps 81:16
His head is *f* gold; his wavy hair, black. . . . Song 5:11
Your *f* valleys were filled with chariots, . . . Is 22:7

FINGER

horns with your *f*. Pour out the rest. . . . . Ex 29:12
will dip his *f* into the blood and . . . . . Lv 4:6
its blood with his *f* and sprinkle it . . . . . Nm 19:4
written by God's *f*, and on them were . . . . Dt 9:10
to them: 'My baby *f* is thicker than my . . . 1Ki 12:10
among you, the *f*-pointing, the. . . . . Is 58:9
are unwilling to lift a *f* to move them. . . . . Mt 23:4
refuse to lift a single *f* to help them. . . . . Lk 11:46
down and wrote on the ground with his *f*. . . . Jn 8:6

FINISHED

When God *f* speaking to him, God ascended,. Gn 17:22
When God *f* speaking with Moses on Mount. Ex 31:18
When Aaron has *f* reconciling the inner . . . Lv 16:20
the day when Moses *f* setting up the . . . . . Nm 7:1
When you have *f* paying the entire . . . . . Dt 26:12
the entire nation *f* crossing over the . . . . . Josh 3:17
I didn't come home until I *f* them off. . . . . Ps 18:37
those who abandon the LORD will be *f*. . . . . Is 1:28
When Gomer *f* nursing No Compassion, she. . Hos 1:8
When Jesus *f* these words, the crowds were . Mt 7:28
When they *f* mocking him, they stripped . . Mk 15:20
When he *f* speaking to the crowds, he said. . . Lk 5:4
When Jesus *f* saying these things, he . . . . Jn 17:1
When they *f* doing everything that had . . . Ac 13:29
then after I have *f* this job and have. . . . . Ro 15:28
is because whoever suffers is *f* with sin. . . . 1Pt 4:1
about to be killed as they were—were *f*. . . . Rev 6:11

FIRE

Isaac. He took the *f* and the knife in . . . . . Gn 22:6
him in a flame of *f* in the middle of a . . . . Ex 3:2
light the altar and lay wood on the *f*. . . . . Lv 1:7
and put it in the *f* under the . . . . . Nm 6:18
should camp, in *f* by night, so you . . . . . Dt 1:33
burned them with *f* and stoned them . . . . Josh 7:25
said: "A raging *f* fell from the sky . . . . . Job 1:16
came a devouring *f*; flaming coals. . . . . Ps 18:8
Can a man scoop *f* into his lap and his . . . . Prv 6:27
cities burned with *f*; your . . . . . Is 1:7
need to stoke the *f*, from the kneading . . . . Hos 7:4
be chopped down and tossed into the *f*. . . . Mt 3:10
thrown him into a *f* or into water. . . . . Mk 9:22
be chopped down and tossed into the *f*. . . . Lk 3:9
gathered up, thrown into a *f*, and burned. . . Jn 15:6
flames of *f* alighting on each . . . . . Ac 2:3
on *f* in the Spirit as . . . . . Ro 12:11
and who uses flames of *f* as ministers. . . . Heb 1:7
been purified by *f* so that you may be . . . . Rev 3:18

FIRM

The LORD gave him *f* control over the. . . . 2Ch 17:5
heart wasn't set *f* and whose spirit . . . . . Ps 78:8
more, but the righteous stand *f* forever. . . Prv 10:25
Your breasts were *f*, your hair . . . . . Eze 16:7
But whoever stands *f* until the end will . . . Mt 10:22
But whoever stands *f* until the end will . . . Mk 13:13
you the holy and *f* promises I made to. . . . Ac 13:34
if a man stands *f* in his decision, ... 1Co 7:37
Those who stand *f* during testing are . . . . Jas 1:12

FIRST

evening and there was morning: the *f* day. . . Gn 1:5
attention to the *f* sign, they may . . . . . Ex 4:8
present those as *f*-choice offerings . . . . . Lv 2:12
tent on the *f* day of the second . . . . . Nm 1:1
year, on the *f* day of the . . . . . Dt 1:3
tenth day of the *f* month. They camped . . . Josh 4:19
Were you born the *f* Adam, brought forth . . Job 15:7
f came the singers, then the musicians; . . . Ps 68:25
wealth and with the *f* of all your crops. . . . Prv 3:9
I, the LORD, was *f*, and I will be the . . . . Is 41:4
When the LORD *f* spoke through Hosea, the . Hos 1:2
the time when the star had *f* appeared. . . . Mt 2:7
anything without *f* tying up the . . . . . Mk 3:27
This *f* enrollment occurred when Quirinius . . Lk 2:2
He *f* found his own brother Simon and said . . Jn 1:41
Theophilus, the *f* scroll I wrote . . . . . Ac 1:1
f of all, I thank my God through Jesus . . . Ro 1:8
salvation? It was *f* announced through . . . . Heb 2:3
Don't be afraid. I'm the *f* and the last, . . . Rev 1:17

FISH

take charge of the *f* of the sea, the . . . . . Gn 1:26
The *f* in the Nile are going to die, the . . . . . Ex 7:18
We remember the *f* we ate in Egypt for . . . Nm 11:5
on the earth, or a *f* that lives in the . . . . . Dt 4:18
that crawls on the ground, and *f*. 1Ki 4:33
teach you; the *f* of the sea will . . . . . Job 12:8
in the sky, the *f* of the ocean,. . . . . Ps 8:8
Those who *f* will lament; all who cast . . . . . Is 19:8
the sky, even the *f* of the sea are . . . . . Hos 4:3
and I'll show you how to *f* for people. . . . . Mt 4:19
and I'll show you how to *f* for people. . . . . Mk 1:17
because of the number of *f* they caught. . . . . Lk 5:9
loaves and two *f*. But what good is . . . . . Jn 6:9
kind of flesh, and *f* have another kind. . . . 1Co 15:39
kind of animal, bird, reptile, and *f*. . . . . Jas 3:7

FIVE

Arioch of Ellasar, four kings against *f*. . . . . Gn 14:9
must pay back *f* oxen for the one . . . . . Ex 22:1
f of you will chase away a hundred, and a . . . Lv 26:8
you will receive *f* shekels each. You will . . . Nm 3:47
He took about *f* thousand men and . . . . . Josh 8:12
thousand camels, *f* hundred pairs of . . . . . Job 1:3
branch; four or *f* on a fruitful . . . . . Is 17:6
here except *f* loaves of bread . . . . . Mt 14:17
they said, "*f* loaves of bread . . . . . Mk 6:38
She kept to herself for *f* months, saying, . . . Lk 1:24
You've had *f* husbands, and the man you . . . Jn 4:18
their number grew to about *f* thousand. . . . Ac 4:4
I'd rather speak *f* words in my right 1Co 14:19
them suffer for *f* months—and the . . . . . Rev 9:5

FLAME

with a fiery *f* passed between the . . . . . Gn 15:17
to him in a *f* of fire in the . . . . . Ex 3:2
out from Heshbon, *f* from Sihon's city. . . . Nm 21:28
as the *f* from the altar went up toward . . . Jdg 13:20
from darkness; a *f* will dry out their . . . Job 15:30
you make fire and *f* your ministers. . . . . Ps 104:4
hay shrivels in a *f*, so their roots . . . . . Is 5:24
and behind them a *f* burns. Land ahead . . . . Jl 2:3
tongue because I'm suffering in this *f*.' . . . Lk 16:24
to Moses in the *f* of a burning bush. . . . . Ac 7:30
this: a small *f* can set a whole . . . . . Jas 3:5
snow—and his eyes were like a fiery *f*. . . . Rev 1:14

FLAMES

the bush was in *f*, but it didn't . . . . . Ex 3:2
The LORD's voice unleashes fiery *f* . . . . . Ps 29:7
tempest, and *f* of devouring fire. . . . . Is 29:6
wilderness; and *f* have burned all. . . . . Jl 1:19
to be individual *f* of fire alighting. . . . . Ac 2:3
work goes up in *f*, they'll lose it. 1Co 3:15
and who uses *f* of fire as . . . . . Heb 1:7

FLAMING

creatures wielding *f* swords to guard . . . . Gn 3:24
won't change; he gets his *f* arrows ready! . . . Ps 7:13
a crazy person shooting deadly *f* arrows . . Prv 26:18
Jacob like a *f* fire that ate up . . . . . Lam 2:3
it continues to burn like a *f* fire. . . . . Hos 7:6
can extinguish the *f* arrows of the evil . . . Eph 6:16
throne were seven *f* torches, which are . . . . Rev 4:5

FLAWLESS

lamb should be a *f* year-old male. You . . . . Ex 12:5
you must present a *f* male, bringing it. . . . . Lv 1:3
consisting of a *f* one-year-old male . . . . . Nm 6:14
you will present a *f* male goat as a . . . . . Eze 43:22
Christ, like that of a *f*, spotless lamb. 1Pt 1:19

FLED

them; and the rest *f* to the mountains. . . . Gn 14:10
were around them *f* at their cry, for. . . . . Nm 16:34
it because you *f* Egypt in a great . . . . . Dt 16:3
direction. But they *f* from the men of Ai. . . . Josh 7:4
of David, when he *f* from his son . . . . . Ps 3:1
Ramah trembles; Gibeah of Saul has *f*. . . . . Is 10:29
Jacob *f* to the land of Aram; there Israel. . . . Hos 12:12
and dread, they *f* from the tomb. . . . . Mk 16:8
heard this, he *f* to Midian, where . . . . . Ac 7:29
Then the woman *f* into the desert, where . . Rev 12:6

FLEE

is close enough to *f* to, and it's . . . . . Gn 19:20
scatter, and those who hate you *f*. . . . . Nm 10:35
prior hatred could *f* to one of these . . . . . Dt 4:42
same way as before, we will *f* from them. . . . Josh 8:5
a runner; they *f* and don't . . . . . Job 9:25
you say to me, "*f* to the hills like . . . . . Ps 11:1
To whom will you *f* for help; where . . . . . Is 10:3
warrior will *f* away naked in that . . . . . Am 2:16
in Judea must *f* to the mountains, ... Lk 21:21

FLEECE

now putting a wool *f* on the threshing . . . Jdg 6:37

FLESH

of his ribs and closed up the *f* over it. . . . . Gn 2:21
and all of its *f*, along with its . . . . . Lv 4:11
stillborn, whose *f* is half eaten as . . . . . Nm 12:12
any decayed animal *f* because you are a . . . Dt 14:21
And remember that I'm your *f* and blood! . . . Jdg 9:2
his bones and *f*. Then he will . . . . . Job 2:5
be afraid. What can mere *f* do to me? . . . . . Ps 56:4
end when your body and *f* are exhausted, . . . Prv 5:11
They devoured the *f* of their own . . . . . Is 9:20
though they eat *f*, the LORD doesn't . . . . . Hos 8:13
his wife, and the two will be one *f*.' . . . . . Mt 19:5
two will be one *f*. So they are no . . . . . Mk 10:8
ghost doesn't have *f* and bones like you . . . Lk 24:39
The Word became *f* and made his home among Jn 1:14
but I'm made of *f* and blood, and I'm . . . . . Ro 7:14
children share in *f* and blood, he also . . . . Heb 2:14
will devour her *f* and burn her with . . . . . Rev 17:16

FLOCK

seven female lambs from the *f*. . . . . Gn 21:28
so that their father's *f* could drink. . . . . Ex 2:16
present it from either the herd or the *f*. . . . . Lv 1:2
the herd or the *f*—whether an . . . . . Nm 15:3
from your herd or *f* that the LORD has . . . Dt 12:21
to shepherd his father's *f* in Bethlehem. . . . 1Sa 17:15
guiding them like a *f* in the wilderness. . . . . Ps 78:52
Know your *f* well; pay attention to your . . . Prv 27:23
you pasture your *f*, where do you rest . . . . Song 1:7
God will tend the *f*; he will gather . . . . . Is 40:11
eat lambs from the *f*, and bull calves . . . . . Am 6:4
the sheep of the *f* will go off in all . . . . . Mt 26:31
be afraid, little *f*, because your . . . . . Lk 12:32
there will be one *f*, with one shepherd. . . . Jn 10:16
and the whole *f*, in which the Holy . . . . . Ac 20:28
Who shepherds a *f* and doesn't drink 1Co 9:7
tend the *f* of God among you. 1Pt 5:2

FLOCKS

Abel cared for the *f*, and Cain farmed . . . . . Gn 4:2
horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, and *f*. . . . . Ex 9:3
Can *f* and herds be found and slaughtered . . Nm 11:22
of your cattle and *f*—upon the very. . . . . Dt 7:13
cattle, donkeys, *f*, tent, and . . . . . Josh 7:24
boundary stones, herd *f* they've stolen, . . . Job 24:2
are covered with *f*, the valleys . . . . . Ps 65:13

there; no shepherds will rest *f* there. . . . . Is 13:20
for them; even the *f* of sheep pant. . . . . Jl 1:18

FLOOD

The *f* remained on the earth for forty . . . . . Gn 7:17
calamity, sword, *f*, plague, or famine 2Ch 20:9
of water that distill rain from his *f*; . . . . . Job 36:27
so that a great *f* of water won't . . . . . Ps 32:6
your fountains *f* outside, streams. . . . . Prv 5:16
has ceased! How the *f* has receded! . . . . . Is 14:4
the seas, and the *f* surrounds me. All . . . . . Jon 2:3
don't pour out a *f* of empty words, as . . . . . Mt 6:7
bedrock. When the *f* came, the rising . . . . . Lk 6:48
with the same *f* of unrestrained 1Pt 4:4

FLOOR

at the threshing *f* of Atad on the . . . . . Gn 50:10
what looked like a *f* of lapis-lazuli . . . . . Ex 24:10
dust from the *f* of the dwelling, ... Nm 5:17
on the threshing *f*. If there is dew . . . . . Jdg 6:37
grain to gather into your threshing *f*? . . . . Job 39:12
on my threshing *f*, what I heard from . . . . . Is 21:10
Threshing *f* and wine vat won't feed them; . . . Hos 9:2
he fell from the third *f* and died. . . . . Ac 20:9

FLOUR

of the finest *f* and make some . . . . . Gn 18:6
Make them out of high-quality wheat *f*. . . . . Ex 29:2
must be of choice *f*. They must pour . . . . . Lv 2:1
an ephah of barley *f*. He will not pour . . . . Nm 5:15
used an ephah of *f* for unleavened . . . . . Jdg 6:19
and grind *f*! Remove your veil, ... Is 47:2
a bushel of wheat *f* until the yeast . . . . . Mt 13:33
a bushel of wheat *f* until the yeast . . . . . Lk 13:21
wine, oil, fine *f*, and wheat; . . . . . Rev 18:13

FLOW

from her blood *f*. This is the . . . . . Lv 12:7
this song: "Well, *f* up! Sing about it! . . . . Nm 21:17
one who made water *f* for you out of a . . . . Dt 8:15
Let their blood *f* by the sword! Let them . . . Ps 63:10
All streams *f* to the sea, but the sea is . . . . Ecc 1:7
of Shiloah that *f* gently, and . . . . . Is 8:6
the hills will *f* with milk, and all . . . . . Jl 3:18
living water will *f* out from within . . . . . Jn 7:38
water doesn't *f* from a saltwater . . . . . Jas 3:12

FLOWER

each with a *f* and petals, and . . . . . Ex 25:33
and put the gold *f* ornament, the holy. . . . . Lv 8:9
its base to its *f* it was hammered. . . . . Nm 8:4
Like a *f*, we bloom, then wither, flee . . . . Job 14:2
and the fading *f* of its splendid . . . . . Is 28:1
glory is like a *f* in a field. The 1Pt 1:24

FOES

saved me from my *f*, who were too much . . 2Sa 22:18
the fury of my *f*! Wake up, my God; . . . . . Ps 7:6
anger against my *f*; I will take it . . . . . Is 1:24
lifted over your *f*; all your enemies . . . . . Mi 5:9

FOLLOWED

the camels, and *f* the man. So the. . . . . Gn 24:61
army that had *f* them into the sea. . . . . Ex 14:28
with them who faithlessly *f* Molech. . . . . Lv 20:5
command. They *f* the LORD's. . . . . Nm 9:23
everyone who *f* the Baal of Peor, ... Dt 4:3
trumpets. The LORD's covenant chest *f*. . . . Josh 6:8
if my heart has *f* my eyes or a . . . . . Job 31:7
wilful hearts; they *f* their own advice. . . . Ps 81:12
bride, how you *f* me in the . . . . . Jer 2:2
common; bloody crime *f* by bloody crime. . . Hos 4:2
away, they left their nets and *f* him. . . . . Mt 4:20
away, they left their nets and *f* him. . . . . Mk 1:18
shore, they left everything and *f* Jesus. . . . Lk 5:11
heard what he said, and they *f* Jesus. . . . . Jn 1:37
The mob that *f* kept screaming, "Away with . Ac 21:36
rock that *f* them, and the rock 1Co 10:4
whole earth was amazed and *f* the beast. . . Rev 13:3

FOLLOWERS

you and all your *f*!' After that I'll . . . . . Ex 11:8
Athaliah and her *f* had broken into 2Ch 24:7
authority do your *f* throw them out? . . . . Mt 12:27
Jesus and his *f* went into Capernaum. . . . . Mk 1:21
him because he isn't in our group of *f*. . . . Lk 9:49
recognized that they had been *f* of Jesus. . . Ac 4:13

FOLLOWING

and everybody *f* the herds, "Say . . . . . Gn 32:19
Israelites: Do the *f* whenever someone . . . . Lv 4:2
explain this Instruction. He said the *f*: . . . . Dt 1:5
the Levites the *f* cities and their . . . . . Josh 21:3
they turned from *f* him and didn't . . . . . Job 34:27
women servants *f* her, are presented . . . . Ps 45:14
a way that isn't good, *f* their own plans; . . . Is 65:2
said to the people *f* him, "I say to you . . . . Mt 8:10
of people were *f* Jesus, crowding in . . . . . Mk 5:24
f the customs of priestly service, he was. . . . Lk 1:9
and saw them *f*, he asked, "What . . . . . Jn 1:38
At noon on the *f* day, as their journey . . . . Ac 10:9
you as I give the *f* instruction 1Co 11:17
one will fall by *f* the same example . . . . Heb 4:11
their hearts from *f* her practices . . . . . Rev 2:22

FOLLY

Woman *F* is noisy; she's stupid and . . . . . Prv 9:13
madness and *f*, I realized that . . . . . Ecc 1:17
Fools speak *f*; their minds devise . . . . . Is 32:6

FOOD

seeds within it. These will be your *f*. . . . . Gn 1:29
for preparing the *f* that everyone is . . . . . Ex 12:16
burned offering, a *f* gift of soothing . . . . . Lv 1:9
and you make a *f* gift to the LORD as a . . . Nm 15:3
course you may buy *f* from them with. . . . . Dt 2:6
Passover, they ate *f* produced in the . . . . Josh 5:11
Is tasteless *f* eaten without salt, or . . . . . Job 6:6
who shared my *f*, has kicked me . . . . . Ps 41:9
so, it gets its *f* in summer; gathers . . . . . Prv 6:8
you will eat the best *f* of the land. . . . . Is 1:19
and in Assyria they will eat unclean *f*. . . . Hos 9:3
life more than *f* and the body more . . . . . Mt 6:25
disciples eating *f* with unclean . . . . . Mk 7:2
and whoever has *f* must do the same. . . . . Lk 3:11
had gone into the city to buy him some *f*. . . . Jn 4:8
homes. They shared *f* with gladness and. . . . Ac 2:46
is upset by your *f*, you are no longer . . . . Ro 14:15
where you need milk instead of solid *f*. . . . Heb 5:12
they would eat *f* sacrificed to. . . . . Rev 2:14

FOOL

good-bye. Now you've acted like a *f*, ... Gn 31:28
You made a *f* out of me and lied . . . . . Jdg 16:10
you, or can you *f* him as you fool . . . . . Job 13:9
but the mouth of a *f* brings on ruin. . . . . Prv 10:14
Then a *f* will no longer be called . . . . . Is 32:5
The prophet is a *f*, the spiritual man . . . . . Hos 9:7
if they say, 'You *f*,' they will be in . . . . . Mt 5:22
God said to him, '*f*, tonight you will. . . . . Lk 12:20
Don't *f* yourself. If some of you think 1Co 3:18

FOOLISH

fool, and he is *f*! But I myself, ... 1Sa 25:25
talking like a *f* woman. Will we . . . . . Job 2:10

sins; don't make me some *f* person's joke. . . . Ps 39:8
father glad, but a *f* child brings . . . . . .Prv 10:1
My people are *f*. They don't even know . . . .Jer 4:22
again the equipment of a *f* shepherd . . . . .Zec 11:15
You *f* and blind people! Which is greater, . . Mt 23:17
f people! Didn't the one who made the . . . . Lk 11:40
all, it would be *f* to send a prisoner . . . . . Ac 25:27
Greek, both to the wise and to the *f*. . . . . Ro 1:14
silence the ignorant talk of *f* people. 1Pt 2:15

FOOLS

aggravate them with a nation of *f*. . . . . Dt 32:21
seduce you like *f*. Don't believe. 2Ch 32:15
children of *f* and the nameless, whipped. . . Job 30:8
leader. Of David.] *f* say in their. . . . . Ps 14:1
of the LORD, but *f* despise wisdom and . . . . Prv 1:7
of Tanis are *f*; the wisest of . . . . . Is 19:11
to be wise, they made *f* of themselves. . . . . Ro 1:22

FOOT

complete it one *f* from the top. Put . . . . . Gn 6:16
thousand men on *f*, besides children. . . . . Ex 12:37
anyone who has a broken *f* or hand . . . . . Lv 21:19
thousand on *f* and you're saying, ... Nm 11:21
we can drink. Let us pass through on *f* . . . . Dt 2:28
where you set *f*, exactly as I . . . . . .Josh 1:3
the sole of his *f* to the top of his . . . . . Job 2:7
themselves over me when my *f* slips, ...Ps 38:16
on your path, and your *f* won't stumble. . . .Prv 3:23
No *f*, animal or human, will walk across . . . Eze 29:11
so that you won't hit your *f* on a stone. . . . Mt 4:6
If your *f* causes you to fall into sin, ...Mk 9:45
that you won't hit your *f* on a stone. . . . . Lk 4:11
been, one at the head and one at the *f*. . . . Jn 20:12
not even a square *f* of land. However, ...Ac 7:5
If the *f* says, "I'm not part of the body. . . . 1Co 12:15
He put his right *f* on the sea and his . . . . Rev 10:2

FORCE

he'll drive them out of his land by *f*. . . . . .Ex 6:1
will be taken by *f*. Wouldn't it be . . . . . Nm 14:3
as a fighting *f* ready for battle! . . . . . Dt 3:18
LORD's heavenly *f*. Now I have . . . . . Josh 5:14
me through brute *f*? No, he would . . . . . Job 23:6
to the heavenly *f* and poured out . . . . . Jer 19:13
and numerous *f*, they have been . . . . . Na 1:12
When they *f* you to go one mile, go with. . . . Mt 5:41
the demon would *f* him into the . . . . . Lk 8:29
about to come and *f* him to be their. . . . . Jn 6:15
They didn't use *f* because they were. . . . . Ac 5:26
since it's not in *f* while the one who. . . . . Heb 9:17
With such violent *f* the great city of. . . . . Rev 18:21

FORCED

put foremen of *f* work gangs over. . . . . Ex 1:11
in the city will serve you as *f* laborers. . . . Dt 20:11
who were used for *f* labor, still live . . . . Josh 16:10
me, but I am *f* to answer based on . . . . . Job 20:3
their young men will become *f* laborers. . . . Is 31:8
of Aram will be *f* to live in . . . . . Am 1:5
from Cyrene. They *f* him to carry his . . . . Mt 27:32
At once the Spirit *f* Jesus out into the. . . . Mk 1:12
ancestors. He even *f* them to abandon . . . . Ac 7:19
for it. But if I'm *f* to do it, then 1Co 9:17

FOREHEAD

head, on the *f* of the one set . . . . . Gn 49:26
a reminder on your *f* so that you will . . . . Ex 13:9
the sides of the *f*, the person has a . . . . . Lv 13:41
smashing Moab's *f*, the head of all . . . . . Nm 24:17
They should be on your *f* as a symbol. . . . .Dt 6:8
Philistine on his *f*. The stone 1Sa 17:49
is made of iron, and your *f* is bronze. . . . . Is 48:4
put on their right hand or on their *f*. . . . . Rev 13:16

FOREIGN

Get rid of the *f* gods you have with . . . . . Gn 35:2
been an immigrant living in a *f* land. . . . . Ex 2:22
holy offerings. No *f* guest or hired . . . . . Lv 22:10
LORD alone led Israel; no *f* god assisted. . . Dt 32:12
the LORD and serve *f* gods, then he will . . Josh 24:20
There must be no *f* god among you. You . . . . Ps 81:9
woman, from the *f* woman with her . . . . .Prv 2:16
speech and a *f* tongue, he will . . . . . Is 28:11
and the names of the priestsof *f* gods, . . . Zep 1:4
be a proclaimer of *f* gods." (They said . . . . Ac 17:18
this people with *f* languages and 1Co 14:21
were mighty in war, and routed *f* armies. . . Heb 11:34

FOREIGNERS

and those purchased with silver from *f*. . . . Gn 17:12
you can sell it to *f*. Don't cook a lamb . . . . Dt 14:21
into a city of *f* who aren't . . . . . Jdg 19:12
me, they obey me; *f* grovel before me. . . . .Ps 18:44
sight. It's a wasteland, as when *f* raid. . . . . Is 1:7
his wealth, and *f* entered his gates . . . . .Obad 1:11
as well as the *f* who live in Athens . . . . . Ac 17:21
speak it, and they will be like *f* to me. 1Co 14:11

FOREST

goes into the *f* with a neighbor to . . . . . Dt 19:5
So go up to the *f* and clear ground . . . . Josh 17:15
because every *f* animal already belongs to . .Ps 50:10
as the trees of a *f* shake when there. . . . . Is 7:2
change them into a *f*, and the wild . . . . . Hos 2:12
a small flame can set a whole *f* on fire. . . . . Jas 3:5

FOREVER

the tree of life and eat and live *f*, ... Gn 3:22
This is my name *f*; this is how all . . . . . Ex 3:15
their descendants *f*. It will not be. . . . . Lv 25:30
a covenant of salt *f* in the LORD's. . . . . Nm 18:19
that the LORD your God is giving you *f*. . . . Dt 4:40
have walked will *f* be a legacy for . . . . . Josh 14:9
they perish *f* without anyone . . . . . Job 4:20
them sing out loud *f*! Protect them so. . . . . Ps 5:11
no more, but the righteous stand firm *f*. . . Prv 10:25
now and *f*. The zeal of the . . . . . Is 9:7
you for my wife *f*; I will take you . . . . . Hos 2:19
of a sin with consequences that last *f*. . . . .Mk 3:29
over Jacob's house *f*, and there will be. . . . Lk 1:33
bread will live *f*, and the bread . . . . . Jn 6:51
of the creator, who is blessed *f*. Amen. . . . . Ro 1:25
your throne is *f* and your kingdom's . . . . .Heb 1:8
be glory and power *f* and always. Amen. . . . Rev 1:6

FORGET

God has helped me *f* all of my troubles . . . Gn 41:51
so that you don't *f* the things your . . . . . .Dt 4:9
remember me! Don't *f* your servant! Give . . . 1Sa 1:11
paths of all who *f* God. Hope perishes. . . . . Job 8:13
ready, God! Don't *f* the ones who . . . . . .Ps 10:12
My son, don't *f* my instruction. Let your . . . Prv 3:1
are my servant! I won't *f* you, Israel. . . . . Is 44:21
your God, so also I will *f* your children. . . . Hos 4:6
and cumin, but you *f* about the more . . . . Mt 23:23
this one thing: I *f* about the things . . . . . Phil 3:13
Don't *f* to do good and to share what you . .Heb 13:16

FORGIVE

Joseph. "Please, *f* your brothers' . . . . . Gn 50:17
Please *f* my sin this time. Pray to the . . . . Ex 10:17
Please *f* the wrongs of these people. . . . . Nm 14:19
the LORD won't *f* anyone who uses . . . . . Dt 5:11

Please *f* me, LORD. What can I say now . . . Josh 7:8
Why not *f* my sin, overlook my iniquity? . . . Job 7:21
good name, LORD, *f* my sins, which are . . . Ps 25:11
LORD; for I will *f* their wrongdoing . . . Jer 31:34
on the house of Israel or *f* them. . . . . Hos 1:6
f us for the ways we have wronged you, . . . Mt 6:12
and lives and wanted God to *f* their sins. . . . Mk 1:4
and lives and wanted God to *f* their sins. . . . Lk 3:3
If you *f* anyone's sins, they are . . . . . Jn 20:23
try your best to *f* and to comfort 2Co 2:7
and just to *f* us our sins and 1Jn 1:9

FORGIVEN

for them, and they will be *f*. . . . . Lv 4:20
just as you've *f* these people from. . . . . Nm 14:19
Then the bloodguilt will be *f* them. . . . . Dt 21:8
wrongdoing is *f*, whose sin is. . . . . Ps 32:1
iniquity won't be *f* you until you die, ... Is 22:14
which I had not *f*. I will act on . . . . . Jl 3:21
encouraged, my child, your sins are *f*. . . . Mt 9:2
the paralytic, "Child, your sins are *f*!" . . . Mk 2:5
he said, "Friend, your sins are *f*." . . . . Lk 5:20
sins, they are *f*; if you don't . . . . . Jn 20:23
hope that your wicked intent can be *f*, . . . Ac 8:22
the Law are *f*, and whose sins . . . . . Ro 4:7
And if they have sinned, they will be *f*. . . . Jas 5:15

FORGOTTEN

of Egypt will be *f*. The famine will . . . . Gn 41:30
brother's legacy will not be *f* in Israel. . . . Dt 25:6
Know that God lets some of your sin be *f*. . . Job 11:6
the LORD hasn't *f* their cries for . . . . . Ps 9:12
day, Tyre will be *f* seventy years, the . . . . Is 23:15
Since you have *f* the Instruction of . . . . . Hos 4:6
of the lake, they had *f* to bring bread. . . . . Mt 16:5
disciples had *f* to bring any . . . . . Mk 8:14
and you have *f* the encouragement that . . . Heb 12:5

FORM

without shape or *f*, it was dark over. . . . . Gn 1:2
for yourself—no *f* whatsoever—of . . . . . Ex 20:4
He sees the LORD's *f*. So why aren't you . . . Nm 12:8
you didn't see any *f*. There was only a . . . . Dt 4:12
had identical measurements and *f*. 1Ki 6:25
its visible *f*, although a figure . . . . . Job 4:16
from Judah every *f* of support: all . . . . . Is 3:1
in a different *f* to two of them who . . . . . Mk 16:12
on him in bodily *f* like a dove. And . . . . . Lk 3:22
never even heard his voice or seen his *f*, . . . Jn 5:37
have taken human *f* and come down to . . . . Ac 14:11
world in its present *f* is passing away. 1Co 7:31
not tempted by any *f* of evil, nor does. . . . . Jas 1:13

FORMED

the LORD God *f* the human from the topsoil. . . Gn 2:7
ground. The waters *f* a wall for them on . . . . Ex 14:22
They *f* an alliance to fight Joshua and . . . . Josh 9:2
their branch is *f*, before it is . . . . . Job 15:32
hear? The one who *f* the eye, can't he . . . . Ps 94:9
I was *f* in ancient times, at the . . . . . Prv 8:23
the one who *f* them won't be. . . . . Is 27:11
marketplace. They *f* a mob and started . . . . Ac 17:5
pains again until Christ is *f* in you. . . . . Ga 4:19
and earth were *f* long ago out of 2Pt 3:5

FORMER

fought against the *f* king of Moab. He. . . . Nm 21:26
marry his father's *f* wife so that his . . . . Dt 22:30
In Israel, in *f* times, this was the . . . . . Ru 4:7
Although your *f* state was ordinary, your . . . Job 8:7
return to their *f* state, and your . . . . . Eze 16:55
you live in tents again, as in *f* days. . . . . Hos 12:9

Synagogue of *f* Slaves. Members . . . . . Ac 6:9
change the *f* way of life that was part of . . . Eph 4:22
conformed to your *f* desires, those 1Pt 1:14
new earth, for the *f* heaven and the. . . . . Rev 21:1

FORTIFIED

for the border of the Ammonites was *f*. . . . Nm 21:24
of these towns was *f* with high walls, ... Dt 3:5
among them escaped into the *f* cities. . . . Josh 10:20
bring me to a *f* city! I wish . . . . . Ps 60:9
every tall tower; against every *f* wall; . . . . Is 2:15
I will break the *f* gates of Damascus, and . . . Am 1:5

FORTRESS

to Adullam's *f*. When David's. 1Sa 22:1
of rock, their *f* on rock's edge. . . . . Job 39:28
my solid rock, my *f*, my rescuer. My. . . . . Ps 18:2
has spoken; the *f* of the sea has . . . . . Is 23:4
so that destruction comes upon the *f*. . . . . Am 5:9

FORTRESSES

the towns in which they live camps or *f*? . . . Nm 13:19
David lived in the *f* in the wilderness 1Sa 23:14
they come trembling out of their *f*. . . . . Ps 18:45
the command to destroy Phoenicia's *f*, ... Is 23:11
his cities, and it will devour his *f*. . . . . Hos 8:14
the destruction of *f*. They destroy 2Co 10:4

FORTY

feet wide, and *f*-five feet high. . . . . Gn 6:15
ate manna for *f* years, until they . . . . . Ex 16:35
seven weeks of years totals *f*-nine years. . . . Lv 25:8
from exploring the land after *f* days. . . . Nm 13:25
Throughout these *f* years the LORD . . . . . Dt 2:7
Approximately *f* thousand armed for war . . . Josh 4:13
For *f* years I despised that generation; I . . . Ps 95:10
Judah. I appoint *f* days to you, one . . . . . Eze 4:6
Egypt, and led you *f* years in the . . . . . Am 2:10
had fasted for *f* days and forty . . . . . Mt 4:2
the wilderness for *f* days, tempted by . . . . Mk 1:13
he was tempted for *f* days by the devil. . . . . Lk 4:2
replied, "It took *f*-six years to build . . . . . Jn 2:20
over a period of *f* days, speaking to . . . . . Ac 1:3
I received the "*f* lashes minus one" from. . . 2Co 11:24
though they had seen my work for *f* years. . . Heb 3:9
one hundred *f*-four thousand, ... Rev 7:4

FOUGHT

Amalek came and *f* with Israel at . . . . . Ex 17:8
Atharim road, he *f* against Israel and . . . . Nm 21:1
for you just as he *f* for you in Egypt. . . . . Dt 1:30
to a human voice. The LORD *f* for Israel. Josh 10:14
A wise person *f* a city of warriors and . . . . Prv 21:22
to Ashdod, he *f* against Ashdod and . . . . . Is 20:1
does it do me if I *f* wild animals in 1Co 15:32
and his angels *f* the dragon. The . . . . . Rev 12:7

FOUNDATION

staircase, its *f* on earth and its . . . . . Gn 28:12
lay the temple's *f* with carefully cut 1Ki 5:17
have laid a strong *f* because of your . . . . . Ps 8:2
a sure *f*: the one who . . . . . Is 28:16
laying bare the *f* up to the neck. . . . . Hab 3:13
and laying the *f* on bedrock. When . . . . . Lk 6:48
I won't be building on someone else's *f*. . . . Ro 15:20
were completed at the *f* of the world. . . . . Heb 4:3
jewel. The first *f* was jasper, the . . . . . Rev 21:19

FOUNDATIONS

LORD. Laying its *f* will cost them . . . . . Josh 6:26
of clay, whose *f* are in dust, and . . . . . Job 4:19
the earth's *f* were laid bare at . . . . . Ps 18:15
The LORD laid the *f* of the earth with . . . . Prv 3:19

will open, and the earth's *f* will quake. . . . . Is 24:18
pillars until the *f* shake, shatter . . . . . Am 9:1
shook the prison's *f*. The doors flew. . . . . Ac 16:26
laid the earth's *f* in the beginning, ... Heb 1:10
wall had twelve *f*, and on them were . . . . Rev 21:14

FOUR

from there it divides into *f* headwaters. . . . . Gn 2:10
lived in Egypt was *f* hundred thirty . . . . . Ex 12:40
that walks on *f* feet is detestable . . . . . Lv 11:20
Two wagons and *f* oxen he gave to the . . . . Nm 7:7
tassels for the *f* corners of the . . . . . Dt 22:12
Ashan. In total: *f* cities and their . . . . . Josh 19:7
and struck the *f* corners of the . . . . . Job 1:19
never satisfied; *f* that never say, ... Prv 30:15
of Judah from the *f* corners of the . . . . . Is 11:12
Damascus, and for *f*, I won't hold back . . . . Am 1:3
f thousand men ate, plus women and . . . . . Mt 15:38
arrived, and *f* of them were . . . . . Mk 2:3
quickly, and write *f* hundred fifty . . . . . Lk 16:6
day. It was about *f* o'clock in the . . . . . Jn 1:39
somebody, and some *f* hundred men joined . . Ac 5:36
Law, which came *f* hundred thirty . . . . . Ga 3:17
the throne, were *f* living creatures . . . . . Rev 4:6

FOURTEEN

I worked for *f* years for your two . . . . . Gn 31:41
the plague were *f* thousand seven . . . . . Nm 16:49
In total: *f* cities and their . . . . . Josh 15:36
ones. He had *f* thousand sheep, ... Job 42:12
eat your food by weight, *f* ounces a day. . . . Eze 4:10
So there were *f* generations from Abraham . . Mt 1:17
the third heaven *f* years ago. I don't. 2Co 12:2

FOURTEENTH

In the *f* year, Chedorlaomer and the kings . . . Gn 14:5
over it until the *f* day of this month. . . . . Ex 12:6
Passover is on the *f* day of the first . . . . . Lv 23:5
On the *f* day of this month at twilight. . . . Nm 9:3
the evening of the *f* day of the month. . . . Josh 5:10
them in the *f* year of King . . . . . Is 36:1
On the *f* night, we were being carried . . . . Ac 27:27

FOURTH

evening and there was morning: the *f* day. . . Gn 1:19
to the third and *f* generations of . . . . . Ex 20:5
In the *f* year, all of the tree's fruit. . . . . Lv 19:24
On the *f* day Reuben's Chief Elizur, ... Nm 7:30
to the third and *f* generations of . . . . . Dt 5:9
The lot went out *f* for the clans of . . . . Josh 19:17
of Judah in the *f* year of Judah's . . . . . Jer 25:1
horses, and the *f* chariot had horses . . . . . Zec 6:3
being. And the *f* living creature. . . . . Rev 4:7

FOXES

three hundred *f*. He took torches, ... Jdg 15:4
Catch *f* for us—those little foxes that . . . . Sng 2:15
Jesus replied, "*f* have dens, and the . . . . . Mt 8:20
Jesus replied, "*f* have dens and the birds . . . Lk 9:58

FREE

you, you will be *f* from this . . . . . Gn 24:8
them. I'll set you *f* with great power . . . . . Ex 6:6
who set the goat *f* for Azazel must . . . . . Lv 16:26
The man will be *f* from guilt, but the . . . . Nm 5:31
feel *f* to do so whenever . . . . . Dt 12:20
and shake myself *f*. But he didn't . . . . . Jdg 16:20
there; a servant is *f* from his masters. . . . . Job 3:19
God! Set me *f* from my troubles! . . . . . Ps 4:1
Get yourself *f* like a gazelle from a . . . . . Prv 6:5
and set my exiles *f*, not for a price . . . . . Is 45:13
you are set *f* from your . . . . . Lk 13:12
the truth, and the truth will set you *f*. . . . . Jn 8:32
But the *f* gift of Christ isn't like . . . . . Ro 5:15
He set *f* those who were held in slavery . . . Heb 2:15
slave and *f*, hid themselves in . . . . . Rev 6:15

FREEDOM

or given her *f*, there must be a . . . . . Lv 19:20
and water. But you brought us out to *f*! . . . Ps 66:12
to give Paul some *f*, and his friends . . . . . Ac 24:23
into the glorious *f* of God's children. . . . . Ro 8:21
law, the law of *f*, and continue to . . . . . Jas 1:25

FREELY

from everyone who *f* wants to give. . . . . Ex 25:2
the grapes of your *f* growing vines. It . . . . Lv 25:5
to the promise you *f* made to the LORD . . . Dt 23:23
in honesty, I have *f* given all these 1Ch 29:17
sacrifice to you *f*; I will give . . . . . Ps 54:6
could move about *f* among the people. . . . Jer 39:14
I will love them *f*, for my anger has . . . . Hos 14:4
started talking *f* and spreading the . . . . Mk 1:45
are drinking *f*. You kept the good . . . . . Jn 2:10
this, Saul moved *f* among the . . . . . Ac 9:28
as righteous *f* by his grace . . . . . Ro 3:24
the thirsty I will *f* give water from . . . . Rev 21:6

FRESH

and found a well there with *f* water. . . . . Gn 26:19
slaughtered over *f* water in a pottery . . . . Lv 14:5
juice or eat grapes, whether *f* or dried. . . . Nm 6:3
found a donkey's *f* jawbone, picked it . . . Jdg 15:15
like rain upon *f*-cut grass, like . . . . . Ps 72:6
spring, a well of *f* water, streams . . . . . Sng 4:15
well brings forth *f* water, she brings . . . . Jer 6:7
new wine, and the *f* oil, and that I . . . . . Hos 2:8
Both *f* water and salt water don't come . . . . Jas 3:11

FRIEND

your brother, your *f*, and your . . . . . Ex 32:27
spouse or best *f* entices you . . . . . Dt 13:6
a man telling his *f* about a dream. He . . . . Jdg 7:13
over an orphan, barter away your *f*? . . . . Job 6:27
if I have repaid a *f* with evil or . . . . . Ps 7:4
are my sister"; call understanding "*f*," . . . . Prv 7:4
say to me, "My father, my *f* since youth, . . . Jer 3:4
Don't rely on a *f*; put no trust in a . . . . . Mi 7:5
and a drunk, a *f* of tax collectors . . . . . Mt 11:19
faith, he said, "*f*, your sins are . . . . . Lk 5:20
married. The *f* of the groom . . . . . Jn 3:29
a childhood *f* of Herod the . . . . . Ac 13:1
Epaenetus, my dear *f*, who was the first . . . Ro 16:5
What is more, Abraham was called God's *f*. . . Jas 2:23

FRIENDS

and let me and my *f* wander the hills . . . . Jdg 11:37
When Job's three *f* heard about all this . . . Job 2:11
talk nice to their *f* while evil . . . . . Ps 28:3
LORD, but the virtuous are his close *f*. . . . Prv 3:32
will call to his *f*, and there Lilith . . . . . Is 34:14
Be sure to make *f* quickly with your . . . . . Mt 5:25
looking for him among their family and *f*. . . Lk 2:44
than to give up one's life for one's *f*. . . . . Jn 15:13
had gathered his relatives and close *f*. . . . Ac 10:24
my dear *f*, but leave room . . . . . Ro 12:19
Dear *f*, since you are immigrants and 1Pt 2:11

FRIGHTENED

because she was *f*. But he said, "No, ... Gn 18:15
you. Don't be afraid! Don't be *f*! . . . . . Dt 1:21
and became very *f* of Achish, Gath's 1Sa 21:12
it has struck you, and you are *f*. . . . . Job 4:5
my life. Should I be *f* of anything? . . . . . Ps 27:1

by their noise or *f* by their roar. So . . . Is 31:4
a ghost!" They were so *f* they screamed. . . . Mt 14:26
them, "Why are you *f*? Don't you have . . . . Mk 4:40
The women were *f* and bowed their faces . . . Lk 24:5

FRONT

the whole land in *f* of you? Let's . . . . . Gn 13:9
performed the signs in *f* of the people. . . . . Ex 4:30
it before the LORD in *f* of the altar. . . . . Lv 6:14
Those camping in *f* of the dwelling . . . . . Nm 3:38
out the blanket in *f* of the city's . . . . . Dt 22:17
must cross over in *f* of your fellow . . . . . Josh 1:14
a figure was in *f* of my eyes. . . . . Job 4:16
Make your way clear, right in *f* of me. . . . . Ps 5:8
keep your gaze on what is in *f* of you. . . . . Prv 4:25
of figs set in *f* of the LORD's . . . . . Jer 24:1
show who they are, right in *f* of my face. . . . Hos 7:2
your religion in *f* of people to draw . . . . . Mt 6:1
and walked out in *f* of everybody. They . . . . Mk 2:12
into the crowded room in *f* of Jesus. . . . . Lk 5:19
Alexander to the *f*, and some of the. . . . . Ac 19:33
a reason to brag, but not in *f* of God. . . . . Ro 4:2
grasp the hope that is lying in *f* of us. . . . . Heb 6:18
I have set in *f* of you an open. . . . . Rev 3:8

FRUIT

yielding seeds and *f* trees bearing. . . . . Gn 1:11
of the orchards' *f* that the hail had . . . . . Ex 10:15
land and plant any *f* tree, you must . . . . . Lv 19:23
back the land's *f*." It was the . . . . . Nm 13:20
some of the land's *f* and then came back. . . . Dt 1:25
and my delicious *f*, so that I can go . . . . . Jdg 9:11
water, which bears *f* at just the right . . . . . Ps 1:3
will eat from the *f* of their way, and . . . . . Prv 1:31
planting every kind of *f* tree in them. . . . . Ecc 2:5
are; they will eat the *f* of their labors. . . . . Is 3:10
like the first *f* on the fig tree, I . . . . . Hos 9:10
Produce *f* that shows you have changed . . . . Mt 3:8
good soil and bore *f*. Upon growing and . . . . Mk 4:8
Produce *f* that shows you have changed . . . . Lk 3:8
pay and gathering *f* for eternal life . . . . . Jn 4:36
to harvest some *f* among you, just as . . . . . Ro 1:13
the peaceful *f* of righteousness. . . . . Heb 12:11
fig tree drops its *f* when shaken by a . . . . Rev 6:13

FULFILL

or a sacrifice to *f* a solemn promise, ... Nm 15:3
to Hebron so I can *f* a promise I made. . . . 2Sa 15:7
hear you; you will *f* your solemn . . . . . Job 22:27
is in your heart and *f* all your plans. . . . . Ps 20:4
I will *f* my solemn pledge that I made to. . . . Jer 11:5
festivals, Judah! *f* your solemn . . . . . Na 1:15
is necessary to *f* all . . . . . Mt 3:15
the Lord would *f* the promises he. . . . . Lk 1:45
This was to *f* the word of the prophet . . . . Jn 12:38
and so you will *f* the law of Christ. . . . . Ga 6:2
when you really *f* the royal law . . . . . Jas 2:8

FULFILLED

to the LORD is *f*. The person is to. . . . . Nm 6:5
of Israel failed. Every promise was *f*. . . . Josh 21:45
forever: they are *f* with truth and. . . . . Ps 111:8
well-being; today I *f* my solemn promises. . . Prv 7:14
I'm watching over my word until it is *f*. . . . Jer 1:12
spoken through the prophet would be *f*: . . . Mt 1:22
arrest me. But let the scriptures be *f*. . . . Mk 14:49
of the events that have been *f* among us. . . . Lk 1:1
so that scripture would be *f*. . . . . Jn 17:12
David had to be *f*. This was the . . . . . Ac 1:16
the Law might be *f* in us. Now the way . . . . Ro 8:4
the scripture was *f* that says, Abraham . . . . Jas 2:23

FULL

it to me for the *f* price, to be . . . . . Gn 23:9
a land that's *f* of milk and honey, ... Ex 3:8
an incense pan *f* of burning coals . . . . . Lv 16:12
both of them *f* of fine flour . . . . . Nm 7:13
you, in a land *f* of milk and honey. . . . . Dt 6:3
us. It is a land *f* of milk and honey. . . . . Josh 5:6
lift my head, *f* of shame and . . . . . Job 10:15
children be filled *f* so that they have . . . . Ps 17:14
is righteous, just, and *f* of integrity. . . . . Prv 1:3
She was *f* of justice; . . . . . Is 1:21
very patient, *f* of faithful love, ... Jl 2:13
they will be fed until they are *f*. . . . . Mt 5:6
then the head, then the *f* head of grain. . . . Mk 4:28
journeyed on for a *f* day while looking . . . . Lk 2:44
father's only son, *f* of grace and truth. . . . Jn 1:14
at them, saying, "They're *f* of new wine!" . . . Ac 2:13
behavior. They are *f* of jealousy, ... Ro 1:29
words have reached *f* maturity. Like a . . . . Jas 3:2
and gold bowls *f* of incense, which . . . . . Rev 5:8

FUN

thinks I'm making *f* of him? I will be . . . . Gn 27:12
Zalmunna! You made *f* of me because of. . . . Jdg 8:15
heaven laughs; my Lord makes *f* of them. . . . Ps 2:4
wait for the innocent just for *f*. . . . . Prv 1:11
instead there was *f* and frivolity, ... Is 22:13
in Egypt they will make *f* of them. . . . . Hos 7:16
the elders, were making *f* of him, saying, . . Mt 27:41
were making *f* of him among. . . . . Mk 15:31
No discipline is *f* while it lasts, but it . . . . Heb 12:11

FUNERAL

cloth, skin, or *f* clothing—any such. . . . . Lv 11:32
the people at the *f* suddenly saw a 2Ki 13:21
You took off my *f* clothes and . . . . . Ps 30:11
darkness and cover them with *f* clothing. . . . Is 50:3
a woman dressed in *f* clothing, one who. . . . Jl 1:8
dance. We sang a *f* song and you . . . . . Mt 11:17
dance. We sang a *f* song and you . . . . . Lk 7:32
became black as *f* clothing, and the . . . . . Rev 6:12

FURIOUS

Esau was *f* at Jacob because his father . . . Gn 27:41
I'll leave." Then Moses, *f*, left Pharaoh. . . . Ex 11:8
the LORD your God *f* in the wilderness. . . . Dt 9:7
So the LORD was *f* with the . . . . . Josh 7:1
hearts become *f*; they don't cry. . . . . Job 36:13
don't discipline me when you are *f*. . . . . Ps 6:1
servant, but is *f* at a shameful one. . . . . Prv 14:35
crushing arm in *f* anger, with a . . . . . Is 30:30
His master was *f* and handed him over to . . Mt 18:34
They were *f* and began talking with each. . . . Lk 6:11
this, they became *f* and wanted to kill. . . . Ac 5:33
led astray without me being *f* about it? . . . 2Co 11:29
So the dragon was *f* with the woman, and . . Rev 12:17

FURNACE

of ashes from a *f* and have Moses. . . . . Ex 9:8
out of that iron *f*, out of Egypt, so . . . . . Dt 4:20
them out of Egypt, from the iron *f*. 1Ki 8:51
for silver and a *f* for gold, but the. . . . . Prv 17:3
I have tested you in the *f* of misery. . . . . Is 48:10
thrown into the *f*, won't God do much . . . . Mt 6:30
thrown into the *f*, how much more . . . . . Lk 12:28
been purified in a *f*, and his voice. . . . . Rev 1:15

FURY

me alone! Let my *f* burn and devour . . . . Ex 32:10
wrath, and great *f*. He threw them . . . . . Dt 29:28
away from his *f*. So he named that . . . . . Josh 7:26
kill the foolish; *f* can kill the . . . . . Job 5:2

then he terrifies them with his ***f***: . . . . . Ps 2:5
the rod of their ***f*** will come to an . . . . . Prv 22:8
in whose hand is the staff of my ***f***! . . . . . Is 10:5
the heat of his ***f***? His wrath pours . . . . . Na 1:6

FUTURE

you, on behalf of every ***f*** generation. . . . . Gn 9:12
When in the ***f*** your child asks you, 'What . . Ex 13:14
rule for your ***f*** generations, ... Lv 3:17
to you in the ***f***, you will return . . . . . Dt 4:30
among you. In the ***f*** your children may . . . Josh 4:6
was ordinary, your ***f*** will be . . . . . Job 8:7
f descendants will serve him; generations . . Ps 22:30
so you might grow wise in the ***f***. . . . . Prv 19:20
scroll, so in the ***f*** it will endure as . . . . . Is 30:8
her to predict the ***f***. She made a lot of . . . Ac 16:16
present things or ***f*** things, not powers . . . Ro 8:38
Jacob and Esau concerning their ***f***. . . . . Heb 11:20

G

GABRIEL

It called out: "***G***, help this person . . . . . Dn 8:16
replied, "I am ***G***. I stand in God's . . . . . Lk 1:19

GAD

What good luck!" So she named him ***G***. . . . . Gn 30:11
Dan and Naphtali, ***G*** and Asher . . . . . Ex 1:4
from ***G***, Eliasaph, Deuel's son . . . . . Nm 1:14
cursing: Reuben, ***G***, Asher, Zebulun, ... Dt 27:13
the people of ***G***, and half the . . . . . Josh 4:12
Milcom taken over ***G***? Why have his . . . . Jer 49:1
from the tribe of ***G***, twelve thousand; . . . . Rev 7:5

GADITES

Reubenites and the ***G*** were unusually . . . . Nm 32:1
its cities, to the Reubenites and the ***G***. . . . Dt 3:12
Reubenites, the ***G***, and half the. . . . . Josh 1:12

GAIN

What do we ***g*** if we kill our . . . . . Gn 37:26
chase them. I'll ***g*** honor at the . . . . . Ex 14:4
his friends for ***g***, and his. . . . . Job 17:5
my heart to your laws, not to greedy ***g***. . . . Ps 119:36
those with understanding ***g*** guidance. . . . . Prv 1:5
and those who grumble will ***g*** insight. . . . . Is 29:24
in all of my ***g*** no offense has . . . . . Hos 12:8
Why would people ***g*** the whole world but . . Mt 16:26
Why would people ***g*** the whole world but . . Mk 8:36
have if they ***g*** the whole world . . . . . Lk 9:25
as sewer trash, so that I might ***g*** Christ . . . Phil 3:8
so they could ***g*** a better . . . . . Heb 11:35
make war on them, ***g*** victory over them, . . . Rev 11:7

GALATIA

of Phrygia and ***G*** because the Holy . . . . . Ac 16:6
I have directed the churches in ***G*** to do. . . . 1Co 16:1
live in Pontus, ***G***, Cappadocia, Asia,. 1Pt 1:1

GALILEAN

to him, "You were also with Jesus the ***G***." . . Mt 26:69
one of them, because you are also a ***G***. . . . Mk 14:70
been with him, because he is a ***G*** too. . . . Lk 22:59
census, Judas the ***G*** appeared and got. . . . . Ac 5:37

GALILEANS

Jesus about the ***G*** whom Pilate had. . . . . Lk 13:1
to Galilee, the ***G*** welcomed him . . . . . Jn 4:45
They said, "***G***, why are you standing. . . . . Ac 1:11

GALILEE

and meet the eastern slope of the ***G*** Sea. . . Nm 34:11
boundary, from the ***G*** Sea down to the . . . . Dt 3:17
apart Kedesh in ***G*** in the highlands . . . . . Josh 20:7
of the Jordan, and the ***G*** of the nations. . . . . Is 9:1
in a dream, he went to the area of ***G***. . . . . Mt 2:22
from Nazareth of ***G***, and John baptized . . . . Mk 1:9
angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in ***G***, ... Lk 1:26
wanted to go into ***G***, and he found . . . . . Jn 1:43
throughout Judea, ***G***, and Samaria . . . . . Ac 9:31

GAMALIEL

son; from Manasseh, ***G***, Pedahzur's son; . . . Nm 1:10
of the Law named ***G***, well-respected by . . . . Ac 5:34

GARDEN

LORD God planted a ***g*** in Eden in the . . . . . Gn 2:8
irrigated it by hand like a vegetable ***g***. . . . Dt 11:10
my vegetable ***g***, because it is 1Ki 21:2
An enclosed ***g*** is my sister, my bride; an . . . Song 4:12
withering leaves, like a ***g*** without water. . . . Is 1:30
flourish like a ***g***; they will blossom . . . . . Hos 14:7
mint, rue, and ***g*** herbs of all . . . . . Lk 11:42
He and his disciples entered a ***g*** there. . . . . Jn 18:1

GARMENT

She grabbed his ***g***, saying, "Lie down . . . . . Gn 39:12
splashes on a ***g***, you must wash the . . . . . Lv 6:27
also purify every ***g***, and everything . . . . . Nm 31:20
was wearing a new ***g***. The two of them . . . 1Ki 11:29
Each one tore his ***g*** and scattered dust . . . Job 2:12
Take the ***g*** of the person who secures a . . . Prv 20:16
and every ***g*** rolled in blood. . . . . Is 9:5
the hem of one's ***g*** and that hem . . . . . Hg 2:12
a patch from a new ***g*** to patch an old . . . . . Lk 5:36

GARMENTS

together and made ***g*** for themselves. . . . . Gn 3:7
Put these ***g*** on your brother Aaron and on . . Ex 28:41
cut off half their ***g***, from their 2Sa 10:4
silver, gold, and ***g***, and they hid 2Ki 7:8
They divvy up my ***g*** among themselves; they . Ps 22:18
She makes ***g*** and sells them; she supplies . . Prv 31:24
Let your ***g*** always be white; don't run . . . . Ecc 9:8
mirrors and linen ***g***; the turbans and . . . . Is 3:23
every altar on ***g*** taken in loan; in . . . . . Am 2:8
throwing off their ***g***, and flinging dust . . . Ac 22:23

GATE

was sitting at the ***g*** of Sodom, saw . . . . . Gn 19:1
For the ***g*** into the courtyard there will . . . Ex 27:16
entrance at the ***g*** of the courtyard . . . . Nm 4:26
to the city's elders at the city ***g***. . . . . Dt 22:15
time to close the ***g*** at dark, but I . . . . . Josh 2:5
crushed in the ***g*** without a. . . . . Job 5:4
sit at the city ***g*** muttered things . . . . . Ps 69:12
By the ***g*** before the city, at the . . . . . Prv 8:3
Wail, ***g***! Cry out, city! Melt in terror, ... Is 14:31
judges at the city ***g***, and they reject . . . . Am 5:10
through the narrow ***g***. The gate that . . . . Mt 7:13
a colt tied to a ***g*** outside on the. . . . . Mk 11:4
the city ***g***, a dead man was . . . . . Lk 7:12
near the Sheep ***g*** in the north city . . . . . Jn 5:2
him at the temple ***g*** known as the . . . . . Ac 3:2
outside the city ***g*** to make the people . . . . Heb 13:12

GATEKEEPERS

called out to the ***g***, telling them, "We 2Ki 7:10

GATES

high walls, double ***g***, and crossbars. . . . . Dt 3:5
Setting up its ***g*** will cost them . . . . . Josh 6:26
Have death's ***g*** been revealed to you; can . . Job 38:17
brings me back from the very ***g*** of death . . . Ps 9:13
entrances of the city ***g***, she has her say: . . . Prv 1:21
Her ***g*** will lament and mourn; desolate, ... Is 3:26

the bars of their **g** and will take . . . . . Hos 11:6
on this rock. The **g** of the underworld . . . . Mt 16:18
watch at the city **g** around the clock. . . . . Ac 9:24
wall with twelve **g**. By the gates were . . . . Rev 21:12

GATH

survived only in Gaza, **G**, and Ashdod. . . Josh 11:22
seized him in **G**.] God, have mercy . . . . Ps 56:1
then go down to **G** of the . . . . . Am 6:2

GATHER

not time yet to **g** the animals. Water . . . . . Gn 29:7
them go out and **g** the straw for . . . . . Ex 5:7
field; and don't **g** up every remaining . . . . Lv 19:9
meeting tent and **g** the entire . . . . . Nm 8:9
LORD said to me: "**g** the people to me. . . . . Dt 4:10
you lowered us. **g** your father, your . . . . . Josh 2:18
They **g** their food in the field, glean in. . . . Job 24:6
Don't **g** me up with the sinners, taking my. . . Ps 26:9
is a tree of life, and the wise **g** lives. . . . . Prv 11:30
the nations and **g** the outcast men of . . . . . Is 11:12
I will now **g** them up. They will . . . . . Hos 8:10
harvest grain or **g** crops into barns. . . . . Mt 6:26
leftovers did you **g**?" They answered, ... Mk 8:19
People don't **g** figs from thorny. . . . . Lk 6:44
to his disciples, "**g** up the leftover. . . . . Jn 6:12
Israelites, did **g** in this city. . . . . Ac 4:27
whole world, to **g** them for battle on . . . . Rev 16:14

GATHERING

the field, and the **g** Festival at the . . . . . Ex 23:16
they found a man **g** wood on the . . . . . Nm 15:32
compassion on you, **g** you up from all . . . . Dt 30:3
and the Philistines were **g** at Michmash. . . 1Sa 13:11
rebuilds Jerusalem, **g** up Israel's exiles. . . . Ps 147:2
and a time for **g** stones, a time for . . . . . Ecc 3:5
Like a partridge **g** a brood that is not . . . . Jer 17:11
the Pharisees were **g**, Jesus asked them, . . Mt 22:41
the middle of the **g** and examined . . . . . Mk 14:60
a great crowd was **g** and people were . . . . Lk 8:4
their pay and **g** fruit for eternal . . . . . Jn 4:36
inside and found a large **g** of people. . . . . Ac 10:27
to countless angels in a festival **g**, ... Heb 12:22

GAVE

them. The human **g** each living being . . . . . Gn 2:19
respected God, God **g** them households of. . . Ex 1:21
because they **g** their children to . . . . . Lv 20:3
Moses **g** the money for those rescued to. . . Nm 3:51
give chase! They **g** you a beating from . . . . Dt 1:44
Then Joshua **g** orders to the people's . . . . Josh 1:10
and kindness you **g** me, and you . . . . . Job 10:12
for life, and you **g** it to him . . . . . Ps 21:4
and bitter to her who **g** birth to him. . . . . Prv 17:25
pregnant and **g** birth to a son. . . . . Is 8:3
pregnant again and **g** birth to a . . . . . Hos 1:6
with her until she **g** birth to a son. . . . . Mt 1:25
to eat. He also **g** bread to those who . . . . Mk 2:26
to have her child, she **g** birth to a boy. . . . Lk 1:57
the world that he **g** his only Son, so . . . . . Jn 3:16
through Jesus **g** him complete . . . . . Ac 3:16
grew strong in faith and **g** glory to God. . . . Ro 4:20
If Joshua **g** the Israelites rest, God . . . . . Heb 4:8
Christ, which God **g** him to show his . . . . Rev 1:1

GAZA

by way of Gerar to **G** and by way of . . . . . Gn 10:19
settlements around **G**, were completely . . . . Dt 2:23
Kadesh-barnea to **G**, and the whole . . . . . Josh 10:41
G, Ekron, and what's . . . . . Jer 25:20
three crimes of **G**, and for four, I . . . . . Am 1:6
from Jerusalem to **G**. . . . . Ac 8:26

GEBA

Ophni, and **G**. In total: twelve . . . . . Josh 18:24
We'll camp at **G**!" Ramah trembles; . . . . . Is 10:29
the desert from **G** to Rimmon, south . . . . Zec 14:10

GEDALIAH

Nebuchadnezzar put **G**, Ahikam's son and . . 2Ki 25:22
Mattan's son; **G**, Pashhur's son; . . . . . Jer 38:1

GEHAZI

to his servant **G**, ... 2Ki 4:12

GENERATION

In his **g**, Noah was a moral. . . . . Gn 6:9
his brothers, and everyone in his **g** died. . . . Ex 1:6
with the first **g**, the ones I . . . . . Lv 26:45
until the entire **g** had died, which. . . . . Nm 32:13
wicked **g**!—will see the . . . . . Dt 1:35
the next **g** of elders who . . . . . Jdg 2:7
Ask a previous **g** and verify the findings . . . Job 8:8
us, protecting us from this **g** forever. . . . . Ps 12:7
forever, nor a crown **g** after generation. . . . Prv 27:24
up forever. From **g** to generation it . . . . . Is 34:10
I compare this **g**? It is like a . . . . . Mt 11:16
Why does this **g** look for a sign? I. . . . . Mk 8:12
everyone, from one **g** to the next, who . . . . Lk 1:50
saying, "Be saved from this perverse **g**." . . . Ac 2:40

GENERATIONS

according to their **g** and their nations. . . . Gn 10:32
this is how all **g** will remember me. . . . . Ex 3:15
for your future **g**, wherever you . . . . . Lv 3:17
third and fourth **g** of those who hate . . . . Dt 5:9
teach war to the **g** of Israelites who . . . . Jdg 3:2
140 years and saw four **g** of his children. . . Job 42:16
will serve him; **g** to come will be . . . . . Ps 22:30
or live there for **g**. No Arab will camp . . . . Is 13:20
forever, and Jerusalem for all **g**. . . . . Jl 3:20
were fourteen **g** from Abraham to . . . . . Mt 1:17
to show future **g** the greatness of. . . . . Eph 2:7
who lived seven **g** after Adam, ... Jud 1:14

GENTILES

sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the **G**, . . . Mt 4:15
him to death and hand him over to the **G**. . . Mk 10:33
revelation to the **G** and a glory for . . . . . Lk 2:32
Why did the **G** rage, and the . . . . . Ac 4:25
was to bring all **G** to faithful . . . . . Ro 1:5
without accepting any support from the **G**. . . 3Jn 1:7

GEZER

the king of Eglon one the king of **G** on . . . Josh 12:12

GIBEAH

Kain, **G**, and Timnah. In total: ten . . . . Josh 15:57
Ramah trembles; **G** of Saul has fled. . . . . Is 10:29
Blow a horn in **G**; blow a trumpet in . . . . Hos 5:8

GIBEON

the population of **G** heard what Joshua . . . Josh 9:3
rise up; as in the **G** Valley he will . . . . . Is 28:21

GIBEONITES

a treaty with the **G**, the Israelites . . . . . Josh 9:16

GIDEON

Abiezrite. His son **G** was threshing . . . . . Jdg 6:11
I told you about **G**, Barak, Samson, ... Heb 11:32

GIFT

me a wonderful **g**. Now my husband . . . . Gn 30:20
to collect **g** offerings for me. . . . . Ex 25:2
offering, a food **g** of soothing smell . . . . . Lv 1:9
been assigned as a **g** to him from the . . . . Nm 3:9
a spontaneous **g** in precise measure. . . . . Dt 16:10

burned offering or **g** offering, or to . . . . Josh 22:23
it: children are a **g** from the LORD; the . . . . Ps 127:3
A **g** opens the way for access to important . . Prv 18:16
this is the **g** of God: that all . . . . . Ecc 3:13
sent letters and a **g** to Hezekiah, for . . . . Is 39:1
be carried as a **g** for the great . . . . . Hos 10:6
if you bring your **g** to the altar and . . . . . Mt 5:23
corban (that is, a **g** I'm giving to . . . . . Mk 7:11
recognized God's **g** and who is saying . . . . Jn 4:10
will receive the **g** of the Holy Spirit. . . . . Ac 2:38
some spiritual **g** to you so that you . . . . . Ro 1:11
the heavenly **g**, become partners . . . . . Heb 6:4
wishes receive life-giving water as a **g**. . . . Rev 22:17

GIFTS

and to her mother he gave the finest **g**. . . . Gn 24:53
him spontaneous **g**, morning after . . . . . Ex 36:3
most holy portion from the LORD's food **g**. . . . Lv 2:3
in charge of my **g**, including all the . . . . . Nm 18:8
your tenth-part **g**, your . . . . . Dt 12:6
didn't bring him **g**, but Saul didn't 1Sa 10:27
of all, will seek your favor with **g**, ... Ps 45:12
bribe and pursues **g**. They don't defend . . . . Is 1:23
your tenth-part **g** every three days. . . . . Am 4:4
presented him with **g** of gold, ... Mt 2:11
how to give good **g** to your children, ... Lk 11:13
Jerusalem to bring **g** for the poor of my . . . . Ac 24:17
God's **g** and calling can't be taken back . . . . Ro 11:29
miracles, and **g** from the Holy . . . . . Heb 2:4
give each other **g**, because these two . . . . Rev 11:10

GILEAD

set out directly for the mountains of **G**. . . . Gn 31:21
Machir fathered **G**. From Gilead, the . . . . Nm 26:29
even as far as **G**, there wasn't a . . . . . Dt 2:36
of the Ammonites. This was half of **G**. . . . Josh 12:2
G is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is . . . Ps 60:7
of goats as they stream down Mount **G**. . . . Song 4:1
there no balm in **G**? Is there no. . . . . Jer 8:22
G is a city of wicked people, tracked. . . . . Hos 6:8

GILGAL

plain, across from **G**, next to the Moreh . . . Dt 11:30
They camped at **G** on the east border . . . . Josh 4:19
Don't enter into **G**, or go up to . . . . . Hos 4:15

GIVE

God said, "I now **g** to you all the . . . . . Gn 1:29
the Hebrew women **g** birth and you see . . . . Ex 1:16
offering that you **g** to the LORD can be . . . . Lv 2:11
You will **g** the Levites to Aaron and his . . . . Nm 3:9
that I promised to **g** to your ancestors. . . . . Dt 1:8
that I am going to **g** to the Israelites. . . . . Josh 1:2
skin—people will **g** up everything they . . . . Job 2:4
evil, conceive trouble, **g** birth to lies! . . . . . Ps 7:14
come back; I'll **g** it to you . . . . . Prv 3:28
the Lord will **g** you a sign. The . . . . . Is 7:14
my lovers; they **g** me my bread and my . . . . Hos 2:5
She will **g** birth to a son, and you will . . . . . Mt 1:21
he continued to **g** them the word, as . . . . . Mk 4:33
Elizabeth will **g** birth to your son . . . . . Lk 1:13
you? We need to **g** an answer to those. . . . . Jn 1:22
living in it; and **g** his position of . . . . . Ac 1:20
one hand, he will **g** eternal life to . . . . . Ro 2:7
the one to whom we have to **g** an answer. . . . Heb 4:13
death, and I will **g** you the crown of. . . . . Rev 2:10

GIVES

I'm taking, and **g** me bread to eat. . . . . Gn 28:20
said to him, "Who **g** people the ability . . . . Ex 4:11
a child and **g** birth to a son, ... Lv 12:2
whatever anyone **g** to the priest will . . . . Nm 5:10
He's the one who **g** you the strength . . . . . Dt 8:18
until the LORD **g** a rest like yours to . . . . Josh 1:15
the Almighty's breath, **g** understanding. . . . Job 32:8
they are dead. Who **g** you thanks from . . . . . Ps 6:5
The LORD **g** wisdom; from his mouth come . . . Prv 2:6
bias in judgment **g** them away; like . . . . . Is 3:9
their divining rod **g** them predictions. . . . . Hos 4:12
that everybody who **g** even a cup of cold. . . . Mt 10:42
deaf to hear and **g** speech to those . . . . . Mk 7:37
words because God **g** the Spirit. . . . . Jn 3:34
he is the one who **g** life, breath, and. . . . . Ac 17:25
faith, the God who **g** life to the dead . . . . Ro 4:17
and the pride that our hope **g** us. . . . . Heb 3:6

GIVING

of the land because I am **g** it to you. . . . . Gn 13:17
says, 'I'm not **g** you straw anymore. . . . . Ex 5:10
Canaan, which I am **g** to you as a . . . . . Lv 14:34
Canaan, which I'm **g** to the Israelites. . . . . Nm 13:2
which the LORD our God is **g** to us. . . . . Dt 1:20
I am **g** you every place where you set . . . . Josh 1:3
commands are pure, **g** light to the eyes. . . . . Ps 19:8
to get rich and **g** to the wealthy . . . . . Prv 22:16
a time for **g** birth and a time for dying, ... Ecc 3:2
g power to the tired and reviving the . . . . Is 40:29
Look, the LORD is **g** an order; he will . . . . Am 6:11
to you I'm **g** to God as a gift, ... Mt 15:5
corban (that is, a gift I'm **g** to God), ... Mk 7:11
Father delights in **g** you the kingdom. . . . Lk 12:32
has blessed you by **g** you rain from . . . . . Ac 14:17
the covenants, the **g** of the Law, the . . . . . Ro 9:4
she was in labor, in pain from **g** birth. . . . Rev 12:2

GLAD

Jethro was **g** about all the good things . . . . Ex 18:9
in the LORD and be **g**! All you whose . . . . Ps 32:11
makes a father **g**, but a foolish . . . . . Prv 10:1
because a sad face may lead to a **g** heart. . . . Ecc 7:3
waited; let's be **g** and rejoice in his . . . . . Is 25:9
they make the king **g**, and give joy to . . . . Hos 7:3
who grieve, because they will be made **g**. . . . Mt 5:4
celebrate and be **g** because this . . . . . Lk 15:32
your sakes, I'm **g** I wasn't there so . . . . . Jn 11:15
my heart was **g** and my tongue . . . . . Ac 2:26
there to make me **g** when you are sad 2Co 2:2

GLORIFIED

but later he **g** the way of the . . . . . Is 9:1
with awe, they **g** God, saying, ... Lk 5:26
Spirit yet since Jesus hadn't yet been **g**. . . . Jn 7:39
our ancestors—has **g** his servant Jesus. . . . Ac 3:13
him so that we can also be **g** with him. . . . Ro 8:17
extent that she **g** herself and. . . . . Rev 18:7

GLORIFY

moved the king to **g** the LORD's house . . . . Ezr 7:27
before you, Lord; they will **g** your name . . . . Ps 86:9
Will the ax **g** itself over the one who . . . . Is 10:15
or don't intend to **g** my name, says the . . . . Mal 2:2
said, "With all my heart I **g** the Lord! . . . . Lk 1:46
who is seeking to **g** me, and he's the . . . . Jn 8:50
That way you can **g** the God and Father of . . . Ro 15:6
to judge they will **g** him, because they. . . . 1Pt 2:12
you, Lord, and **g** your name? You . . . . . Rev 15:4

GLORIOUS

see the LORD's **g** presence, because . . . . . Ex 16:7
so that the LORD's **g** presence will . . . . . Lv 9:6
the awesome and **g** name of the LORD . . . Dt 28:58
God, we thank you and praise your **g** name. . 1Ch 29:13
rise up high! So the **g** king can enter! . . . . Ps 24:7
your head; she will give you a **g** crown. . . . . Prv 4:9

beautiful and *g*. The earth's fruit . . . . . Is 4:2
You strip off the *g* clothes from . . . . . Mi 2:8
listen to me. Our *g* God appeared to . . . . . Ac 7:2
brought into the *g* freedom of God's . . . . . Ro 8:21
so rejoice with a *g* joy that is too 1Pt 1:8

GLORY

Then the LORD's *g* appeared in the . . . . . Nm 14:10
has shown us his *g* and greatness. . . . . Dt 5:24
My son, give *g* to the LORD the . . . . . Josh 7:19
shield! You are my *g*! You are the one . . . . . Ps 3:3
A king's *g* is a large population, but a . . . . Prv 14:28
riches, and *g* so that they lack . . . . . Ecc 6:2
the LORD, defying his brilliant *g*. . . . . Is 3:8
me; they exchanged their *g* for shame. . . . . Hos 4:7
the kingdoms of the world and their *g*. . . . . Mt 4:8
in the Father's *g* with the holy . . . . . Mk 8:38
them, the Lord's *g* shone around them, ... Lk 2:9
We have seen his *g*, glory like that . . . . . Jn 1:14
They exchanged the *g* of the immortal God . . Ro 1:23
the light of God's *g* and the imprint of . . . . Heb 1:3
Father—to him be *g* and power forever . . . . Rev 1:6

GOAL

Christ is the *g* of the Law, which leads . . . . Ro 10:4
Pursue the *g* of peace along with . . . . . Heb 12:14

GOAT

female *g*, a three-year-old . . . . . Gn 15:9
Don't boil a young *g* in its mother's . . . . . Ex 23:19
sheep or *g*—you must present . . . . . Lv 1:10
one male *g* for a purification offering . . . . Nm 7:16
you are allowed to eat: ox, sheep, *g*, ... Dt 14:4
prepared a young *g* and used an ephah . . . . Jdg 6:19
rooster or a male *g*; and a king with. . . . . Prv 30:31
with the young *g*; the calf and the . . . . . Is 11:6
as much as a young *g* so I could. . . . . Lk 15:29

GOATS

two healthy young *g* so I can prepare . . . . . Gn 27:9
may take it from the sheep or from the *g*. . . . Ex 12:5
community two male *g* for a purification . . . Lv 16:5
rams, five male *g*, and five male . . . . . Nm 7:17
three young *g*, one carrying 1Sa 10:3
know when mountain *g* give birth; do you . . Job 39:1
from your house or *g* from your corrals . . . . Ps 50:9
clothes, and the *g* will be the price . . . . . Prv 27:26
want the blood of bulls, lambs, and *g*. . . . . Is 1:11
I will punish the *g*. The LORD of . . . . . Zec 10:3
shepherd separates the sheep from the *g*. . . Mt 25:32
by the blood of *g* or calves, ... Heb 9:12

GOD

When *G* began to create the heavens and . . . Gn 1:1
midwives respected *G* so they didn't . . . . . Ex 1:17
of the LORD his *G*, doing something . . . . . Lv 4:22
of their dedication to *G* on their heads. . . . Nm 6:7
the LORD our *G* told us: You've. . . . . Dt 1:6
the LORD your *G* is with you . . . . . Josh 1:9
integrity; he feared *G* and avoided evil. . . . . Job 1:1
But then *G* speaks to them angrily; then . . . . Ps 2:5
LORD, and discover the knowledge of *G*. . . . . Prv 2:5
of Israel; they turned their backs on *G*. . . . . Is 1:4
I, the LORD their *G*, will save them; I . . . . . Hos 1:7
Emmanuel. (Emmanuel means "*G* with us.") Mt 1:23
lives and wanted *G* to forgive their . . . . . Mk 1:4
righteous before *G*, blameless in . . . . . Lk 1:6
the Word was with *G* and the Word was . . . . Jn 1:1
mighty works of *G* in our own . . . . . Ac 2:11
G promised this good news about his Son . . . Ro 1:3
In the past, *G* spoke through the prophets. . . Heb 1:1
Christ, which *G* gave him to show . . . . . Rev 1:1

GODS

so much, but why did you steal my *g*? . . . . Gn 31:30
on all the *g* of Egypt. I am the . . . . . Ex 12:12
to idols or make *g* of cast metal for . . . . . Lv 19:4
also executed judgments against their *g*. . . Nm 33:4
nation that has *g* as close to it as . . . . . Dt 4:7
LORD is God of *g*! The LORD is God. . . . Josh 22:22
what is right, you *g*? Do you really . . . . . Ps 58:1
people consult its *g*?) Consult the dead . . . . Is 8:19
they turn to other *g* and love raisin . . . . . Hos 3:1
in your Law, I have said, you are *g*? . . . . . Jn 10:34
Aaron, 'Make us *g* that will lead us. . . . . Ac 7:40
who worship false *g*—otherwise you 1Co 5:10

GOLD

entire land of Havilah, where there is *g*. . . . Gn 2:11
silver and their *g* jewelry as well as . . . . . Ex 3:22
head and put the *g* flower ornament, ... Lv 8:9
blue cloth on the *g* altar and cover it . . . . Nm 4:11
the silver or the *g* that is on them . . . . . Dt 7:25
All silver and *g*, along with bronze and . . . Josh 6:19
princes who have *g*, who fill their. . . . . Job 3:15
desirable than *g*—than tons of. . . . . Ps 19:10
than silver, and her gain better than *g*. . . . Prv 3:14
full of silver and *g*; they have. . . . . Is 2:7
much silver, and *g* that they used for . . . . Hos 2:8
him with gifts of *g*, frankincense, and. . . . Mt 2:11
being is like a *g*, silver, or stone . . . . . Ac 17:29
foundation with *g*, silver, precious 1Co 3:12
It had the *g* altar for incense and the . . . . Heb 9:4
lamps burning on top of seven *g* stands. . . . Rev 1:12

GOLIATH

A champion named *G* from Gath came out . . 1Sa 17:4

GOMER

Japheth's sons: *G*, Magog, Madai, Javan, . . . Gn 10:2
Japheth's family: *G*, Magog, Madai, ... 1Ch 1:5
G and all his troops, Beth-togarmah from . . Eze 38:6
went and took *G*, Diblaim's . . . . . Hos 1:3

GOMORRAH

by way of Sodom, *G*, Admah, and. . . . . Gn 10:19
as Sodom and *G*, Admah and. . . . . Dt 29:23
would be like Sodom; we would resemble *G*. . . Is 1:9
Sodom and *G*. You were like a . . . . . Am 4:11
land of Sodom and *G* on Judgment Day . . . Mt 10:15
Sodom, and we would have become like *G*. . . Ro 9:29
of Sodom and *G* to total 2Pt 2:6

GOOD

God saw how *g* the light was. God . . . . . Gn 1:4
bring them to a *g* and broad land, a . . . . . Ex 3:8
whether bad or *g*—whatever one. . . . . Lv 5:4
with us, whatever *g* the LORD does for . . . Nm 10:32
me: "What you have proposed is a *g* idea." . . . Dt 1:14
my family. Give me a sign of *g* faith. . . . . Josh 2:12
Will we receive *g* from God but not . . . . . Job 2:10
to the LORD because he has been *g* to me. . . . Ps 13:6
as well as integrity, every *g* course. . . . . Prv 2:9
learn to do *g*. Seek justice: help the . . . . . Is 1:17
away from the *g*; the enemy will . . . . . Hos 8:3
doesn't produce *g* fruit will be . . . . . Mt 3:10
beginning of the *g* news about Jesus . . . . . Mk 1:1
to you and to bring this *g* news to you. . . . . Lk 1:19
from Nazareth be *g*?" Philip said, ... Jn 1:46
because something *g* was done for a . . . . . Ac 4:9
apostle and set apart for God's *g* news. . . . . Ro 1:1
We also had the *g* news preached to us, ... Heb 4:2
fulfilling the *g* news he gave to . . . . . Rev 10:7

GOODNESS

I'll make all my **g** pass in front of . . . . . Ex 33:19
because of the **g** the LORD had shown. . . . 2Ch 7:10
We can't find **g** anywhere. The . . . . . Ps 4:6
based on **g**, and someone will . . . . . Is 16:5
and to the LORD's **g** in the latter days. . . . . Hos 3:5
demonstrated God's **g** to everyone. The . . . . Ac 2:47
are full of **g**, filled with all . . . . . Ro 15:14

GOSHEN

in the land of **G**, so you will be . . . . . Gn 45:10
apart the land of **G**, where my people . . . . . Ex 8:22
and the whole land of **G** as far as Gibeon. Josh 10:41

GOSPEL

This **g** of the kingdom will be proclaimed . . Mt 24:14
the word of the **g** and come to . . . . . Ac 15:7
to preach the **g** also to you who. . . . . Ro 1:15

GOVERNOR

he was the land's **g**, and he was the . . . . . Gn 42:6
Joshua the city's **g**, which were on the 2Ki 23:8
make peace your **g** and righteousness . . . . Is 60:17
month, to Judah's **g** Zerubbabel, ... Hg 1:1
and turned him over to Pilate the **g**. . . . . Mt 27:2
Pontius Pilate was **g** over Judea and . . . . .Lk 3:1
company with the **g** of that province, ... Ac 13:7
At Damascus the **g** under King Aretas was . . 2Co 11:32

GOVERNORS

of the district **g** with the army 1Ki 20:19
name. He tramples **g** like mud, as a . . . . . Is 41:25
you in front of **g** and even kings . . . . . Mt 10:18
will stand before **g** and kings because . . . .Mk 13:9
before kings and **g** because of my name. . . Lk 21:12
are in session and **g** are available. . . . . Ac 19:38
or to **g** as those sent by the emperor. 1Pt 2:14

GRABBED

save him, the men **g** him, his wife, and . . . Gn 19:16
reached out and **g** it, and it turned . . . . . .Ex 4:4
Each one of you **g** your weapons. You . . . . Dt 1:41
his left hand and **g** the sword from his . . . .Jdg 3:21
reached down and **g** me; he took me out. . . Ps 18:16
own evil acts, **g** by the ropes of. . . . . .Prv 5:22
The enemy **g** all her treasures. She . . . . . Lam 1:10
reached out and **g** him, saying, "You . . . . Mt 14:31
But they **g** the servant, beat him, and . . . . .Mk 12:3
Jesus away, they **g** Simon, a man from . . . Lk 23:26
wanted to arrest him, but no one **g** him. . . . Jn 7:44
was gone. They **g** Paul and Silas and. . . . . Ac 16:19
it because Christ **g** hold of me for. . . . . Phil 3:12

GRACE

him Jedidiah because of the LORD's **g**. . . . 2Sa 12:25
handsome of men; **g** has been poured . . . . . Ps 45:2
the sword found **g** in the wilderness. . . . . Jer 31:2
out a spirit of **g** and mercy on . . . . . Zec 12:10
a father's only son, full of **g** and truth. . . . . Jn 1:14
an abundance of **g** was at work among . . . . Ac 4:33
received God's **g** and our. . . . . Ro 1:5
taste death for everyone through God's **g**. . . . Heb 2:9
that are in Asia: **g** and peace to you . . . . . Rev 1:4

GRACIOUS

told me about? God be **g** to you, my son. . . Gn 43:29
But I am loyal and **g** to the thousandth . . . . Ex 20:6
his face shine on you and be **g** to you. . . . . Nm 6:25
But I am loyal and **g** to the thousandth . . . . Dt 5:10
But the LORD was **g** to Israel and had 2Ki 13:23
They are always **g** and generous. Their. . . . .Ps 37:26
A **g** woman gains honor; violent men gain . . Prv 11:16
the one who formed them won't be **g**. . . . . Is 27:11
forces will be **g** to what is left of . . . . . Am 5:15
were they by the **g** words flowing from . . . . Lk 4:22
should always be **g** and sprinkled with . . . . Col 4:6
a coheir of the **g** care of life. Do. 1Pt 3:7

GRAIN

Isaac planted **g** in that land and reaped . . . Gn 26:12
and all the **g** in the fields in . . . . . Ex 9:22
anyone presents a **g** offering to the . . . . . Lv 2:1
the regular **g** offering, and the . . . . . Nm 4:16
land—all your **g**, your wine, your . . . . . Dt 7:13
the land: unleavened bread and roasted **g**. . Josh 5:11
age as bundles of **g** stacked up at . . . . . Job 5:26
recall your many **g** offerings; let him . . . . Ps 20:3
those who hoard **g**, but they bless . . . . . Prv 11:26
your summer fruit and your **g** harvest. . . . . Is 16:9
they fight over **g** and wine; they . . . . . Hos 7:14
seed or harvest **g** or gather crops . . . . . Mt 6:26
then the head, then the full head of **g**. . . . .Mk 4:28
hundred times more **g** than was . . . . . .Lk 8:8
you that unless a **g** of wheat falls . . . . . Jn 12:24
heard there was **g** in Egypt, he sent . . . . . Ac 7:12
know that a tiny **g** of yeast makes a 1Co 5:6

GRANDSON

his son Abram, his **g** Lot. . . . . Gn 11:31
son and Hur's **g** from the tribe of. . . . . Ex 31:2
son, Kohath's **g**, and Levi's. . . . . Nm 16:1
the son of Carmi, **g** of Zabdi,. . . . . .Josh 7:1
Jotham's son and **g** of Judah's King. . . . . Is 7:1
son, Gedaliah's **g**, Amariah's great . . . . . Zep 1:1

GRANT

I will **g** peace in the land so that you . . . . . Lv 26:6
lift up his face to you and **g** you peace. . . . Nm 6:26
May the LORD **g** that the woman who. . . . . Ru 4:11
requested would come and God **g** my hope; . . Job 6:8
Let God **g** what is in your heart and. . . . . Ps 20:4
LORD, **g** us peace, because all that we . . . . Is 26:12
issued his decision to **g** their request. . . . . Lk 23:24
Felix wanted to **g** a favor to the. . . . . Ac 24:27

GRAPES

and its clusters ripened into **g**. . . . . Gn 40:10
gather up all the **g** that have fallen . . . . . Lv 19:10
grape juice or eat **g**, whether fresh or . . . . Nm 6:3
can eat as many **g** as you like, until . . . . . Dt 23:24
as well as wine, **g**, figs, and every . . . . .Neh 13:15
will drop early **g** and cast off their . . . . . Job 15:33
it to grow good **g**—but it grew . . . . . Is 5:2
Like **g** in the wilderness, I found Israel. . . . Hos 9:10
get bunches of **g** from thorny weeds, ... Mt 7:16
nor do they pick **g** from prickly. . . . . Lk 6:44
of the earth, because its **g** are ripe. . . . . Rev 14:18

GRASP

of Aram's king has slipped out of your **g**. . . 2Ch 16:7
In whose **g** is the life of every thing, ... Job 12:10
to the spindle; her palms **g** the whorl. . . . Prv 31:19
reason. I will **g** your hand and . . . . . Is 42:6
himself from the **g** of calamity. . . . . Hab 2:9
bread? Don't you **g** what has happened?. . . .Mk 8:17
so they couldn't **g** it. And they were. . . . . Lk 9:45
have the power to **g** love's width and . . . . Eph 3:18
be encouraged to **g** the hope that is . . . . . Heb 6:18

GRASS

an ox eats up the **g** in the field. . . . . Nm 22:4
gentle rains on **g**, like spring . . . . . Dt 32:2
we can find some **g** to keep our horses 1Ki 18:5
will be like the **g** of the earth. . . . . Job 5:25
fade fast, like **g**; they will wither . . . . . Ps 37:2

lion; his favor is like the dew on the **g**. . . . Prv 19:12
are used up. **g** has withered; . . . . . Is 15:6
the time the late **g** began to sprout. . . . . Am 7:1
If God dresses **g** in the field so . . . . . Mt 6:30
were having a banquet on the green **g**. . . . Mk 6:39
If God dresses **g** in the field so . . . . . Lk 12:28
was plenty of **g** there. They sat . . . . . Jn 6:10
silver, precious stones, wood, **g**, or hay, . . . 1Co 3:12
and dries up the **g** so that its . . . . . Jas 1:11
burned up. All the green **g** was burned up. . . Rev 8:7

GRASSHOPPERS

saw ourselves as **g**, and that's how we . . . . Nm 13:33
locusts, or **g**, or whenever 2Ch 6:28
and the locusts came—countless **g** came! . . Ps 105:34
guards are like **g**, your marshals . . . . . Na 3:17

GRAVE

up a pillar on her **g**. It's the pillar . . . . . Gn 35:20
a human bone or a **g**, will be unclean . . . . Nm 19:16
the depths of the **g**; it will destroy . . . . . Dt 32:22
life, takes down to the **g**, and raises up! . . . 1Sa 2:6
who are thrilled when they find a **g**? . . . . Job 3:22
dead. Who gives you thanks from the **g**? . . . Ps 6:5
living like the **g**—whole, like . . . . . Prv 1:12
Therefore, the **g** opens wide its jaws, ... Is 5:14
the power of the **g** Heb Sheol Will I . . . . Hos 13:14
order the **g** to be sealed until. . . . . Mt 27:64
abandon me to the **g**, nor permit your . . . . Ac 2:27
Their throat is a **g** that has been opened. . . . Ro 3:13
I have the keys of Death and the **g**. . . . . Rev 1:18

GRAVES

there enough **g** in Egypt that you. . . . . Ex 14:11
alive to their **g**, then you'll know . . . . . Nm 16:30
them over the **g** of those who had 2Ch 34:4
carried to their **g**; someone keeps. . . . . Job 21:32
throats are open **g**; their tongues . . . . . Ps 5:9
of Jerusalem will be taken from their **g** . . . Jer 8:1
and decorate the **g** of the righteous. . . . . Mt 23:29
are like unmarked **g** and people walk on . . . Lk 11:44
who are in their **g** will hear his . . . . . Jn 5:28

GREATER

No one is **g** than I am in this household, . . . Gn 39:9
that the LORD is **g** than all the gods, ... Ex 18:11
because you were **g** than all other. . . . . Dt 7:7
Israelites grew **g** and greater over. . . . . Jdg 4:24
so that he was **g** than all the . . . . . Job 1:3
I have **g** insight than all my teachers . . . . Ps 119:99
g was the punishment of the daughter of . . . Lam 4:6
is your territory **g** than their . . . . . Am 6:2
righteousness is **g** than the . . . . . Mt 5:20
No other commandment is **g** than these. . . Mk 12:31
Disciples aren't **g** than their teacher, ... Lk 6:40
comes after me is **g** than me because he . . . Jn 1:15
together, giving **g** honor to the part. 1Co 12:24
Son became so much **g** than the other. . . . Heb 1:4
recently are even **g** than those you did . . . Rev 2:19

GREATEST

Arba had been the **g** of the Anakim. . . . . Josh 14:15
the LORD—from the smallest to the **g**. . . . Ps 115:13
the least to the **g**, each is eager to. . . . . Jer 6:13
clothes, from the **g** of them to the . . . . . Jon 3:5
he had done his **g** miracles because . . . . . Mt 11:20
with each other about who was the **g**. . . . . Mk 9:34
disciples about which of them was the **g**. . . . Lk 9:46
the least to the **g**, gave him their . . . . . Ac 8:10
three things—and the **g** of these is love. . . 1Co 13:13

GREATNESS

your servant your **g** and your mighty . . . . . Dt 3:24
g and grandeur are in front of him; 1Ch 16:27
g and grandeur are in front of him; . . . . . Ps 96:6
With whom do you compare in your **g**? . . . . Eze 31:2
by God's **g**. While everyone . . . . . Lk 9:43
the overwhelming **g** of God's power. . . . . Eph 1:19

GREEK

everyone, including the **G** kingdom. . . . . Dn 11:2
The woman was **G**, Syrophoenician by. . . . . Mk 7:26
it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and **G**. . . . Jn 19:20
a complaint arose. **G**-speaking disciples . . . . Ac 6:1
who don't speak **G**, both to the wise . . . . . Ro 1:14
is Abaddon, and whose **G** name is Apollyon. . Rev 9:11

GREEN

give all the **g** grasses for food. . . . . Gn 1:30
had left. Nothing **g** was left in any . . . . . Ex 10:15
or hills or under leafy **g** trees. . . . . Dt 12:2
every high hill and under every **g** tree. . . . 1Ki 14:23
their branch is formed, before it is **g**, ... Job 15:32
they will wither like **g** vegetables. . . . . Ps 37:2
in a field, tender **g** shoots, the grass. . . . . Is 37:27
under various **g** trees, because . . . . . Hos 4:13
were having a banquet on the **g** grass. . . . Mk 6:39
when the tree is **g**, what will happen . . . . Lk 23:31
there was a pale **g** horse. Its rider's . . . . . Rev 6:8

GREET

tent entrance to **g** them and bowed. . . . . Gn 18:2
When you get to Nabal, **g** him for me. . . . 1Sa 25:5
restless to **g** your arrival. It . . . . . Is 14:9
And if you **g** only your brothers and . . . . . Mt 5:47
Jesus. They ran to **g** him, overcome with . . . Mk 9:15
You didn't **g** me with a kiss, but she. . . . . Lk 7:45
province of Asia **g** you. Aquila and 1Co 16:19
g your leaders and all of God's holy . . . . . Heb 13:24

GREW

any field crops **g**, because the LORD. . . . . Gn 2:5
multiplied and **g** dramatically, ... Ex 1:7
had sprouted. It **g** shoots, produced. . . . . Nm 17:8
the Israelites **g** strong, they . . . . . Josh 17:13
your inheritance **g** weary, you . . . . . Ps 68:9
Thorns **g** all over it; weeds covered the . . . Prv 24:31
good grapes—but it **g** rotten grapes. . . . . Is 5:2
a shrub, and it **g** up over Jonah, ... Jon 4:6
had fooled him, he **g** very angry. He. . . . . Mt 2:16
The thorny plants **g** and choked the. . . . . Mk 4:7
The child **g** up, becoming strong in . . . . . Lk 1:80
and their number **g** to about five . . . . . Ac 4:4
promise, but he **g** strong in faith . . . . . Ro 4:20

GRIEF

at a distance, cried out in **g**, and wept. . . . Gn 21:16
heard their cry of **g**, and God. . . . . Ex 2:24
out and be full of **g**. Any new children. . . . 1Sa 2:33
Oh, that my **g** were actually weighed, all. . . . Job 6:2
because of my **g**; it's weak because . . . . . Ps 6:7
for a son brings **g**; there's no joy . . . . . Prv 17:21
overwhelm them; **g** and groaning will. . . . . Is 35:10
He found them asleep, overcome by **g**. . . . Lk 22:45
give her pain and **g**. In her heart she . . . . Rev 18:7

GRINDING

Then I smashed it, **g** it thoroughly . . . . . Dt 9:21
and he worked the **g** mill in the prison. . . . Jdg 16:21
people would do, **g** their teeth at me. . . . . Ps 35:16
in a mortar, even **g** them along with . . . . Prv 27:22
you; they whistle, **g** their teeth. They . . . . Lam 2:16
there will be weeping and **g** their teeth. . . . Mt 8:12

be weeping and **g** of teeth when you . . . . Lk 13:28

GROUND

that crawls on the **g**. God saw how good . . . . Gn 1:25
because you are standing on holy **g**. . . . . .Ex 3:5
their feet with which they hop on the **g**. . . Lv 11:21
camp and about three feet deep on the **g**. . . Nm 11:31
of cracked **g** with no water; the. . . . . Dt 8:15
feet touched dry **g**. At that moment, ... Josh 4:18
his head, fell to the **g**, and worshipped. . . . Job 1:20
my life into the **g**, laying my . . . . . .Ps 7:5
weeds covered the **g**, and the stone . . . . Prv 24:31
mourn; desolate, she will sit on the **g**. . . . . Is 3:26
of the fertile **g**. I will do away . . . . . Hos 2:18
will fall to the **g** without your . . . . . Mt 10:29
seed fell on rocky **g** where the soil was . . . Mk 4:5
area of level **g**. A great company . . . . . Lk 6:17
down and wrote on the **g** with his finger. . . . .Jn 8:6
place where you are standing is holy **g**. . . . Ac 7:33
hope, stand your **g** when you're in . . . . . Ro 12:12
The **g** receives a blessing from God when . . . Heb 6:7

GROUP

you will become a large **g** of peoples. . . . . Gn 28:3
your ancestors, a **g** of sinful men, to . . . . Nm 32:14
than any other **g** of people. No one . . . . . Dt 7:14
The initial **g** of soldiers was going in . . . . .Josh 6:9
me out. You have destroyed my entire **g**, . . Job 16:7
that whole **g**; flames burned up. . . . . Ps 106:18
him took the small **g** they had rescued . . . Jer 41:16
thief breaks in; a **g** of bandits raid . . . . . Hos 7:1
than the first **g**. They treated them . . . . . Mt 21:36
because he isn't in our **g** of followers. . . . . Lk 9:49
Placing her in the center of the **g**, ...Jn 8:3
Even a large **g** of priests . . . . . .Ac 6:7
is a remaining **g** by the choice of . . . . . Ro 11:5
holy people. The **g** from Italy greets . . . . .Heb 13:24

GROW

Let the earth **g** plant life: plants . . . . . Gn 1:11
they will only **g** in number. And if . . . . . Ex 1:10
letting his or her hair **g** untrimmed. . . . . Nm 6:5
unable to **g** or produce any. . . . . Dt 29:23
his head began to **g** again right after . . . . Jdg 16:22
Does papyrus **g** apart from a marsh? Does a . Job 8:11
Let their eyes **g** too dim to see; make . . . . .Ps 69:23
wise hear them and **g** in wisdom; those . . . . Prv 1:5
He expected it to **g** good grapes . . . . . Is 5:2
all who live on it **g** weak; together . . . . . Hos 4:3
in the field **g**. They don't wear . . . . . Mt 6:28
how the lilies **g**. They don't wear . . . . . Lk 12:27
wanted. When you **g** old, you will. . . . . Jn 21:18
word continued to **g**. The number of . . . . .Ac 6:7
Apollos watered, but God made it **g**. 1Co 3:6
slow to speak, and slow to **g** angry. . . . . .Jas 1:19

GROWS

my son Shelah **g** up." He thought . . . . . Gn 38:11
or the hyssop that **g** out of the wall. 1Ki 4:33
the one whose hands are clean **g** stronger. . Job 17:9
I complain, and my spirit **g** tired. Selah . . . . Ps 77:3
it is gone; it **g** wings like an . . . . . .Prv 23:5
you will eat what **g** by itself. Next. . . . . Is 37:30
me; my compassion **g** warm and tender. . . . Hos 11:8
seed sprouts and **g**, but the farmer . . . . . .Mk 4:27
you as your faith **g**, until it expands. 2Co 10:15
root of bitterness **g** up that might . . . . .Heb 12:15

GUARD

flaming swords to **g** the way to the . . . . . Gn 3:24
in front of you to **g** you on your way . . . . Ex 23:20
He was put under **g** until they could . . . . Lv 24:12
The Levites will **g** the covenant. . . . . Nm 1:53
But be on **g** and watch yourselves closely . . . .Dt 4:9
trumpets. The rear **g** was coming behind . . .Josh 6:9
Sea Monster that you place me under **g**? . . Job 7:12
and virtue **g** me because I hope. . . . . .Ps 25:21
Discretion will **g** you; understanding will . . .Prv 2:11
to me from Seir: "**g**, how long is the. . . . . .Is 21:11
in a companion; **g** the doors of your . . . . . Mi 7:5
out and be on your **g** for the yeast of . . . . .Mt 16:6
So he ordered a **g** to bring John's head. . . . .Mk 6:27
and placed under **g**. But he would. . . . . Lk 8:29
The **g** at the gate opens the gate for him, . . . Jn 10:3
of the temple **g**, and the Sadducees . . . . . .Ac 4:1
whole Praetorian **g** and everyone else . . . . Phil 1:13
in advance, be on **g** so that you aren't 2Pt 3:17

GUARDS

just changed the **g**. Then they blew . . . . . Jdg 7:19
hate evil! God **g** the lives of his . . . . . .Ps 97:10
of justice and **g** the way of those . . . . . Prv 2:8
The **g** found me, those who make their . . . Song 3:3
fortify the **g**, post watchmen, ... Jer 51:12
Your **g** are like grasshoppers, your . . . . . Na 3:17
The **g** were so terrified of him that they . . . Mt 28:4
sitting with the **g**, warming himself. . . . . Mk 14:54
man, fully armed, **g** his own palace, ... Lk 11:21
and Pharisees sent **g** to arrest him. . . . . Jn 7:32
However, the **g** didn't find them in the . . . . Ac 5:22

GUESTS

laborers and foreign **g** who live with you, . . . Lv 25:6
can the invited **g** eat. Now get going 1Sa 9:13
My **g** and female servants think me a . . . . Job 19:15
are there; her **g** are in the depths . . . . . Prv 9:18
The wedding **g** can't mourn while. . . . . Mt 9:15
said, "The wedding **g** can't fast while . . . . .Mk 2:19
make the wedding **g** fast while the . . . . . Lk 5:34
wine only when the **g** are drinking . . . . . Jn 2:10
the house as his **g**. The next day he . . . . . Ac 10:23
up your homes to **g**, because by doing. . . . Heb 13:2

GUILT

on himself any **g** connected with the . . . . Ex 28:38
their ancestors' **g** for the wrongdoing . . . . Lv 26:40
payment for his **g**, add one-fifth . . . . . Nm 5:7
Don't put the **g** of innocent . . . . . Dt 21:8
sure to return a **g** offering to him. 1Sa 6:3
exposes their **g**; earth opposes . . . . . Job 20:27
didn't conceal my **g**. "I'll confess my. . . . . Ps 32:5
reconcile **g**; the fear of the . . . . . .Prv 16:6
to those who drag **g** along with cords . . . . . Is 5:18
because of their **g**; Judah staggers . . . . . Hos 5:5

GUILTY

sweep away the innocent with the **g**? . . . . Gn 18:23
occurs, then the **g** party will be. . . . . Ex 21:22
making the people **g** of sin, he must . . . . . Lv 4:3
with the LORD, that person becomes **g**. . . . . Nm 5:6
against you, and you will be **g** of sin. . . . . Dt 15:9
way you are not **g** because you didn't . . . . Jdg 21:22
myself am thought **g**; why have I tried . . . Job 9:29
doesn't consider **g**—in whose spirit. . . . . Ps 32:2
people and **g** people go around . . . . . .Prv 6:12
who spare the **g** for bribes, and rob the . . . . Is 5:23
let Judah become **g**. Don't enter into . . . . Hos 4:15
judged innocent or condemned as **g**. . . . . Mt 12:37
That person is **g** of a sin with. . . . . .Mk 3:29
they were more **g** of wrongdoing than. . . . . Lk 13:4
you can show I'm **g** of sin? Since I . . . . . Jn 8:46
first finding us **g** of a crime, and . . . . . Ac 16:37
will be **g** of the Lord's body 1Co 11:27

at one point is *g* of failing to keep . . . . . Jas 2:10

H

HADAD

H; Tema; Jetur; Naphish; and Kedemah . . . Gn 25:15
for Solomon: *H* the Edomite from 1Ki 11:14
as the mourning of *H*-Rimmon in the . . . . Zec 12:11

HADADEZER

Zobah's King *H*, Rehob's son, as 2Sa 8:3
son, who had escaped from Zobah's King *H*. . 1Ki 11:23

HAGAR

she had an Egyptian servant named *H*, ... Gn 16:1
gives birth to slave children; this is *H*. . . . . Ga 4:24

HAGGAI

Then the prophet *H* and the prophet . . . . . Ezr 5:1
word came through *H* the prophet in the . . . Hg 1:1

HAIL

cause the heaviest *h* to fall on Egypt . . . . . Ex 9:18
storehouses, seen the storehouses of *h* . . . Job 38:22
before him; *h* and coals of fire . . . . . Ps 18:12
plumb line. But *h* will sweep away . . . . . Is 28:17
and mildew and *h*; but you didn't . . . . . Hg 2:17
his trumpet, and *h* and fire mixed . . . . . Rev 8:7

HAILSTONES

More died from the *h* than the . . . . . Josh 10:11
appear and I send *h*, it will collapse, ... Eze 13:11
Huge *h* weighing about one hundred pounds Rev 16:21

HAIR

over, clothed with *h*, and she named him . . Gn 25:25
and deep red yarns; fine linen; goats' *h*; . . . Ex 25:4
dishevel your *h* and don't rip your . . . . . Lv 10:6
the LORD, let the *h* of the woman hang . . . Nm 5:18
When *h* is long in Israel, when people . . . . Jdg 5:2
by my face; the *h* of my skin . . . . . Job 4:15
old age with gray *h*, don't abandon me, . . . Ps 71:18
Gray *h* is a crown of glory; it is found . . . . Prv 16:31
instead of styled *h*, shaved heads; . . . . . Is 3:24
and cut off your *h* because of your . . . . . Mi 1:16
made of camel's *h*, with a leather . . . . . Mt 3:4
made of camel's *h*, with a leather . . . . . Mk 1:6
them with her *h*, kissed them, and . . . . . Lk 7:38
his feet with her *h*. Her brother . . . . . Jn 11:2
you will lose a single *h* from his head. . . . . Ac 27:34
should have her *h* cut off. If it is 1Co 11:6
with stylish *h* or by wearing gold 1Pt 3:3
His head and *h* were white as white . . . . . Rev 1:14

HALF

split them in *h*, and laid the . . . . . Gn 15:10
Moses took *h* of the blood and put it in . . . . Ex 24:6
gram offering, *h* in the morning and . . . . . Lv 6:20
whose flesh is *h* eaten as it comes. . . . . Nm 12:12
was thirteen and a *h* feet long and six . . . . Dt 3:11
the Gadites, and *h* the tribe of . . . . . Josh 1:12
not live out even *h* their days. But . . . . . Ps 55:23
h of it he burns in the fire; on that . . . . . Is 44:16
will be raped. *h* of the city will . . . . . Zec 14:2
who collected the *h*-shekel temple tax. . . . Mt 17:24
to you, even as much as *h* of my kingdom. . . Mk 6:23
for three and a *h* years and there . . . . . Lk 4:25
More than a *h* year's salary . . . . . Jn 6:7
no rain fell for three and a *h* years. . . . . Jas 5:17
silence in heaven for about *h* an hour. . . . . Rev 8:1

HAMAN

Ahasuerus promoted *H*, Hammedatha the. . . Est 3:1

HAMATH

Damascus and *H* to Judah in Israel 2Ki 14:28
Carchemish? Isn't *H* like Arpad? Isn't . . . . Is 10:9
from there go to *H* the great; then go . . . . . Am 6:2

HANANIAH

H, Omri, Elam, Anthothijah 1Ch 8:24
year, the prophet *H*, Azzur's son from. . . . . Jer 28:1

HAND

stretch out his *h* and take also from. . . . . Gn 3:22
that in your *h*?" Moses replied, ... Ex 4:2
must press your *h* on the head of the . . . . . Lv 1:4
Moses raised his *h* and struck the . . . . . Nm 20:11
out of Egypt—to *h* us over to the. . . . . Dt 1:27
If anyone lays a *h* on those who are . . . . . Josh 2:19
stretch out your *h* and strike all he . . . . . Job 1:11
things are always in your right *h*. . . . . Ps 16:11
I stretched out my *h* to you, but you . . . . . Prv 1:24
and I will turn my *h* against you. I will . . . . Is 1:25
stretched out his *h* to those who . . . . . Hos 7:5
And if your right *h* causes you to fall . . . . . Mt 5:30
took her by the *h*, and raised her . . . . . Mk 1:31
reached out his *h*, touched him, and . . . . . Lk 5:13
When the hired *h* sees the wolf coming, he . Jn 10:12
he is at my right *h* I won't be shaken. . . . . Ac 2:25
On the one *h*, he will give eternal life . . . . . Ro 2:7
On the one *h*, an earlier command is set. . . . Heb 7:18
stars in his right *h*, and from his . . . . . Rev 1:16

HANDED

So he *h* over everything he had to Joseph . . . Gn 39:6
Aaron's sons *h* him the blood, and . . . . . Lv 9:12
of Israel and *h* the Canaanites . . . . . Nm 21:3
ravine. I have *h* Sihon the Amorite . . . . . Dt 2:24
will go up. I've *h* over the land to . . . . . Jdg 1:2
The earth is *h* over to the wicked; he . . . . Job 9:24
You've *h* us over like sheep for . . . . . Ps 44:11
This city won't be *h* over to Assyria's . . . . Is 36:15
you shouldn't have *h* over his survivors . . . Obad 1:14
My Father has *h* all things over to me. . . . Mt 11:27
observing the rules *h* down by the elders. . . . Mk 7:3
and servants of the word *h* down to us. . . . . Lk 1:2
we wouldn't have *h* him over to you. . . . . Jn 18:30
is the one you *h* over and denied in . . . . . Ac 3:13
He was *h* over because of our mistakes, ... Ro 4:25
Spirit, which were *h* out the way he . . . . . Heb 2:4

HANDS

the pain in our *h*, because of the . . . . . Gn 5:29
I'll spread out my *h* to the LORD. Then . . . . Ex 9:29
will press their *h* on the bull's head . . . . . Lv 4:15
jealousy, in her *h*. The water of . . . . . Nm 5:18
and stone by human *h*—gods that cannot . . . Dt 4:28
water, with their *h* to their mouths. . . . . Jdg 7:6
the work of his *h* so that his . . . . . Job 1:10
done this—if my *h* have done anything . . . . Ps 7:3
neighbor or shake *h* in agreement with . . . . Prv 6:1
you extend your *h*, I'll hide my eyes. . . . . Is 1:15
cheat are in his *h*; he loves to take . . . . . Hos 12:7
husks is in his *h*. He will clean out . . . . . Mt 3:12
and place your *h* on her so that she . . . . . Mk 5:23
husks is in his *h*. He will clean out . . . . . Lk 3:17
the Son and gives everything into his *h*. . . . Jn 3:35
who prayed and laid their *h* on them. . . . . Ac 6:6
I stretched out my *h* to a disobedient . . . . . Ro 10:21
and the heavens are made by your *h*. . . . . Heb 1:10
robes and held palm branches in their *h*. . . . Rev 7:9

HANG

audience and will *h* you from a tree . . . . . Gn 40:19
remains, should *h* over the back of . . . . . Ex 26:12

hair of the woman *h* down, and place . . . . Nm 5:18
executed, and you then *h* them on a tree, . . . Dt 21:22
to us, and we will *h* them before the 2Sa 21:6
apart from any human they *h* and sway. . . . Job 28:4
Don't *h* out with those who get drunk on . . . Prv 23:20
his household will *h* on him, the . . . . . Is 22:24
was impossible for death to *h* on to him. . . . Ac 2:24
carefully and *h* on to what is good. 1Th 5:21

HANNAH

wives, one named *H* and the other 1Sa 1:2

HAPPINESS

it was a day of light, *h*, joy, and honor. . . . Est 8:16
free with *h*, but the . . . . . Ps 68:6
Joy and *h* have been harvested from the . . . Is 16:10
Son whom I dearly love; I find *h* in him. . . . Mt 3:17
whom I dearly love; in you I find *h*. . . . . Mk 1:11
whom I dearly love; in you I find *h*. . . . . Lk 3:22
life; your presence will fill me with *h*. . . . . Ac 2:28
Is this state of *h* only for the . . . . . Ro 4:9

HAPPY

Leah said, "I'm *h* now because women. . . . Gn 30:13
h are you, Israel! Who is like you? You. . . . Dt 33:29
gods and humans *h*, so that I can go . . . . Jdg 9:13
childless; may no *h* singing come in it. . . . . Job 3:7
The truly *h* person doesn't follow wicked . . . Ps 1:1
h are those who find wisdom and those who . Prv 3:13
a God of justice; *h* are all who wait . . . . . Is 30:18
misery. Jonah was very *h* about the shrub. . . Jon 4:6
h are people who are hopeless, because . . . . Mt 5:3
h is she who believed that the Lord would . . . Lk 1:45
because I always do what makes him *h*. . . . . Jn 8:29
h are those whose actions outside the Law. . . Ro 4:7
If any of you are *h*, they should sing. . . . . Jas 5:13

HARAN

became the father of Abram, Nahor, and *H*. . Gn 11:26
my fathers-Gozan, *H*, Rezeph, or the 2Ki 19:12
the gods of Gozan, *H*, Rezeph, or the . . . . . Is 37:12
in Mesopotamia, before he settled in *H*. . . . . Ac 7:2

HARASS

the Israelites to *h* them with hard . . . . . Ex 1:11
side. They will *h* you in the land in . . . . . Nm 33:55
How long will you *h* me and crush me with . Job 19:2
bring disaster on me and *h* me furiously. . . . Ps 55:3
of Judah, and Judah won't *h* Ephraim. . . . Is 11:13
insult you and *h* you and speak all . . . . . Mt 5:11
Don't cheat or *h* anyone, and be . . . . . Lk 3:14
me, it will *h* you too. If it . . . . . Jn 15:20
ancestors didn't *h*? They even killed. . . . . Ac 7:52
Bless people who *h* you—bless and don't . . Ro 12:14

HARD

us relief from our *h* work, from the . . . . . Gn 5:29
harass them with *h* work. They had to. . . . . Ex 1:11
made his spirit *h* and his heart . . . . . Dt 2:30
the Canaanites to *h* labor but didn't . . . Josh 17:13
light given to the *h* worker, life to . . . . Job 3:20
don't sin! Think *h* about it in your . . . . . Ps 4:4
strength, and your *h* work will end up. . . . Prv 5:10
and from the *h* labor that you . . . . . Is 14:3
who are struggling *h* and carrying heavy . . Mt 11:28
It will be very *h* for the wealthy to . . . . Mk 10:23
we've worked *h* all night and . . . . . Lk 5:5
you didn't work *h* for; others worked . . . . Jn 4:38
that, by working *h*, we must help the . . . . Ac 20:35
and they are as *h* to track as his . . . . . Ro 11:33
of his remarks are *h* to understand, and . . . 2Pt 3:16

HARM

ten times. Yet God didn't let him *h* me. . . . Gn 31:7
God didn't *h* the Israelite leaders, ... Ex 24:11
around and do you *h* and finish you. . . . Josh 24:20
you; from seven *h* won't touch you. . . . . Job 5:19
talk, does no *h* to a friend, ... Ps 15:3
securely, untroubled by the dread of *h*. . . . Prv 1:33
They won't *h* or destroy anywhere on my . . . Is 11:9
my eyes on them for *h* and not for good. . . . Am 9:4
power of the enemy. Nothing will *h* you. . . Lk 10:19
loudly, "Don't *h* yourself! We're . . . . . Ac 16:28
meet together, it does more *h* than good. . . 1Co 11:17
Who will *h* you if you are zealous for 1Pt 3:13

HARP

praises to him with the ten-stringed *h*! . . . . Ps 33:2
with lyre and *h*, tambourine, ... Is 5:12
the sound of the *h*, and, like David, ... Am 6:5
alive like a *h* or a lyre can make. 1Co 14:7
Lamb. Each held a *h* and gold bowls. . . . . Rev 5:8

HARPS

with songs and tambourines and *h*. . . . . Gn 31:27
shrine preceded by *h*, tambourines, ... 1Sa 10:5
the sound of your *h*. Under you is a . . . . . Is 14:11
I won't listen to the melody of your *h*. . . . Am 5:23
like that of harpists playing their *h*. . . . . Rev 14:2

HARSHLY

Sarai treated her *h*, and she ran away . . . . Gn 16:6
You will not *h* rule over them but must . . . Lv 25:43
me. May God deal *h* with you and worse. . . . 1Sa 3:17
treats her young *h* as if they were. . . . . Job 39:16
plead for help, but the wealthy answer *h*. . . Prv 18:23
I have dealt *h* with you as an . . . . . Jer 30:14
You have spoken *h* about me, says the. . . . Mal 3:13
Then Jesus spoke *h* to the demon. And it . . Mt 17:18
said, speaking *h* to the demon. . . . . Mk 1:25
been criticized *h* by John because of . . . . Lk 3:19
won't need to act *h* when I'm with you . . . 2Co 13:10

HARVEST

seedtime and *h*, cold and hot, ... Gn 8:22
Observe the *h* Festival for the early . . . . . Ex 23:16
When you *h* your land's produce, you must . . Lv 19:9
the grain's first *h* that they give to . . . . Nm 18:12
count from the beginning of the grain *h*. . . . Dt 16:9
way it does during the entire *h* season. . . . Josh 3:15
who plow sin and sow trouble will *h* it. . . . Job 4:8
has yielded its *h*. God blesses . . . . . Ps 67:6
in summer; gathers its provisions at *h*. . . . Prv 6:8
as with joy at the *h*, as those who. . . . . Is 9:3
you also, Judah, a *h* is appointed, when . . . Hos 6:11
don't sow seed or *h* grain or gather . . . . . Mt 6:26
said to them, "The *h* is bigger than you . . . Lk 10:2
the fields are already ripe for the *h*. . . . . Jn 4:35
now. I want to *h* some fruit among . . . . . Ro 1:13
crop from the *h* of everything he . . . . . Jas 1:18
sickle to reap the *h*, for the time to . . . . Rev 14:15

HASHABIAH

son of *H* son of Amaziah son of Hilkia . . . 1Ch 6:45

HATE

which made them *h* him even more. . . . . Gn 37:5
and fourth generations of those who *h* me. . . Ex 20:5
You must not *h* your fellow Israelite in . . . Lv 19:17
scatter, and those who *h* you flee. . . . . Nm 10:35
and fourth generations of those who *h* me. . . Dt 5:9
and said, "You *h* me! You don't love . . . . Jdg 14:16
Those who *h* you will be clothed with . . . . Job 8:22
long in your sight; you *h* all evildoers; . . . . Ps 5:5

mocking dear, and fools *h* knowledge? . . . Prv 1:22
I *h* your new moons and your festivals. . . . Is 1:14
there I came to *h* them. Because of . . . . Hos 9:15
must love your neighbor and *h* your enemy. . . Mt 5:43
Everyone will *h* you because of my name. . . Mk 13:13
and from the power of all those who *h* us. . . . Lk 1:71
do wicked things *h* the light and . . . . . Jn 3:20
people, and they *h* God. They are rude . . . . Ro 1:30
in your favor: you *h* what the . . . . . Rev 2:6

HATED

his brothers, they *h* him and couldn't . . . . Gn 37:4
without having *h* that person . . . . . Dt 19:4
you the ones who *h* me and drove me . . . . Jdg 11:7
changed so they *h* his people and . . . . Ps 105:25
because they *h* knowledge and didn't . . . . Prv 1:29
So I *h* life, because the things that . . . . Ecc 2:17
being abandoned, *h*, and forbidden, I . . . . Is 60:15
His citizens *h* him, so they sent a . . . . . Lk 19:14
world hates you, know that it *h* me first. . . . Jn 15:18
is written, I loved Jacob, but I *h* Esau. . . . Ro 9:13
righteousness and *h* lawless behavior. . . . Heb 1:9

HATES

to someone who *h* you and it's lying . . . . Ex 23:5
like, "The LORD *h* us! That's why he . . . . . Dt 1:27
A man who *h*, an enemy . . . . . Est 7:6
Will one who *h* justice rule; will you. . . . Job 34:17
his very being *h* anyone who loves . . . . . Ps 11:5
that the LORD *h*, seven things . . . . . Prv 6:16
because he *h* divorce, says the LORD God . . Mal 2:16
can't hate you. It *h* me though, because . . . . Jn 7:7
No one ever *h* his own body, but feeds it. . . Eph 5:29
But the person who *h* a brother or sister . . . 1Jn 2:11

HAZAEL

to Damascus and anoint *H* as king of Aram. . 1Ki 19:15
on the house of *H*; it will devour . . . . . Am 1:4

HAZOR

King Jabin of *H* heard about this. So he . . . Josh 11:1
the kingdoms of *H*, which Babylon's . . . . Jer 49:28

HEAD

will strike your *h*, but you will . . . . . Gn 3:15
over fire with its *h*, legs, and . . . . . Ex 12:9
your hand on the *h* of the entirely . . . . . Lv 1:4
each tribe who is the *h* of his household. . . . Nm 1:4
now turn around. *h* back toward the . . . . . Dt 1:40
Hazor had been the *h* of all those. . . . . Josh 11:10
shaved his *h*, fell to the . . . . . Job 1:20
you put a crown of pure gold on his *h*. . . . . Ps 21:3
wreath on your *h*, and beads for . . . . . Prv 1:9
rebel? Everyone's *h* throbs, and . . . . . Is 1:5
will choose one *h*. They will become. . . . . Hos 1:11
not pledge by your *h*, because you can't . . . . Mt 5:36
He replied, "Let's *h* in the other . . . . . Mk 1:38
didn't anoint my *h* with oil, but she. . . . . Lk 7:46
only my feet but also my hands and my *h*! . . . Jn 13:9
he had his *h* shaved, since he. . . . . Ac 18:18
pile burning coals of fire upon his *h*. . . . . Ro 12:20
bowed in worship over the *h* of his staff. . . Heb 11:21
His *h* and hair were white as white . . . . . Rev 1:14

HEADS

turbans on their *h*. It will be a . . . . . Ex 29:9
from the crushed *h* of newly ripe . . . . . Lv 2:14
of their dedication to God on their *h*. . . . . Nm 6:7
flow over their *h* when they chased . . . . . Dt 11:4
until evening. They put dust on their *h*. . . . Josh 7:6
heaven and their *h* touch the clouds, ... Job 20:6
back on their own *h*; the violence they . . . . Ps 7:16
coals on their *h*, and the LORD will . . . . . Prv 25:22
will shave the *h* of Zion's . . . . . Is 3:17
turn your deeds back upon your own *h*. . . . . Jl 3:4
they were picking *h* of wheat and . . . . . Mt 12:1
way, they were picking the *h* of wheat. . . . Mk 2:23
were picking the *h* of wheat, rubbing . . . . . Lk 6:1
of having their *h* shaved. Everyone . . . . . Ac 21:24
clothing and had gold crowns on their *h*. . . . Rev 4:4

HEAL

cried to the LORD, "God, please *h* her!" . . . Nm 12:13
but now I will *h*. There's no . . . . . Dt 32:39
now I'm going to *h* you. Three days 2Ki 20:5
he binds up; he strikes, but his hands *h*. . . . Job 5:18
because I'm frail. *h* me, LORD, because . . . . Ps 6:2
who will hear their pleas and *h* them. . . . Is 19:22
But he could not *h* them; nor could he . . . Hos 5:13
Jesus responded, "I'll come and *h* him. . . . Mt 8:7
to see if he would *h* on the Sabbath. . . . . Mk 3:2
to me, 'Doctor, *h* yourself. Do here . . . . . Lk 4:23
he would come and *h* his son, for his . . . . Jn 4:47
their hearts and lives that I may *h* them. . . Ac 28:27
from faith will *h* the sick, for the . . . . Jas 5:15

HEALED

the scabies has *h*. The person is. . . . . Lv 13:37
Then you will be *h*, and it will 1Sa 6:3
cried out to you for help, and you *h* me. . . . Ps 30:2
with their minds, and turn, and be *h*. . . . . Is 6:10
but they did not know that I *h* them. . . . Hos 11:3
of the kingdom and *h* every disease and. . . . Mt 4:23
He *h* many who were sick with all kinds of. . . Mk 1:34
his hands on each of them, he *h* them. . . . Lk 4:40
man who had been *h*, "It's the . . . . . Jn 5:10
While the *h* man clung to Peter and John, . . . Ac 3:11
lame, it will be *h* rather than . . . . . Heb 12:13
deadly wound was *h*. So the whole . . . . . Rev 13:3

HEALING

who find them, and *h* for their entire . . . . Prv 4:22
and a time for *h*, a time for . . . . . Ecc 3:3
striking and then *h*. They will return . . . . Is 19:22
revering my name; *h* will be in its. . . . . Mal 4:2
the kingdom, and *h* every disease and. . . . Mt 9:35
him to place his hand on the man for *h*. . . . Mk 7:32
going out from him and he was *h* everyone. . . Lk 6:19
ever heard of a *h* of the eyes of . . . . . Jn 9:32
this sign of *h* was over 40 years . . . . . Ac 4:22
Spirit, gifts of *h* to another in the 1Co 12:9
leaves are for the *h* of the nations. . . . . Rev 22:2

HEALTHY

the cattle, took a *h* young calf, and . . . . . Gn 18:7
that the baby was *h* and beautiful, so . . . . Ex 2:2
Their young are *h*; they grow up in the . . . Job 39:4
your body will be *h* and your bones . . . . . Prv 3:8
once they were a *h* and numerous . . . . . Na 1:12
if your eye is *h*, your whole body . . . . . Mt 6:22
he said to them, "*h* people don't need . . . . Mk 2:17
Jesus answered, "*h* people don't need a . . . . Lk 5:31
this man stands *h* before you because . . . . Ac 4:10
people with *h* instruction and . . . . . Ti 1:9

HEAR

me. I didn't even *h* about it until . . . . . Gn 21:26
the people will *h* me talking with . . . . . Ex 19:9
the LORD, he would *h* the voice speaking . . . Nm 7:89
in a decision. *h* both sides out, ... Dt 1:17
As soon as you *h* that trumpet . . . . . Josh 6:5
at ease; they don't *h* a boss's voice. . . . . Job 3:18
The LORD will *h* me when I cry out . . . . . Ps 4:3
The wise *h* them and grow in wisdom; those . . Prv 1:5

h you heavens, and listen earth, for the . . . . . Is 1:2
h the LORD's word, people of Israel; for . . . . Hos 4:1
and what you ***h*** whispered, ... Mt 10:27
and they can ***h*** but not . . . . . Mk 4:12
pressed in around him to ***h*** God's word. . . . . Lk 5:1
it wishes. You ***h*** its sound, but you . . . . . Jn 3:8
can each of us ***h*** them speaking in . . . . . Ac 2:8
isn't the ones who ***h*** the Law who are . . . . . Ro 2:13
Spirit says, Today, if you ***h*** his voice, ... Heb 3:7
If you can ***h***, listen to what the Spirit . . . . . Rev 2:7

HEARD

breeze, they ***h*** the sound of the. . . . . Gn 3:8
When Pharaoh ***h*** about it, he tried to kill . . . Ex 2:15
When Moses ***h*** that, he approved. . . . . Lv 10:20
hearing, the LORD ***h*** and became angry. . . . Nm 11:1
The LORD ***h*** what you said. He was angry . . . Dt 1:34
We have ***h*** how the LORD dried up the water. Josh 2:10
three friends ***h*** about all this . . . . . Job 2:11
because the LORD has ***h*** me crying! . . . . . Ps 6:8
I ***h*** the LORD of heavenly forces say this: . . . Is 5:9
Crying will be ***h*** in all the . . . . . Am 5:16
When King Herod ***h*** this, he was troubled, . . Mt 2:3
and people ***h*** that he was at . . . . . Mk 2:1
prayers have been ***h***. Your wife . . . . . Lk 1:13
The two disciples ***h*** what he said, and . . . Jn 1:37
He said, "This is what you ***h*** from me: . . . . Ac 1:4
they haven't ***h*** of? And how can . . . . . Ro 10:14
to what we have ***h***, or else we may . . . . . Heb 2:1
Lord's day, and I ***h*** behind me a loud . . . . Rev 1:10

HEARING

speak or hard of ***h***, sighted or blind? . . . . Ex 4:11
information after ***h*** a public solemn . . . . . Lv 5:1
in the LORD's ***h***, the LORD heard . . . . . Nm 11:1
respond to your tears or give you a ***h***. . . . . Dt 1:45
in the people's ***h***, 'Anyone who is . . . . . Jdg 7:3
said in my ***h***; I heard the sound. . . . . Job 33:8
After ***h*** about me, they obey me; . . . . . Ps 18:44
their ears from ***h*** instruction. . . . . Prv 28:9
has revealed in my ***h***: This iniquity . . . . . Is 22:14
for water, but of ***h*** the LORD 's words. . . . . Am 8:11
become hard of ***h***, and they've shut . . . . . Mt 13:15
After ***h*** him, some standing there said, . . . Mk 15:35
so now who am I ***h*** about?" Herod . . . . . Lk 9:9
without first ***h*** him and learning . . . . . Jn 7:51
you are seeing and ***h*** the results of his. . . . . Ac 2:33
happen to the ***h***? And if the whole 1Co 12:17

HEARS

Everyone who ***h*** about it will. . . . . Gn 21:6
oracle of one who ***h*** God's speech, who . . . Nm 24:4
kind of person ***h*** the words of this . . . . . Dt 29:19
asked. "When Saul ***h*** of it he'll kill 1Sa 16:2
to reach him, he ***h*** the cry of the . . . . . Job 34:28
LORD because he ***h*** my requests for . . . . . Ps 116:1
the one who ***h*** it will vilify . . . . . Prv 25:10
him, so when he ***h*** a rumor, he'll go . . . . . Is 37:7
Everybody who ***h*** these words of mine and . . Mt 7:24
comes to me, ***h*** my words, and puts . . . . . Lk 6:47
by and, when he ***h*** him, is overjoyed . . . . Jn 3:29
than what anyone sees or ***h*** about me. . . . 2Co 12:6
Let the one who ***h*** say, 'Come!' And . . . . . Rev 22:17

HEART

the young woman and tried to win her ***h***. . . . Gn 34:3
the LORD's word to ***h*** left their . . . . . Ex 9:21
Israelite in your ***h***. Rebuke your . . . . . Lv 19:17
the lusts of your own ***h*** or your eyes. . . . . Nm 15:39
hard and his ***h*** inflexible so that . . . . . Dt 2:30
made the people's ***h*** melt. But I. . . . . Josh 14:8
you hid in your ***h***; I know this is . . . . . Job 10:13
you have filled my ***h*** with more joy than . . . . Ps 4:7
instruction. Let your ***h*** guard my commands . . Prv 3:1
head throbs, and everyone's ***h*** fails. . . . . Is 1:5
the desert, and speak tenderly to her ***h***. . . . Hos 2:14
has already committed adultery in his ***h***. . . . Mt 5:28
enter into the ***h*** but into the . . . . . Mk 7:19
said, "With all my ***h*** I glorify the Lord! . . . Lk 1:46
Therefore, my ***h*** was glad and my tongue . . . Ac 2:26
to lead you to change your ***h*** and life? . . . . Ro 2:4
evil, unfaithful ***h*** that abandons the . . . . Heb 3:12
time to change her ***h*** and life, but she . . . . Rev 2:21

HEARTS

in my sack." Their ***h*** stopped. . . . . Gn 42:28
despair into the ***h*** of those of you. . . . . Lv 26:36
have made our ***h*** sick by saying, ... Dt 1:28
heard this and our ***h*** turned to water. . . . . Josh 2:11
God in their ***h***. Job did this . . . . . Job 1:5
are the one who examines ***h*** and minds. . . . . Ps 7:9
Their ***h*** are corrupt and determined to do . . . Prv 6:14
Ephraim, their ***h*** and the hearts of . . . . . Is 7:2
people; they set their ***h*** on evil things. . . . . Hos 4:8
Change your ***h*** and lives! Here comes the . . . Mt 3:2
changing their ***h*** and lives and . . . . . Mk 1:4
He will turn the ***h*** of fathers back to . . . . Lk 1:17
Change your ***h*** and lives. Each of . . . . . Ac 2:38
and their foolish ***h*** were darkened. . . . . Ro 1:21
have stubborn ***h*** as they did in the . . . . . Heb 3:8
Change your ***h*** and lives and do . . . . . Rev 2:5

HEAT

the entrance of his tent in the day's ***h***. . . . Gn 18:1
with scorching ***h*** and drought; with . . . . . Dt 28:22
them until the ***h*** of the day. The 1Sa 11:11
and vanish from their channels in ***h***. . . . . Job 6:17
at the other. Nothing escapes its ***h***. . . . . Ps 19:6
for shade from the ***h*** and a hiding place . . . . Is 4:6
sick with the ***h*** of wine; he . . . . . Hos 7:5
blows, you say, 'A ***h*** wave is coming.' . . . . Lk 12:55
driven out by the ***h***, latched on to his . . . . Ac 28:3
with its scorching ***h*** and dries up the . . . . Jas 1:11
sun or scorching ***h*** will beat down on . . . . Rev 7:16

HEAVEN

by El Elyon, creator of ***h*** and earth; . . . . . Gn 14:19
yourselves how I spoke with you from ***h***. . . . Ex 20:22
hand. What god in ***h*** or on earth can . . . . . Dt 3:24
your God is God in ***h*** above and on earth . . . Josh 2:11
witness stands in ***h***; my advocate is on . . . Job 16:19
one who rules in ***h*** laughs; my Lord . . . . . Ps 2:4
Who has gone up to ***h*** and come down? Who Prv 30:4
it as deep as the grave or as high as ***h***. . . . . Is 7:11
LORD, the God of ***h***—who made the sea. . . . Jon 1:9
and lives! Here comes the kingdom of ***h***! . . . Mt 3:2
water, Jesus saw ***h*** splitting open and . . . . Mk 1:10
the dawn from ***h*** will break upon us, ... Lk 1:78
coming down from ***h*** like a dove, and . . . . . Jn 1:32
was taken up into ***h***. Before he was . . . . . Ac 1:2
revealed from ***h*** against all the . . . . . Ro 1:18
are registered in ***h***, to God the judge . . . . Heb 12:23
comes down out of ***h*** from my God. I . . . . . Rev 3:12

HEAVENLY

Make two winged ***h*** creatures of hammered . . Ex 25:18
the stars, all the ***h*** bodies, and be led . . . . Dt 4:19
of the LORD's ***h*** force. Now I have . . . . . Josh 5:14
God mounted the ***h*** creatures and flew; he. . . Ps 18:10
If the LORD of ***h*** forces had not spared a. . . . Is 1:9
The LORD God of ***h*** forces, the LORD is his. . Hos 12:5
just as your ***h*** Father is complete . . . . . Mt 5:48

John's baptism of ***h*** or of human . . . . . Mk 11:30
assembly of the ***h*** forces was with . . . . . Lk 2:13
you believe if I tell you about ***h*** things? . . . . Jn 3:12
I wasn't disobedient to that ***h*** vision. . . . . Ac 26:19
If the Lord of the ***h*** forces had not . . . . . Ro 9:29
partners in the ***h*** calling, think . . . . . Heb 3:1

HEAVENS

God began to create the ***h*** and the earth. . . . Gn 1:1
the LORD made the ***h*** and the earth, the. . . Ex 20:11
sky, the highest ***h***, the earth, and . . . . . Dt 10:14
heads, and our guilt has grown to the ***h***. . . . Ezr 9:6
stretched out the ***h*** alone and trod on the . . . Job 9:8
establishing the ***h*** with understanding. . . . .Prv 3:19
Hear you ***h***, and listen earth, for the . . . . . Is 1:2
I will answer the ***h*** and they will . . . . . Hos 2:21
in heaven and glory in the highest ***h***. . . . . Lk 19:38
to occur in the ***h*** above and signs on . . . . . Ac 2:19
and sat him at God's right side in the ***h***, . . . Eph 1:20
beginning, and the ***h*** are made by your . . . Heb 1:10
rejoice, you ***h*** and you who dwell . . . . . Rev 12:12

HEAVY

into a deep and ***h*** sleep, and took . . . . . Gn 2:21
people on my own. They're too ***h*** for me. . . Nm 11:14
in your bag, a ***h*** one and a light. . . . . Dt 25:13
LORD's hand was ***h*** on the people of 1Sa 5:6
you; my pressure on you shouldn't be ***h***. . . Job 33:7
your hand was ***h*** upon me. My energy. . . . . Ps 32:4
A stone is ***h*** and sand weighs much, but . . . .Prv 27:3
rebellion weighs ***h*** upon it; it will . . . . . Is 24:20
Jerusalem into a ***h*** stone for all the . . . . . Zec 12:3
hard and carrying ***h*** loads, and I will . . . . Mt 11:28
with hard work and ***h*** labor, many 2Co 11:27

HEBREW

he told Abram the ***H***, who lived near . . . . Gn 14:13
Egypt spoke to two ***H*** midwives named . . . . Ex 1:15
shouting in the ***H*** camp about?" When 1Sa 4:6
speak with us in ***H***, because the . . . . . Is 36:11
to them, "I'm a ***H***. I worship the . . . . . Jon 1:9
Benjamin. I am a ***H*** of the Hebrews. . . . . Phil 3:5
the abyss, whose ***H*** name is Abaddon,. . . . Rev 9:11

HEBREWS

the land of the ***H***, and here too I've . . . . . Gn 40:15
boy born to the ***H*** into the Nile. . . . . Ex 1:22
any of your fellow ***H***, male or female, . . . Dt 15:12
you'll serve the ***H*** like they've been 1Sa 4:9
you must free any ***H*** who have been sold . . Jer 34:14
Are they ***H***? So am I. Are they 2Co 11:22

HEBRON

oaks of Mamre in ***H***. There he built an . . . Gn 13:18
Amram, Izhar, ***H***, and Uzziel. . . . . Ex 6:18
their clans: Amram, Izhar, ***H***, and Uzziel. . . Nm 3:19
of Jerusalem, ***H***, Jarmuth, Lachish, ... Josh 10:5

HEIGHT

wide. Its walls' ***h*** will be seven and . . . . . Ex 27:18
At the ***h*** of the celebration, they said, . . . Jdg 16:25
Though their ***h*** reaches heaven and their . . Job 20:6
Because of her ***h*** and thick growth, ... Eze 19:11
before them, whose ***h*** was as tall as . . . . . Am 2:9
or ***h*** or depth, or any other thing that is . . . Ro 8:39
Its length and width and ***h*** were equal. . . . Rev 21:16

HELD

closed up. The skies ***h*** back the rain. . . . . Gn 8:2
Whenever Moses ***h*** up his hand, Israel . . . . Ex 17:11
unclean, and I ***h*** it liable for . . . . . Lv 18:25
all their enemies ***h*** out against them. . . . Josh 21:44
my trembling lips would be ***h*** in check. . . . Job 16:5
surrounded me; death's traps ***h*** me tight. . . . Ps 18:5
Better to be ***h*** in low regard and have a . . . .Prv 12:9
This city must be ***h*** accountable, for. . . . . Jer 6:6
its bars ***h*** me with no end in . . . . . Jon 2:6
a hyssop branch, and ***h*** it up to his lips. . . . Jn 19:29
possessions, but ***h*** everything in . . . . . Ac 4:32
it is joined and ***h*** together by all . . . . . Eph 4:16
those who were ***h*** in slavery their. . . . . Heb 2:15
He ***h*** seven stars in his right hand, and . . . Rev 1:16

HELL

my life from the lowest part of ***h***. . . . . .Ps 86:13
fool,' they will be in danger of fiery ***h***. . . . . Mt 5:22
into the fire of ***h***, which can't be . . . . . .Mk 9:43
to throw you into ***h***. Indeed, I tell. . . . . Lk 12:5
be condemned to ***h*** along with you . . . . . Ac 8:20
itself is set on fire by the flames of ***h***. . . . . Jas 3:6

HELLO

Jesus and said, "***h***, Rabbi." Then he . . . . . Mt 26:49
Say ***h*** to Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers . . . Ro 16:3

HELP

given life to a man with the LORD's ***h***. . . . . Gn 4:1
Now go! I'll ***h*** you speak, and I'll teach. . . . . Ex 4:12
the one who will ***h*** Israel inherit the . . . . . Dt 1:38
the one who will ***h*** this people take . . . . . .Josh 1:6
who cried out, the orphans who lacked ***h***. . . Job 29:12
about me: "Even God won't ***h*** him." Selah . . . .Ps 3:2
and discipline, to ***h*** one understand. . . . . Prv 1:2
Seek justice: ***h*** the oppressed; . . . . . Is 1:17
you didn't realize that I could ***h*** you. . . . . Hos 13:9
knelt before him and said, "Lord, ***h*** me." . . Mt 15:25
can do anything, ***h*** us! Show us. . . . . .Mk 9:22
he has come to ***h*** and has delivered . . . . . Lk 1:68
the flesh doesn't ***h*** at all. The words . . . . . Jn 6:63
You, with the ***h*** of wicked men, had . . . . . Ac 2:23
Spirit comes to ***h*** our weakness. We. . . . . Ro 8:26
he isn't trying to ***h*** angels, but rather . . . . Heb 2:16

HELPED

to him, and he ***h*** them cross the . . . . . Gn 32:23
Afterward, he even ***h*** us draw water to . . . . Ex 2:19
The LORD ***h*** us to this very. 1Sa 7:12
How well you have ***h*** the weak, saved those . Job 26:2
that you've been ***h***. We will fly our . . . . . Ps 20:5
stumble, those ***h*** will fall, and . . . . . Is 31:3
God has ***h*** me up to this very day.. . . . . Ac 26:22
from Christ if it ***h*** my brothers and . . . . . Ro 9:3
But the earth ***h*** the woman. The earth. . . . Rev 12:16

HEMAN

sons are Hori and ***H***, and Lotan's . . . . . Gn 36:22
or Mahol's sons: ***H***, Calcol, and. 1Ki 4:31
A maskil of ***H*** the Ezrahite.] . . . . . Ps 88:1

HERD

it from either the ***h*** or the flock. . . . . .Lv 1:2
one bull from the ***h***, one ram, and one. . . . Nm 7:15
animal from your ***h*** or flock that the . . . . Dt 12:21
his own flock or ***h*** to prepare for the 2Sa 12:4
boundary stones, ***h*** flocks they've . . . . . Job 24:2
the marshland, the ***h*** of bulls among the . . . Ps 68:30
bull from the ***h*** and a flawless ram . . . . . Eze 43:23
distance a large ***h*** of pigs was. . . . . Mt 8:30
A large ***h*** of pigs was feeding on the. . . . . Mk 5:11
A large ***h*** of pigs was feeding on the. . . . . Lk 8:32

HERDS

until all the ***h*** are gathered, and . . . . . Gn 29:8
our flocks and ***h***, because we all . . . . . Ex 10:9
Can flocks and ***h*** be found and slaughtered . Nm 11:22
children, and ***h***—I know you have . . . . . Dt 3:19

invade with their *h* and tents, coming. . . . . Jdg 6:5
over to disease, their *h* to plagues. . . . . .Ps 78:48
your flock well; pay attention to your *h*, . . . Prv 27:23
I also had great *h* of cattle and . . . . . Ecc 2:7
their flocks and *h*, as well as their. . . . . Jer 3:24
Ephraim *h* the wind, and pursues the east. . Hos 12:1

HERMON

way from the Arnon ravine to Mount *H* . . . . .Dt 3:8
at the foot of *H* in the land of . . . . . Josh 11:3
land of Jordan and *H*, from Mount Mizar. . . Ps 42:6
peaks of Senir and *H* . . . . . Song 4:8

HEROD

the rule of King *H*, magi came from. . . . . Mt 2:1
the supporters of *H* to plan how to . . . . . Mk 3:6
the rule of King *H* of Judea there was . . . . .Lk 1:5
Indeed, both *H* and Pontius Pilate, with . . . . Ac 4:27

HERODIAS

prison because of *H*, the wife of . . . . . Mt 14:3
prison because of *H*, the wife of . . . . . .Mk 6:17
by John because of *H*, Herod's brother's. . . . Lk 3:19

HESHBON

the Amorites, in *H* and all its . . . . . Nm 21:25
king who ruled in *H*, and Og, Bashan's . . . . .Dt 1:4
who lived in *H*. He ruled from . . . . . Josh 12:2
eyes, pools in *H*, by the gate of . . . . . Song 7:4
H and Elealeh cry out; as far as Jahaz . . . . . Is 15:4

HEZEKIAH

City. His son *H* succeeded him as 2Ki 16:20
copied by the men of *H*, king of Judah: . . . .Prv 25:1
kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and *H*. . . . . Is 1:1
Jotham, Ahaz, and *H*, and in the days. . . . . Hos 1:1
father of Ahaz. Ahaz was the father of *H*. . . . Mt 1:9

HEZRON

sons were Hanoch, Pallu, *H*, and Carmi. . . . . Gn 46:9
Hanoch, Pallu, *H*, and Carmi. These . . . . . Ex 6:14
from *H*, the Hezronite clan; from Carmi, . . Nm 26:6
It passed on to *H*, went up to Addar, ... Josh 15:3
was the father of *H*. Hezron was the . . . . . Mt 1:3

HID

man and his wife *h* themselves from . . . . Gn 3:8
beautiful, so she *h* him for three . . . . . .Ex 2:2
is because she *h* the messengers we. . . . . Josh 6:17
These things you *h* in your heart; I know . . Job 10:13
caught in the very net they themselves *h*! . . . Ps 9:15
a sharp sword, and *h* me in the shadow . . . . Is 49:2
a woman took and *h* in a bushel of . . . . . Mt 13:33
a woman took and *h* in a bushel of . . . . . Lk 13:21
at him, but Jesus *h* himself and left. . . . . Jn 8:59
slave and free, *h* themselves in . . . . . Rev 6:15

HIDDEN

land and I am *h* from your . . . . . Gn 4:14
the two men and *h* them. Then she . . . . . .Josh 2:4
whose way is *h*, whom God has. . . . . Job 3:23
forgotten. God has *h* his face. God . . . . . .Ps 10:11
silver; search for it like *h* treasure. . . . . Prv 2:4
the LORD, who has *h* his face from the . . . . Is 8:17
Compassion is *h* from my eyes. . . . . Hos 13:14
A city on top of a hill can't be *h*. . . . . Mt 5:14
Everything *h* will be revealed, and . . . . . .Mk 4:22
Nothing is *h* that won't be exposed. Nor. . . . Lk 8:17
God will judge the *h* truth about human. . . . Ro 2:16
No creature is *h* from it, but rather. . . . . Heb 4:13
some of the *h* manna to eat. I . . . . . Rev 2:17

HIDE

smooth neck she put the *h* of young goats, . Gn 27:16
When she couldn't *h* him any longer, she . . . .Ex 2:3
But the bull's *h* and all of its flesh, ... Lv 4:11
them! I'll *h* my face from them. . . . . Dt 31:17
run into you. *h* there for three . . . . . Josh 2:16
womb, didn't *h* trouble from my . . . . . Job 3:10
How long will you *h* your face from me? . . . Ps 13:1
away, but the shrewd *h* their contempt. . . . Prv 12:16
your hands, I'll *h* my eyes from you. . . . . Is 1:15
If they *h* themselves on the top of . . . . . Am 9:3
had entered a house, but he couldn't *h*. . . . .Mk 7:24
Fall on us and *h* us from the face . . . . . Rev 6:16

HIGH

feet wide, and forty-five feet *h*. . . . . Gn 6:15
inches wide, and twenty-seven inches *h*. . . Ex 25:10
The *h* priest —the one whose head has . . . Lv 21:10
you." Then he went off to a *h* outlook. . . . Nm 23:3
was fortified with *h* walls, double. . . . . .Dt 3:5
of the one who is *h* priest at that . . . . . Josh 20:6
stands in heaven; my advocate is on *h*; . . . Job 16:19
surround you. Rule them from on *h*! . . . . .Ps 7:7
those who build a *h* doorway invite a . . . . Prv 17:19
cedars of Lebanon, *h* and lofty; against . . . . Is 2:13
not to the Most *h*; they have become . . . . Hos 7:16
him to a very *h* mountain and . . . . . Mt 4:8
when Abiathar was *h* priest, David went. . . .Mk 2:26
Son of the Most *h*. The Lord God will . . . . . Lk 1:32
Caiaphas, who was *h* priest that year, ... Jn 11:49
with Annas the *h* priest, Caiaphas, ...Ac 4:6
and faithful *h* priest in things . . . . . Heb 2:17
So remember the *h* point from which you . . . Rev 2:5

HIGHEST

covered all of the *h* mountains under . . . . Gn 7:19
worthy of *h* praise, doing . . . . . Ex 15:11
owns the sky, the *h* heavens, the . . . . . Dt 10:14
foundation to the *h* points and from 1Ki 7:9
sanctuary like the *h* heaven and like . . . . .Ps 78:69
house will be the *h* of the mountains. . . . . Is 2:2
house will be the *h* of the mountains; . . . . . Mi 4:1
stood him at the *h* point of the. . . . . Mt 4:5
of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the *h*! . . Mk 11:10
stood him at the *h* point of the. . . . . .Lk 4:9
name of the Lord Jesus in the *h* regard. . . . Ac 19:17
down at the right side of the *h* majesty. . . . Heb 1:3

HIGHLANDS

in the desert, the *h*, the lowlands, the. . . . .Dt 1:7
Go toward the *h* so that those . . . . . Josh 2:16
proclaims disaster from the *h* of Ephraim. . . Jer 4:15
Go up to the *h* and bring back wood. . . . . Hg 1:8
up and hurried to a city in the Judean *h*. . . . Lk 1:39

HILKIAH

to the high priest *H*. Have him 2Ki 22:4

HILL

on top of the *h* with the . . . . . Ex 17:9
the Israelites at Foreskins *H*. . . . . Josh 5:3
every single *h*, fruit trees, and . . . . . .Ps 148:9
of myrrh, to the *h* of frankincense. . . . . Song 4:6
Zion's mountain, the *h* of Jerusalem! . . . . Is 10:32
Tower of Eder, *h* of Daughter Zion, ... Mi 4:8
A city on top of a *h* can't be hidden. . . . . Mt 5:14
every mountain and *h* will be leveled. . . . . .Lk 3:5
council on Mars *H*. "What is this new . . . . Ac 17:19

HILLS

of the everlasting *h*. May they all rest . . . . Gn 49:26
see him; from the *h* I gaze on him. . . . . Nm 23:9
going! Enter the *h* of the Amorites . . . . . .Dt 1:7
shadows on the *h* just look like. . . . . Jdg 9:36

first Adam, brought forth before the *h*? . . . Job 15:7
you say to me, "Flee to the *h* like a bird . . . . Ps 11:1
before the *h*, I was brought . . . . . Prv 8:25
lifted above the *h*; peoples will . . . . . Is 2:2
offerings on *h*; they offer . . . . . Hos 4:13
the tombs and the *h*, he would howl and . . . Mk 5:5
Fall on us,' and to the *h*, 'Cover us.' . . . . . Lk 23:30

HIN

a quarter of a *h* of oil from. . . . . Ex 29:40
and an accurate *h*. I am the LORD. . . . . Lv 19:36
mixed with one-fourth of a *h* of oil. . . . . Nm 15:4
a sixth of a *h* at fixed times . . . . . Eze 4:11

HIRAM

Tyre's King *H* sent messengers to David. . . 2Sa 5:11
Because King *H* of Tyre was loyal to. 1Ki 5:1

HIRED

If the animal was *h*, only the fee for. . . . . Ex 22:15
Do not withhold a *h* laborer's pay. . . . . Lv 19:13
and because they *h* Balaam, Beor's . . . . . Dt 23:4
which Abimelech *h* worthless and . . . . . Jdg 9:4
earth, our days like those of a *h* worker? . . . Job 7:1
shave with a razor *h* from beyond the . . . . . Is 7:20
wandering alone; Ephraim has *h* lovers. . . . . Hos 8:9
nobody has *h* us,' they replied. . . . . Mt 20:7
Zebedee in the boat with the *h* workers. . . . Mk 1:20
He *h* himself out to one of the citizens . . . Lk 15:15
When the *h* hand sees the wolf coming, he . Jn 10:12

HIT

my strength and *h* Egypt with . . . . . Ex 3:20
came to a tent and *h* it, and the tent . . . . Jdg 7:13
my God! In fact, *h* all my enemies on . . . . . Ps 3:7
Though *h*, I feel no pain; though beaten . . . Prv 23:35
then you fast; you *h* each other. . . . . Is 58:4
when I was *h* in my friends' . . . . . Zec 13:6
so that you won't *h* your foot on a . . . . . Mt 4:6
is written, I will *h* the shepherd, and . . . . Mk 14:27
so that you won't *h* your foot on a . . . . . Lk 4:11

HITTITE

was a native *H*. So Ephron the . . . . . Gn 23:10
including all *H* land, up to the . . . . . Josh 1:4
father was an Amorite, your mother a *H*. . . Eze 16:3

HITTITES

the *H*, the Perizzites, the Rephaim . . . . . Gn 15:20
Canaanites, the *H*, the Amorites, the . . . . . Ex 3:8
plain; the *H*, Jebusites, and . . . . . Nm 13:29
before you—the *H*, the Girgashites, ... Dt 7:1
the Canaanites, *H*, Hivites, ... Josh 3:10

HIVITES

the *H*, the Arkites, the Sinites . . . . . Gn 10:17
Perizzites, the *H*, and the Jebusites. . . . . Ex 3:8
Perizzites, the *H*, and the . . . . . Dt 7:1
Hittites, *H*, Perizzites, ... Josh 3:10
abandoned by the *H* and the Amorites; . . . Is 17:9

HOLD

its side. In the *h* below, make the . . . . . Gn 6:16
so that they can *h* a festival for me . . . . . Ex 5:1
take revenge nor *h* a grudge against. . . . . Lv 19:18
let nothing *h* you back from . . . . . Nm 22:16
Don't *h* on to any of the banned . . . . . Dt 13:17
the land where you *h* property, which . . . . Josh 22:4
you be annoyed? But who can *h* words back? Job 4:2
assembly. I didn't *h* anything back . . . . . Ps 40:9
naïvete, mockers *h* their mocking . . . . . Prv 1:22
Philistines; they *h* hands with . . . . . Is 2:6
them from death's *h*? Death, where are . . . Hos 13:14
and will not take *h* of it and pull it . . . . . Mt 12:11
But Peter took *h* of Jesus and, ... Mk 8:32
Jesus took *h* of the sick man, ... Lk 14:4
each able to *h* about twenty or . . . . . Jn 2:6
are determined to *h* us responsible for . . . . Ac 5:28
Hate evil, and *h* on to what is good. . . . . Ro 12:9
his house if we *h* on to the . . . . . Heb 3:6
Just *h* on to what you have until I come . . . Rev 2:25

HOLDING

up the mountain *h* the two tablets in . . . . Dt 10:3
was stretched out *h* a dagger until he . . . . Josh 8:26
I'm *h* tight to your laws, LORD. Please. . . . Ps 119:31
but the righteous give without *h* back. . . . Prv 21:26
flew to me, *h* a glowing coal . . . . . Is 6:6
commandment while *h* on to rules . . . . . Mk 7:8
By *h* fast, you will gain your lives . . . . . Lk 21:19
a meal, Paul was *h* a discussion with . . . . Ac 20:7
the truth. I'm *h* back from bragging. 2Co 12:6
throne is. You are *h* on to my name, and. . . Rev 2:13

HOLINESS

you, foremost in *h*, worthy of highest . . . . Ex 15:11
me to show my *h* before the . . . . . Nm 20:12
his majestic *h*. They were to 2Ch 20:21
of your house, by the *h* of your temple. . . . Ps 65:4
I live on high, in *h*, and also with the . . . . Is 57:15
promised by his *h*: The days are . . . . . Am 4:2
is in heaven, uphold the *h* of your name. . . Mt 6:9
in *h* and righteousness in God's eyes, for . . Lk 1:75
on the Spirit of *h*. This Son is Jesus . . . . Ro 1:4
our benefit so that we can share his *h*. . . . Heb 12:10

HOLY

day and made it *h*, because on it God . . . . . Gn 2:3
because you are standing on *h* ground. . . . . Ex 3:5
his sons as a most *h* portion from the . . . . Lv 2:3
in the meeting tent: the most *h* things. . . . Nm 4:4
and treat it as *h*, exactly as the . . . . . Dt 5:12
Make yourselves *h*! Tomorrow the LORD . . . Josh 3:5
answer you? To which *h* one will you turn? . Job 5:1
appoint my king on Zion, my *h* mountain! . . Ps 2:6
knowledge of the *h* one is . . . . . Prv 9:10
LORD, despised the *h* one of Israel; . . . . . Is 1:4
a human being, the *h* one in your midst; . . Hos 11:9
she became pregnant by the *h* Spirit. . . . . Mt 1:18
he will baptize you with the *h* Spirit. . . . . Mk 1:8
be filled with the *h* Spirit even before . . . . Lk 1:15
the one who baptizes with the *h* Spirit. . . . Jn 1:33
the power of the *h* Spirit, Jesus . . . . . Ac 1:2
prophets in the *h* scriptures. His . . . . . Ro 1:3
and gifts from the *h* Spirit, which were . . . Heb 2:4
of the one who is *h* and true, who has. . . . Rev 3:7

HOME

Jacob became a quiet man who stayed at *h*. . Gn 25:27
they went back *h* to their father . . . . . Ex 2:18
a person sells a *h* in a walled city, ... Lv 25:29
out of here and go *h*. I told you I'd . . . . . Nm 24:11
her into your *h*, she must shave . . . . . Dt 21:12
killer may return *h*, back to the city. . . . Josh 20:6
each one from his *h*—Eliphaz of Teman, . . . Job 2:11
for me; yes, I have a lovely *h*. . . . . Ps 16:6
but he blesses the *h* of the righteous. . . . . Prv 3:33
and wouldn't let his prisoners go *h*? . . . . Is 14:17
You bring it *h*, and I blow it . . . . . Hg 1:9
on his back at *h*, paralyzed, and . . . . . Mt 8:6
and John went *h* with Simon and. . . . . Mk 1:29
of his priestly service, he returned *h*. . . . . Lk 1:23
flesh and made his *h* among us. We have . . . Jn 1:14
scroll, Let his *h* become deserted . . . . . Ac 1:20

and welcome strangers into your ***h***. . . . . Ro 12:13
a new earth, where righteousness is at ***h***. . . . 2Pt 3:13
She has become a ***h*** for demons and a . . . . Rev 18:2

HOMES

able to go back to their ***h*** much happier. . . . Ex 18:23
right to buy back ***h*** in the levitical . . . . . Lv 25:32
return to our ***h*** until each one of . . . . . Nm 32:18
fled to their ***h***. It was a massive. 1Sa 4:10
are their eternal ***h***, the place they. . . . . Ps 49:11
but they make their ***h*** in the rocks. . . . . Prv 30:26
in secure ***h***, in carefree . . . . . Is 32:18
return them to their ***h***, says the LORD. . . . Hos 11:11
hungry to their ***h***, they won't have . . . . . Mk 8:3
you will be welcomed into the eternal ***h***. . . . Lk 16:9
They each went to their own ***h*** . . . . . Jn 7:53
and ate in their ***h***. They shared food. . . . . Ac 2:46
and manage their ***h*** so that they won't 1Ti 5:14
to open up your ***h*** to guests, because . . . . Heb 13:2

HONEY

resin, a little ***h***, gum, resin, ... Gn 43:11
full of milk and ***h***, a place where the. . . . . Ex 3:8
burn any yeast or ***h*** as a food gift for . . . . . Lv 2:11
full of milk and ***h***, and this is its . . . . . Nm 13:27
you, in a land full of milk and ***h***. . . . . Dt 6:3
give us. It is a land full of milk and ***h***. . . . . Josh 5:6
streams, rivers of ***h***, and brooks of . . . . . Job 20:17
are sweeter than ***h***—even dripping . . . . . Ps 19:10
woman drip ***h***, and her tongue is . . . . . Prv 5:3
eat butter and ***h***, and learn to . . . . . Is 7:15
his waist. He ate locusts and wild ***h***. . . . . Mt 3:4
his waist. He ate locusts and wild ***h***. . . . . Mk 1:6
stomach, but sweet as ***h*** in your mouth. . . . Rev 10:9

HONOR

my husband will ***h*** me since I've . . . . . Gn 30:20
even came to ***h*** Moses as a great . . . . . Ex 11:3
for I'll greatly ***h*** you and I'll do . . . . . Nm 22:17
h your father and your mother, exactly as . . . . Dt 5:16
taking won't bring ***h*** to you, because . . . . Jdg 4:9
children achieve ***h***, and they don't . . . . . Job 14:21
honors those who ***h*** the LORD; someone . . . Ps 15:4
h the LORD with your wealth and with the . . Prv 3:9
be a throne of ***h*** for his ancestors' . . . . . Is 22:23
where is my ***h***? Or if I'm a . . . . . Mal 1:6
in the east, and we've come to ***h*** him. . . . . Mt 2:2
Moses said, ***h*** your father and your . . . . . Mk 7:10
Why do I have this ***h***, that the mother of . . . Lk 1:43
prophets have no ***h*** in their own . . . . . Jn 4:44
and fell at his feet in order to ***h*** him. . . . . Ac 10:25
God, they didn't ***h*** God as God or . . . . . Ro 1:21
crowned the human being with glory and ***h***. . . Heb 2:7
give glory, ***h***, and thanks to the. . . . . Rev 4:9

HONORABLE

himself to be an ***h*** person, then not a 1Ki 1:52
less so false speech for an ***h*** person. . . . . Prv 17:7
longer be called ***h***, nor a villain . . . . . Is 32:5
account for you, most ***h*** Theophilus. . . . . Lk 1:3
and asked, "***h*** masters, what must . . . . . Ac 16:30
we think are less ***h*** are the ones we 1Co 12:23
because they have observed your ***h*** deeds. . . 1Pt 2:12

HONORED

and humans are ***h***, so that I can go . . . . . Jdg 9:9
is with you—that's why you are ***h***. . . . . Ps 130:4
A city is ***h*** by the blessing of the . . . . . Prv 11:11
nations lie down ***h***, all of them, each . . . . Is 14:18
it and that I may be ***h***, says the LORD. . . . Hg 1:8
their knees, they ***h*** him. Then they . . . . . Mt 2:11
Prophets are ***h*** everywhere except . . . . . Mk 6:4
will you be ***h*** by being raised up . . . . . Lk 10:15
they rejoiced and ***h*** the Lord's word. . . . . Ac 13:48
strong! You are ***h***, but we are 1Co 4:10
Marriage must be ***h*** in every respect, with . . Heb 13:4

HOPE

to say that I have ***h***, even if I had a . . . . . Ru 1:12
of your conduct, the source of your ***h***? . . . . Job 4:6
forever, the ***h*** of those who . . . . . Ps 9:18
wicked die, their ***h*** perishes. Yes, any . . . . Prv 11:7
the house of Jacob, and I will ***h*** in God. . . . Is 8:17
Valley a door of ***h***. There she will . . . . . Hos 2:15
Gentiles will put their ***h*** in his name. . . . . Mt 12:21
is Moses, the one in whom your ***h*** rests. . . . Jn 5:45
Moreover, my body will live in ***h***, ... Ac 2:26
When it was beyond ***h***, he had faith in . . . . Ro 4:18
and the pride that our ***h*** gives us. . . . . Heb 3:6

HOREB

and he came to God's mountain called ***H***. . . . Ex 3:1
eleven days from ***H*** to Kadesh-barnea. . . . . Dt 1:2
there while at ***H***, where the LORD 1Ki 8:9
made a calf at ***H***, bowing down to a . . . . Ps 106:19
and rules for all Israel at ***H***. . . . . Mal 4:4

HORN

when the ram's ***h*** sounds may they go. . . . Ex 19:13
blast on the ram's ***h***. As soon as you. . . . . Josh 6:5
the LORD with the blast of the ram's ***h***. . . . Ps 47:5
Moab's ***h*** is cut off; its arm is broken, . . . Jer 48:25
Blow a ***h*** in Gibeah; blow a trumpet in. . . . Hos 5:8

HORNS

ram caught by its ***h*** in the dense . . . . . Gn 22:13
Make ***h*** for the altar and attach them to . . . Ex 27:2
the blood on the ***h*** of the altar of . . . . . Lv 4:7
he is! A wild ox's ***h***—those are his . . . . . Dt 33:17
made from rams' ***h*** in front of the . . . . . Josh 6:4
the lion. From the ***h*** of the wild oxen . . . . Ps 22:21
hearts and on the ***h*** of their altars. . . . . Jer 17:1
of Bethel; the ***h*** of the altar will . . . . . Am 3:14
It had seven ***h*** and seven eyes, ... Rev 5:6

HORROR

shook in terror; ***h*** grabbed hold of . . . . . Ex 15:14
You will become a ***h***, fit only for use in . . . Dt 28:37
they will become a ***h*** and a curse-and 2Ki 22:19
because they recognize the ***h*** of darkness. . . Job 24:17
In ***h*** they will flee from their . . . . . Is 31:9
a loud voice, "***h***, horror, oh! The . . . . . Rev 8:13

HORSE

all of Pharaoh's ***h***-drawn chariots, ... Ex 14:9
had forty thousand ***h*** stalls for his 1Ki 4:26
wings high, she laughs at ***h*** and rider. . . . . Job 39:18
some senseless ***h*** or mule, whose . . . . . Ps 32:9
A ***h*** is made ready for the day of battle, . . . Prv 21:31
out chariot and ***h***, army and . . . . . Is 43:17
wheel, galloping ***h*** and careening . . . . . Na 3:2
Like a bridled ***h***, they can control . . . . . Jas 3:2
there was a white ***h***. Its rider held a . . . . . Rev 6:2

HORSEMEN

Even chariots and ***h*** went with him; it was. . . Gn 50:9
twelve thousand ***h*** that he kept in 2Ch 9:25
chariots, pairs of ***h***, donkey riders, ... Is 21:7
sword, or by war, or by horses, or by ***h***. . . . Hos 1:7
soldiers, seventy ***h***, and two hundred . . . . Ac 23:23

HORSES

them food for the ***h***, flocks, cattle, ... Gn 47:17
in the field: on ***h***, donkeys, camels, ... Ex 9:3
army, to its ***h*** and chariots . . . . . Dt 11:4

There were very many *h* and chariots. . . . Josh 11:4
others in *h*; but we praise the . . . . . Ps 20:7
is filled with *h*; they have . . . . . Is 2:7
or by war, or by *h*, or by horsemen. . . . Hos 1:7
Have *h* ready for Paul to ride, so they . . . Ac 23:24
When we bridle *h* and put bits in their . . Jas 3:3
looked like *h* ready for battle. . . . . Rev 9:7

HOSANNA

him shouted, "*H* to the Son of . . . . . Mt 21:9
were shouting, "*H*! Blessings on the. . . . Mk 11:9
They shouted, "*H*! Blessings on the . . . . Jn 12:13

HOSHEA

from the tribe of Ephraim, *H*, Nun's son. . . Nm 13:8
Then *H*, Elah's son, plotted against 2Ki 15:30

HOSPITALITY

Why have you repaid *h* with ingratitude? . . Gn 44:4
They should show *h* and be skilled at 1Ti 3:2

HOUR

encounter each *h* of the night as I . . . . Ps 119:148
last worked one *h*, and they received . . . Mt 20:12
when that day or *h* will come, not the . . . Mk 13:32
during this *h* of incense . . . . . Lk 1:10
that this was the *h* when Jesus had . . . . Jn 4:53
time it is. The *h* has already come. . . . . Ro 13:11
it is the last *h*. Just as you have 1Jn 2:18
silence in heaven for about half an *h*. . . . . Rev 8:1

HOUSE

to your servant's *h*, spend the night, ... Gn 19:2
a lamb for each household, a lamb per *h*. . . Ex 12:3
of Israel's *h*—will mourn the. . . . . Lv 10:6
to give me his *h* full of silver and . . . . Nm 22:18
out of Egypt, out of the *h* of slavery. . . . .Dt 5:6
and entered the *h* of a prostitute . . . . .Josh 2:1
a feast in his own *h* on his birthday. . . . . Job 1:4
I will enter your *h* because of your . . . . .Ps 5:7
Her *h* sinks down to death, and her paths . . .Prv 2:18
of the LORD's *h* will be the. . . . . Is 2:2
I will punish the *h* of Jehu for the . . . . . Hos 1:4
They entered the *h* and saw the child with . . Mt 2:11
to eat at Levi's *h*. Many tax . . . . . .Mk 2:15
of David's *h*. The virgin's name . . . . . Lk 1:27
make my Father's *h* a place of . . . . . Jn 2:16
filled the entire *h* where they were . . . . .Ac 2:2
meets in their *h*. Say hello to. . . . . Ro 16:5
just like Moses was faithful in God's *h*. . . . Heb 3:2

HOUSEHOLD

with your whole *h*, because among . . . . . Gn 7:1
a man from Levi's *h* married a Levite . . . . .Ex 2:1
reconciliation for himself and his *h*. . . . . Lv 16:6
from each tribe who is the head of his *h*. . . Nm 1:4
LORD your God, along with your entire *h*. . . Dt 14:26
same way, Joseph's *h* went up against. . . . Jdg 1:22
Their *h* wealth will be carried off by . . . . Job 20:28
food for her *h*, even some for her . . . . . Prv 31:15
the honor of his *h* will hang on him, ... Is 22:24
a priestly vest or *h* divine images. . . . . Hos 3:4
the members of his *h* by even worse . . . . Mt 10:25
a trip, left the *h* behind, and put . . . . . Mk 13:34
in charge of his *h* servants, to give . . . . . Lk 12:42
he and his entire *h* believed in Jesus. . . . . Jn 4:53
He and his whole *h* were pious, Gentile . . . . Ac 10:2
to the members of the *h* of Aristobulus. . . Ro 16:10
ark to deliver his *h*. With his faith, ... Heb 11:7

HOUSEHOLDS

back to those in your *h* who are hungry. . . Gn 42:19
to Egypt with Jacob along with their *h*: . . . . .Ex 1:1
clans and their *h*, recording the . . . . . Nm 1:2
Benjamin, and the *h* of Ephraim. So . . . . Jdg 10:9
enemies are members of their own *h*. . . . . Mt 10:36
their relatives, and in their own *h*. . . . . Mk 6:4
their children and their own *h* well. 1Ti 3:12

HOUSES

your officials' *h*, and among all . . . . . .Ex 8:3
for skin disease on clothing or in *h* . . . . . Lv 14:55
h stocked with all kinds of goods that. . . . . Dt 6:11
it warm from our *h* as supplies. But. . . . . Josh 9:12
have gold, who fill their *h* with silver. . . . . Job 3:15
more than all of Jacob's *h* combined. . . . . Ps 87:2
wealth; we'll fill our *h* with plunder. . . . . .Prv 1:13
goods stolen from the poor are in your *h*. . . . Is 3:14
climb into the *h*; they enter . . . . . Jl 2:9
all who have left *h*, brothers,. . . . . Mt 19:29
down or enter their *h* to grab anything. . . . Mk 13:15
people will welcome me into their *h*. . . . . Lk 16:4
properties or *h* would sell them, ... Ac 4:34
Don't you have *h* to eat and drink in? Or . . 1Co 11:22

HUGE

nursing, Abraham prepared a *h* banquet. . . . Gn 21:8
country. Such a *h* swarming of . . . . . Ex 10:14
The cities have *h* fortifications.. . . . . Nm 13:28
and the cities are *h*, with walls . . . . . Dt 1:28
city, causing a *h* panic. God struck 1Sa 5:9
wealth; don't let a *h* bribe mislead you. . . . Job 36:18
I will praise you in a *h* crowd of people. . . . Ps 35:18
grand palace, with *h* upper chambers,. . . . Jer 22:14
A *h* storm arose on the lake so that waves . . Mt 8:24
for them to have a *h* stone hung around. . . .Mk 9:42
their catch was so *h* that their nets . . . . .Lk 5:6
As a result, a *h* number of Jews and. . . . . Ac 14:1
something like a *h* mountain burning. . . . . Rev 8:8

HUMAN

there was still no *h* being to farm the . . . . . Gn 2:5
womb belongs to me, whether *h* or animal. . . Ex 13:2
or by touching *h* uncleanness . . . . . .Lv 5:3
is mine, whether *h* or animal. When I . . . . Nm 8:17
wood and stone by *h* hands—gods that . . . . Dt 4:28
responded to a *h* voice. The LORD . . . . Josh 10:14
Can a *h* be more righteous than God, a . . . Job 4:17
what are *h* beings that you think about . . . . Ps 8:4
earth and delighting in the *h* race. . . . . .Prv 8:31
brought down and *h* arrogance. . . . . Is 2:17
The voice said to me: *H* one . . . . . Eze 2:1
Know this, *h* one . . . . . Dn 8:17
them with bands of *h* kindness, with . . . . Hos 11:4
nests, but the *H* One has no place . . . . . Mt 8:20
will know that the *H* One has authority . . . .Mk 2:10
will know that the *H* One has authority . . . Lk 5:24
blood nor from *h* desire or passion,. . . . . Jn 1:13
or activity is of *h* origin, it will . . . . . Ac 5:38
the injustice of *h* beings who silence . . . . Ro 1:18
Or what is the *h* being that you . . . . . Heb 2:6
looked like the *H* One. He wore a . . . . . Rev 1:13

HUMANITY

said, "Let us make *h* in our image to . . . . Gn 1:26
eyes see—his vision examines all of *h*. . . . Ps 11:4
and approval in the eyes of God and *h*. . . . Prv 3:4
the sun, and it weighs heavily upon *h*. . . . Ecc 6:1
h will be brought down; each person laid . . . Is 2:9
one among *h*. All of them lie . . . . . Mi 7:2
All *h* will see God's salvation.. . . . . Lk 3:6
that the rest of *h* will seek the . . . . . Ac 15:17
between God and *h*, the human Christ . . . 1Ti 2:5
somewhere, What is *h* that you think . . . . Heb 2:6

HUMANS

will not remain in *h* forever, because . . . . Gn 6:3
of Egypt, both *h* and animals. I'll . . . . Ex 12:12
h, animals, or . . . . Lv 27:28
in Israel, both *h* and animals. They . . . . Nm 3:13
is how gods and *h* are honored, so . . . . Jdg 9:9
Surely *h* are born to distress, just as . . . . Job 5:7
from heaven on *h* to see if anyone . . . . Ps 14:2
I will make *h* scarcer than fine gold; . . . . Is 13:12
Let *h* and animals alike put on mourning . . . Jon 3:8
flesh. Therefore, *h* must not pull . . . . Mt 19:6
was created for *h*; humans weren't . . . . Mk 2:27
me before *h*, the Human One . . . . Lk 12:8
been given among *h* through which we . . . Ac 4:12
God has made. So *h* are without excuse. . . . Ro 1:20
was rejected by *h*, from God's 1Pt 2:4

HUMBLE

the man Moses was *h*, more so than . . . . Nm 12:3
desert so he could *h* you, testing you . . . . Dt 8:2
I will *h* David's descendants by means of . . 1Ki 11:39
anger; look on all the proud and *h* them. . . Job 40:11
will hear and *h* them Selah because . . . . Ps 55:19
mockers, but he shows favor to the *h*. . . . Prv 3:34
will look: to the *h* and contrite in . . . . Is 66:2
the LORD, all you *h* of the land who. . . . Zep 2:3
are people who are *h*, because they will . . . Mt 5:5
will transform our *h* bodies so that . . . . Phl 3:21
are good with a *h* lifestyle that . . . . Jas 3:13

HUMILIATED

he took her, slept with her, and *h* her. . . . Gn 34:2
her as a slave because you have *h* her. . . . Dt 21:14
David and because his father had *h* him. . . 1Sa 20:34
ten times you've *h* me; shamelessly . . . . Job 19:3
want me dead be *h* and put to shame. . . . Ps 35:4
human arrogance *h*. The LORD alone . . . . Is 2:17
you despised and *h* in the view of all . . . . Mal 2:9

HUNDRED

They will live one *h* twenty years. . . . . Gn 6:3
numbered about six *h* thousand men on . . . Ex 12:37
will chase away a *h*, and a hundred of . . . . Lv 26:8
dish weighing one *h* thirty shekels, ... Nm 7:13
will fine him one *h* silver shekels, ... Dt 22:19
style, two *h* shekels of silver, ... Josh 7:21
camels, five *h* pairs of oxen, ... Job 1:3
person than a *h* lashes to a fool. . . . . Prv 17:10
struck down one *h* eighty-five . . . . Is 37:36
will have one *h* left, and the city . . . . Am 5:3
a yield of one *h* to one, in another . . . . Mt 13:8
in another case a yield of one *h* to one. . . Mk 4:8
money to pay five *h* people for a day's . . . Lk 7:41
far from shore, only about one *h* yards. . . . Jn 21:8
of about one *h* twenty persons.. . . . . Ac 1:15
to more than five *h* brothers and 1Co 15:6
were sealed: one *h* forty-four. . . . . Rev 7:4

HUNGER

devastating *h*, consuming plague, bitter . . . Dt 32:24
to death by *h* and thirst when he 2Ch 32:11
at destruction and *h*; you won't be . . . . Job 5:22
for them, for their *h* presses them on. . . . Prv 16:26
are dying of *h*; so many of them . . . . Is 5:13
will be for their *h* alone; it will not . . . . Hos 9:4
Happy are you who *h* now, because you will . . Lk 6:21
hard work, sleepless nights, and *h*. 2Co 6:5
They won't *h* or thirst anymore. No sun or. . Rev 7:16

HUNGRY

stew, Esau came in from the field *h* . . . . Gn 25:29
you by making you *h* and then feeding . . . . Dt 8:3
When they were *h*, you gave them bread. . . . Neh 9:15
The *h* devour their crops; it's taken even. . . . Job 5:5
go without and get *h*, but those who . . . . Ps 34:10
brings on deep sleep; a slacker goes *h*. . . . Prv 19:15
land, dejected and *h*, and when they are . . . . Is 8:21
are people who are *h* and thirsty for . . . . Mt 5:6
need, when he and those with him were *h*? . . Mk 2:25
He has filled the *h* with good things and. . . . Lk 1:53
me will never go *h*, and whoever . . . . Jn 6:35
He became *h* and wanted to eat. While . . . . Ac 10:10
If your enemy is *h*, feed him; if he . . . . Ro 12:20

HURRY

tent and said, "*h*! Knead three seahs . . . . Gn 18:6
eat the meal in a *h*. It is the . . . . Ex 12:11
Egypt in a great *h*. Do this so you. . . . . Dt 16:3
the men went. *h*! Chase after them!. . . . Josh 2:5
surges, he doesn't *h*; he is confident . . . . Job 40:23
I'd *h* to my hideout, far from the rushing . . . Ps 55:8
feet run to evil; they *h* to spill blood. . . . . Prv 1:16
say, "God should *h* and work faster so . . . . Is 5:19
forward. They *h* to the city wall, ... Na 2:5
Now *h*, go and tell his disciples, 'He's . . . . Mt 28:7
speaking to me. *h*!' he said. 'Leave . . . . Ac 22:18

HURT

us? Now we will *h* you more than we . . . . Gn 19:9
up against you to *h* you end up like 2Sa 18:32
who intend to *h* me be thoroughly . . . . Ps 35:4
whoever corrects the wicked gets *h*. . . . . Prv 9:7
dust. They won't *h* or destroy at any . . . . Is 65:25
who carry it will *h* themselves; . . . . Zec 12:3
those who want to *h* you. If people . . . . Mt 5:39
it will not *h* them. They will . . . . Mk 16:18
and sisters and *h* their weak 1Co 8:12
won't be *h* by the second . . . . Rev 2:11

HUSBAND

gave some to her *h*, who was with her, ... Gn 3:6
what the woman's *h* demands, as . . . . Ex 21:22
divorced from her *h*, because priests . . . . Lv 21:7
her unknown to her *h* and that she has . . . Nm 5:13
You will be her *h*, and she will be . . . . Dt 21:13
went and told her *h*, "A man of God. . . . . Jdg 13:6
For my *h* isn't home; he's gone far away . . . Prv 7:19
LORD, for I'm your *h*. I'll gather you . . . . Jer 3:14
and I am not her *h*. Let her remove . . . . Hos 2:2
of Joseph, the *h* of Mary . . . . Mt 1:16
wife divorces her *h* and marries . . . . Mk 10:12
she lived with her *h* for seven years. . . . . Lk 2:36
her, "Go, get your *h*, and come back. . . . . Jn 4:16
didn't know what had happened to her *h*. . . . Ac 5:7
is united with her *h* under the Law . . . . Ro 7:2
as a bride beautifully dressed for her *h*. . . . Rev 21:2

HUSBANDS

in my womb, that they would be *h* for you? . . Ru 1:11
daughters find *h* in order that they . . . . Jer 29:6
who say to their *h*, "Bring drinks, so . . . . Am 4:1
You've had five *h*, and the man you are . . . . Jn 4:18
should ask their *h* at home. It is 1Co 14:35
submit to your own *h*. Do this so that. . . . 1Pt 3:1

HYSSOP

Take a bunch of *h*, dip it into the blood . . . Ex 12:22
crimson yarn, and *h* be brought for the . . . . Lv 14:4
take cedarwood, *h*, and crimson cloth. . . . Nm 19:6
in Lebanon or the *h* that grows out of. . . . 1Ki 4:33
Purify me with *h* and I will be clean; . . . . Ps 51:7
it, placed it on a *h* branch, and held . . . . Jn 19:29
scarlet wool, and *h*, and sprinkled . . . . Heb 9:19

I

IDOL

Do not make an ***i*** for yourself . . . . . Ex 20:4
and make an ***i*** for yourself: a . . . . . Dt 4:16
they found the ***i*** in the bed with 1Sa 19:16
calf at Horeb, bowing down to a metal ***i***. . . Ps 106:19
An ***i***? A craftsman pours it, a . . . . . Is 40:19
Israel will be ashamed of his own ***i***. . . . . Hos 10:6
when they made an ***i*** in the shape of a . . . Ac 7:41
to a real ***i***, because they were 1Co 8:7

IDOLATRY

like the evil of ***i***. Because you have 1Sa 15:23
images speak ***i***, and diviners see . . . . . Zec 10:2
i, drug use and casting spells, hate, ... Ga 5:20

IDOLS

Do not turn to ***i*** or make gods of cast . . . . Lv 19:4
down their sacred poles, and burn their ***i*** . . . Dt 7:5
to follow useless ***i*** that can't help 1Sa 12:21
shrines; they angered him with their ***i***. . . . Ps 78:58
is filled with ***i***; they worship . . . . . Is 2:8
is associated with ***i***—let him alone! . . . . Hos 4:17
associated with ***i***, sexual . . . . . Ac 15:20
If you hate ***i***, do you rob . . . . . Ro 2:22
and their forbidden worship of ***i***. 1Pt 4:3
food sacrificed to ***i*** and commit sexual . . . Rev 2:14

IMAGE

humanity in our ***i*** to resemble us so. . . . . Gn 1:26
he made a metal ***i*** of a bull calf, ... Ex 32:4
set up any divine ***i*** or sacred pillar. . . . . Lv 26:1
a form of any ***i***, any . . . . . Dt 4:16
with the asherah ***i*** that had been . . . . . Jdg 6:28
I will be filled full by seeing your ***i***. . . . . Ps 17:15
one who sets up an ***i*** chooses wood that . . . . Is 40:20
idol and cast ***i*** from the house of . . . . . Na 1:14
Whose ***i*** and inscription is this?"he . . . . . Mt 22:20
What's a good ***i*** for God's kingdom?. . . . . Mk 4:30
me a coin. Whose ***i*** and inscription . . . . . Lk 20:24
silver, or stone ***i*** made by human . . . . . Ac 17:29
conformed to the ***i*** of his Son. That . . . . . Ro 8:29
earth to make an ***i*** for the beast who . . . . . Rev 13:14

IMAGES

household's divine ***i*** that belonged to . . . . Gn 31:19
all their cast ***i***. You will . . . . . Nm 33:52
Burn the ***i*** of their gods. Don't desire . . . . Dt 7:25
vest and divine ***i*** and appointed one . . . . Jdg 17:5
those who worship ***i***, those who are. . . . . Ps 97:7
kingdoms with more ***i*** than Jerusalem and . . Is 10:10
a priestly vest or household divine ***i***. . . . . Hos 3:4
god Rephan, the ***i*** that you made in . . . . . Ac 7:43
immortal God for ***i*** that look like . . . . . Ro 1:23

IMMEDIATELY

LORD's word came ***i*** to him, "This man . . . . Gn 15:4
and the slave dies ***i***, the owner should. . . . Ex 21:20
i, the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and . . . . Nm 12:4
driving them out ***i*** or handing them . . . . Jdg 2:23
worship will be ***i*** thrown into a . . . . . Dn 3:6
was baptized, he ***i*** came up out of the . . . . Mt 3:16
into Capernaum. ***i*** on the Sabbath . . . . . Mk 1:21
him and how she had been ***i*** healed. . . . . Lk 8:47
i the man was well, and he picked up his . . . Jn 5:9
i an angel from the Lord struck Herod . . . Ac 12:23
Gentiles. I didn't ***i*** consult with any . . . . . Ga 1:16
walk away, and ***i*** forget what they. . . . . Jas 1:24

IMMIGRANT

to live as an ***i*** since the famine . . . . . Gn 12:10
I've been an ***i*** living in a . . . . . Ex 2:22
the citizen or the ***i*** who lives among . . . . Lv 16:29
If an ***i*** resides among you and wishes to . . . Nm 9:14
or between a tribe member and an ***i***. . . . . Dt 1:16
He was a Levite residing there as an ***i***. . . . Jdg 17:7
a foreigner—an ***i*** staying with you, ... Ps 39:12
Don't let the ***i*** who has joined with the . . . . Is 56:3
where he lived as an ***i*** and had two sons. . . . Ac 7:29

IMMIGRANTS

will live as ***i*** in a land that . . . . . Gn 15:13
the land of Canaan where they lived as ***i***. . . . Ex 6:4
house or from the ***i*** who live with you. . . . . Lv 17:8
for Israelites, ***i***, and temporary . . . . . Nm 35:15
and he loves ***i***, giving them food . . . . . Dt 10:18
They included both ***i*** and full citizens. . . . . Josh 8:33
kill widows and ***i***; they murder . . . . . Ps 94:6
in their own land. ***i*** will join them, ... Is 14:1
that they were strangers and ***i*** on earth. . . . Heb 11:13

IMMORALITY

unrestrained ***i***, envy, insults, ... Mk 7:22
with idols, sexual ***i***, eating meat from . . . . Ac 15:20
there is sexual ***i*** among you. This is 1Co 5:1
their unrestrained ***i*** and lust, their 1Pt 4:3
sacrificed to idols and commit sexual ***i***. . . . Rev 2:14

IMPURE

your chisel on the stone will make it ***i***. . . . Ex 20:25
their God's name ***i***. They must be holy. . . . . Lv 21:6
of the Israelites ***i***, on penalty of . . . . . Nm 18:32
removing from the sanctuary any ***i*** thing. . . 2Ch 29:5
Who can make pure from ***i***? Nobody . . . . Job 14:4
silver has become ***i***; your beer is . . . . . Is 1:22
you make my name ***i*** when you say, "The . . . Mal 1:12
palace would have made them ritually ***i***. . . Jn 18:28
have never eaten anything ***i*** or unclean. . . . Ac 10:14
sexually immoral, ***i***, or greedy . . . . . Eph 5:5
of the vile and ***i*** things that came . . . . . Rev 17:4

INCENSE

oil and for the sweet-smelling ***i***; . . . . . Ex 25:6
altar of perfumed ***i***, which is in the . . . . . Lv 4:7
the fragrant ***i***, the regular grain . . . . . Nm 4:16
They hold sweet ***i*** to your nose; put . . . . . Dt 33:10
my altar, to burn ***i***, and to wear the 1Sa 2:28
before you like ***i***; let my uplifted . . . . . Ps 141:2
Oil and ***i*** make the heart glad, and the . . . . Prv 27:9
offerings. Your ***i*** repulses me. New . . . . . Is 1:13
to the Baals, and they burned ***i*** to idols. . . . Hos 11:2
go into the Lord's sanctuary and burn ***i***. . . . Lk 1:9
the gold altar for ***i*** and the chest . . . . . Heb 9:4
gold bowls full of ***i***, which are the . . . . . Rev 5:8

INCHES

be forty-five ***i*** long, twenty-seven . . . . . Ex 25:10
ten every eighteen ***i***, each cast in its 1Ki 7:24
but the bronze was about three ***i*** thick. . . . Jer 52:21

INCREASE

people started to ***i*** throughout the . . . . . Gn 6:1
This is so as to ***i*** its produce for. . . . . Lv 19:25
bless me and ***i*** my territory. May 1Ch 4:10
against me and ***i*** your anger toward. . . . . Job 10:17
their suffering ***i*** because they . . . . . Ps 16:4
the righteous, and their learning will ***i***. . . . Prv 9:9
may have children. ***i*** in number there so. . . . Jer 29:6
apostles said to the Lord, "***i*** our faith!" . . . . Lk 17:5
He must ***i*** and I must decrease . . . . . Jn 3:30
continued to ***i***, a complaint . . . . . Ac 6:1
cause gratitude to ***i***, which results in 2Co 4:15

INFECTION
and it becomes an *i* of skin disease on. . . . . Lv 13:2
spread like an *i*. This includes 2Ti 2:17

INFORMED
Isaac's servants *i* him about the well . . . . Gn 26:32
hurriedly ran and *i* her husband. She . . . . Jdg 13:10
one lacking wisdom, *i* many with insight! . . Job 26:3
I *i* you long ago; before they came about. . . . Is 48:5
John's disciples *i* him about all these . . . . Lk 7:18
They have been *i* that you teach all the . . . Ac 21:21
God. However, it isn't *i* by knowledge. . . . . Ro 10:2

INHABITANTS
horror grabbed hold of Philistia's *i*. . . . . Ex 15:14
and the land vomited out its *i*. . . . . Lv 18:25
They'll tell the *i* of this land. They've . . . . Nm 14:14
strike down the *i* of that city with . . . . . Dt 13:15
curse its *i* bitterly, because. . . . . Jdg 5:23
dead writhe, the *i* beneath the waters . . . . Job 26:5
in it, the world and its *i* too. . . . . Ps 24:1
has flown. Gebim's *i* sought refuge. . . . . Is 10:31
a dispute with the *i* of the land. . . . . Hos 4:1

INHABITED
the Jebusites, who *i* the territory. The. . . . 2Sa 5:6
the Arabs who *i* Gur, and the. 2Ch 26:7
the earth and the *i* world . . . . . Ps 90:2
with his *i* earth and. . . . . .Prv 8:31
And this city will always be *i*. . . . . Jer 17:25
gone out to the corners of the *i* world. . . . Ro 10:18

INHERIT
But they will not *i* land among the . . . . . Nm 18:23
one who will help Israel *i* the land. . . . . Dt 1:38
about me, make me *i* my youthful . . . . . Job 13:26
But the weak will *i* the land; they will . . . . Ps 37:11
their family will *i* the wind. The fool . . . . Prv 11:29
refuge in me will *i* the land and. . . . . .Is 57:13
humble, because they will *i* the earth. . . . . Mt 5:5
that he would *i* the world, didn't . . . . . Ro 4:13
serve those who are going to *i* salvation? . . Heb 1:14
victorious will *i* these things. I . . . . . Rev 21:7

INHERITANCE
son won't share the *i* with my son Isaac. . . . Gn 21:10
your children as *i* that they can own . . . . Lv 25:46
nor given us the *i* of field and . . . . . Nm 16:14
the LORD your God is giving you as an *i*. . . . Dt 4:21
You won't get an *i* in our father's . . . . . Jdg 11:2
with God, the *i* that the ruthless . . . . . Job 27:13
He chooses our *i* for us: the heights of . . . . Ps 47:4
grandchildren an *i*, but the wealth of . . . . Prv 13:22
Assyria my handiwork; and Israel my *i*. . . . . Is 19:25
don't make your *i* a disgrace, an . . . . . Jl 2:17
on, let's kill him and we'll have his *i*.' . . . . Mt 21:38
Let's kill him, and the *i* will be ours.' . . . . .Mk 12:7
tell my brother to divide the *i* with me. . . . Lk 12:13
didn't give him an *i* here, not even a . . . . .Ac 7:5
That's why the *i* comes through faith, so. . . . Ro 4:16
of the eternal *i* on the basis of . . . . . Heb 9:15

INJUSTICE
The cries of *i* from Sodom and . . . . . Gn 18:20
heard their cry of *i* because of their . . . . .Ex 3:7
there can be no *i*, playing 2Ch 19:7
and don't let *i* dwell in your . . . . . Job 11:14
hearts you plan *i*; your hands do . . . . . Ps 58:2
Those who sow *i* will harvest evil; the . . . . Prv 22:8
chambers with *i*, working his . . . . . Jer 22:13
Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with *i*! . . Mi 3:10
received for his *i*. Falling. . . . . Ac 1:18
behavior and the *i* of human beings. . . . . Ro 1:18

INNER
that covers the *i* organs, the lobe . . . . . Ex 29:13
LORD, toward the sanctuary's *i* curtain. . . . . .Lv 4:6
her signal in an *i* room, she called . . . . . Jdg 16:9
me turn back—because of my *i* turmoil. . . . Job 20:2
up my hands to your holy *i* sanctuary. . . . . Ps 28:2
evil; beatings cleanse the *i* parts. . . . . Prv 20:30
harp for Moab, my *i* being for . . . . . .Is 16:11
so that the *i* thoughts of many will be. . . . . Lk 2:35
you in your *i* selves from the . . . . . Eph 3:16

INNOCENT
really sweep away the *i* with the guilty? . . . Gn 18:23
Don't put an *i* person who is in. . . . . Ex 23:7
i blood must not be spilled in the land . . . Dt 19:10
wrong to an *i* person by killing 1Sa 19:5
Think! What *i* person has ever perished? . . . Job 4:7
places they kill *i* people; their eyes . . . . . Ps 10:8
secretly wait for the *i* just for fun. . . . . .Prv 1:11
bribes, and rob the *i* of their rights. . . . . Is 5:23
in whose land they have shed *i* blood. . . . . Jl 3:19
be wise as snakes and *i* as doves . . . . . Mt 10:16
own fates! I'm *i*! From now on I'll. . . . . Ac 18:6
the hearts of *i* people with smooth . . . . . Ro 16:18
high priest: holy, *i*, incorrupt, ... Heb 7:26

INSIDE
fruit with seeds *i* it, each according . . . . . Gn 1:11
Put your hand *i* your coat." So . . . . . .Ex 4:6
jar, everything *i* it will be . . . . . Lv 11:33
will bereave! *i*, in the safest . . . . . Dt 32:25
the city wall, and she lived *i* the wall. . . . . Josh 2:15
If so, my error remains hidden *i* me. . . . . Job 19:4
all they have *i* them is. . . . . .Ps 5:9
built a tower *i* it, and dug out a. . . . . Is 5:2
city, and what violent deeds are *i* it. . . . . Am 3:9
like sheep, but *i* they are vicious . . . . . Mt 7:15
It's from the *i*, from the human heart, ...Mk 7:21
one who made the outside also make the *i*? . Lk 11:40
first, also went *i*. He saw and. . . . . Jn 20:8
we opened the doors we found no one *i*! . . . Ac 5:23
who is a Jew *i*, who is . . . . . Ro 2:29
word planted deep *i* you—the very word . . . Jas 1:21
around and on the *i* with eyes. They . . . . . Rev 4:8

INSIGHT
your wisdom and *i* to the nations who . . . . .Dt 4:6
sure to give you *i* and understanding 1Ch 22:12
wisdom; for sound *i* has two sides. . . . . Job 11:6
my heart's meditation is full of *i*. . . . . Ps 49:3
Call out for *i*, and cry aloud for . . . . . Prv 2:3
and those who grumble will gain *i*. . . . . Is 29:24
see but have no *i*, and they can hear . . . . .Mk 4:12
understand my *i* into the secret . . . . . Eph 3:4

INSPIRED
were to go about *i* and say . . . . . Mi 2:11
is it that David, *i* by the Holy. . . . . Mt 22:43
David himself, *i* by the Holy Spirit, ... Mk 12:36
Then Peter, *i* by the Holy Spirit, ...Ac 4:8
commitment, and the love we *i* in you. 2Co 8:7

INSTRUCTED
wagons as Pharaoh *i*, and he gave them . . . Gn 45:21
Moses *i* the Israelites to keep the . . . . . Nm 9:4
as the LORD *i* me. We traveled . . . . . .Dt 2:1
So they *i* the Benjaminites, "Go and hide . . Jdg 21:20
Look, you've *i* many and given strength to. . . Job 4:3
even at night I am *i* in the depths of . . . . . Ps 16:7
it at the Euphrates, as the LORD *i*. . . . . Jer 13:5

did just as Jesus *i* them. They . . . Mt 26:19
He *i* them to take nothing for the journey . . . Mk 6:8
as Moses *i*. This will be a. . . . . Lk 5:14
Holy Spirit, Jesus *i* the apostles he . . . . . Ac 1:2

INSTRUCTION

There will be one *i* for the native and . . . . Ex 12:49
sons: This is the *i* for the entirely . . . . . Lv 6:9
This is the *i* for the nazirite. When the . . . Nm 6:13
to explain this *i*. He said the . . . . . Dt 1:5
obey all of the *i* that Moses my. . . . . Josh 1:7
so don't reject the Almighty's *i*. . . . . Job 5:17
love the LORD's *i*, and they recite. . . . . Ps 1:2
provide insightful *i*, which is . . . . . Prv 1:3
in God's paths." *i* will come from . . . . . Is 2:3
have forgotten the *i* of your God, so . . . . Hos 4:6
the soundness of the *i* you have received. . . . Lk 1:4
Under Gamaliel's *i*, I was trained in . . . . Ac 22:3
written for our *i* so that we could. . . . . Ro 15:4

INSTRUCTIONS

my commandments, my statutes, and my *i*. . . Gn 26:5
you refuse to obey my commandments and *i*? Ex 16:28
This concludes the *i* for the entirely. . . . . Lv 7:37
These are the *i* about jealousy, when a. . . . Nm 5:29
command and your *i*. I was afraid of 1Sa 15:24
laws and observe his *i*. Praise the LORD! . . Ps 105:45
a thing—I gave no *i*—about entirely . . . . . Jer 7:22
large number of my *i*, they are regarded . . . Hos 8:12
since they teach *i* that are human. . . . . Mt 15:9
since they teach *i* that are human. . . . . Mk 7:7
Master, your *i* have been followed . . . . . Lk 14:22
he received these *i*, he threw them . . . . . Ac 16:24
remember all my *i*, and you hold on. 1Co 11:2
his life, and gave *i* about burying his . . . . Heb 11:22

INSTRUMENTS

of those who play stringed and wind *i*. . . . . Gn 4:21
To the sound of *i* at the watering places,. . . Jdg 5:11
With stringed *i*. A psalm of . . . . . Ps 4:1
the LORD and the *i* of his fury, to. . . . . Is 13:5
like David, compose tunes on musical *i*; . . . . Am 6:5

INSULT

You must not *i* a deaf person or put some . . Lv 19:14
I *i* Israel's troops today!" the 1Sa 17:10
humiliated me; shamelessly you *i* me. . . . Job 19:3
harm to a friend, doesn't *i* a neighbor; . . . Ps 15:3
who mock the poor *i* their maker; those. . . . Prv 17:5
of Assyria's king have used to *i* me. . . . . Is 37:6
you when people *i* you and harass you. . . . . Mt 5:11
You've heard his *i* against God. What do. . . Mk 14:64
you, reject you, *i* you, and condemn. . . . . Lk 6:22
to claim, "We heard him *i* Moses and God." . . Ac 6:11
they the ones who *i* the good name . . . . . Jas 2:7

INSULTED

because he has *i* the army of the 1Sa 17:36
my reputation be *i*? How long will you . . . . Ps 4:2
the cynic gets *i*; whoever corrects. . . . . Prv 9:7
Assyria's king. He *i* the living God! . . . . Is 37:4
were walking by *i* Jesus, shaking . . . . . Mt 27:39
People walking by *i* him, shaking their . . . Mk 15:29
next to Jesus *i* him, "Aren't you . . . . . Lk 23:39
They *i* him: "You are his disciple, but we . . . Jn 9:28
insults of those who *i* you fell on me. . . . . Ro 15:3
When he was *i*, he did not reply with 1Pt 2:23

INSULTS

an immigrant, and *i* the LORD, that. . . . . Nm 15:30
in proverbs and in *i* by all the nations . . . . Dt 28:37
Turn their *i* to us back on . . . . . Neh 4:4
hear teaching that *i* me, but I am . . . . . Job 20:3
consumed me, the *i* of those who. . . . . Ps 69:9
in word and deed *i* the LORD, defying. . . . . Is 3:8
sins, thefts, false testimonies, and *i*. . . . . Mt 15:19
for all sins and *i* of every kind. . . . . Mk 3:28
Who is this who *i* God? Only God can . . . . Lk 5:21
into the world *i* God because he . . . . . Jn 10:36
it is written, The *i* of those who . . . . . Ro 15:3
blood, and who *i* the Spirit of . . . . . Heb 10:29

INTEGRITY

I have lived with *i* before him; I've kept . . . 2Sa 22:24
all times, in truth, and with complete *i*. . . . 2Ch 19:9
person of absolute *i*; he feared God and . . . Job 1:1
my righteousness and according to my *i*. . . . Ps 7:8
which is righteous, just, and full of *i*. . . . . Prv 1:3
don't you look for *i*? You have struck . . . . Jer 5:3
of good actions. Show *i*, seriousness, ... Ti 2:7

INTERPRET

there's no one to *i* them." Joseph said. . . . Gn 40:8
the dream, but they couldn't *i* it for me. . . . Dn 4:7
see lies. They *i* dreams falsely and . . . . . Zec 10:2
is written in the Law? How do you *i* it? . . . Lk 10:26
tongues, do they? All don't *i*, do they? . . . 1Co 12:30

INVITE

leave this man? *i* him to eat a meal . . . . . Ex 2:20
i Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make . . . 1Sa 16:3
who build a high doorway *i* a collapse. . . . Prv 17:19
Why do you *i* further beatings? Why . . . . . Is 1:5
everyone will *i* their neighbors to. . . . . Zec 3:10
edge of town and *i* everyone you find . . . . Mt 22:9
or dinner, don't *i* your friends, your. . . . . Lk 14:12

INVITED

kissed him, and *i* him into his . . . . . Gn 29:13
The Moabite women *i* the people to the . . . Nm 25:2
household. Were we *i* here just to. . . . . Jdg 14:15
his birthday. They *i* their three . . . . . Job 1:4
I *i* you, but you rejected me; I stretched . . . Prv 1:24
You *i*—as if to a festival!—terrors . . . . Lam 2:22
to call those *i* to the wedding. . . . . Mt 22:3
of the Pharisees *i* Jesus to eat with . . . . . Lk 7:36
disciples were also *i* to the celebration. . . . . Jn 2:2
in all—and *i* them to live with . . . . . Ac 7:14
who have been *i* to the wedding . . . . . Rev 19:9

IRON

of bronze and *i*. Tubal-cain's . . . . . Gn 4:22
turn your sky to *i* and your land to . . . . . Lv 26:19
Gold, silver, copper, *i*, tin, and lead-. . . . . Nm 31:22
bed was made of *i*. Isn't it still in . . . . . Dt 3:11
with bronze and *i* equipment, are. . . . . Josh 6:19
with an *i* instrument and lead, forever . . . Job 19:24
smash them with an *i* rod; you will . . . . . Ps 2:9
As *i* sharpens iron, so friends sharpen . . . Prv 27:17
their swords into *i* plows and their . . . . . Is 2:4
Beat the *i* tips of your plows into swords . . . Jl 3:10
and came to the *i* gate leading to . . . . . Ac 12:10
nations with an *i* rod and smash them . . . Rev 2:27

ISAAC

you will name him *I*. I will set up my . . . . Gn 17:19
his covenant with Abraham, *I*, and Jacob. . . . Ex 2:24
my covenant with *I*. And my covenant . . . . Lv 26:42
to Abraham, *I*, and Jacob, ... Nm 32:11
ancestors Abraham, *I*, and Jacob, as . . . . . Dt 1:8
added to his descendants and gave him *I*. . . . Josh 24:3
Abraham, the solemn pledge he swore to *I*. . . Ps 105:9
of Abraham, *I*, and Jacob. I will. . . . . Jer 33:26
The shrines of *I* will be made desolate, ... Am 7:9

was the father of *I*. Isaac was the . . . . . Mt 1:2
the God of *I*, and the God of . . . . . Mk 12:26
of Jacob son of *I* son of Abraham son . . . . . Lk 3:34
God of Abraham, *I*, and Jacob . . . . . Ac 3:13
your descendants will be named through *I*. . . Ro 9:7
tents along with *I* and Jacob, who . . . . . Heb 11:9

ISAIAH

to the prophet *I*, Amoz's son. They 2Ki 19:2
and Jerusalem that *I*, Amoz's son, saw . . . . . Is 1:1
the one of whom *I* the prophet spoke . . . . . Mt 3:3
in the prophecy of *I*: Look, I am . . . . . Mk 1:2
of the words of *I* the prophet, A . . . . . Lk 3:4
straight just as the prophet *I* said. . . . . Jn 1:23
the prophet *I* while sitting in. . . . . Ac 8:28
But *I* cries out for Israel, Though the . . . . . Ro 9:27

ISCARIOT

was called Judas *I*, went to the chief . . . . Mt 26:14
and Judas *I*, who betrayed Jesus . . . . . Mk 3:19
James; and Judas *I*, who became a . . . . . Lk 6:16
Judas *I*, one of his disciples . . . . . Jn 12:4

ISHBOSHETH

army had taken *I*, Saul's son, and 2Sa 2:8

ISHMAEL

You will name him *I* because the LORD . . . Gn 16:11
The officers were *I*, Nethaniah's son. 2Ki 25:23
at Mizpah: *I*, Nethaniah's son; . . . . . Jer 40:8

ISHMAELITES

saw a caravan of *I* coming from. . . . . Gn 37:25
worn gold earrings because they were *I*. . . . Jdg 8:24
of Edom and the *I*, Moab and the. . . . . Ps 83:6

ISRAEL

any longer, but *I*, because you . . . . . Gn 32:28
what the LORD says: *I* is my oldest son. . . . . Ex 4:22
and for the whole assembly of *I*. . . . . Lv 16:17
service in *I*. These you and. . . . . Nm 1:3
Moses spoke to all *I* across the Jordan. . . . . Dt 1:1
the opinion of all *I*. Then they will . . . . . Josh 3:7
Jacob will rejoice; *I* will celebrate! . . . . . Ps 14:7
of Solomon, King David's son, from *I*: . . . . Prv 1:1
Teacher. I was king over *I* in Jerusalem. . . . . Ecc 1:12
trough. But *I* doesn't know; my . . . . . Is 1:3
destroy the kingdom of the house of *I*. . . . . Hos 1:4
governs, who will shepherd my people *I*. . . . . Mt 2:6
important one is *I*, listen! Our God . . . . . Mk 12:29
aid of his servant *I*, remembering his . . . . . Lk 1:54
so that he might be made known to *I*. . . . . Jn 1:31
going to restore the kingdom to *I* now? . . . . Ac 1:6
are descended from *I* are part of Israel. . . . . Ro 9:6
with the house of *I*, and I will make a . . . . . Heb 8:8

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trough. But *I* doesn't know; my . . . . . Is 1:3
destroy the kingdom of the house of *I*. . . . . Hos 1:4
who will shepherd my people *I*. . . . . Mt 2:6
important one is *I*, listen! Our God . . . . . Mk 12:29
aid of his servant *I*, remembering his . . . . . Lk 1:54
so that he might be made known to *I*. . . . . Jn 1:31
going to restore the kingdom to *I* now? . . . . Ac 1:6
are descended from *I* are part of Israel. . . . . Ro 9:6
with the house of *I*, and I will make a . . . . . Heb 8:8

ISRAELITE

his people, "The *I* people are now . . . . . Ex 1:9
it is the entire *I* community that has . . . . . Lv 4:13
of the entire *I* community by their . . . . . Nm 1:2
the rest of your *I* relatives as a . . . . . Dt 3:18
for the blessing of the *I* people. . . . . Josh 8:33
all you families of the *I* household. . . . . Jer 2:4
Here is a genuine *I* in whom there is . . . . . Jn 1:47
not! I'm an *I*, a descendant of . . . . . Ro 11:1

ISRAELITES

Therefore, *I* don't eat the tendon . . . . . Gn 32:32
the names of the *I* who came to Egypt . . . . . Ex 1:1
Speak to the *I* and say to them: When any . . . . Lv 1:2
All the *I* 20 years old and above eligible . . . Nm 1:45
Moses spoke to the *I* precisely what the . . . . . Dt 1:3
land that I am going to give to the *I*. . . . . Josh 1:2
to Moses; made his deeds known to the *I*. . . . Ps 103:7
the glory of the *I*, says the LORD of . . . . . Is 17:3
Similarly, the *I* will remain many days. . . . . Hos 3:4
price had been set by some of the *I*, ... Mt 27:9
He will bring many *I* back to the Lord . . . . . Lk 1:16
Fellow *I*, listen to these words! Jesus . . . . . Ac 2:22
They are *I*. The adoption as God's . . . . . Ro 9:4
to us, just as the *I* did. However, the . . . . . Heb 4:2
to trip up the *I* so that they would . . . . . Rev 2:14

ISSACHAR

to my husband." So she named him *I*. . . . . Gn 30:18
I, Zebulun, and Benjamin . . . . . Ex 1:3
from *I*, Nethanel, Zuar's son . . . . . Nm 1:8
Levi, Judah, *I*, Joseph, and . . . . . Dt 27:12
Asher on the north and *I* on the east. . . . Josh 17:10
to the western border: *I*, one portion. . . . Eze 48:25
from the tribe of *I*, twelve thousand; . . . . . Rev 7:7

ITHAMAR

birth to Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and *I*. . . . . Ex 6:23
sons, Eleazar and *I*, "Don't dishevel. . . . . Lv 10:6
the oldest, and Abihu, Eleazar, and *I*. . . . . Nm 3:2
family: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and *I*. 1Ch 6:3

J

JABESH-GILEAD

was! No one from *J* had come to the . . . . . Jdg 21:8

JACOB

and she named him *J*. Isaac was 60 . . . . . Gn 25:26
came to Egypt with *J* along with their . . . . . Ex 1:1
my covenant with *J*. I will also . . . . . Lv 26:42
Come, curse *J* for me; come, ... Nm 23:7
Isaac, and *J*, as well as to . . . . . Dt 1:8
To Isaac I gave *J* and Esau. I gave Mount . . . Josh 24:4
for the better, *J* will rejoice; . . . . . Ps 14:7
Come, house of *J*, let's walk by the . . . . . Is 2:5
Judah will plow; *J* will turn the soil. . . . . Hos 10:11
was the father of *J*. Jacob was the . . . . . Mt 1:2
the God of Isaac, and the God of *J*? . . . . . Mk 12:26
son of *J* son of Isaac son of Abraham son . . . Lk 3:34
was near the land *J* had given to his . . . . . Jn 4:5
Isaac, and *J*—the God of our . . . . . Ac 3:13
is written, I loved *J*, but I hated Esau. . . . . Ro 9:13
with Isaac and *J*, who were coheirs . . . . . Heb 11:9

JAMES

set of brothers, *J* the son of Zebedee . . . . . Mt 4:21
further, he saw *J* and John, ... Mk 1:19
J and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's . . . Lk 5:10

Peter, John, ***J***, and Andrew; . . . . . Ac 1:13
he appeared to ***J***, then to all the 1Co 15:7
From ***J***, a slave of God and of the Lord . . . . Jas 1:1

JAPHETH

became the father of Shem, Ham, and ***J***. . . . Gn 5:32
Noah; Noah's family: Shem, Ham, and ***J***. . . . 1Ch 1:4

JAR

me your water ***j*** so I can drink,' . . . . . Gn 24:14
to Aaron, "Take a ***j***, and put one full . . . . Ex 16:33
into a pottery ***j***, everything inside . . . . . Lv 11:33
water in a clay ***j***, and taking dust . . . . . Nm 5:17
and an empty ***j***, with a torch . . . . . Jdg 7:16
you will shatter them like a pottery ***j***. . . . . Ps 2:9
bowl shatters; the ***j*** is broken at the . . . . . Ecc 12:6
every little dish, every bowl, every ***j***. . . . . Is 22:24
nations, they are now like a useless ***j***. . . . . Hos 8:8
carrying a water ***j*** will meet you. . . . . Mk 14:13
carrying a water ***j*** will meet you. . . . . Lk 22:10
put down her water ***j*** and went into the . . . . Jn 4:28
there was a gold ***j*** containing manna, ... Heb 9:4

JAWBONE

a donkey's fresh ***j***, picked it up, and . . . . . Jdg 15:15

JEALOUS

Rachel became ***j*** of her sister and . . . . . Gn 30:1
him and he is ***j*** of his wife who . . . . . Nm 5:14
They made God ***j*** with strange gods, ... Dt 32:16
holy God. He is a ***j*** God. He won't . . . . . Josh 24:19
don't be ***j*** of those who do . . . . . Ps 37:1
Ephraim won't be ***j*** of Judah, and. . . . . Is 11:13
The LORD is a ***j*** and vengeful God; the. . . . . Na 1:2
patriarchs were ***j*** of Joseph, they . . . . . Ac 7:9
I will make you ***j*** of those who . . . . . Ro 10:19
murder. You are ***j*** for something you . . . . . Jas 4:2

JEALOUSY

If ***j*** overcomes him and he is jealous of . . . . Nm 5:14
j makes a man rage; he'll show no mercy . . . Prv 6:34
Ephraim's ***j*** will cease, and Judah's . . . . . Is 11:13
LORD's fury. His ***j*** will devour the. . . . . Zep 1:18
people had handed him over because of ***j***. . . Mt 27:18
priests had handed him over because of ***j***. . . Mk 15:10
the Sadducees, was overcome with ***j***. . . . . Ac 5:17
They are full of ***j***, murder, fighting, ... Ro 1:29
if you have bitter ***j*** and selfish . . . . . Jas 3:14

JEBUSITE

the slope of the ***J*** city, Jerusalem, ... Josh 15:8
in Judah; Ekron will be like a ***J***. . . . . Zec 9:7

JEBUSITES

the ***J***, the Amorites, the Girgashites . . . . Gn 10:16
the Hivites, and the ***J*** all live. . . . . Ex 3:8
the Hittites, ***J***, and Amorites live . . . . . Nm 13:29
Hivites, and the ***J***: seven nations . . . . . Dt 7:1
Girgashites, Amorites, and ***J*** before you. . . Josh 3:10

JEDAIAH

of Allon son of ***J*** son of Shimri son 1Ch 4:37
Tobijah, and from ***J***. As for you, go . . . . . Zec 6:10

JEHOAHAZ

Samaria. His son ***J*** succeeded him as 2Ki 10:35

JEHOASH

took Ahaziah's son ***J*** from the rest of 2Ki 11:2

JEHOIACHIN

ancestors. His son ***J*** succeeded him as 2Ki 24:6
in the LORD's eyes just as ***J*** had done. . . . . Jer 52:2

JEHOIADA

the seventh year ***J*** sent for the 2Ki 11:4
temple instead of ***J***. You are . . . . . Jer 29:26

JEHOIAKIM

Eliakim's name to ***J***. Neco took. 2Ki 23:34
of Judah's King ***J***, Josiah's son, ... Jer 1:3

JEHORAM

City. His son ***J*** succeeded him as 1Ki 22:50

JEHOSHAPHAT

of the army; Ahilud's son ***J*** was recorder; . . . 2Sa 8:16
bring them to the ***J*** Valley. There I . . . . . Jl 3:2
was the father of ***J***. Jehoshaphat was . . . . Mt 1:8

JEHU

word came to ***J***, Hanani's son, ... 1Ki 16:1
the house of ***J*** for the blood of . . . . . Hos 1:4

JEPHTHAH

Now ***J*** the Gileadite was a mighty warrior. . . Jdg 11:1
Barak, Samson, ***J***, David, Samuel, ... Heb 11:32

JEREMIAH

Eliel, Azriel, ***J***, Hodaviah, and 1Ch 5:24
are the words of ***J***, Hilkiah's son, ... Jer 1:1
the word spoken through ***J*** the prophet: . . . Mt 2:17

JERICHO

plains of Moab across the Jordan from ***J***. . . Nm 22:1
of Moab opposite ***J***. Take a good look . . . . Dt 32:49
land, especially ***J***." They set out and. . . . Josh 2:1
in the plains of ***J***. They arrested him . . . . Jer 39:5
were going out of ***J*** a large crowd. . . . . Mt 20:29
came into ***J***. As Jesus was . . . . . Mk 10:46
from Jerusalem to ***J***. He encountered. . . . Lk 10:30

JEROBOAM

Now Nebat's son ***J*** was an Ephraimite from . 1Ki 11:26
the days of Israel's King ***J*** Joash's son. . . . Hos 1:1

JERUSALEM

were the kings of ***J***, Hebron, Jarmuth, . . . Josh 10:5
your temple above ***J***, where kings bring . . . Ps 68:29
of the Assembly, David's son, king in ***J***: . . . Ecc 1:1
about Judah and ***J*** that Isaiah, ... Is 1:1
Mount Zion and in ***J*** there will be . . . . . Jl 2:32
King Herod, magi came from the east to ***J***. . . Mt 2:1
all the people of ***J*** went out to the . . . . . Mk 1:5
Jesus up to ***J*** to present him to. . . . . Lk 2:22
Jewish leaders in ***J*** sent priests and. . . . Jn 1:19
them not to leave ***J*** but to wait for . . . . . Ac 1:4
gospel from ***J*** all the way around . . . . . Ro 15:19
God, heavenly ***J***, to countless . . . . . Heb 12:22
of my God, the New ***J*** that comes down . . . Rev 3:12

JESHUA

the ninth to ***J***, the tenth to Shecaniah . . . 1Ch 24:11

JESSE

Obed the father of ***J***, and Jesse the . . . . . Ru 4:22
from the stump of ***J***; a branch will . . . . . Is 11:1
was Ruth. Obed was the father of ***J***. . . . . Mt 1:5
son of ***J*** son of Obed son of Boaz son of. . . . Lk 3:32
will be a root of ***J***, who will also . . . . . Ro 15:12

JESUS

the ancestors of ***J*** Christ, son of . . . . . Mt 1:1
the good news about ***J*** Christ, God's Son, . . . Mk 1:1
birth to a son, and you will name him ***J***. . . . Lk 1:31
truth came into being through ***J*** Christ. . . . Jn 1:17
everything ***J*** did and taught . . . . . Ac 1:1
a slave of Christ ***J***, called to be an. . . . . Ro 1:1
little while—it's ***J***! He's the one who . . . . Heb 2:9

A revelation of **J** Christ, which God gave . . . Rev 1:1

JETHRO

his father-in-law **J**, Midian's priest. . . . . .Ex 3:1

JEW

Now there was a **J** in the fortified part . . . . Est 2:5
and a certain **J** about cleansing. . . . . Jn 3:25
is forbidden for a **J** to associate or . . . . . Ac 10:28
in God, to the **J** first and also to . . . . . Ro 1:16

JEWELRY

gold and silver **j** and clothing and. . . . . Gn 24:53
and their gold **j** as well as their . . . . . Ex 3:22
it; she can't be acquired with gold **j**. . . . . Job 28:17
is like a gold earring or **j** of fine gold. . . . . Prv 25:12
crown, and like a bride adorned in **j**. . . . . Is 61:10
up with rings and **j**, and went after . . . . . Hos 2:13
or by wearing gold **j** or fine clothes. 1Pt 3:3

JEWISH

bought back our **J** kin who had been . . . . . Neh 5:8
he sent some **J** elders to Jesus to . . . . . .Lk 7:3
testimony when the **J** leaders in . . . . . Jn 1:19
in need among the **J** people and prayed . . . . Ac 10:2
The **J** ancestors are theirs, and the . . . . . Ro 9:5

JEWS

the king that the **J** who left you and . . . . Ezr 4:12
seizing a chance to attack the **J**. . . . . Dn 3:8
king of the **J**? We've seen his. . . . . Mt 2:2
and all the **J** don't eat without . . . . . Mk 7:3
the king of the **J**?" Jesus replied, ... Lk 23:3
Samaritan woman?" (**J** and Samaritans . . . . .Jn 4:9
There were pious **J** from every nation . . . . .Ac 2:5
First of all, the **J** were trusted with . . . . . Ro 3:2
who say they are **J** (though they are . . . . . Rev 2:9

JEZEBEL

son. He married **J** the daughter of 1Ki 16:31
with that woman, **J**, who calls herself. . . . Rev 2:20

JEZREEL

J, Jokdeam, Zanoah . . . . . Josh 15:56
to him, "Name him **J**; for in a little . . . . . Hos 1:4

JOAB

J, Zeruiah's son, and David's soldiers 2Sa 2:13
and when **J** returned and . . . . . Ps 60:1

JOASH

that belonged to **J** the Abiezrite. His . . . . Jdg 6:11

JOB

with someone designated for the **j**. . . . . Lv 16:21
You will not do any **j**-related work. . . . . Nm 28:18
eunuchs whose **j** it was to wait on . . . . . Est 4:5
of Uz was named **J**. That man was . . . . . Job 1:1
protector won't fall asleep on the **j**. . . . . Ps 121:3
forces has a **j** to do in the land . . . . . Jer 50:25
Isn't it your **j** to know justice? . . . . . Mi 3:1
giving each one a **j** to do, and told . . . . Mk 13:34
have finished this **j** and have safely . . . . Ro 15:28
the endurance of **J**. And you have seen . . . .Jas 5:11

JOEL

his oldest son was **J**; the name of the 1Sa 8:2
word that came to **J**, Pethuel's son: . . . . . Jl 1:1
is what was spoken through the prophet **J**: . . Ac 2:16

JOHANAN

Nethaniah's son **J**, Kareah's son; 2Ki 25:23
Nethaniah's son; **J** and Jonathan, ... Jer 40:8

JOHN

In those days **J** the Baptist appeared in . . . . Mt 3:1
J was in the wilderness calling for . . . . . Mk 1:4
to your son and you must name him **J**. . . . . Lk 1:13
A man named **J** was sent from God . . . . . .Jn 1:6
J baptized with water, but in only a few . . . . .Ac 1:5
James, Cephas, and **J**, who are considered. . . . Ga 2:9
it through his angel to his servant **J**, ... Rev 1:1

JOIN

for you, you will **j** your ancestors in . . . . . Gn 15:15
out, they will **j** our enemies, fight. . . . . Ex 1:10
Aaron will **j** his ancestors, for he may . . . . Nm 20:24
are purified can **j** in the feast, as . . . . . Dt 12:15
turn away and **j** the rest of these . . . . . Josh 23:12
they too will **j** the ancestors who've gone . . .Ps 49:19
Immigrants will **j** them, and attach . . . . . Is 14:1
church dared to **j** them even though . . . . . Ac 5:13
of the Spirit, to **j** me in my struggles . . . . Ro 15:30
that you don't **j** in these 1Pt 4:4

JONAH

the prophet **J**, Amittai's son, ... 2Ki 14:25
The LORD's word came to **J**, Amittai's son . . . Jon 1:1
Just as **J** was in the whale's belly for . . . . Mt 12:40
Just as **J** became a sign to the people of. . . . Lk 11:30

JONATHAN

themselves, and **J** son of Gershom and . . . Jdg 18:30
of the scribe **J**, which had been. . . . . Jer 37:15

JOPPA

along with the territory opposite **J**. . . . Josh 19:46
In **J** there was a disciple named Tabitha . . . . Ac 9:36

JORAM

he sent his son **J** to King David to wish 2Sa 8:10
had no son, **J** became king after 2Ki 1:17
was the father of **J**. Joram was the . . . . . Mt 1:8

JORDAN

and saw the entire **J** Valley. All of it. . . . . Gn 13:10
live by the sea and along the **J**. . . . . Nm 13:29
Israel across the **J** River, in the. . . . . .Dt 1:1
to cross over the **J** with this entire . . . . . .Josh 1:2
even though the **J** gushes into his . . . . . Job 40:23
from the land of **J** and Hermon, from. . . . . Ps 42:6
far side of the **J**, and the Galilee . . . . . Is 9:1
the pride of the **J** has been . . . . . .Zec 11:3
and all around the **J** River came to him. . . . . Mt 3:5
went out to the **J** River and were . . . . . Mk 1:5
the region of the **J** River, calling for. . . . . .Lk 3:3
place across the **J** in Bethany where . . . . . Jn 1:28

JOSEPH

She named him **J**, saying to herself, May . . Gn 30:24
was seventy. **J** was already in . . . . . .Ex 1:5
from the tribe of **J**: from the tribe of . . . . Nm 13:11
Levi, Judah, Issachar, **J**, and Benjamin. . . . Dt 27:12
The people of **J** consisted of two tribes, . . . Josh 14:4
the children of Jacob and **J**. Selah . . . . . .Ps 77:15
belonging to **J** and everyone of. . . . . Eze 37:16
the house of **J**. The fire will . . . . . Am 5:6
was the father of **J**, the husband of . . . . . Mt 1:16
J from Arimathea dared to approach Pilate . Mk 15:43
to a man named **J**, a descendant of . . . . . Lk 1:27
the land Jacob had given to his son **J**. . . . . .Jn 4:5
nominated two: **J** called Barsabbas, ... Ac 1:23
By faith **J** recalled the exodus of the . . . .Heb 11:22
from the tribe of **J**, twelve thousand; . . . . . Rev 7:8

JOSHUA

Moses said to **J**, "Choose some men for us. . . Ex 17:9
J, Nun's son and Moses' assistant since . . . Nm 11:28
But Nun's son **J**, your assistant, will . . . . . Dt 1:38

the LORD spoke to *J*, Nun's son. He had. . . .Josh 1:1
to the High Priest *J*, Jehozadak's son: . . . . Hg 1:1
son of *J* son of Eliezer son of Jorim son. . . . Lk 3:29
If *J* gave the Israelites rest, God . . . . . ; Heb 4:8

JOSIAH

His name will be *J*. He will sacrifice. 1Ki 13:2
year of Judah's King *J*, Amon's son, ... Jer 1:2
the days of Judah's King *J*, Amon's son. . . . Zep 1:1
father of Amos. Amos was the father of *J*. . Mt 1:10

JOTHAM

single stone. Only *J* the youngest of . . . . . Jdg 9:5
kings Uzziah, *J*, Ahaz, and. . . . . Is 1:1
Kings Uzziah, *J*, Ahaz, and . . . . . Hos 1:1
was the father of *J*. Jotham was the . . . . . Mt 1:9

JOURNEY

go on a three-day *j* into the desert so . . . . . Ex 3:18
about a day's *j* all around the. . . . . Nm 11:31
your entire *j*, until you reached. . . . . Dt 1:31
supplies for the *j*. Go meet them and . . . . Josh 9:11
lamp before my feet and a light for my *j*. Ps 119:105
servant's ability. Then he left on his *j*. . . . Mt 25:15
nothing for the *j* except a walking . . . . . Mk 6:8
nothing for the *j*—no walking stick, ...Lk 9:3
was tired from his *j*, so he sat down at . . . . .Jn 4:6
near Jerusalem—a sabbath day's *j* away. . . . Ac 1:12
Apollos on their *j* with enthusiasm so. . . . . Ti 3:13
provide for their *j* in a way that 3Jn 1:6

JOY

it. They shouted for *j* and fell facedown. . . . Lv 9:24
year, so he can bring *j* to his new wife. . . . Dt 24:5
with shouts of *j*, accompanied by 1Ch 15:28
its way is a *j*, for from the dust . . . . . Job 8:19
my heart with more *j* than when their . . . . Ps 4:7
result in *j*, but the hopes of . . . . . Prv 10:28
have increased its *j*. They rejoiced. . . . . Is 9:3
glad, and give *j* to the officials . . . . . Hos 7:3
saw the star, they were filled with *j*. . . . . Mt 2:10
He will be a *j* and delight to you, and . . . . Lk 1:14
voice. Therefore, my *j* is now complete. . . . . Jn 3:29
so overcome with *j* when she. . . . . Ac 12:14
peace, and *j* in the Holy Spirit. . . . . Ro 14:17
possessions with *j*, since you knew . . . . .Heb 10:34

JOYFULLY

the LORD your God *j* and gladly above . . . Dt 28:47
raise their voices *j*, accompanied by. 1Ch 15:16
righteous, shout *j* to the LORD! It's . . . . . Ps 33:1
and flax; she works *j* with her hands. . . . . Prv 31:13
Go, eat your food *j* and drink your wine . . . . Ecc 9:7
proclaims: Sing *j* for the people of . . . . .Jer 31:7
the word and immediately receive it *j*. . . . Mt 13:20
the word, they immediately receive it *j*. . . . .Mk 4:16
receive the word *j* when they hear it, ... Lk 8:13

JUBILEE

It will be a *J* year for you: each . . . . . Lv 25:10
At the Israelite *J*, their inheritance . . . . . Nm 36:4

JUDAH

So she named him *J*. Then she stopped . . . Gn 29:35
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and *J*. . . . . Ex 1:2
from *J*, Nahshon, Amminadab's son . . . . . Nm 1:7
Simeon, Levi, *J*, Issachar, Joseph, ... Dt 27:12
from the tribe of *J*. He took some of . . . . .Josh 7:1
let the towns of *J* rejoice because of . . . . .Ps 48:11
copied by the men of Hezekiah, king of *J*: . . .Prv 25:1
The vision about *J* and Jerusalem that . . . . Is 1:1
on the house of *J*. I, the LORD their . . . . . Hos 1:7
was the father of *J* and his brothers. . . . . Mt 1:2
of Simeon son of *J* son of Joseph son . . . . . Lk 3:30
from the tribe of *J*, but Moses never . . . . Heb 7:14
of the tribe of *J*, the Root of . . . . . Rev 5:5

JUDAS

the Cananaean; and *J*, who betrayed . . . . .Mt 10:4
and *J* Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus . . . . . Mk 3:19
J the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, ... Lk 6:16
He was speaking of *J*, Simon Iscariot's . . . . Jn 6:71
Simon the zealot; and *J*, James' son . . . . . Ac 1:13

JUDEA

and to give us a wall in *J* and Jerusalem. . . . Ezr 9:9
the territory of *J* during the rule of. . . . . Mt 2:1
Everyone in *J* and all the people of . . . . . Mk 1:5
of King Herod of *J* there was a priest . . . . .Lk 1:5
went into *J*, where he spent . . . . . Jn 3:22
Jerusalem, in all *J* and Samaria, and . . . . .Ac 1:8
from the people in *J* who don't believe. . . . Ro 15:31

JUDEAN

Palm City into the *J* desert, which was . . . Jdg 1:16
when he was in the *J* desert. . . . . Ps 63:1
son, and the *J* officials, as well . . . . . Jer 24:1
and hurried to a city in the *J* highlands. . . . Lk 1:39

JUDEANS

driving the *J* out of Elath. The 2Ki 16:6
are Egyptians or *J*, Edomites or . . . . . Jer 9:26
and declared, "*J* and everyone . . . . . Ac 2:14

JUDGE

like you! Will the *j* of all the earth . . . . . Gn 18:25
made you a boss or *j* over us? Are you . . . . Ex 2:14
great; you must *j* your fellow. . . . . Lv 19:15
tribe members and *j* fairly, whether. . . . . Dt 1:16
LORD, who is the *j*, decide today . . . . . Jdg 11:27
God know? Can he *j* through thick . . . . . Job 22:13
The LORD will *j* the peoples. Establish. . . . .Ps 7:8
govern, and officials *j* righteously. . . . . .Prv 8:16
God will *j* between the nations, and. . . . . Is 2:4
their ways, and *j* them for their . . . . . Hos 4:9
you before the *j*, the judge will . . . . . Mt 5:25
Don't *j*, and you won't be judged. Don't . . . . Lk 6:37
into the world to *j* the world, but . . . . . Jn 3:17
Who appointed you as our leader and *j*? . . . Ac 7:27
one of you who *j* others is without . . . . . Ro 2:1
It's able to *j* the heart's . . . . . Heb 4:12

JUDGED

said, "God has *j* in my favor, heard . . . . . Gn 30:6
Eli had *j* Israel for forty 1Sa 4:18
prevail! Let the nations be *j* before you. . . . . Ps 9:19
Just as I *j* your ancestors in the desert . . . Eze 20:36
Don't judge, so that you won't be *j* . . . . . Mt 7:1
prayers. They will be *j* most harshly. . . . . Mk 12:40
and you won't be *j*. Don't condemn,. . . . . Lk 6:37
in him isn't *j*; whoever doesn't . . . . . Jn 3:18
under the Law will be *j* by the Law. . . . . Ro 2:12
people who will be *j* by the law of. . . . . Jas 2:12
for the dead to be *j*; The time came to . . . . Rev 11:18

JUDGES

Let them sit as *j* for the people at all . . . . Ex 18:22
I commanded your *j*: Listen to your. . . . . Dt 1:16
officers, and *j*—were standing on. . . . . Josh 8:33
the faces of its *j*. If not God, then. . . . . Job 9:24
there is a God who *j* people on the . . . . . Ps 58:11
If a king *j* the poor honestly, his throne . . . Prv 29:14
will restore your *j* as in earlier . . . . . Is 1:26
cities are your *j*, of whom you said, ... Hos 13:10
them out? Therefore, they will be your *j*. . . Mt 12:27
them out? Therefore, they will be your *j*. . . Lk 11:19

this, he gave them *j* until the time of . . . Ac 13:20
because the Lord is the one who *j* me. 1Co 4:4
yourselves and become evil-minded *j*? . . . . Jas 2:4
the Lord God who *j* her is powerful. . . . . Rev 18:8

JUDGMENT

he stands before the community for *j*. . . . Nm 35:12
you and your good *j* for preventing me . . . 1Sa 25:33
sword. You should know that there is *j*. . . . Job 19:29
completely correct when you issue your *j*. . . . Ps 51:4
eyes; hold on to sound *j* and discretion. . . . . Prv 3:21
Their bias in *j* gives them away; like. . . . . Is 3:9
of the king! The *j* concerns you . . . . . Hos 5:1
from the angry *j* that is coming . . . . . Mt 3:7
from the angry *j* that is coming . . . . . Lk 3:7
is the basis for *j*: The light came . . . . . Jn 3:19
no desire to sit in *j* over such things. . . . . Ac 18:15
We know that God's *j* agrees with the . . . . Ro 2:2
the dead, and eternal *j*—all over again. . . . Heb 6:2
before you pass *j*? How long before . . . . . Rev 6:10

JUDGMENTS

I'll impose *j* on all the gods of . . . . . Ex 12:12
LORD also executed *j* against their gods. . . Nm 33:4
justice and the Lord's *j* for Israel. . . . . Dt 33:21
his commands, his *j*, and his 1Ki 2:3
The LORD's *j* are true. All of . . . . . Ps 19:9
for you. When your *j* are at work in the . . . Is 26:9
I'm not alone. My *j* come from me and . . . . Jn 8:16
mysterious as his *j*, and they are as . . . . . Ro 11:33
and was, because you have given these *j*. . . Rev 16:5

JUST

the ark with Noah, *j* as God commanded . . . Gn 7:9
me. I've seen *j* how much the. . . . . Ex 3:9
j as this is removed from the ox for the . . . Lv 4:10
the Sinai desert *j* as the LORD . . . . . Nm 1:19
And may God bless you, *j* as he promised. . . . Dt 1:11
we obeyed Moses. *j* let the LORD your. . . . Josh 1:17
born to distress, *j* as sparks rise up. . . . . Job 5:7
bears fruit at *j* the right time and. . . . . Ps 1:3
is righteous, *j*, and full of . . . . . Prv 1:3
will produce *j* one bath, and a . . . . . Is 5:10
in adultery, *j* as the LORD loves . . . . . Hos 3:1
woke up, he did *j* as an angel from . . . . . Mt 1:24
happened *j* as it was written about in the . . . Mk 1:2
Let it be with me *j* as you have said. . . . . Lk 1:38
path straight *j* as the prophet . . . . . Jn 1:23
j then, someone arrived and announced, . . . Ac 5:25
fruit among you, *j* as I have done . . . . . Ro 1:13
who appointed him *j* like Moses was . . . . . Heb 3:2
j hold on to what you have until I come . . . Rev 2:25

JUSTICE

power and with momentous events of *j*. . . . . Ex 6:6
He enacts *j* for orphans and widows, and . . Dt 10:18
accepted bribes, and they perverted *j*. 1Sa 8:3
Does God pervert *j*, or does the Almighty . . . Job 8:3
in the court of *j*—neither will . . . . . Ps 1:5
the paths of *j* and guards the way. . . . . Prv 2:8
to do good. Seek *j*: help the . . . . . Is 1:17
and in *j*, in devoted love, ... Hos 2:19
a smoldering wick, until he makes *j* win. . . Mt 12:20
acknowledged God's *j* because they had . . . Lk 7:29
In his humiliation *j* was taken away from . . . Ac 8:33
confirms God's *j*, what will we say? . . . . . Ro 3:5
and your kingdom's scepter is a rod of *j*. . . Heb 1:8
before you require *j* for our blood, ... Rev 6:10

K

KADESH

(that is, *K*), and attacked the. . . . . Gn 14:7
Paran desert at *K*. They brought back . . . . Nm 13:26
days from Horeb to *K*-barnea along the . . . . Dt 1:2
them down from *K*-barnea to Gaza,. . . . . Josh 10:41
yes, the LORD shakes the wilderness of *K*. . . Ps 29:8

KADESH-BARNEA

I sent them from *K* to inspect the . . . . . Nm 32:8
days from Horeb to *K* along the Mount . . . . Dt 1:2
them down from *K* to Gaza, and the . . . . . Josh 10:41

KEEPING

Laban's flock but *k* his flock . . . . . Gn 30:40
fearing me and *k* all my . . . . . Dt 5:29
coming back from *k* the cattle in the 1Sa 11:5
by them; there is great reward in *k* them. . . . Ps 19:11
are everywhere, *k* watch on evil and . . . . Prv 15:3
losing, a time for *k* and a time for . . . . . Ecc 3:6
don't obey me by *k* the Sabbath day. . . . . Jer 17:27
What do we gain by *k* his obligation or . . . . Mal 3:14
command of God by *k* the rules handed . . . . Mt 15:3
a sacrifice in *k* with what's stated. . . . . Lk 2:24
scheme. They were *k* watch at the city. . . . . Ac 9:24
many nations, in *k* with the promise . . . . . Ro 4:18
thought, without *k* score. Wisdom will . . . . Jas 1:5
emerge victorious, *k* my practices until . . . . Rev 2:26

KEEPS

for herself and *k* silent . . . . . Nm 30:4
faithful God, who *k* the covenant and. . . . . Dt 7:9
your son David, the one who *k* the sheep. . . 1Sa 16:19
graves; someone *k* guard over their . . . . . Job 21:32
LORD; someone who *k* their promise even . . . Ps 15:4
lacks sense; a sensible person *k* quiet. . . . . Prv 11:12
nation enter, a nation that *k* faith. . . . . Is 26:2
the wall. Each *k* to their own path; . . . . . Jl 2:7
But whoever *k* these commands and . . . . . Mt 5:19
because she *k* bothering me. . . . . Lk 18:5
you that whoever *k* my word will never . . . . Jn 8:51
isn't circumcised *k* the Law, won't his . . . . Ro 2:26
in whoever *k* his word. This is 1Jn 2:5
is the one who *k* the words of the. . . . . Rev 22:7

KEILAH

K, Achzib, and Mareshah. In total: nine . . Josh 15:44

KEPT

The LORD has *k* me from giving . . . . . Gn 16:2
and the people *k* on multiplying and . . . . Ex 1:20
morning, while the fire is *k* burning. . . . . Lv 6:9
first month they *k* the Passover in . . . . Nm 9:5
The only things we *k* for ourselves were . . . Dt 2:35
They have stolen and *k* it a secret. . . . . Josh 7:11
his tracks. I have *k* his way and not . . . . Job 23:11
because I have *k* the LORD's ways. I. . . . . Ps 18:21
those who walk in wisdom will be *k* safe. . . Prv 28:26
But they *k* quiet and didn't answer him . . . Is 36:21
covenant, and have not *k* my Instruction. . . . Hos 8:1
new wineskins so that both are *k* safe. . . . Mt 9:17
So they *k* it to themselves, wondering, . . . Mk 9:10
pregnant. She *k* to herself for . . . . . Lk 1:24
freely. You *k* the good wine . . . . . Jn 2:10
given by angels, but you haven't *k* it. . . . Ac 7:53
to him? I have *k* for myself seven . . . . . Ro 11:4
king's anger. He *k* on going as if he . . . . Heb 11:27
and yet you have *k* my word and . . . . . Rev 3:8

KIDNEYS

liver, and the two *k* along with the fat. . . . Ex 29:13

the two **k** and the fat around them at the . . . . Lv 3:4
me; he cuts my **k** open without pity. . . . . Job 16:13

KIDRON

king crossed the **K** Valley, and all 2Sa 15:23
day you cross the **K** Valley you will 1Ki 2:37
as far as the **K** Valley and the. . . . . Jer 31:40
other side of the **K** Valley. He and his . . . . . Jn 18:1

KIKKARS

was twenty-nine **k** and seven hundred . . . Ex 38:24
one hundred twenty gold **k**, nevertheless. . . 1Ki 9:14

KILL

and anyone who finds me will **k** me. . . . . Gn 4:14
if it's a boy, **k** him. But if it's a . . . . . Ex 1:16
be executed and you must **k** the animal. . . Lv 20:15
like this, please **k** me. If I've found . . . . Nm 11:15
Do not **k**. . . . . Dt 5:17
the Israelites, and they didn't **k** them. . . . Josh 9:26
Surely anger can **k** the foolish; fury can . . . Job 5:2
hiding places they **k** innocent people; . . . . Ps 10:8
there is hope, but don't plan to **k** them. . . . Prv 19:18
breath of his lips he will **k** the wicked. . . . Is 11:4
the sword, I will **k** the last of them; . . . . Am 9:1
search for the child in order to **k** him. . . . Mt 2:13
to save life or to **k**?" But they said . . . . Mk 3:4
and they will harass and **k** some of them.' . . Lk 11:49
even more to **k** him—not only . . . . . Jn 5:18
furious and wanted to **k** the apostles. . . . . Ac 5:33
to them. They **k** their fathers and. 1Ti 1:9
And why did he **k** him? He killed him 1Jn 3:12
that people would **k** each other. He was . . . . Rev 6:4

KILLED

Cain attacked his brother Abel and **k** him. . . . Gn 4:8
was there. Then he **k** the Egyptian and . . . . Ex 2:12
an animal that was **k** by another animal. . . . Lv 7:24
are mine. When I **k** all the oldest . . . . . Nm 3:13
so that anyone who **k** someone accidentally . . Dt 4:42
than the Israelites **k** with the sword. . . . Josh 10:11
took them and **k** the young men with . . . . Job 1:15
we are getting **k** every day . . . . . Ps 44:22
corpses to fall; she has **k** many people. . . . . Prv 7:26
your own land; you **k** your own people. . . . . Is 14:20
prophets, I have **k** them by the words . . . . . Hos 6:5
that he had to be **k** and raised on the . . . . Mt 16:21
experts, and be **k**, and then, after. . . . . Mk 8:31
experts—and be **k** and be raised on. . . . . Lk 9:22
men, had Jesus **k** by nailing him to . . . . . Ac 2:23
the commandment, deceived me, and **k** me. . . Ro 7:11
prostitute wasn't **k** with the . . . . . Heb 11:31
witness, was **k** among you, where. . . . . Rev 2:13

KILLER

a place to which the **k** can run away. . . . . Ex 21:13
between the **k** and the close . . . . . Nm 35:24
chase after the **k** out of rage . . . . . Dt 19:6
The **k** will flee to one of these cities,. . . . . Josh 20:4

KILLING

you to do this, **k** the innocent with . . . . . Gn 18:25
If the **k** wasn't on purpose but an. . . . . Ex 21:13
Israel finished **k** the entire population . . . Josh 8:24
and took them, **k** the young men with . . . Job 1:17
and defeated Edom, **k** twelve thousand in . . . Ps 60:1
fun and frivolity, **k** of cattle and . . . . . Is 22:13
have joined them in **k** the prophets.' . . . . Mt 23:30
and evened the score by **k** the Egyptian. . . . Ac 7:24

KILLS

happen; anyone who **k** Cain will be paid . . . Gn 4:15
who hits and **k** someone should be . . . . . Ex 21:12
If anyone **k** another person, they must be . . Lv 24:17
the person who **k** someone to flee . . . . . Nm 35:6
someone attacks his neighbor and **k** him. . . . Dt 22:26
Anyone who **k** by striking down someone . . Josh 20:3
calamity suddenly **k**, he mocks at the . . . . Job 9:23
slaughters an ox **k** a person; the one . . . . Is 66:3
what is written **k**, but the Spirit 2Co 3:6

KINDNESS

Jacob said, "To ask for my master's **k**." . . . Gn 33:8
because you showed **k** to the Israelites . . . 1Sa 15:6
Life and **k** you gave me, and you oversaw . . Job 10:12
Let the **k** of the Lord our God be over us. . . .Ps 90:17
k and faithfulness protect the king; he . . . Prv 20:28
LORD who acts with **k**, justice, and . . . . Jer 9:24
bands of human **k**, with cords of . . . . . Hos 11:4
how, in his **k**, God came to the . . . . . Ac 15:14
realize that God's **k** is supposed to . . . . . Ro 2:4

KINDS

them to do all **k** of other cruel . . . . . Ex 1:14
field with two **k** of seed, and do . . . . . Lv 19:19
stocked with all **k** of goods that you. . . . . Dt 6:11
for doing all **k** of work in bronze. 1Ki 7:14
providing all **k** of food; so that . . . . . Ps 144:13
with all **k** of luscious fruit,. . . . . Song 4:13
Sea, having all **k** of fish in it. . . . . Eze 47:10
who had various **k** of diseases, those . . . . Mt 4:24
were sick with all **k** of diseases, and. . . . . Mk 1:34
with all **k** of diseases. . . . . Lk 4:40
the sheet were all **k** of four-legged . . . . Ac 10:12
against those who do these **k** of things. . . . . Ro 2:2
is pleased with these **k** of sacrifices. . . . Heb 13:16

KING

While Amraphel was **k** of Shinar, Ellasar's . . . Gn 14:1
Now a new **k** came to power in Egypt who . . . Ex 1:8
from Kadesh to the **k** of Edom: "This is . . . Nm 20:14
Sihon, the Amorite **k** who ruled in . . . . . Dt 1:4
Someone told the **k** of Jericho, "Men from. . .Josh 2:2
and snarl of the **k** of beasts . . . . . Job 4:10
hereby appoint my **k** on Zion, my holy . . . . Ps 2:6
of Solomon, **k** David's son, from . . . . . Prv 1:1
In the year of **k** Uzziah's death, I saw . . . . Is 6:1
days of Israel's **k** Jeroboam Joash's . . . . . Hos 1:1
of David the **k**. David was the . . . . . Mt 1:6
Herod the **k** heard about these things, ...Mk 6:14
During the rule of **k** Herod of Judea there . . . .Lk 1:5
are God's Son. You are the **k** of Israel. . . . . Jn 1:49
by Pharaoh, **k** of Egypt, who . . . . . Ac 7:10
the governor under **k** Aretas was 2Co 11:32
who was **k** of Salem and . . . . . Heb 7:1
Their **k** is an angel from the abyss, whose . . Rev 9:11

KINGDOM

cities in his **k** were Babel, Erech, ... Gn 10:10
You will be a **k** of priests for me and a . . . . Ex 19:6
than Agag, and his **k** will be lifted up. . . . Nm 24:7
of Argob, the whole **k** of Og in Bashan. . . . .Dt 3:4
the entire **k** of Og in Bashan, who ruled . . Josh 13:12
in heaven, and his **k** rules over all. . . . . Ps 103:19
throne and for his **k**, establishing and. . . . . Is 9:7
I will destroy the **k** of the house of . . . . . Hos 1:4
and lives! Here comes the **k** of heaven! . . . . Mt 3:2
Here comes God's **k**! Change your . . . . . .Mk 1:15
and there will be no end to his **k**. . . . . Lk 1:33
anew, it's not possible to see God's **k**. . . . . .Jn 3:3
days, speaking to them about God's **k**. . . . . .Ac 1:3
God's **k** isn't about eating food and . . . . . Ro 14:17
we are receiving a **k** that can't be . . . . . .Heb 12:28
who made us a **k**, priests to his God and. . . . Rev 1:6

KINGDOMS

will do to all the *k* where you're going! . . . . Dt 3:21
been the head of all those *k* in the past. . . Josh 11:10
Nations roar; *k* crumble. God utters his . . . Ps 46:6
of idolatrous *k* with more images. . . . . Is 10:10
better than these *k*? Or is your. . . . . Am 6:2
showed him all the *k* of the world and. . . . Mt 4:8
Nations and *k* will fight against each . . . . Mk 13:8
a single instant all the *k* of the world. . . . . Lk 4:5
they conquered *k*, brought about . . . . . Heb 11:33

KINGS

These latter *k* formed an alliance in the . . . . Gn 14:3
They killed the *k* of Midian: Evi, Rekem, . . . Nm 31:8
to the two Amorite *k* beyond the Jordan, ... Dt 3:8
and Og, the two *k* of the Amorites on . . . . Josh 2:10
with *k* and earth's advisors, who rebuild. . . . Job 3:14
So *k*, wise up! Be warned, you rulers of . . . Ps 2:10
By me *k* rule, and princes issue righteous . . . Prv 8:15
days of Judah's *k* Uzziah, Jotham, ... Is 1:1
days of Judah's *k* Uzziah, Jotham, ... Hos 1:1
governors and even *k* because of me so . . . . Mt 10:18
governors and *k* because of me so . . . . . Mk 13:9
many prophets and *k* wanted to see what . . . Lk 10:24
The *k* of the earth took their stand and . . . . Ac 4:26
You rule like *k* without us! I wish 1Co 4:8
the defeat of the *k*, and Melchizedek . . . . . Heb 7:1
the ruler of the *k* of the earth. To. . . . . Rev 1:5

KINGSHIP

uncle what Samuel had said about the *k*. . . . 1Sa 10:16
Your kingdom is a *k* that lasts forever; . . . . Ps 145:13
heaven has given *k*, power, might, and . . . . Dn 2:37

KIRIATH-JEARIM

Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and *K*. . . . . Josh 9:17
son from *K*. He prophesied the . . . . . Jer 26:20

KISH

of Benjamin named *K*. He was the son of . . . 1Sa 9:1

KISS

to him, "Come here and *k* me, my son." . . . Gn 27:26
God's mountain and greeted him with a *k*. . . . Ex 4:27
his hand out, grab them, and *k* them. 2Sa 15:5
enticed, and threw a *k* with my hand, ... Job 31:27
k his feet or else he will become angry, ... Ps 2:12
are like those who *k* on the lips. . . . . Prv 24:26
given them a sign: "Arrest the man I *k*." . . . Mt 26:48
Arrest the man I *k*, and take him away . . . Mk 14:44
greet me with a *k*, but she hasn't . . . . . Lk 7:45
other with a holy *k*. All the churches . . . . Ro 16:16
other with the *k* of love. Peace to 1Pt 5:14

KISSED

he came close and *k* him. When Isaac . . . . Gn 27:27
he bowed down and *k* him. They asked . . . . Ex 18:7
husband." Then she *k* them, and they . . . . Ru 1:9
have met; righteousness and peace have *k*. . . Ps 85:10
and said, "Hello, Rabbi." Then he *k* him. . . . Mt 26:49
said to Jesus, "Rabbi!" Then he *k* him. . . . Mk 14:45
with her hair, *k* them, and poured . . . . . Lk 7:38
as everyone embraced and *k* Paul. . . . . Ac 20:37

KNEES

them from Israel's *k*, and he bowed low . . . Gn 48:12
But I fell on my *k* in the LORD's presence . . . Dt 9:25
those who bend down on their *k* to drink. . . . Jdg 7:5
Why did *k* receive me and breasts let me . . . Job 3:12
weak hands, and support the unsteady *k*. . . . Is 35:3
grows faint and *k* buckle; there is. . . . . Na 2:10
Falling to their *k*, they honored him. . . . . Mt 2:11
Jesus, fell to his *k*, and begged, If. . . . . Mk 1:40
he fell at Jesus' *k* and said, Leave . . . . . Lk 5:8
Falling to his *k*, he shouted, Lord, ... Ac 7:60
people who haven't bowed their *k* to Baal. . . Ro 11:4
your drooping hands and weak *k*! . . . . . Heb 12:12

KNEW

saw clearly and *k* that they were . . . . . Gn 3:7
in Israel; Moses *k* the LORD . . . . . Dt 34:10
the wrongdoing he *k* about 1Sa 3:13
I hardly *k* myself; she had set me in an . . . Song 6:12
the people all *k* it—Ephraim and the one . . . Is 9:9
I *k* you in the wilderness, in the land of . . . Hos 13:5
When Herod *k* the magi had fooled him, he . . Mt 2:16
Isaiah really *k* what he was . . . . . Mk 7:6
Jesus *k* their thoughts, so he said to the. . . . Lk 6:8
drawn the water *k*. The headwaiter . . . . . Jn 2:9
was a prophet, he *k* that God promised . . . . Ac 2:30
Although they *k* God, they didn't honor . . . . Ro 1:21
joy, since you *k* that you had . . . . . Heb 10:34

KNOW

said, "I don't *k*. Am I my brother's . . . . . Gn 4:9
to power in Egypt who didn't *k* Joseph. . . . . Ex 1:8
generations will *k* that I made the . . . . . Lv 23:43
us, for you *k* where we can camp . . . . . Nm 10:31
who don't yet *k* right and . . . . . Dt 1:39
me. But I didn't *k* where they were . . . . . Josh 2:4
You will *k* that your tent is secure. You . . . Job 5:24
k this: the LORD takes personal care of . . . . Ps 4:3
k him in all your paths, and he will keep. . . . Prv 3:6
But Israel doesn't *k*; my people don't . . . . . Is 1:3
She didn't *k* that I gave her the corn, ... Hos 2:8
let your left hand *k* what your right. . . . . Mt 6:3
to destroy us? I *k* who you are. You . . . . . Mk 1:24
k this: What I have spoken will come true . . . Lk 1:20
him, "How do you *k* me?" Jesus . . . . . Jn 1:48
isn't for you to *k* the times or . . . . . Ac 1:7
I want you to *k*, brothers and sisters, ... Ro 1:13
go off course, and they don't *k* my ways. . . . Heb 3:10
I *k* your works, your labor, and your . . . . . Rev 2:2

KNOWING

you will be like God, *k* good and evil. . . . . Gn 3:5
you are a witness, *k* something, or . . . . . Lv 5:1
they perish forever without anyone *k*. . . . . Job 4:20
without your Father *k* about it already. . . . Mt 10:29
came forward. *k* what had happened . . . . . Mk 5:33
him lying there, *k* that he had . . . . . Jn 5:6
k that some of them were Sadducees and . . . Ac 23:6
But now, after *k* God . . . . . Ga 4:9
He went out without *k* where he was going. . Heb 11:8

KNOWLEDGE

and the tree of the *k* of good and evil. . . . . Gn 2:9
the same thing by using their secret *k*. . . . . Ex 7:11
without the *k* of the community, ... Nm 15:24
which they had no *k*—new gods only . . . . Dt 32:17
had no firsthand *k* of the wars of . . . . . Jdg 3:1
respond with windy *k* and fill their . . . . . Job 15:2
begins; sure *k* is for all who . . . . . Ps 111:10
their mocking dear, and fools hate *k*? . . . . Prv 1:22
a spirit of *k* and fear of the . . . . . Is 11:2
or loyalty, and no *k* of God in the land. . . . Hos 4:1
away the key of *k*. You didn't enter . . . . . Lk 11:52
With his wife's *k*, he withheld some of . . . . Ac 5:2
full content of *k* and truth in the . . . . . Ro 2:20
we receive the *k* of the truth,. . . . . Heb 10:26

KNOWS

God *k* that on the day you eat from it, ... Gn 3:5
Even now, no one *k* where Moses' grave . . . . Dt 34:6
gods! He already *k*, and now let . . . . . Josh 22:22

He ***k*** worthless people, sees sin, and . . . . Job 11:11
hearts, the one who ***k*** everything they do. . . Ps 33:15
of the wicked ***k*** only what is . . . . . Prv 10:32
An ox ***k*** its owner, and a donkey its . . . . . Is 1:3
observes carefully ***k*** them. Truly, the . . . . Hos 14:9
your Father ***k*** what you need. . . . . Mt 6:8
But nobody ***k*** when that day or hour will . . Mk 13:32
over to me. No one ***k*** who the Son is . . . . Lk 10:22
just as the Father ***k*** me and I know the . . . Jn 10:15
God, who ***k*** people's deepest thoughts and. . . Ac 15:8
searches hearts ***k*** how the Spirit . . . . . Ro 8:27
a sin when someone ***k*** the right thing to. . . Jas 4:17
it, which no one ***k*** except the one who. . . . Rev 2:17

KOHATH

Levi's sons were Gershon, ***K***, and Merari . . Gn 46:11
Gershon, ***K***, and Merari. Levi . . . . . Ex 6:16
sons by name: Gershon, ***K***, and Merari. . . . Nm 3:17
the descendants of ***K*** acquired ten . . . . . Josh 21:5

KOHATHITES

The ***K***: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. . . . Ex 6:18
These were the clans of the ***K***. . . . . Nm 3:27
the clans of the ***K***. The descendants. . . . . Josh 21:4

KORAH

Jeush, Jalam, and ***K***. These are Esau's . . . . Gn 36:5
The Izharites: ***K***, Nepheg, and Zichri . . . . Ex 6:21
K—Izhar's son, Kohath's grandson, and. . . . Nm 16:1
Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and ***K***. . . . 1Ch 1:35
They are destroyed in the uprising of ***K***. . . . Jud 1:11

KORAHITES

The ***K***: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. . . . . Ex 6:24
his household, the ***K***, served as. 1Ch 9:19
A maskil of the ***K***.] Just like a deer . . . . Ps 42:1

L

LABAN

a brother named ***L***, and Laban ran to . . . . Gn 24:29
Paran and Tophel, ***L***, Hazeroth, and. . . . . Dt 1:1

LABOR

from Ephrath, Rachel went into hard ***l***. . . . Gn 35:16
with hard ***l***, making mortar and . . . . . Ex 1:14
oppressing us and forcing hard ***l*** on us. . . . Dt 26:6
used for forced ***l***, still live within . . . . . Josh 16:10
reward for their ***l***; they won't enjoy . . . . Job 20:18
the bread of hard ***l*** because God gives . . . . Ps 127:2
a lazy one will be sentenced to hard ***l***. . . . Prv 12:24
woman writhing in ***l***, they will be. . . . . Is 13:8
has seized you like that of a woman in ***l***? . . . Mi 4:9
and suffering ***l*** pains up until now. . . . . Ro 8:22
your works, your ***l***, and your . . . . . Rev 2:2

LACHISH

Hebron, Jarmuth, ***L***, and Eglon. They . . . . Josh 10:5
commander from ***L***, together with a . . . . . Is 36:2
inhabitants of ***L***! It was the . . . . . Mi 1:13

LACK

won't ***l*** a thing there . . . . . Dt 8:9
him, "What do you ***l*** here with me that . . . 1Ki 11:22
The LORD is my shepherd. I ***l*** nothing. . . . Ps 23:1
here," she says to those who ***l*** sense. . . . . Prv 9:4
glory so that they ***l*** nothing they . . . . . Ecc 6:2
missing; none will ***l*** its mate. God's . . . . Is 34:16
are destroyed from ***l*** of knowledge. . . . . Hos 4:6
out, "I have faith; help my ***l*** of faith!" . . . Mk 9:24
you didn't ***l*** anything, did . . . . . Lk 22:35
faithful? Their ***l*** of faith won't . . . . . Ro 3:3
enter because of their ***l*** of faith. . . . . Heb 3:19

LAKE

to go over to the other side of the ***l***. . . . . Mt 8:18
out beside the ***l*** again. The whole . . . . . Mk 2:13
standing beside ***l*** Gennesaret when . . . . . Lk 5:1
Jesus' disciples went down to the ***l***. . . . . Jn 6:16
into the fiery ***l*** that burns with . . . . . Rev 19:20

LAMB

but where is the ***l*** for the entirely. . . . . Gn 22:7
they must take a ***l*** for each. . . . . Ex 12:3
a one-year-old ***l*** as an entirely . . . . . Lv 12:6
one-year-old male ***l*** for a compensation . . . Nm 6:12
Don't cook a ***l*** in its own. . . . . Dt 14:21
took a suckling ***l*** and offered it as. 1Sa 7:9
will live with the ***l***, and the leopard . . . . . Is 11:6
them, as the LORD tends a ***l*** in a pasture. . . . Hos 4:16
when the Passover ***l*** was sacrificed, ... Mk 14:12
said, "Look! The ***L*** of God who takes . . . . Jn 1:29
and like a ***l*** before its shearer. . . . . Ac 8:32
our Passover ***l*** has been 1Co 5:7
like that of a flawless, spotless ***l***. 1Pt 1:19
elders, I saw a ***l***, standing as if it . . . . . Rev 5:6

LAMBS

seven female ***l*** from the flock. . . . . Gn 21:28
community should slaughter their ***l***. . . . . Ex 12:6
one-year old ***l***, one bull from the . . . . . Lv 23:18
and five male ***l*** a year old. This . . . . . Nm 7:17
with the best of ***l***, rams from Bashan, ... Dt 32:14
fattened calves, ***l***, and everything of 1Sa 15:9
like rams; the hills leaped away like ***l***! . . . Ps 114:4
then the ***l*** will provide your clothes, and. . . Prv 27:26
want the blood of bulls, ***l***, and goats. . . . . Is 1:11
their couches, eat ***l*** from the flock, ... Am 6:4
I'm sending you out as ***l*** among wolves. . . . Lk 10:3
you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my ***l***." . . . Jn 21:15

LAME

the blind and the ***l*** will beat you 2Sa 5:6
I was eyes to the blind, feet to the ***l*** . . . . Job 29:15
be divided; even the ***l*** will seize spoil. . . . Is 33:23
I will gather the ***l***; I will assemble . . . . . Mi 4:6
life crippled or ***l*** than to be thrown . . . . . Mt 18:8
you to enter life ***l*** than to be thrown . . . . Mk 9:45
invite the poor, crippled, ***l***, and blind. . . . . Lk 14:13
were sick, blind, ***l***, and paralyzed sat . . . . Jn 5:3
if any part is ***l***, it will be healed . . . . . Heb 12:13

LAMECH

Methushael, and Methushael fathered ***L***. . . . Gn 4:18
Enoch, Methuselah, ***L***. 1Ch 1:3
Arphaxad son of Shem son of Noah son of ***L***. . Lk 3:36

LAMENT

I'll forget my ***l***, put on a . . . . . Job 9:27
Her gates will ***l*** and mourn; desolate, she . . . Is 3:26
l like a woman dressed in funeral . . . . . Jl 1:8
you will cry and ***l***, and the world . . . . . Jn 16:20

LAMP

light so that the ***l*** may be set up to . . . . . Ex 27:20
oil to you for the ***l***, to keep a light. . . . . Lv 24:2
God's ***l*** hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel. . . . 1Sa 3:3
dark, and their ***l*** above doesn't . . . . . Job 18:6
one who lights my ***l***—the LORD my God . . . Ps 18:28
commandment is a ***l*** and instruction a . . . . Prv 6:23
the light of the ***l***. The king saw the . . . . . Dn 5:5
do people light a ***l*** and put it under a . . . . Mt 5:15
anyone bring in a ***l*** in order to put it . . . . Mk 4:21
No one lights a ***l*** and then covers it . . . . Lk 8:16
and shining ***l***, and, at least for . . . . . Jn 5:35

as you would to a *l* shining in a dark . . . 2Pt 1:19
The light of a *l* will never shine among . . . Rev 18:23

LAMPS

oil for the *l*; spices for the anointing . . . . Ex 25:6
for light, its *l*, its . . . . . Nm 4:9
the flowers, the *l*, and the tongs of 1Ki 7:49
Jerusalem with *l*; I will punish the . . . . Zep 1:12
who took their *l* and went out to . . . . . Mt 25:1
dressed for service and keep your *l* lit. . . . Lk 12:35
There were many *l* in the upstairs room . . . Ac 20:8
I saw seven oil *l* burning on top of . . . . Rev 1:12

LAMPSTAND

Make a *l* of pure hammered gold. The . . . . Ex 25:31
the lights on the pure *l* before the LORD. . . . Lv 24:4
the table, the *l*, the altars, the . . . . Nm 3:31
of gold for each *l* with its 1Ch 28:15
I said, "I see a *l* made entirely of . . . . Zec 4:2
put it on top of a *l*, and it shines on . . . . Mt 5:15
or a bed? Shouldn't it be placed on a *l*? . . . Mk 4:21
put it on top of a *l* so that those who . . . . Lk 8:16
It contained the *l*, the table, and . . . . . Heb 9:2
I will move your *l* from its place if . . . . Rev 2:5

LAND

so that the dry *l* can appear." And . . . . Gn 1:9
grew dramatically, filling the whole *l*. . . . . Ex 1:7
are allowed to eat from the *l* animals: . . . . Lv 11:2
year after they left the *l* of Egypt: . . . . Nm 1:1
the Jordan, in the *l* of Moab, Moses . . . . Dt 1:5
people to the *l* that I am going to . . . . Josh 1:2
A man in the *l* of Uz was named Job. That . . . Job 1:1
The nations will vanish from his *l*. . . . . Ps 10:16
will dwell in the *l*; the innocent will . . . . Prv 2:21
with fire; your *l*—strangers are. . . . . Is 1:7
the people of the *l* commit great . . . . . Hos 1:2
You, Bethlehem, *l* of Judah, by no means . . . Mt 2:6
of the lake, but he was alone on the *l*. . . . . Mk 6:47
there was a great food shortage in the *l*. . . . Lk 4:25
which was near the *l* Jacob had given to . . . . Jn 4:5
of the proceeds from the sale of your *l*? . . . . Ac 5:3
you will live for a long time in the *l*. . . . . Eph 6:3
them out of the *l* of Egypt, because . . . . . Heb 8:9
on the sea and his left foot on the *l*. . . . . Rev 10:2

LANDS

languages, their *l*, and their nations. . . . Gn 10:20
near the Ammonite *l* or hillside cities . . . . Dt 2:37
went around the *l* of Edom and Moab, . . . Jdg 11:18
God gave them the *l* of other nations; . . . Ps 105:44
their own people and flee to their own *l*. . . . Is 13:14
times and the boundaries of their *l*. . . . . Ac 17:26

LANGUAGE

the earth had one *l* and the same words. . . . Gn 11:1
that speaks a *l* you can't . . . . . Dt 28:49
children spoke the *l* of Ashdod or the . . . Neh 13:24
Confuse their *l* because I see . . . . . Ps 55:9
that speak the *l* of Canaan and . . . . . Is 19:18
field in their own *l* Hakeldama, or . . . . . Ac 1:19
If you don't use *l* that is easy to 1Co 14:9
from every tribe, *l*, people, and. . . . . Rev 5:9

LANGUAGES

according to their *l* and their clans . . . . Gn 10:5
and obscure *l*, whose words you . . . . Eze 3:6
entirely different *l* will grab hold of . . . Zec 8:23
in my name. They will speak in new *l*. . . . Mk 16:17
to speak in other *l* as the Spirit. . . . . Ac 2:4
with foreign *l* and foreigners' 1Co 14:21
many peoples, nations, *l*, and kings. . . . Rev 10:11

LARGE

some of the clean *l* animals and some . . . . Gn 8:20
and put it in *l* bowls. The other . . . . Ex 24:6
the rat, the mouse, any kind of *l* lizard, . . . Lv 11:29
To a *l* clan you will give a large . . . . Nm 26:54
They were *l*, numerous, and tall, just . . . . Dt 2:21
Gibeon was a *l* city, like one of . . . . Josh 10:2
I feared the *l* crowd; the clan's . . . . Job 31:34
earth, that's how *l* God's faithful . . . . Ps 103:11
he'll refuse even a *l* bribe. . . . . Prv 6:35
total ruins, *l*, fine houses, with . . . . Is 5:9
of silver, a *l* amount of barley, ... Hos 3:2
l crowds followed him from Galilee, the . . . Mt 4:25
to the lake. A *l* crowd followed him . . . . Mk 3:7
in his home. A *l* number of tax . . . . . Lk 5:29
A *l* crowd followed him, because they had . . . Jn 6:2
in the Lord, *l* numbers of both . . . . . Ac 5:14
we take care of this *l* amount of money. . . . 2Co 8:20
ships: they are so *l* that strong winds . . . . Jas 3:4
kill each other. He was given a *l* sword. . . . Rev 6:4

LAST

on earth is about to take its *l* breath. . . . . Gn 6:17
They will eat the *l* bit of vegetation . . . . Ex 10:5
seventh month and will *l* for seven days. . . Lv 23:34
They will march *l* under their. . . . . Nm 2:31
point that the *l* of the previous. . . . . Dt 2:14
He was one of the *l* of the Rephaim. He . . . Josh 12:4
flee like a shadow, and don't *l*. . . . . Job 14:2
people won't *l* long in your. . . . . Ps 5:5
the LORD, was first, and I will be the *l*! . . . Is 41:4
hooks, even the *l* one of you with. . . . . Am 4:2
there until you've paid the very *l* penny. . . . Mt 5:26
a sin with consequences that *l* forever. . . . Mk 3:29
until you have paid the very *l* cent. . . . . Lk 12:59
food that doesn't *l* but for the food . . . . . Jn 6:27
In the *l* days, God says, I will pour out. . . . Ac 2:17
I might succeed in visiting you at *l*. . . . . Ro 1:10
treasure you have hoarded in the *l* days. . . . Jas 5:3
be afraid. I'm the first and the *l*, ... Rev 1:17

LATER

Some time *l*, Cain presented an offering. . . . Gn 4:3
unknown, but you *l* learn of it and . . . . Lv 5:3
for your children *l* because you did . . . . Dt 12:25
Some time *l*, all the Midianites, ... Jdg 6:33
with your advice; *l* you will receive . . . . Ps 73:24
gained quickly at first won't bless *l* on. . . . Prv 20:21
but those who came *l* aren't happy with . . . Ecc 4:16
of Naphtali, but *l* he glorified the . . . . Is 9:1
Six days *l* Jesus took Peter, James, and . . . Mt 17:1
l that day, when evening came, Jesus said . . . Mk 4:35
A little *l* Jesus went to a city called . . . . Lk 7:11
l Jesus found him in the temple and said, . . . Jn 5:14
About three hours *l*, his wife entered, . . . Ac 5:7
thirty years *l*, doesn't . . . . . Ga 3:17
affirm the things that would be spoken *l*. . . . Heb 3:5

LAW

So Joseph made a *l* that still exists . . . . Gn 47:26
this same case *l* applies to the . . . . . Ex 21:31
his daughter-in- *l*, both of them must . . . . Lv 20:12
and a case *l* for the . . . . . Nm 27:11
a regulation and a *l* in Israel, which 1Sa 30:25
He established a *l* for Jacob and set up . . . Ps 78:5
and forget the *l*, and violate the . . . . Prv 31:5
swept aside *l*, and broken the . . . . . Is 24:5
do away with the *l* and the Prophets. . . . Mt 5:17
Why are they breaking the Sabbath *l*? . . . Mk 2:24
with the *l* of Moses, they . . . . . Lk 2:22
as the *l* was given through Moses, so . . . . Jn 1:17

and teacher of the *l* named Gamaliel, ... Ac 5:34
sinned outside the *l* will also die . . . . . Ro 2:12
under the *l* to collect a tenth . . . . . Heb 7:5

LAWS

These are the case *l* that you should set . . . . Ex 21:1
relative in accordance with these case *l*. . . . Nm 35:24
and the case *l* that I am teaching . . . . . .Dt 4:1
and observing his *l*, his commands, his 1Ki 2:3
you know heaven's *l*, or can you impose . . . Job 38:33
I haven't turned away from any of his *l*. . . . .Ps 18:22
decrees, and keep writing harmful *l*. . . . . Is 10:1
haven't kept his *l*. They have been . . . . . Am 2:4
who live without *l* and without. 1Ti 1:9
I will place my *l* in their minds,. . . . . Heb 8:10

LAZARUS

poor man named *L* who was covered . . . . Lk 16:20
A certain man, *L*, was ill. He was from. . . . . Jn 11:1

LAZY

They are weak and *l*, and that's why. . . . . .Ex 5:8
Go to the ant, you *l* person; observe its . . . . Prv 6:6
You evil and *l* servant! You knew . . . . . Mt 25:26
they learn to be *l* by going from 1Ti 5:13
you have been *l* and you have't. . . . . Heb 5:11

LEAD

go, God didn't *l* them by way of the. . . . . Ex 13:17
someone who will *l* them out and bring . . . Nm 27:17
me: Get going. *l* the people so they . . . . . Dt 10:11
will judge us and *l* us and fight our 1Sa 8:20
instrument and *l*, forever engraved . . . . . Job 19:24
enemies, please *l* me in your . . . . . .Ps 5:8
path of wisdom. I *l* you in straight . . . . . .Prv 4:11
together, and a little child will *l* them. . . . . Is 11:6
now Ephraim must *l* out his children . . . . Hos 9:13
And don't *l* us into temptation, but. . . . . Mt 6:13
with Jesus in the *l*. The disciples . . . . . Mk 10:32
blind person can't *l* another blind . . . . . Lk 6:39
sheep pen. I must *l* them too. They . . . . . Jn 10:16
us gods that will *l* us. As for this . . . . . Ac 7:40
is supposed to *l* you to change your . . . . . Ro 2:4
by the hand to *l* them out of the . . . . . Heb 8:9
them. He will *l* them to the . . . . . Rev 7:17

LEADER

If a *l* sins by unintentionally breaking. . . . . Lv 4:22
Let's pick a *l* and let's go back . . . . . Nm 14:4
ten leaders, one *l* from each . . . . . Josh 22:14
For the music *l*. With stringed . . . . . .Ps 4:1
You be our *l*! This mess will be . . . . . Is 3:6
to the synagogue *l*, "Don't be afraid; . . . . .Mk 5:36
was a synagogue *l*, came and fell at . . . . . Lk 8:41
a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish *l*. . . . .Jn 3:1
his right side as *l* and savior so that. . . . . Ac 5:31
attached. The *l* should lead with . . . . . Ro 12:8

LEADERS

of twelve tribal *l*, and I will make a . . . . . Gn 17:20
These were the *l* of their households. The . . . Ex 6:14
tribes and *l* of the divisions . . . . . Nm 1:16
I will appoint them as your *l*. . . . . Dt 1:13
their lives. The *l* of the community . . . . . Josh 9:15
think from earth's *l*, making them . . . . . Job 12:24
their stand; the *l* scheme together . . . . . .Ps 2:2
there are many *l*; but a person with . . . . . .Prv 28:2
My people—your *l* mislead you and. . . . . Is 3:12
But I said: Hear, *l* of Jacob, rulers of . . . . . Mi 3:1
He knew that the *l* of the people had . . . . Mt 27:18
of the synagogue *l*, came forward. . . . . .Mk 5:22
home of one of the *l* of the Pharisees, ... Lk 14:1
when the Jewish *l* in Jerusalem sent . . . . . Jn 1:19
The next day the *l*, elders, and legal . . . . . .Ac 4:5
or from today's *l* who are being. 1Co 2:6
Remember your *l* who spoke God's word to . . Heb 13:7

LEADS

He *l* advisors away barefoot; makes madmen Job 12:17
grassy meadows; he *l* me to restful . . . . . Ps 23:2
insight, but a warped mind *l* to contempt. . .Prv 12:8
your own good, who *l* you in the way you . . . Is 48:17
The gate that *l* to destruction is . . . . . Mt 7:13
his own sheep by name and *l* them out. . . . . Jn 10:3
take the road that *l* from Jerusalem to . . . . Ac 8:26
of sin, which *l* to death, or as. . . . . Ro 6:16

LEAH

older was named *L* and the younger . . . . . Gn 29:16
Rachel and like *L*, both of whom . . . . . Ru 4:11

LEARN

but you later *l* of it and become . . . . . .Lv 5:3
so that they will *l* to fear me every . . . . . Dt 4:10
Jonathan must not *l* about this or 1Sa 20:3
Many people will *l* of this and be . . . . . Ps 40:3
fools, for you won't *l* wise speech there. . . . .Prv 14:7
l to do good. Seek justice: help the . . . . . Is 1:17
so that we might *l* who is to blame . . . . . Jon 1:7
Go and *l* what this means: I want mercy. . . . Mt 9:13
l this parable from the fig tree. After . . . . Mk 13:28
were alarmed to *l* that Paul and . . . . . Ac 16:38
so that you can *l* what it means not. 1Co 4:6
And no one could *l* the song except . . . . . Rev 14:3

LEARNED

When Jacob *l* that there was grain in . . . . . Gn 42:1
about?" When they *l* that the LORD's 1Sa 4:6
we've heard and *l* about, ones that . . . . . Ps 78:3
it to heart; I saw it and *l* a lesson. . . . . Prv 24:32
the Assyrian king *l* that Cush's King . . . . . Is 37:9
to the time that he had *l* from the magi. . . . Mt 2:16
When he *l* from the centurion that Jesus . . Mk 15:45
When he *l* that Jesus was from Herod's . . . . Lk 23:7
Jesus *l* that the Pharisees had heard that . . . .Jn 4:1
was, and Pharaoh *l* about Joseph's . . . . . Ac 7:13
teaching that you *l*. Keep away from . . . . Ro 16:17
he was a Son, he *l* obedience from . . . . . Heb 5:8
and haven't *l* the so-called . . . . . Rev 2:24

LEAST

and attacks it, at *l* one camp will be . . . . . Gn 32:8
the next day. The *l* collected was ten . . . . Nm 11:32
for them in the *l*, he brought them . . . . . Dt 9:28
back even the *l* important official. 2Ki 18:24
back even the *l* important official. . . . . Is 36:9
greatest of them to the *l* significant. . . . . Jon 3:5
no means are you *l* among the rulers . . . . . Mt 2:6
be first must be *l* of all and the . . . . . .Mk 9:35
Yet whoever is *l* in God's kingdom . . . . . Lk 7:28
lamp, and, at *l* for a while, you . . . . . Jn 5:35
mats so that at *l* Peter's shadow . . . . . Ac 5:15
to others, at *l* I am to you! You 1Co 9:2
know me, from the *l* important of them. . . Heb 8:11

LEATHER

man and his wife *l* clothes and . . . . . Gn 3:21
skins dyed red; beaded *l*; acacia wood; . . . . Ex 25:5
a covering of fine *l* on it. They will . . . . . Nm 4:6
of hair with a *l* belt around his 2Ki 1:8
hair, with a *l* belt around his . . . . . Mt 3:4
hair, with a *l* belt around his . . . . . Mk 1:6
worked with them. They all worked with *l*. . . Ac 18:3

LEAVE

said to Abram, "*l* your land, your . . . . . Gn 12:1
is he? Why did you *l* this man? Invite . . . . Ex 2:20
You must not *l* the meeting tent's . . . . . Lv 8:33
They must not *l* any of it until morning, . . . Nm 9:12
and so they never *l* your mind as long . . . . Dt 4:9
with Moses. I won't desert you or *l* you. . . . Josh 1:5
want to live long; *l* me alone, for my . . . . Job 7:16
it! The helpless *l* it all to you. You . . . . . Ps 10:14
and faithfulness *l* you. Bind them on . . . . Prv 3:3
You will *l* your name behind for my chosen . . Is 65:15
I will *l* so that I can return to my place . . . Hos 5:15
l your gift at the altar and go. First . . . . . Mt 5:24
pleaded with Jesus to *l* their region. . . . . Mk 5:17
with authority and power, and they *l*? . . . . Lk 4:36
the Twelve, "Do you also want to *l*?" . . . . . Jn 6:67
them not to *l* Jerusalem but to . . . . . Ac 1:4
dear friends, but *l* room for God's . . . . . Ro 12:19
he doesn't *l* anything out of . . . . . Heb 2:8
they will never *l* it. I will write . . . . . Rev 3:12

LEAVES

reason that a man *l* his father and . . . . . Gn 2:24
When someone *l* a pit open or digs a pit. . . . Ex 21:33
Now if a Levite *l* one of your cities or . . . . Dt 18:6
who pluck off the *l* on a bush, the root . . . Job 30:4
time and whose *l* don't fade. . . . . Ps 1:3
She *l* behind the partner of her youth; . . . . Prv 2:17
oak with withering *l*, like a garden . . . . . Is 1:30
an unclean spirit *l* a person, it . . . . . Mt 12:43
nothing except *l*, since it wasn't . . . . . Mk 11:13
It tortures him and rarely *l* him alone. . . . . Lk 9:39
wolf coming, he *l* the sheep and runs . . . . Jn 10:12
to get a crown of *l* that shrivel up. 1Co 9:25
month. The tree's *l* are for the . . . . . Rev 22:2

LEAVING

animals of the earth, *l* the ark with you. . . . Gn 9:10
the Israelites, who were *l* confidently. . . . . Ex 14:8
descendants, *l* the desert road . . . . . Dt 2:8
as far as Gaza, *l* nothing to keep . . . . . Jdg 6:4
reason; stripped the naked, *l* no clothes; . . . Job 22:6
evil for good, *l* me stricken with . . . . . Ps 35:12
of the LORD, *l* the hungry empty, ... Is 32:6
I will exterminate you, *l* no inhabitant. . . . . Zep 2:5
As they were *l*, people brought to him a . . . Mt 9:32
They followed him, *l* their father . . . . . Mk 1:20
After *l* the synagogue, Jesus went home. . . . Lk 4:38
commanded me. Get up. We're *l* this place. . Jn 14:31
by itself. After *l* the prison, they . . . . . Ac 12:10
l the straight path, they have gone off. . . . 2Pt 2:15

LEBANON

the *L* range, all the way . . . . . Dt 1:7
the desert and the *L* as far as the . . . . . Josh 1:4
yes, the LORD shatters the cedars of *L*. . . . Ps 29:5
couch for himself from the trees of *L*. . . . Song 3:9
all the cedars of *L*, high and lofty; . . . . . Is 2:13
cast out his roots like the forests of *L*. . . . Hos 14:5

LED

When God *l* me away from my father's . . . Gn 20:13
priest. He *l* his flock out to. . . . . Ex 3:1
Why have you *l* us up from Egypt to bring . . Nm 20:5
bodies, and be *l* astray, ... Dt 4:19
from the LORD and *l* them to wage war . . Josh 11:20
and from my mother's womb I *l* the widow . Job 31:18
colors, she is *l* to the king. Her . . . . . Ps 45:14
and those being *l* were confused. . . . . Is 9:16
prostitution has *l* them astray; they . . . . Hos 4:12
Then the Spirit *l* Jesus up into the . . . . . Mt 4:1
man's hand, Jesus *l* him out of the . . . . . Mk 8:23
l by the Spirit, he went into the temple . . . Lk 2:27
He *l* him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him . . . Jn 1:42
the night and *l* them out. The . . . . . Ac 5:19
desires, which *l* to the moral . . . . . Ro 1:24
men and women *l* by the Holy Spirit 2Pt 1:21

LEFT

Cain *l* the LORD's presence, and he . . . . . Gn 4:16
When they *l* Pharaoh, they met Moses and . . Ex 5:20
deposit that was *l* with you for . . . . . Lv 6:4
year after they *l* the land of Egypt: . . . . Nm 1:1
We *l* Horeb and journeyed through that . . . Dt 1:19
to the right or *l*. Then you will . . . . . Josh 1:7
So the Adversary *l* the LORD's . . . . . Job 1:12
The light of your face has *l* us, LORD! . . . . Ps 4:6
long life; in her *l* are wealth and . . . . . Prv 3:16
Daughter Zion is *l* like a small shelter . . . . Is 1:8
astray; they have *l* God to follow . . . . . Hos 4:12
The devil *l* him, and angels came and took . . Mt 4:11
Right away, they *l* their nets and . . . . . Mk 1:18
as you have said." Then the angel *l* her. . . . Lk 1:38
Therefore, he *l* Judea and went back to . . . Jn 4:3
Then the captain *l* with his guards and . . . Ac 5:26
forces had not *l* descendants for . . . . . Ro 9:29
Therefore, it's *l* open for some to enter . . . Heb 4:6
whatever you have *l*, teetering on the . . . . Rev 3:2

LEGACY

that his brother's *l* will not be . . . . . Dt 25:6
gave it as a *l* to Israel . . . . . Josh 11:23

LEGAL

you. Whoever has a *l* dispute may go to . . . Ex 24:14
act unjustly in a *l* case. Do not show . . . . Lv 19:15
and one *l* norm for the . . . . . Nm 15:16
If some *l* dispute in your cities is too . . . . Dt 17:8
who rejected my *l* claim, the . . . . . Job 27:2
the wise make a *l* charge against the . . . . Prv 29:9
priests and the *l* experts and asked . . . . . Mt 2:4
with authority, not like the *l* experts. . . . . Mk 1:22
Pharisees and *l* experts were . . . . . Lk 5:17
The *l* experts and Pharisees brought a . . . . Jn 8:3
elders, and *l* experts gathered . . . . . Ac 4:5
Where are the *l* experts? Where are 1Co 1:20
rather than a *l* requirement about . . . . . Heb 7:16

LEGS

with its head, *l*, and internal . . . . . Ex 12:9
insides and lower *l* must be washed. . . . . Lv 1:9
in your knees and *l*, from the sole of . . . . Dt 28:35
hard, taking their *l* right out from . . . . Jdg 15:8
my feet on solid rock. He steadied my *l*. . . . Ps 40:2
As *l* dangle from a disabled person, so. . . . Prv 26:7
by spreading your *l* to all comers. And. . . . Eze 16:25
rescues two *l* or the piece of an . . . . . Am 3:12
Pilate to have the *l* of those crucified . . . Jn 19:31
strength in his *l*. He had been . . . . . Ac 14:8

LENGTH

around through the *l* and breadth of the . . . Gn 13:17
The *l* of time that the Israelites had . . . . Ex 12:40
measures of *l*, weight, or volume. . . . . Lv 19:35
fell full *l* on the ground, ... 1Sa 28:20
Will he beg you at *l* or speak gentle . . . . Job 41:3
on it. For the *l* of time that you. . . . . Eze 4:4
Jesus at *l*, but Jesus didn't. . . . . Lk 23:9
they proceeded the *l* of one street, ... Ac 12:10
love's width and *l*, height and depth, ... Eph 3:18
as a square. Its *l* was the same as . . . . . Rev 21:16

LET

God said, "*l* there be light." And so . . . . . Gn 1:3
But if it's a girl, you can *l* her live. . . . . Ex 1:16
You must not *l* the tribe of the Kohathite . . . Nm 4:18
Please *l* us pass through your land. We . . . . Dt 2:27
obeyed Moses. Just *l* the LORD your God . . Josh 1:17
knees receive me and breasts *l* me nurse? . . . Job 3:12
you alone, LORD, *l* me live in safety. . . . . Ps 4:8
My son, don't *l* sinners entice you. Don't . . . Prv 1:10
own clothes—only *l* us take your name; . . . . Is 4:1
not her husband. *l* her remove . . . . . Hos 2:2
In the same way, *l* your light shine . . . . . Mt 5:16
But he didn't *l* the demons speak, ... Mk 1:34
Lord's servant. *l* it be with me just . . . . . Lk 1:38
other disciples, "*l* us go too so that . . . . . Jn 11:16
the Psalms scroll, *l* his home become . . . . . Ac 1:20
So then, don't *l* sin rule your body, so . . . . Ro 6:12
l this endurance complete its work so . . . . . Jas 1:4
you: you have *l* go of the love you. . . . . Rev 2:4

LETTER

David wrote a *l* to Joab and sent 2Sa 11:14
I will send a *l* to Israel's king. 2Ki 5:5
Jeremiah sent a *l* from Jerusalem to . . . . . Jer 29:1
the smallest *l* nor even the. . . . . Mt 5:18
we should write a *l*, telling them to . . . . . Ac 15:20
I'm writing this *l* to you in the . . . . . Ro 16:22
since I've only written a short *l* to you! . . . Heb 13:22

LETTERS

So she wrote *l* in Ahab's name, putting 1Ki 21:8
on it in ordinary *l*, For . . . . . Is 8:1
seeking *l* to the synagogues in Damascus. . . . Ac 9:2
to Jerusalem with *l* of recommendation. . . . 1Co 16:3
have written both *l* to stir up your 2Pt 3:1

LEVI

three sons for him." So she named him *L*. . . . Gn 29:34
Reuben, Simeon, *L*, and Judah . . . . . Ex 1:2
the tribe of *L*, nor should you . . . . . Nm 1:49
the tribe of *L* to carry the chest . . . . . Dt 10:8
to the tribe of *L* that he gave no . . . . . Josh 13:14
House of *L*, bless the LORD! You who . . . . Ps 135:20
one gate for Judah, and one gate for *L*. . . . Eze 48:31
my covenant with *L* can continue to . . . . . Mal 2:4
along, he saw *L*, Alphaeus' son, ... Mk 2:14
of Matthat son of *L* son of Melchi son. . . . . Lk 3:24
The descendants of *L* who receive the . . . . . Heb 7:5
from the tribe of *L*, twelve thousand; . . . . . Rev 7:7

LEVIATHAN

it, those with enough skill to awaken *L*. . . . . Job 3:8
ships on it, and *L*, which you made, ... Ps 104:26
and will punish *L* the fleeing . . . . . Is 27:1

LEVITE

from Levi's household married a *L* woman. . . . Ex 2:1
L property that can be bought . . . . . Lv 25:33
These are the *L* clans: the Libnite clan, . . . Nm 26:58
servant, and the *L* who lives in your . . . . . Dt 12:18
clan. He was a *L* residing there as. . . . . Jdg 17:7
Likewise, a *L* came by that spot, saw the. . . . Lk 10:32
who encourages"), was a *L* from Cyprus. . . . Ac 4:36

LEVITES

to me!" All the *L* gathered around . . . . . Ex 32:26
L will always have the right to buy back . . . . Lv 25:32
But the *L*, belonging to their own. . . . . Nm 1:47
That's why the *L* don't have a stake or . . . . Dt 10:9
he gave no legacy among them to the *L*. . . . Josh 14:3
of them as priests and *L*, says the LORD. . . . Is 66:21
He will purify the *L* and refine them . . . . . Mal 3:3
sent priests and *L* to ask him, "Who . . . . . Jn 1:19

LEVITICAL

back homes in the *L* cities that are . . . . . Lv 25:32
Go to the *L* priests and to the head judge . . . Dt 17:9
covenant and the *L* priests carrying. . . . . Josh 3:3
And the *L* priests will always have . . . . . Jer 33:18
came through the *L* office of priest . . . . . Heb 7:11

LIAR

the witness is a *l*—that the witness. . . . . Dt 19:18
who can prove me a *l* and make my words . . Job 24:25
I said, out of fear, "Everyone is a *l*!" . . . . Ps 116:11
to guilty lips; a *l* listens to a . . . . . Prv 17:4
him. Whenever that *l* speaks, he speaks . . . Jn 8:44
human being is a *l*, as it is written: . . . . . Ro 3:4
we make him a *l* and his word is 1Jn 1:10

LIBNAH

from Rimmon-perez and camped at *L*. . . . . Nm 33:20
from Makkedah to *L*. They attacked. . . . Josh 10:29
to the king and found him attacking *L*. . . . . Is 37:8

LIE

wine to drink, *l* down with him, and . . . . Gn 19:32
don't let Pharaoh *l* to us again and . . . . . Ex 8:29
lost property, you *l* about it; or by . . . . . Lv 6:3
of Ar and *l* along the border . . . . . Nm 21:15
have that person *l* down and be . . . . . Dt 25:2
up! Why do you *l* flat on your face . . . . . Josh 7:10
Now look at me—would I *l* to your face . . . Job 6:28
I *l* down, sleep, and wake up because the . . . Ps 3:5
ambush; they *l* in wait for their . . . . . Prv 1:18
Until cities *l* ruined with no one . . . . . Is 6:11
land; I will make you *l* down in safety. . . . Hos 2:18
influenced you to *l* to the Holy Spirit . . . . . Ac 5:3
God's truth for a *l*, and they . . . . . Ro 1:25
for God to *l*. He did this so. . . . . Heb 6:18
dead bodies will *l* on the street of. . . . . Rev 11:8

LIES

of Edom, which *l* in the mountains . . . . . Gn 36:9
and they can't focus on these empty *l*. . . . . Ex 5:9
Anyone who *l* down in the house must wash . Lv 14:47
land that *l* beyond it: those . . . . . Dt 3:25
land of Canaan. It *l* in the districts . . . . Josh 22:11
from its place, it *l*, saying, "I can't . . . . . Job 8:18
what is worthless and go after *l*? Selah . . . . Ps 4:2
who breathes *l*, and one who. . . . . Prv 6:19
head; prophets who teach *l* are the tail . . . . Is 9:15
give joy to the officials with their *l*. . . . . Hos 7:3
Capernaum, which *l* alongside the sea. . . . . Mt 4:13
is read, a veil *l* over their hearts. 2Co 3:15
speaking and their lips from speaking *l*. . . . 1Pt 3:10

LIFE

earth grow plant *l*: plants yielding . . . . . Gn 1:11
so that your *l* will be long on . . . . . Ex 20:12
A creature's *l* is in the blood. I have . . . . . Lv 17:11
a ransom for the *l* of a killer, who. . . . . Nm 35:31
so that your *l* will be long and . . . . . Dt 5:16
had revered Moses during all of his *l*. . . . . Josh 4:14
your power; only preserve his *l*. . . . . Job 2:6
me, trampling my *l* into the ground, ... Ps 7:5
shield for those who live a blameless *l*. . . . . Prv 2:7
I will add fifteen years to your *l*. . . . . Is 38:5
of this man's *l*, and don't blame . . . . . Jon 1:14
worry about your *l*, what you'll eat . . . . . Mt 6:25
do evil, to save *l* or to kill?" But. . . . . Mk 3:4
to do evil, to save *l* or to destroy it? . . . . . Lk 6:9
the Word was *l*, and the life was . . . . . Jn 1:4
me the paths of *l*; your presence . . . . . Ac 2:28

to lead you to change your heart and *l*? . . . Ro 2:4
the years of your *l* won't come to an . . . . Heb 1:12
from the tree of *l*, which is in God's . . . . Rev 2:7

LIFETIME

because during his *l* the earth was . . . . Gn 10:25
priests during the *l* of their father . . . . Nm 3:4
you during your *l*. I will be with . . . . Josh 1:5
In your *l* have you commanded the morning, . Job 38:12
his favor lasts a *l*. Weeping may stay . . . . Ps 30:5
seventy years, the *l* of one king. At . . . . Is 23:15
that during your *l* you received good . . . . Lk 16:25

LIFT

As for you, *l* your shepherd's rod, ... Ex 14:16
of oil, and will *l* them up as an . . . . . Lv 14:12
The LORD *l* up his face to you and grant . . . Nm 6:26
to the priests, "*l* up the covenant . . . . . Josh 3:6
but can't *l* my head, full of . . . . . Job 10:15
Mighty gates: *l* up your heads! Ancient . . . Ps 24:7
each person laid low—don't *l* them up! . . . . Is 2:9
like those who *l* infants to their . . . . . Hos 11:4
are unwilling to *l* a finger to move . . . . Mt 23:4
and you refuse to *l* a single finger to . . . . Lk 11:46
before the Lord, and he will *l* you up. . . . . Jas 4:10

LIFTED

The waters rose, *l* the ark, and it . . . . . Gn 7:17
west wind that *l* the locusts and . . . . . Ex 10:19
the breast can be *l* as an uplifted . . . . . Lv 7:30
than Agag, and his kingdom will be *l* up. . . Nm 24:7
people." So they *l* up the covenant . . . . Josh 3:6
weighed, all of it were *l* up in scales; . . . . Job 6:2
Let the God of my salvation be *l* high! . . . Ps 18:46
It will be *l* above the hills; . . . . . Is 2:2
it will be *l* above the hills; . . . . . Mi 4:1
this mountain, 'Be *l* up and thrown into . . . Mt 21:21
took his hand, *l* him up, and he. . . . . Mk 9:27
from their thrones and *l* up the lowly. . . . Lk 1:52
Just as Moses *l* up the snake in the . . . . Jn 3:14
watching, he was *l* up and a cloud . . . . . Ac 1:9

LIGHT

Let there be *l*." And so light . . . . . Gn 1:3
Israelites all had *l* where they lived. . . . Ex 10:23
the priest will *l* the altar and lay . . . . Lv 1:7
lampstand used for *l*, its lamps, its . . . . Nm 4:9
Now, Israel, in *l* of all that, listen to. . . . Dt 4:1
kill him at the first *l* in the morning. . . . Jdg 16:2
above ignore it, and *l* not shine on it. . . . Job 3:4
anywhere. The *l* of your face has . . . . . Ps 4:6
is like morning *l* that gets brighter . . . . Prv 4:18
of Jacob, let's walk by the LORD's *l*. . . . . Is 2:5
and my judgment goes forth like a *l*. . . . Hos 6:5
have seen a great *l*, and a light has . . . . Mt 4:16
dark,and the moon won't give its *l*. . . . . Mk 13:24
to give *l* to those who are sitting in . . . . Lk 1:79
and the life was the *l* for all people. . . . . Jn 1:4
suddenly a *l* from heaven . . . . . Ac 9:3
for the blind; a *l* to those who are. . . . . Ro 2:19
The Son is the *l* of God's glory and the . . . Heb 1:3
a third of its *l*, and the night . . . . . Rev 8:12

LIGHTNING

and hail, and *l* struck the earth. . . . . Ex 9:23
cloud appeared with *l* over the dwelling. . . Nm 9:15
with a column of *l* by night; they lit. . . . Neh 9:12
how he spreads *l* across it and . . . . . Job 36:30
enemy; he sent the *l* and threw them . . . . Ps 18:14
He sends the *l* with the rain, the . . . . . Jer 10:13
torches; they dart like bolts of *l*. . . . . Na 2:4
Just as the *l* flashes from the east to . . . . Mt 24:27
and his clothes flashed white like *l*. . . . . Lk 9:29
the throne came *l*, voices, and . . . . . Rev 4:5

LINE

being the boundary *l*—to the Jabbok . . . . Dt 3:16
be a surviving *l* for those who . . . . . Jdg 21:17
a priest forever in *l* with Melchizedek. . . . Ps 110:4
the measuring *l* and righteousness . . . . . Is 28:17
Therefore, I will *l* her path with thorns; . . . Hos 2:6
out a fishing *l* and hook, and take . . . . Mt 17:27
house and family *l*, he went up from . . . . Lk 2:4
dropped a weighted *l* to take soundings . . . Ac 27:28
at the end of the *l*. We are like 1Co 4:9

LINEN

he dressed him in *l* clothes, and he . . . . Gn 41:42
and deep red yarns; fine *l*; goats' hair; . . . Ex 25:4
will dress in his *l* robe, with linen. . . . . Lv 6:10
clothes that mix wool and *l* together. . . . Dt 22:11
give you thirty *l* robes and thirty . . . . Jdg 14:12
for herself; fine *l* and purple are her. . . . Prv 31:22
the mirrors and *l* garments; the turbans. . . . Is 3:23
my wool and my *l* cloth, my oil and . . . . Hos 2:5
the body, wrapped it in a clean *l* cloth, . . . Mt 27:59
nothing but a *l* cloth. They . . . . . Mk 14:51
in purple and fine *l*, and who feasted . . . . Lk 16:19
Picking up a *l* towel, he tied it . . . . . Jn 13:4
like a large *l* sheet being . . . . . Ac 10:11
in pure bright *l* and had gold. . . . . Rev 15:6

LION

crouches like a *l*; like a lioness . . . . . Gn 49:9
a lioness, like a *l* it stands up. It . . . . Nm 23:24
He lives like a *l*: he rips an arm, ... Dt 33:20
a lone young *l* came roaring to . . . . . Jdg 14:5
The roar of a *l* and snarl of the king of. . . . Job 4:10
places, like a *l* in its lair. They . . . . . Ps 10:9
king roars like a *l*; his favor is like. . . . Prv 19:12
is like the *l*; they roar like . . . . . Is 5:29
I am like a *l* to Ephraim, like a young . . . Hos 5:14
like a roaring *l*, seeking someone 1Pt 5:8
was like a *l*. The second living . . . . . Rev 4:7

LIONS

has fought both *l* and bears. This 1Sa 17:36
yet the teeth of *l* are shattered; . . . . . Job 4:10
Even strong young *l* go without and get . . . Ps 34:10
roar like young *l*; they growl, seize . . . . Is 5:29
of the young *l*, where lion, ... Na 2:11
realized promises, shut the mouths of *l*, . . Heb 11:33

LIPS

in her heart; her *l* were moving, but 1Sa 1:13
In all this, Job didn't sin with his *l*. . . . Job 2:10
all slick-talking *l* and every tongue . . . . Ps 12:3
mouth; keep devious *l* far from you. . . . . Prv 4:24
a man with unclean *l*, and I live among . . . . Is 6:5
a trumpet to your *l*! It's as if a bird . . . . Hos 8:1
me with their *l*, but their hearts . . . . Mt 15:8
me with their *l*, but their hearts . . . . . Mk 7:6
flowing from his *l*. They said, "This . . . . Lk 4:22
a hyssop branch, and held it up to his *l*. . . Jn 19:29
the poison of vipers is under their *l*. . . . Ro 3:13
the fruit from our *l* that confess his. . . . Heb 13:15

LISTEN

Adah and Zillah, *l* to my voice; wives . . . . Gn 4:23
But they didn't *l* to Moses, because . . . . Ex 6:9
Wait while I *l* for what the LORD . . . . . Nm 9:8
your judges: *l* to your fellow . . . . . Dt 1:16
Come close. *l* to the words of. . . . . Josh 3:9
out, and so it is; *l* and find out for . . . . Job 5:27

Have mercy on me! *l* to my prayer! . . . Ps 4:1
l, my son, to your father's instruction; . . Prv 1:8
you heavens, and *l* earth, for the . . . . Is 1:2
no one complain. *l*, priest, I am. . . . . Hos 4:4
to welcome you or *l* to your words, ... Mt 10:14
l to this! A farmer went out to scatter . . . . Mk 4:3
us like this? *l*! Your father and I . . . . . Lk 2:48
God's children *l* to God's words. You . . . . Jn 8:47
Know this! *l* carefully to my . . . . . Ac 2:14
they will not even *l* to me this way, ... 1Co 14:21
they refused to *l* to the one who . . . . . Heb 12:25
are those who *l* to it being read, ... Rev 1:3

LISTENED

said, "Because you *l* to your wife's . . . . Gn 3:17
haven't even *l* to me. How can I . . . . . Ex 6:12
ten times and haven't *l* to my voice, ... Nm 14:22
any people ever *l* to a god's voice . . . . . Dt 4:33
God *l* to Manoah, and God's messenger came Jdg 13:9
People *l* to me and waited, were silent. . . . Job 29:21
The LORD has *l* to my request. The LORD . . . Ps 6:9
you haven't *l* when I spoke to . . . . . Jer 7:13
they haven't *l* to him, my God . . . . . Hos 9:17
The large crowd *l* to him with . . . . . Mk 12:37
at the Lord's feet and *l* to his message. . . . Lk 10:39
Everyone who has *l* to the Father and . . . . Jn 6:45
They *l*, then lifted their voices in . . . . . Ac 4:24
He says, I *l* to you at the right time, ... 2Co 6:2
in faith with the ones who *l* to it. . . . . Heb 4:2

LISTENING

a son!" Sarah was *l* at the tent door . . . . Gn 18:10
acts rashly by not *l* to the priest who . . . . Dt 17:12
the sheep pens, *l* to the music for . . . . . Jdg 5:16
who honor him, *l* to their cries for . . . . . Ps 145:19
my child, you stop *l* to discipline, you . . . . Prv 19:27
my companions are *l* for your voice. . . . . Song 8:13
Instead of *l* to me, this wicked people . . . . Jer 13:10
turned a cold shoulder and stopped *l*. . . . . Zec 7:11
confused Herod, yet he enjoyed *l* to him . . . . Mk 6:20
the teachers, *l* to them and . . . . . Lk 2:46
and the other prisoners were *l* to them. . . . Ac 16:25
faith comes from *l*, but it's. . . . . Ro 10:17
you have been lazy and you have't been *l*. . . Heb 5:11

LISTENS

cry out, the LORD *l*; he delivers them . . . . Ps 34:17
A wise son *l* to the discipline of his . . . . . Prv 13:1
foolish king, who no longer *l* to advice. . . . Ecc 4:13
the LORD? Who *l* to the voice of . . . . . Is 50:10
Whoever *l* to you listens to me. Whoever . . . Lk 10:16
to sinners. God *l* to anyone who is . . . . . Jn 9:31
point of view and the world *l* to them. 1Jn 4:5

LITTLE

Let a *l* water be brought so you may wash . . . Gn 18:4
out before you *l* by little, until . . . . . Ex 23:30
with their wives, children, and *l* ones. . . . Nm 16:27
Please give me a *l* water to drink. . . . . Jdg 4:19
away from me so I can brighten up a *l*. . . . Job 10:20
In just a *l* while the wicked won't exist! . . . Ps 37:10
A *l* sleep, a little slumber, a little . . . . . Prv 6:10
together, and a *l* child will lead . . . . . Is 11:6
Jezreel; for in a *l* while I will . . . . . Hos 1:4
away, because the *l* girl isn't dead. . . . . Mt 9:24
After going a *l* further, he saw James and . . . Mk 1:19
him to row out a *l* distance from the . . . . Lk 5:3
for each person to have even a *l* bit. . . . . Jn 6:7
After proceeding a *l* farther, we took . . . . Ac 27:28
one who gathered less didn't have too *l*. . . . 2Co 8:15
the angels for a *l* while—it's Jesus! . . . . . Heb 2:9
shut. You have so *l* power, and yet you . . . . Rev 3:8

LIVE

earth and all who *l* in them were . . . . . Gn 2:1
But if it's a girl, you can let her *l*. . . . . Ex 1:16
wherever you *l*: you must not eat . . . . . Lv 3:17
camp, where I *l* among them, ... Nm 5:3
taller than we *l* there, and the . . . . . Dt 1:28
the prostitute *l*, her family, and . . . . . Josh 6:25
I don't want to *l* long; leave me . . . . . Job 7:16
you alone, LORD, let me *l* in safety. . . . . Ps 4:8
shield for those who *l* a blameless life. . . . Prv 2:7
So now, you who *l* in Jerusalem, you . . . . . Is 5:3
sick, and all who *l* on it grow weak; . . . . . Hos 4:3
People won't *l* only by bread, but . . . . . Mt 4:4
on her so that she can be healed and *l*. . . . Mk 5:23
in God's eyes, for as long as we *l*. . . . . Lk 1:75
God's Son, and those who hear it will *l*. . . . Jn 5:25
Moreover, my body will *l* in hope, ... Ac 2:26
The righteous person will *l* by faith. . . . . Ro 1:17
who continues to *l*, according to the . . . . Heb 7:8
world, to test those who *l* on earth. . . . . Rev 3:10

LIVED

Seth's birth, Adam *l* 800 years; he had . . . . Gn 5:4
of Canaan where they *l* as immigrants. . . . . Ex 6:4
have during the sabbaths you *l* in it. . . . . Lv 26:35
of the Anakites, *l*. (Hebron was built . . . . Nm 13:22
the Amorites who *l* in those hills . . . . . Dt 1:44
the city wall, and she *l* inside the wall. . . . Josh 2:15
They *l* in ruined cities, unoccupied . . . . . Job 15:28
I have *l* with integrity before him; I've . . . . Ps 18:23
righteousness *l* in her—but now . . . . . Is 1:21
the people who *l* in the dark have seen a. . . . Mt 4:16
This man *l* among the tombs, and no one . . . . Mk 5:3
she married, she *l* with her husband . . . . . Lk 2:36
the whole time the Lord Jesus *l* among us, . . . Ac 1:21
Christ died and *l*: so that he might . . . . . Ro 14:9
By faith he *l* in the land he had been . . . . Heb 11:9

LIVES

she is the mother of everyone who *l*. . . . . Gn 3:20
They made their *l* miserable with hard . . . . Ex 1:14
citizen or the immigrant who *l* among you. . . Lv 16:29
Now our *l* are wasting away. There is . . . . Nm 11:6
every day of their *l* on the fertile . . . . . Dt 4:10
Spare the *l* of my father, mother, ... Josh 2:13
they have in exchange for their *l*. . . . . Job 2:4
to the LORD, who *l* in Zion! Proclaim . . . . Ps 9:11
ambush; they lie in wait for their own *l*. . . . Prv 1:18
who change their *l* by righteousness. . . . . Is 1:27
and don't swear, "As the LORD *l*. . . . . Hos 4:15
your hearts and *l*! Here comes the . . . . . Mt 3:2
their hearts and *l* and wanted God to . . . . . Mk 1:4
their hearts and *l* and wanted God to . . . . . Lk 3:3
Go home. Your son *l*." The man believed . . . . Jn 4:50
your hearts and *l*. Each of you must. . . . . Ac 2:38
his death, but he *l* for God with his . . . . . Ro 6:10
their entire *l* by their fear of . . . . . Heb 2:15
your hearts and *l* and do the things . . . . . Rev 2:5

LIVESTOCK

of living thing: *l*, crawling things, ... Gn 1:24
disease on your *l* in the field: on . . . . . Ex 9:3
of you present a *l* offering to the . . . . . Lv 1:2
either we or our *l*, we'll pay for it. . . . . Nm 20:19
lush for your *l*, and you will eat. . . . . Dt 11:15
the children, the *l*, and the prized . . . . . Jdg 18:21
remove all its *l* from beside the . . . . . Eze 32:13
and for a wife he kept watch over *l*. . . . . Hos 12:12
it himself, as did his sons and his *l*. . . . . Jn 4:12

LIVING

waters swarm with *l* things, and let . . . . . Gn 1:20
been an immigrant *l* in a foreign land. . . . . Ex 2:22
any of the other *l* creatures in the . . . . . Lv 11:10
the God of all *l* things. If one. . . . . Nm 16:22
immigrant who is *l* among you . . . . . Dt 5:14
will know that the *l* God is among you . . . . Josh 3:10
it isn't found in the land of the *l*. . . . . Job 28:13
the LORD's goodness in the land of the *l*! . . . Ps 27:13
swallow up the *l* like the grave . . . . . Prv 1:12
is on the list of those *l* in Jerusalem. . . . . Is 4:3
be said to them, "Children of the *l* God." . . . Hos 1:10
are the Christ, the Son of the *l* God. . . . . Mt 16:16
your disciples not *l* according to the . . . . . Mk 7:5
shepherds were *l* in the fields, ... Lk 2:8
him and he would give you *l* water. . . . . Jn 4:10
known to everyone *l* in Jerusalem, so . . . . . Ac 1:19
will be called "the *l* God's children." . . . . . Ro 9:26
unfaithful heart that abandons the *l* God. . . Heb 3:12
and the *l* one. I was dead, but look! Now. . . Rev 1:18

LOAVES

unleavened thin *l* spread with oil, ... Lv 7:12
and a basket of *l* of unleavened bread . . . . Nm 6:15
Please give some *l* of bread to those. . . . . Jdg 8:5
here except five *l* of bread and two . . . . . Mt 14:17
they said, "Five *l* of bread and two . . . . . Mk 6:38
no more than five *l* of bread and two . . . . . Lk 9:13
has five barley *l* and two fish. But. . . . . Jn 6:9
the table, and the *l* of bread presented . . . . Heb 9:2

LOCATION

in the land's best *l*. Let them live in . . . . . Gn 47:6
taken to a clean *l* outside the camp, ... Lv 4:12
search for the *l* the LORD your God . . . . . Dt 12:5
told them to meet me at an undisclosed *l*. . . 1Sa 21:2

LOCUST

Not a single *l* was left in the . . . . . Ex 10:19
kind of migrating *l*, any kind of bald . . . . . Lv 11:22
is blight, mildew, *l*, or grasshopper; 1Ki 8:37
him to leap like a *l*, his majestic . . . . . Job 39:20
away; I'm shaken off, like some *l*. . . . . Ps 109:23
What the cutting *l* left, the swarming . . . . . Jl 1:4

LOCUSTS

I'm going to bring *l* into your country . . . . Ex 10:4
nothing because the *l* will eat it all. . . . . Dt 28:38
like a swarm of *l*, so that no one . . . . . Jdg 6:5
caterpillars, their land's produce to *l*. . . . . Ps 78:46
l don't have a king, but they march . . . . . Prv 30:27
they rushed upon it like a swarm of *l*. . . . . Is 33:4
God was forming *l* at the time the . . . . . Am 7:1
his waist. He ate *l* and wild honey. . . . . Mt 3:4
his waist. He ate *l* and wild honey. . . . . Mk 1:6
Then *l* came forth from the smoke and onto . . Rev 9:3

LOOK

but didn't *l* favorably on Cain and his . . . . . Gn 4:5
started to *l* at the Israelites . . . . . Ex 1:12
l," Aaron said to Moses, "today they . . . . . Lv 10:19
may not enter to *l* at the sanctuary . . . . . Nm 4:20
l, I have laid the land before you. Go . . . . . Dt 1:8
He said, "Go. *l* over the land, ... Josh 2:1
to the Adversary, "*l*, all he has is . . . . . Job 1:12
But *l* how the wicked hatch evil, conceive . . . Ps 7:14
I correct you. *l*, I'll pour out my. . . . . Prv 1:23
of the earth—now *l*—hurrying, ... Is 5:26
at Beth-aven: "*l* behind you, ... Hos 5:8
l! A virgin will become pregnant and . . . . . Mt 1:23
of Isaiah: *l*, I am sending my . . . . . Mk 1:2
l! You will conceive and give birth to a. . . . Lk 1:31
him and said, "*l*! The Lamb of God . . . . . Jn 1:29
amazed, saying, "*l*, aren't all the . . . . . Ac 2:7
for images that *l* like mortal . . . . . Ro 1:23
since he says, *l*, the days are . . . . . Heb 8:8
l, he is coming with the clouds! Every . . . . . Rev 1:7

LOOKED

fat. The LORD *l* favorably on Abel. . . . . Gn 4:4
He *l* around to make sure no one else was . . . Ex 2:12
Balaam *l* up and saw Israel camping by . . . Nm 24:2
near Jericho, he *l* up. He caught . . . . . Josh 5:13
When they *l* up from a distance and didn't. . Job 2:12
at night. You've *l* me over closely,. . . . . Ps 17:3
I *l* among the naive young men and noticed . . Prv 7:7
The LORD *l* and was upset at . . . . . Is 59:15
When I *l* toward Tyre, Ephraim was planted . Hos 9:13
and the two fish, *l* up to heaven, ... Mt 14:19
But Jesus *l* around carefully to see who . . . Mk 5:32
He has *l* with favor on the low status of . . . Lk 1:48
to Jesus. Jesus *l* at him and said, ... Jn 1:42
way as we have *l* like the person 1Co 15:49
and life, though he *l* for it with tears. . . . Heb 12:17
I saw someone who *l* like the Human . . . . Rev 1:13

LOOT

and dividing the *l*? A girl or two for . . . . . Jdg 5:30
make widows their *l*; to steal from . . . . . Is 10:2

LORD

to speak with my *l*, even though I'm . . . . Gn 18:27
to the LORD, "My *l*, I've never been . . . . . Ex 4:10
But the *l* brought us out from there so . . . . Dt 6:23
due respect, my *l*, if the LORD is . . . . . Jdg 6:13
in heaven laughs; my *l* makes fun of them. . . Ps 2:4
the LORD, and the *l* will fully repay . . . . . Prv 19:17
the *l* will shave the heads of Zion's . . . . . Is 3:17
and no longer will you call me, "My *l*." . . . Hos 2:16
an angel from the *l* appeared to him in . . . Mt 1:20
the way for the *l*; make his paths . . . . . Mk 1:3
An angel from the *l* appeared to him, ... Lk 1:11
said to him, "*l*, come before my. . . . . Jn 4:49
asked Jesus, "*l*, are you going to . . . . . Ac 1:6
holiness. This Son is Jesus Christ our *l*. . . . Ro 1:4
And he says, You, *l*, laid the earth's . . . . Heb 1:10
Omega," says the *l* God, "the one who. . . . . Rev 1:8

LOSE

his comrades might *l* courage just as he . . . . Dt 20:8
and your household will *l* your lives. . . . . Jdg 18:25
Foreigners *l* their nerve; they come . . . . . Ps 18:45
my son, should you *l* your senses with a . . . Prv 5:20
fear, and don't *l* heart over these . . . . . Is 7:4
the strong will *l* their strength;. . . . . Am 2:14
better that you *l* a part of your . . . . . Mt 5:29
their lives will *l* them. But all who . . . . . Mk 8:35
their lives will *l* them. But all who . . . . . Lk 9:24
me, that I won't *l* anything he has . . . . . Jn 6:39
will be lost, though we will *l* the ship. . . . Ac 27:22
in flames, they'll *l* it. However, they 1Co 3:15
sinful people, and *l* your own safe 2Pt 3:17

LOSS

I suffer the *l* of both of you on . . . . . Gn 27:45
to pay for the *l* of time from work . . . . . Ex 21:19
faithful is a costly *l* in his eyes. . . . . Ps 116:15
but those who hurry end up with *l*. . . . . Prv 21:5
for the *l* of father or . . . . . Jer 16:7
make it like the *l* of an only child,. . . . . Am 8:10
damage and great *l*, not only for the . . . . Ac 27:10
I sound, because I'm at a *l* about you. . . . . Ga 4:20

LOST

was pregnant, I *l* her respect. Let . . . . . Gn 16:5
The Israelites are *l* and confused in . . . . . Ex 14:3
you've found *l* property, you lie. . . . . .Lv 6:3
who sinned and *l* their lives into . . . . . Nm 16:38
it won't be *l* from the mouths of . . . . . Dt 31:21
melted. They *l* all courage . . . . . .Josh 5:1
not eased; if I hold back, what have I *l*? . . . Job 16:6
those who suffer won't be *l* for all time. . . . Ps 9:18
are confused; they get *l* on their way. . . . .Prv 2:15
on it will be *l*. The LORD has . . . . . .Is 22:25
one who has *l* the husband of her. . . . . Jl 1:8
Go instead to the *l* sheep, the people of . . . Mt 10:6
the wine would be *l* and the wineskins . . . .Mk 2:22
hundred sheep and *l* one of them. . . . . Lk 15:4
a demon and has *l* his mind. Why. . . . . Jn 10:20
You've *l* your mind!" they responded. She . . Ac 12:15
you've already *l* your case. Why not 1Co 6:7
my covenant, and I *l* interest in them, . . . Heb 8:9
dark. The day *l* a third of its . . . . . Rev 8:12

LOT

and Haran. Haran became the father of *L*. . . Gn 11:27
the two goats: one *l* labeled "the . . . . . Lv 16:8
be apportioned by *l*. They will inherit . . . Nm 26:55
might scatter a *l* of seed on the. . . . . Dt 28:38
was assigned by *l*, exactly as the . . . . . Josh 14:2
a wicked person's *l* from God, their . . . . Job 20:29
Throw in your *l* with us; we'll share our . . .Prv 1:14
God has cast the *l* for them; God's hand . . . Is 34:17
will be their *l* because they have . . . . . Hos 7:13
been sold for a *l* of money and given . . . . Mt 26:9
She had suffered a *l* under the care of . . . .Mk 5:26
in the days of *L*, people were . . . . . Lk 17:28
there was a *l* of water there, ... Jn 3:23
cast lots, the *l* fell on Matthias. . . . . Ac 1:26
with weakness, fear, and a *l* of shaking. . . . 1Co 2:3
We have a *l* to say about this topic, and . . . Heb 5:11
and put up with a *l* for my name's . . . . . Rev 2:3

LOTS

Aaron will cast *l* over the two goats: one. . . . Lv 16:8
know you have *l* of herds! . . . . . Dt 3:19
Then Joshua cast *l* for them in Shiloh . . . Josh 18:10
themselves; they cast *l* for my clothes. . . . .Ps 22:18
With *l* of words comes wrongdoing, but the . Prv 10:19
and have cast *l* for my people. They have . . . Jl 3:3
your name and do *l* of miracles in. . . . . Mt 7:22
rich people were throwing in *l* of money. . . Mk 12:41
doing." They drew *l* as a way of . . . . . Lk 23:34
it. Let's cast *l* to see who will . . . . . Jn 19:24
When they cast *l*, the lot fell on . . . . . Ac 1:26

LOUD

said, he let out a *l* agonizing cry and . . . . Gn 27:34
and a very *l* blast of a horn. . . . . Ex 19:16
assembly with a *l* voice while on the . . . . Dt 5:22
people shout out a *l* war cry. Then the. . . .Josh 6:5
I cry out *l* to the LORD, and he answers . . . . Ps 3:4
a neighbor with a *l* voice early in the . . . .Prv 27:14
Report this with a *l* shout, proclaim . . . . Is 48:20
second quarter, a *l* crash from the . . . . . Zep 1:10
cried out with a *l* shout, "Eli, Eli, ... Mt 27:46
cried out with a *l* shout, "Eloi, ... Mk 15:34
With a *l* voice she blurted out, "God has . . . Lk 1:42
shouted with a *l* voice, "Lazarus, ... Jn 11:43
With *l* shrieks, unclean spirits came out. . . . .Ac 8:7
proclaiming out *l* that truly God is 1Co 14:25
and requests with *l* cries and tears as . . . . Heb 5:7
this prophecy out *l*, and favored are. . . . . Rev 1:3

LOVE

only son whom you *l*, Isaac, and go to. . . . . Gn 22:2
of those who *l* me and keep my. . . . . Ex 20:6
instead, you must *l* your neighbor as . . . . . Lv 19:18
of those who *l* me and keep my. . . . . Dt 5:10
commanded you. *l* the LORD your God. . . . Josh 22:5
these persons *l* the LORD's. . . . . .Ps 1:2
clueless people *l* your naïvete, ...Prv 1:22
along with both *l* and hate. People . . . . . Ecc 9:1
for my loved one a *l* song for his . . . . . Is 5:1
in justice, in devoted *l*, and in mercy. . . . . Hos 2:19
Son whom I dearly *l*; I find happiness . . . . Mt 3:17
Son, whom I dearly *l*; in you I find . . . . .Mk 1:11
Son, whom I dearly *l*; in you I find . . . . . Lk 3:22
you, that you don't have God's *l* in you. . . . Jn 5:42
shame, because the *l* of God has been . . . . Ro 5:5
efforts and the *l* you have shown for . . . . Heb 6:10
have let go of the *l* you had at first. . . . . Rev 2:4

LOVED

Rebekah and *l* her. So Isaac . . . . . Gn 24:67
And because he *l* your ancestors and chose . . Dt 4:37
Hannah, though he *l* her, because the 1Sa 1:5
me; the ones I have *l* turn against me. . . . Job 19:19
My *l* ones and friends keep their distance . . .Ps 38:11
Let me sing for my *l* one a love song for . . . . Is 5:1
your God. You have *l* a prostitute's pay . . . Hos 9:1
him carefully and *l* him. He said, "You. . . . Mk 10:21
God so *l* the world that he gave his only . . . Jn 3:16
who are dearly *l* by God and called . . . . . Ro 1:7
You *l* righteousness and hated lawless. . . . . Heb 1:9
your feet and realize that I have *l* you. . . . . Rev 3:9

LOVER

The money *l* isn't satisfied with money; . . . .Ecc 5:10
woman betrays her *l*, so you, people of . . . .Jer 3:20
a woman who has a *l* and is involved in . . . Hos 3:1

LOVERS

end up poor; *l* of wine and oil . . . . . Prv 21:17
you at pursuing *l* that you instruct . . . . . .Jer 2:33
will seek out my *l*; they give me my . . . . . Hos 2:5
mind, sympathetic, *l* of your fellow 1Pt 3:8

LOVES

them as the delicious food your father *l*. . . . Gn 27:9
to everyone who *l* him and keeps his . . . . .Dt 7:9
who *l* you has given. . . . . Ru 4:15
very being hates anyone who *l* violence. . . . Ps 11:5
The LORD *l* those he corrects, just like a . . .Prv 3:12
thieves. Everyone *l* a bribe and. . . . . Is 1:23
just as the LORD *l* the people of . . . . . Hos 3:1
He *l* our people and he built our . . . . . .Lk 7:5
The Father *l* the Son and gives everything . . Jn 3:35
other. Whoever *l* another person has . . . . Ro 13:8
whomever he *l*, and he punishes . . . . . Heb 12:6
To the one who *l* us and freed us . . . . . Rev 1:5

LOVING

all his ways, by *l* him, by serving . . . . . Dt 10:12
LORD's paths are *l* and faithful for . . . . .Ps 25:10
a time for *l* and a time for hating, a . . . . . Ecc 3:8
me, serving me and *l* my name, becoming . . . Is 56:6
us to write about *l* your brothers and 1Th 4:9
Keep *l* each other like family . . . . . Heb 13:1

LOW

them, got up to greet them, and bowed *l*. . . . Gn 19:1
whether high or *l*. Its value will be . . . . . Lv 27:12
his hand. Then he bowed *l* and worshipped. . Nm 22:31
wealth, brings *l*, but also lifts up 1Sa 2:7
bring others down *l*; they delight in. . . . . Ps 62:4

to be held in *l* regard and have a . . . . . .Prv 12:9
rises, and all the singers come down *l*; . . . .Ecc 12:4
each person laid *l*—don't lift them . . . . . Is 2:9
up will be brought *l*. But all who make . . . . Mt 23:12
with favor on the *l* status of his . . . . . Lk 1:48
world considers *l*-class and 1Co 1:28
in their *l* status, because. . . . . .Jas 1:10

LOWER

the front of the *l* part of the two . . . . . Ex 28:27
insides and *l* legs must be . . . . . .Lv 1:9
But you will be demoted, *l* and lower! . . . . Dt 28:43
her the upper springs and the *l* springs. . . Josh 15:19
like a rock, hard like a *l* millstone. . . . . Job 41:24
you collected the waters of the *l* pool. . . . Is 22:9
like a person of *l* status and the . . . . . Lk 22:26
they were going to *l* anchors from the. . . . Ac 27:30
gone down into the *l* regions, the earth? . . . Eph 4:9
you made them *l* than angels. You . . . . . Heb 2:7

LOYAL

he took all of the *l* men born in his . . . . . Gn 14:14
But I am *l* and gracious to the thousandth. . . Ex 20:6
and absolutely *l*, forgiving wrongs . . . . . Nm 14:18
But I am *l* and gracious to the thousandth. . . Dt 5:10
Now, I have been *l* to you. So pledge to . . . Josh 2:12
Are friends *l* to the one who despairs, or . . Job 6:14
those who are *l*, but he pays the . . . . . .Ps 31:23
guards the way of those who are *l* to him. . . Prv 2:8
I desire, and remain *l* to my covenant, . . . Is 56:4
or you will be *l* to the one and . . . . . Mt 6:24
or you will be *l* to the one and . . . . . Lk 16:13
I am passionately *l* to God, just like . . . . Ac 22:3
also asking you, *l* friend, to help . . . . . Phil 4:3

LOYALTY

her, 'This is the *l* I expect from you: . . . . Gn 20:13
With your great *l* you led the people you . . Ex 15:13
of your absolute *l*, just as you've . . . . . Nm 14:19
and display the *l* that he promised . . . . . Dt 7:12
righteousness and *l*, and I wasn't 1Sa 26:23
Don't let *l* and faithfulness leave you. . . . . Prv 3:3
Canaan and swear *l* to the LORD of . . . . . Is 19:18
faithful love or *l*, and no knowledge. . . . . Hos 4:1

LYING

descendants the land on which you are *l*. . . Gn 28:13
with evil people to act as a *l* witness. . . . . Ex 23:1
when you are *l* down and when you. . . . . .Dt 6:7
was their master *l* dead on the ground! . . . Jdg 3:25
For now I would be *l* down quietly; I'd. . . . Job 3:13
are like a strong young lion *l* in wait. . . . .Ps 17:12
snobbish eyes, a *l* tongue, hands that . . . .Prv 6:17
rebellious people, *l* children, children . . . Is 30:9
Swearing, *l*, murder, together with . . . . . Hos 4:2
mother-in-law *l* in bed with a . . . . . Mt 8:14
the mat on which the paralyzed man was *l*. . . Mk 2:4
baby wrapped snugly and *l* in a manger. . . . Lk 2:12
When Jesus saw him *l* there, knowing that . . Jn 5:6
in Christ—I'm not *l*, as my conscience . . . . Ro 9:1
grasp the hope that is *l* in front of us. . . . Heb 6:18
aren't, but are *l*)—I will make them. . . . . Rev 3:9

LYRE

how to play the *l*. The musician can 1Sa 16:16
raise drum and *l*, rejoice at the . . . . . Job 21:12
the LORD with the *l*! Sing praises to . . . . . Ps 33:2
They party with *l* and harp, tambourine, . . . Is 5:12
like a harp or a *l* can make a sound, ... 1Co 14:7

LYSTRA

cities of *L* and Derbe and the. . . . . Ac 14:6
Iconium, and *L*. I put up with all 2Ti 3:11

M

MAACAH

birth to Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and *M*. . . . Gn 22:24
mother's name was *M*, and she was 1Ki 15:2

MAASEIAH

Eliab, Benaiah, *M*, Mattithiah, ...1Ch 15:18
above the room of *M*, Shallum's son, ...Jer 35:4

MACEDONIA

of a man from *M* came to Paul . . . . . Ac 16:9
M and Achaia have been happy to make a . . Ro 15:26

MACHIR

The children of *M*, Manasseh's son, ... Gn 50:23
descendants: from *M*, the Machirite . . . . . Nm 26:29
I also gave Gilead to *M* . . . . . Dt 3:15
to the people of *M* son of Manasseh. . . . Josh 13:31

MADE

God *m* the dome and separated the waters. . . Gn 1:7
They *m* their lives miserable with hard . . . . Ex 1:14
a pan, it must be *m* of choice flour . . . . . .Lv 2:7
the LORD when they *m* an unauthorized . . . . Nm 3:4
Our brothers have *m* our hearts sick by . . . . Dt 1:28
for this plegde you *m* us swear . . . . . Josh 2:17
Why have you *m* me your target so . . . . . Job 7:20
fall right into the hole that they've *m*! . . . . Ps 7:15
I've *m* a sacrifice of well-being; today . . . .Prv 7:14
handiwork, what their own fingers have *m*. . . Is 2:8
to the report *m* to their assembly. . . . . Hos 7:12
John wore clothes *m* of camel's hair, with . . . Mt 3:4
John wore clothes *m* of camel's hair, with . . . Mk 1:6
would fulfill the promises he *m* to her. . . . Lk 1:45
became flesh and *m* his home among us. . . . Jn 1:14
that God has *m* this Jesus, whom. . . . . Ac 2:36
to them because God *m* it plain to them. . . . Ro 1:19
through a Son. God *m* his Son the heir . . . Heb 1:2
take place. Christ *m* it known by . . . . . Rev 1:1

MAGDALENE

them were Mary *M*, Mary the mother. . . . . Mt 27:56
including Mary *M* and Mary the . . . . . Mk 15:40
them were Mary *M* (from whom seven . . . . .Lk 8:2
Clopas, and Mary *M* stood near the. . . . . Jn 19:25

MAGOG

sons: Gomer, *M*, Madai, Javan, ... Gn 10:2
family: Gomer, *M*, Madai, Javan, ... 1Ch 1:5
Gog in the land of *M*, chief prince of . . . . Eze 38:2
the earth—Gog and *M*. He will gather. . . . Rev 20:8

MAHANAIM

camp," and he named that sacred place *M*. . . Gn 32:2
Betonim, and from *M* as far as the . . . . Josh 13:26

MAJESTIC

take fruit from *m* trees, palm . . . . . Lv 23:40
bull —that's how *m* he is! A wild ox's . . . . Dt 33:17
she presented him cream in a *m* bowl. . . . Jdg 5:25
like a locust, his *m* snorting, a fright?. . . . Job 39:20
our Lord, how *m* is your name . . . . . .Ps 8:1
Oh, the *m* garland of Ephraim's drunks and . . Is 28:1
temple. He will be *m*; he will sit and. . . . .Zec 6:13
with him, he will sit on his *m* throne. . . . . Mt 25:31

MAJESTY

as you live, Your *M*, I don't know, ... 1Sa 17:55
Wouldn't his *m* scare you and dread of him . Job 13:11
strong God is! His *m* extends over . . . . .Ps 68:34

the LORD, from the splendor of God's ***m***! . . . Is 2:10
the LORD, in the ***m*** of the name of the . . . . Mi 5:4
to come with the ***m*** of his Father with. . . . Mt 16:27
and saw God's ***m*** and Jesus standing . . . . . Ac 7:55
down at the right side of the highest ***m***. . . . Heb 1:3

MAKE

God said, "Let us ***m*** humanity in our . . . . . Gn 1:26
looked around to ***m*** sure no one else . . . . . Ex 2:12
for you, to ***m*** reconciliation for . . . . . Lv 1:4
when it's time to ***m*** camp, the Levites . . . . Nm 1:51
the one who will ***m*** sure they inherit . . . . . Dt 3:28
to the people, "***m*** yourselves holy! . . . . . Josh 3:5
for you will ***m*** an agreement with the . . . . . Job 5:23
ask me, and I will ***m*** the nations your . . . . . Ps 2:8
They ***m*** the naive mature, the young . . . . . Prv 1:4
they will no longer learn how to ***m*** war. . . . . Is 2:4
was born. I will ***m*** her like a desert, ... Hos 2:3
way for the Lord; ***m*** his paths . . . . . Mt 3:3
way for the Lord; ***m*** his paths . . . . . Mk 1:3
thinking. He will ***m*** ready a people . . . . . Lk 1:17
in the wilderness, ***m*** the Lord's path . . . . . Jn 1:23
until I ***m*** your enemies a footstool for. . . . . Ac 2:35
them, or even ***m*** a defense for them, ... Ro 2:15
of suffering to ***m*** perfect the . . . . . Heb 2:10
soon, and I will ***m*** war on them with . . . . . Rev 2:16

MAKER

a skilled perfume ***m*** to produce the . . . . . Ex 30:25
the promise ***m*** from giving the . . . . . Lv 27:8
than God, a person purer than their ***m***? . . . Job 4:17
down! Let's kneel before the LORD, our ***m***! . . Ps 95:6
anger their ***m***, while those who. . . . . Prv 14:31
regard for their ***m***, and their eyes . . . . . Is 17:7
has forgotten his ***m***, and built . . . . . Hos 8:14

MALE

God created them, ***m*** and female God . . . . . Gn 1:27
flawless year-old ***m***. You may take it . . . . . Ex 12:5
present a flawless ***m***, bringing it to . . . . . Lv 1:3
recording the name of every ***m***, ... Nm 1:2
or daughters, your ***m*** or female. . . . . Dt 5:14
son of Joseph, the ***m*** descendants by . . . . Josh 17:2
just cause of my ***m*** or female servant . . . . Job 31:13
of a rooster or a ***m*** goat; and a king . . . . . Prv 30:31
possess them as ***m*** and female slaves . . . . . Is 14:2
out my spirit on the ***m*** and female slaves. . . . Jl 2:29
to kill all the ***m*** children in. . . . . Mt 2:16
of creation, God made them ***m*** and female. . . Mk 10:6
Every firstborn ***m*** will be dedicated . . . . . Lk 2:23
free; nor is there ***m*** and female, for . . . . . Ga 3:28
birth to a son, a ***m*** child who is to. . . . . Rev 12:5

MALES

he and all his ***m*** should be . . . . . Ex 12:48
Only the ***m*** from Aaron's descendants can . . . Lv 6:18
of all the oldest ***m*** who open an . . . . . Nm 3:12
kill all the city's ***m*** with the sword. . . . . Dt 20:13
rations to those ***m***, registered by 2Ch 31:16
of Egypt's oldest ***m***; in Ham's tents,. . . . . Ps 78:51
the same way, the ***m*** traded natural. . . . . Ro 1:27

MAN

a woman because from a ***m*** she was taken. . . Gn 2:23
Now a ***m*** from Levi's household married a . . . Ex 2:1
Whenever a ***m*** or woman has an infection, . Lv 13:29
Take with you one ***m*** from each tribe who . . . Nm 1:4
must bring out the ***m*** or woman who has . . . Dt 17:5
men from the people, one ***m*** per tribe. . . . Josh 4:2
A ***m*** in the land of Uz was named Job. That . . Job 1:1
crown on a strong ***m***. I raised up . . . . . Ps 89:19
Can a ***m*** scoop fire into his lap and his . . . Prv 6:27
will grab one ***m*** on that day, ... Is 4:1
won't have sex with a ***m***, nor I with you. . . . Hos 3:3
was a righteous ***m***. Because he didn't . . . . Mt 1:19
A ***m*** with a skin disease approached Jesus,. . Mk 1:40
was engaged to a ***m*** named Joseph, a . . . . Lk 1:27
A ***m*** named John was sent from God . . . . . Jn 1:6
the Nazarene was a ***m*** whose credentials . . . Ac 2:22
lives with another ***m*** while her husband . . . . Ro 7:3
were born from one ***m*** (and he was as . . . . Heb 11:12
feet like a dead ***m***. But he put his . . . . . Rev 1:17

MANAGER

he said to the ***m*** of his household, ... Gn 43:16
said to his ***m***, 'Call the workers . . . . . Mt 20:8
that his household ***m*** was wasting his . . . . Lk 16:1
The city ***m*** brought order to the crowd and . Ac 19:35
is expected of a ***m*** is that they prove 1Co 4:2

MANASSEH

the oldest son ***M***, "because," he. . . . . Gn 41:51
son; from ***M***, Gamaliel, ... Nm 1:10
half the tribe of ***M***. (Now the whole . . . . . Dt 3:13
the Gadites, and half the tribe of ***M***: . . . . Josh 1:12
Gilead is mine; ***M*** is mine; Ephraim is my . . . Ps 60:7
M devoured Ephraim and Ephraim Manasseh; Is 9:21
was the father of ***M***. Manasseh was the . . . . Mt 1:10
from the tribe of ***M***, twelve thousand; . . . . Rev 7:6

MANNA

people called it ***m***. It was like. . . . . Ex 16:31
There is nothing but ***m*** in front of us. . . . . Nm 11:6
feeding you the ***m*** that neither you . . . . . Dt 8:3
The ***m*** stopped on that next day, when they . Josh 5:12
and rained ***m*** on them so they could eat. . . . Ps 78:24
Our ancestors ate ***m*** in the wilderness, ... Jn 6:31
jar containing ***m***, Aaron's rod that . . . . . Heb 9:4
some of the hidden ***m*** to eat. I will . . . . . Rev 2:17

MANOAH

whose name was ***M***. His wife was . . . . . Jdg 13:2

MARCH

units are 186,400. They will ***m*** first. . . . . Nm 2:9
When you ***m*** out to battle your enemies and . . Dt 20:1
it, you are to ***m*** out from your . . . . . Josh 3:3
m to the unending ruins, to all that the . . . Ps 74:3
a king, but they ***m*** together in ranks. . . . . Prv 30:27
Let's ***m*** up against Judah, tear it apart, . . . Is 7:6
the horn; he will ***m*** forth on the . . . . . Zec 9:14

MARCHED

banners and they ***m*** by their clans and . . . . Nm 2:34
Og, Bashan's king, ***m*** out to fight. . . . . Dt 29:7
all the Israelites ***m*** out of Shittim and. . . . Josh 3:1
God, when you ***m*** through the . . . . . Ps 68:7
King Sennacherib ***m*** against all of . . . . . Is 36:1
The city that ***m*** out one thousand. . . . . Am 5:3
after the people ***m*** around them for. . . . . Heb 11:30

MARK

night. They will ***m*** events, sacred . . . . . Gn 1:14
and turbans to ***m*** their honor and . . . . . Ex 28:40
Sea you will ***m*** out your boundary . . . . . Nm 34:7
m out the roads to them and divide the . . . . Dt 19:3
Then he added, "***m*** my words, every. 2Ch 18:27
Follow the path I ***m*** out for you so . . . . . Jer 7:23
was also known as ***M***.) Many believers . . . Ac 12:12
to you. So does ***M***, Barnabas' cousin . . . . . Col 4:10
because it is the ***m*** of a good 1Pt 3:21
slaves—to have a ***m*** put on their right . . . Rev 13:16

MARRIAGE

bride price and ***m*** gifts as large as. . . . . Gn 34:12

may consummate the ***m***. You will be her. . . Dt 21:13
my daughter in ***m*** to whoever strikes . . . Josh 15:16
they be given in ***m***. Instead, they . . . . . Mt 22:30
they be given in ***m***. Instead, they . . . . . Mk 12:25
promised to him in ***m*** and who was . . . . . .Lk 2:5
to stay in her ***m*** as long as her 1Co 7:39
m must be honored in every respect, with . . Heb 13:4

MARRIED

were, so they ***m*** the ones they . . . . . Gn 6:2
from Levi's household ***m*** a Levite woman. . . . .Ex 2:1
adultery with a ***m*** woman, committing . . . Lv 20:10
defiled while ***m*** to your husband, ... Nm 5:19
but not yet ***m***? He may leave and . . . . . Dt 20:7
daughters. He ***m*** his thirty. . . . . Jdg 12:9
of bread, but a ***m*** woman hunts for a . . . . .Prv 6:26
the children of the ***m***, says the LORD. . . . . Is 54:1
God loved, and ***m*** the daughter of a . . . . . Mal 2:11
before they were ***m***, she became . . . . . .Mt 1:18
Herod's brother Philip. Herod had ***m*** her, . . .Mk 6:17
old. After she ***m***, she lived with. . . . . Lk 2:36
one who is getting ***m***. The friend of the . . . Jn 3:29
A ***m*** woman is united with her husband . . . . Ro 7:2

MARRIES

women. If Jacob ***m*** one of the Hittite . . . . Gn 27:46
If a man ***m*** a woman and her mother as . . . Lv 20:14
If she ***m*** while her solemn promise is in . . . Nm 30:6
Let's say a man ***m*** a woman, but she isn't . . . Dt 24:1
As a young man ***m*** a young woman, so your . . Is 62:5
And whoever ***m*** a divorced woman . . . . . Mt 5:32
his wife and ***m*** another commits . . . . . Mk 10:11
his wife and ***m*** another commits . . . . . Lk 16:18
adultery if she ***m*** someone else. . . . . Ro 7:3

MARRY

these orders: "Don't ***m*** a Canaanite woman. . . Gn 28:1
with her, he must ***m*** her and pay the . . . . Ex 22:16
You will not ***m*** her son's daughter . . . . . Lv 18:17
into which they ***m***. Then it will be . . . . . Nm 36:3
of their sons to ***m***, and don't take. . . . . .Dt 7:3
came back again to ***m*** her. He turned . . . . Jdg 14:8
so your sons will ***m*** you. With the joy . . . . Is 62:5
said to him,"Go, ***m*** a prostitute and . . . . . Hos 1:2
It's against the law for you to ***m*** her. . . . . Mt 14:4
the law for you to ***m*** your brother's . . . . .Mk 6:18
the brother must ***m*** the widow and . . . . . Lk 20:28
it's better to ***m*** than to burn with. 1Co 7:9

MARTHA

a woman named ***M*** welcomed him as a . . . Lk 10:38
the village of Mary and her sister ***M***. . . . . Jn 11:1

MARY

the husband of ***M***—of whom Jesus was . . . . Mt 1:16
including ***M*** Magdalene and Mary . . . . . Mk 15:40
David's house. The virgin's name was ***M***. . . . Lk 1:27
the village of ***M*** and her sister . . . . . Jn 11:1
women, including ***M*** the mother of . . . . . Ac 1:14
Say hello to ***M***, who has worked very hard . . Ro 16:6

MASTER

fill the earth and ***m*** it. Take charge of . . . . Gn 1:28
If his ***m*** gave him a wife and she bore him . . . Ex 21:4
responded, "My ***m*** Moses, stop them!" . . . Nm 11:28
him, "What is my ***m*** saying to his. . . . . Josh 5:14
stress scare them, ***m*** them like a king . . . . Job 15:24
Because he is your ***m***, bow down to him . . . Ps 45:11
beside him as a ***m*** of crafts. I was . . . . . .Prv 8:30
over to a harsh ***m***; a strong king . . . . . Is 19:4
the house of their ***m*** with violence and . . . Zep 1:9
and slaves aren't greater than their ***m***. . . . Mt 10:24
this?' say, 'Its ***m*** needs it, and he . . . . . .Mk 11:3
Now, ***m***, let your servant go in peace . . . . . Lk 2:29
greater than their ***m***, nor are those who . . . Jn 13:16
in unison to God, "***m***, you are the one. . . . . Ac 4:24
like a wise ***m*** builder according 1Co 3:10
she called him ***m***. You have become 1Pt 3:6
Holy and true ***m***, how long will you . . . . . Rev 6:10

MASTERS

of their slave ***m***. I know about . . . . . .Ex 3:7
running away from their ***m*** these days. 1Sa 25:10
are there; a servant is free from his ***m***. . . . Job 3:19
grapes overpowered ***m*** of nations, had . . . . Is 16:8
one can serve two ***m***. Either you will . . . . .Mt 6:24
can serve two ***m***. Either you will . . . . . Lk 16:13
asked, "Honorable ***m***, what must I do to. . . Ac 16:30
obey your human ***m*** with fear and . . . . . Eph 6:5
authority of your ***m*** with all respect. 1Pt 2:18

MATTANIAH

king made ***M***, Jehoiachin's. 2Ki 24:17

MATTER

his father took careful note of the ***m***. . . . . Gn 37:11
one law on this ***m*** for you, immigrant . . . . Lv 24:22
it. It's a small ***m***. We would only ask. . . . . Nm 20:19
faith in the LORD your God about this ***m***, . . . Dt 1:32
rest until he resolves the ***m*** today. . . . . Ru 3:18
the root of the ***m*** can be found in. . . . . Job 19:28
For that ***m***, don't let anyone who hopes . . . . Ps 25:3
knows about this ***m***. Otherwise, he'll . . . . Jer 40:15
in a small ***m***, you will have . . . . . Lk 19:17
hired hand and the sheep don't ***m*** to him. . . Jn 10:13
the elders gathered to consider this ***m***. . . . . Ac 15:6
can figure out the things that really ***m***; . . . . Ro 2:18

MEAL

He made a big ***m*** for them, even . . . . . Gn 19:3
this man? Invite him to eat a ***m*** with us. . . . Ex 2:20
the people ate a ***m***, and they . . . . . Nm 25:2
eaten the Passover ***m*** in the prescribed . . . 2Ch 30:18
Better a ***m*** of greens with love than a . . . . Prv 15:17
While they were eating a ***m*** together, ...Jer 41:1
it will yield no ***m***; if it were to . . . . . Hos 8:7
Look, the ***m*** is all prepared. . . . . Mt 22:4
prepare for you to eat the Passover ***m***? . . . Mk 14:12
ready for their ***m***. So Martha came to . . . . Lk 10:40
the evening ***m***. The devil had. . . . . Jn 13:2
were preparing the ***m***, he had a. . . . . Ac 10:10
one place, it isn't to eat the Lord's ***m***. . . . 1Co 11:20
inheritance as the oldest son for one ***m***. . . .Heb 12:16

MEANING

said, "What's the ***m*** of this entire . . . . . Gn 33:8
you, "What is the ***m*** of the laws, the . . . . . Dt 6:20
as Jerubbaal, ***m***, "Let Baal argue . . . . . Jdg 6:32
And who knows the ***m*** of anything? A. . . . . Ecc 8:1
a dream, and I'm anxious to know its ***m***. . . . Dn 2:3
This is the ***m*** of the seed that fell on . . . . .Mk 4:15
statement. Its ***m*** was hidden from . . . . . Lk 9:45
about the ***m*** of the vision. . . . . Ac 10:17
Christ's cross won't be emptied of its ***m***. . . 1Co 1:17

MEASURE

stopped trying to ***m*** it because it was . . . . Gn 41:49
day, when they ***m*** out what they have . . . . Ex 16:5
of two-tenths of a ***m*** of fine flour . . . . . Nm 15:6
gift in precise ***m*** with the blessing . . . . . Dt 16:10
stones cut to ***m***, as well as cedar. 1Ki 7:11
the wind, to prepare a ***m*** for waters, ... Job 28:25
you in full ***m***, despite your many . . . . . Is 47:9
He said to me, "To ***m*** Jerusalem to see . . . . Zec 2:2

When they *m* themselves by 2Co 10:12
he has given us a *m* of his Spirit. 1Jn 4:13
told, "Get up and *m* God's temple, the. . . . Rev 11:1

MEASURED

But when they *m* it out by the omer, the . . Ex 16:18
say, 'A man is *m* by his strength!' . . . . . Jdg 8:21
nights of toil have been *m* out for me. . . . Job 7:3
Who has *m* the waters in the palm of a . . . Is 40:12
can be neither *m* nor numbered; and . . . . Hos 1:10
since God has *m* out a portion of . . . . . Ro 12:3
as its width. He *m* the city with the . . . . Rev 21:16

MEAT

you must not eat *m* with its life, its . . . . . Gn 9:4
should eat the *m* roasted over the . . . . . Ex 12:8
sons: "Cook the *m* at the meeting. . . . . Lv 8:31
the censors, the *m* fork, the shovels, . . . Nm 4:14
slaughter and eat *m*, as the LORD your . . . Dt 12:15
bread. He put the *m* in a basket and . . . . Jdg 6:19
Do I eat bulls' *m*? Do I drink goats' . . . . .Ps 50:13
on wine or those who eat too much *m*, . . . Prv 23:20
sheep, eating of *m* and drinking of . . . . . Is 22:13
out as if in a pot, like *m* in a kettle. . . . . Mi 3:3
immorality, eating *m* from strangled . . . . Ac 15:20
thing not to eat *m* or drink wine or . . . . . Ro 14:21

MEDIATOR

that there were a *m* between us; he . . . . . Job 9:33
place through angels by the hand of a *m*. . . . Ga 3:19
is why he's the *m* of a new covenant . . . . Heb 9:15

MEDITERRANEAN

ravine. Its limit will be at the *m* Sea. . . . . Nm 34:5
Euphrates River all the way to the *m* Sea. . . Dt 11:24
land, up to the *m* Sea on the west. . . . . .Josh 1:4
will be like the *m* Sea, having all . . . . . Eze 47:10
half of it to the *m*; this will happen . . . . .Zec 14:8

MEET

(that is, the King's Valley) to *m* him. . . . . Gn 14:17
on his way out to *m* you now, and he's . . . Ex 4:14
community will *m* you at the. . . . . Nm 10:3
hills came out to *m* you in battle. . . . . Dt 1:44
in the morning to *m* Israel in battle. . . . . Josh 8:14
power! If justice—who calls God to *m* me? . Job 9:19
God will come to *m* me. God will allow . . . .Ps 59:10
I've come out to *m* you, seeking you, ...Prv 7:15
Isaiah, "Go out to *m* Ahaz, you and your. . . . Is 7:3
to you. Prepare to *m* your God, Israel! . . . .Am 4:12
among the tombs to *m* him. They were so . . . Mt 8:28
a water jar will *m* you. Follow him. . . . . Mk 14:13
a water jar will *m* you. Follow him to . . . . Lk 22:10
he went out to *m* him and asked . . . . . Jn 4:47
calling for the church's elders to *m* him. . . . Ac 20:17
he was raised to *m* the requirements . . . . . Ro 4:25

MEETING

In the *m* tent, outside the veil that . . . . . Ex 27:21
to Moses and said to him from the *m* tent, . . .Lv 1:1
desert in the *m* tent on the first . . . . . Nm 1:1
yourselves at the *m* tent so I can . . . . . Dt 31:14
and set up the *m* tent there. The . . . . . Josh 18:1
roared in your own *m* place; they set up . . . Ps 74:4
all the officials *m* together: Elishama . . . . Jer 36:12
prepare a holy *m*; assemble the. . . . . Jl 2:16
Twelve called a *m* of all the . . . . . .Ac 6:2
whole church is *m* and everyone is 1Co 14:23
which is the true *m* tent that God, not . . . . Heb 8:2

MEGIDDO

the king of Taanach one the king of *M* on . . Josh 12:21
mourning of Hadad-Rimmon in the *M* Valley. Zec 12:11

MELCHIZEDEK

Now *M* the king of Salem and the priest of . Gn 14:18
are a priest forever in line with *M*. . . . . .Ps 110:4
forever, according to the order of *M*. . . . . Heb 5:6

MEMBERS

those who became *m* of their household. . . . Gn 12:5
your fellow tribe *m* and judge fairly, ... Dt 1:16
Fifty *m* from the group of prophets also. . . . 2Ki 2:7
word: Your family *m*, those who hate . . . . Is 66:5
they will call the *m* of his household . . . . Mt 10:25
the council *m* began to confer . . . . . Ac 4:15
other like the *m* of your family. Be . . . . . Ro 12:10
and a half days, *m* of the peoples,. . . . . Rev 11:9

MEMORY

wipe out the *m* of Amalek under . . . . . Ex 17:14
wipe out Amalek's *m* from under the . . . . Dt 25:19
The *m* of them will perish from the earth; . . Job 18:17
cities—even the *m* of them is dead. . . . . .Ps 9:6
The *m* of the righteous is a blessing, but. . . .Prv 10:7
them, and abolished all *m* of them. . . . . Is 26:14
done will also be told in *m* of her. . . . . Mt 26:13
done will also be told in *m* of her. . . . . .Mk 14:9
these things to *m* and considered. . . . . Lk 2:19
stirring up your *m*, as long as I'm. 2Pt 1:13

MEN

These were the ancient heroes, famous *m*. . . Gn 6:4
he saw two Hebrew *m* fighting with each . . . Ex 2:13
with discharges: *m* with emissions of . . . . Lv 15:32
the names of the *m* who will assist . . . . . Nm 1:5
I selected twelve *m*, one from each . . . . . Dt 1:23
secretly sent two *m* as spies from. . . . . .Josh 2:1
killed the young *m* with swords. I. . . . . Jdg 1:15
most handsome of *m*; grace has been . . . . . Ps 45:2
the naive young *m* and noticed among . . . . Prv 7:7
Your *m* will fall by the sword, your . . . . . Is 3:25
adultery; for the *m* themselves visit. . . . . Hos 4:14
the Gadarenes, two *m* who were . . . . . Mt 8:28
Some *m* were bringing a man who was . . . . Lk 5:18
legs of the two *m* who were crucified . . . . Jn 19:32
suddenly two *m* in white robes . . . . . Ac 1:10
to see the *m* who were apostles. . . . . Ga 1:17
will. Instead, *m* and women led by 2Pt 1:21

MEPHIBOSHETH

he fell and was injured. His name was *M*. . . 2Sa 4:4

MERARI

Levi's sons were Gershon, Kohath, and *M* . . Gn 46:11
Kohath, and *M*. Levi lived 137 . . . . . Ex 6:16
sons by name: Gershon, Kohath, and *M*. . . Nm 3:17
The descendants of *M* acquired twelve . . . Josh 21:7

MERCHANTS

the traders, the *m* and their profits,. 1Ki 10:15
from Tema look; *m* from Sheba hope . . . . Job 6:19
crowns, whose *m* were princes,. . . . . Is 23:8
will wail; all the *m* will be silenced. . . . . Zep 1:11
with her, and the *m* of the earth . . . . . Rev 18:3

MERCIFUL

compassionate and *m*, very patient, ... Ex 34:6
with them, and don't be *m* to them. . . . . .Dt 7:2
of Israel are *m* kings. Allow us to 1Ki 20:31
compassionate and *m*, very patient, and. . . .Ps 103:8
is waiting to be *m* to you, and will . . . . . Is 30:18
God, for he is *m* and compassionate, ... Jl 2:13
he could become a *m* and faithful high . . . . Heb 2:17

MERCY

he begged us for *m*, but we didn't. . . . . Gn 42:21

Don't have any ***m*** on them! Don't. . . . . Dt 13:8
Without ***m***, they wiped out everything in . . Josh 6:21
on them without ***m***; they flee . . . . . Job 27:22
my troubles! Have ***m*** on me! Listen to. . . . . Ps 4:1
he'll show no ***m*** on his day of . . . . . Prv 6:34
and widows no ***m***; for everyone was. . . . . Is 9:17
in justice, in devoted love, and in ***m***. . . . . Hos 2:19
people who show ***m***, because they will . . . . Mt 5:7
done for you and how he has shown you ***m***. . . Mk 5:19
He shows ***m*** to everyone, from one . . . . . Lk 1:50
without affection, and without ***m***. . . . . Ro 1:31
we can receive ***m*** and find grace . . . . . Heb 4:16

MESHACH
Mishael "***M***," and Azariah . . . . . Dn 1:7

MESHULLAM
family: ***M***, Han-aniah, and 1Ch 3:19

MESSAGE
Esau. This is the ***m*** of your servant . . . . . Gn 32:4
to you with this ***m***: Let my people go . . . . . Ex 7:16
Zippor's son, sent them to me with the ***m***, . Nm 22:10
I have a secret ***m*** for you, king. So . . . . . Jdg 3:19
he explain the ***m***? To those just. . . . . Is 28:9
We have heard a ***m*** from the LORD . . . . . Obad 1:1
his wife sent this ***m*** to him, "Leave . . . . . Mt 27:19
sacred and undying ***m*** of eternal . . . . . Mk 16:9
he delivered his ***m*** with authority. . . . . Lk 4:32
this said, "This ***m*** is harsh. Who can. . . . . Jn 6:60
accepted Peter's ***m*** were baptized. God . . . . Ac 2:41
(that is, the ***m*** of faith that we . . . . . Ro 10:8
with his powerful ***m***. After he carried . . . . . Heb 1:3

MESSENGER
The LORD's ***m*** found Hagar at a spring in . . . Gn 16:7
The LORD's ***m*** appeared to him in a flame . . . Ex 3:2
our voice, sent a ***m***, and brought us . . . . . Nm 20:16
The LORD's ***m*** came up from Gilgal to . . . . . Jdg 2:1
A ***m*** came to Job and said: "The oxen were . . Job 1:14
side, the LORD's ***m*** protects those who . . . . Ps 34:7
king's anger is a ***m*** of death; the wise . . . . Prv 16:14
The LORD's ***m*** went out and struck down one Is 37:36
struggled with the ***m*** and survived; he . . . Hos 12:4
I'm sending my ***m*** before you, who . . . . . Mt 11:10
I am sending my ***m*** before you. He . . . . . Mk 1:2
I'm sending my ***m*** before you, who . . . . . Lk 7:27
conceited. It's a ***m*** from Satan sent to 2Co 12:7

MESSENGERS
The two ***m*** entered Sodom in the evening. . . . Gn 19:1
Moses sent ***m*** from Kadesh to the king of . . Nm 20:14
I then sent ***m*** from the Kedemoth desert to . . Dt 2:26
This is because she hid the ***m*** we sent. . . . Josh 6:17
the command—many ***m*** are bringing good . . Ps 68:11
Wicked ***m*** fall into trouble, but a . . . . . Prv 13:17
to that nation's ***m***? The LORD has . . . . . Is 14:32
the voice of your ***m*** will never again. . . . . Na 2:13
speaking with her, ***m*** came from the . . . . . Mk 5:35
After John's ***m*** were gone, Jesus spoke to . . . Lk 7:24
Send ***m*** to Joppa at once and summon a. . . . Ac 10:5
than the other ***m***, such as angels,. . . . . Heb 1:4

MESSIAH
experts say that the ***M*** is David's son? . . . Mk 12:35
wondered whether John might be the ***M***. . . . Lk 3:15
We have found the ***M*** . . . . . Jn 1:41
theirs, and the ***M*** descended from . . . . . Ro 9:5

MICAH
was a man named ***M*** who lived in the . . . . Jdg 17:1
M of Moresheth, who prophesied during . . Jer 26:18
word that came to ***M*** of Moresheth in. . . . . Mi 1:1

MICAIAH
bad. His name is ***M***, Imlah's son. 1Ki 22:8
When ***M***, Gemariah's son and Shaphan's . . Jer 36:11

MICHAEL
their households: ***M***, Meshullam, Sheba, . . 1Ch 5:13
my way. But then ***M***, one of the . . . . . Dn 10:13
The archangel ***M***, when he argued with the . . Jud 1:9
was war in heaven: ***M*** and his angels . . . . Rev 12:7

MICHAL
the oldest, and ***M***, the younger 1Sa 14:49

MIDDLE
be a dome in the ***m*** of the waters to. . . . . Gn 1:6
of fire in the ***m*** of a bush. Moses . . . . . Ex 3:2
They perished in the ***m*** of the assembly. . Nm 16:33
Arnon River—the ***m*** of the river being . . . . Dt 3:16
officers went through the ***m*** of the camp. . . Josh 3:2
In the ***m*** of the night they suddenly die; . . . Job 34:20
My life is in the ***m*** of a pack of lions. I. . . . Ps 57:4
corpses lay in the ***m*** of the streets . . . . . Is 5:25
plumb line in the ***m*** of my people. . . . . Am 7:8
boat was in the ***m*** of the lake, but. . . . . Mk 6:47
that friend in the ***m*** of the night. . . . . Lk 11:5
woman were left in the ***m*** of the crowd. . . . Jn 8:9
burst open in the ***m*** and all his . . . . . Ac 1:18
happiness while in the ***m*** of our problems. . . 2Co 7:4
will praise you in the ***m*** of the assembly. . . Heb 2:12
In the ***m*** of the lampstands I saw someone . Rev 1:13

MIDIAN
Jokshan, Medan, ***M***, Ishbak, and Shuah. . . . Gn 25:2
in the land of ***M***. One day Moses was . . . . Ex 2:15
to the elders of ***M***, ... Nm 22:4
the leaders of ***M***. They had lived in . . . . Josh 13:21
what you did to ***M***, to Sisera, and to. . . . . Ps 83:9
As on the day of ***M***, you've shattered the . . . . Is 9:4
curtains of the land of ***M*** were quaking. . . . Hab 3:7
this, he fled to ***M***, where he lived as . . . . . Ac 7:29

MIDIANITE
When some ***M*** traders passed by, they . . . Gn 37:28
Now there was a ***M*** priest who had seven . . . Ex 2:16
said to Hobab the ***M***, Reuel's son and . . . . Nm 10:29
rolling into the ***M*** camp. It came to a . . . . Jdg 7:13

MIDIANITES
Meanwhile the ***M*** had sold Joseph to the . . Gn 37:36
Go after the ***M*** and destroy the. . . . . Nm 25:17
them over to the ***M*** for seven years. . . . . Jdg 6:1

MIDST
my dwelling unclean, which is in their ***m***. . . Lv 15:31
mountain, from the ***m*** of the fire, the . . . . Dt 5:22
we can be in their ***m*** and start to kill . . . . Neh 4:11
given and no stranger passed in their ***m***. . Job 15:19
there's nothing but oppression in her ***m***. . . Jer 6:6
holy one in your ***m***; I won't come in. . . . . Hos 11:9
questioning in the ***m*** of their. . . . . Lk 24:41
with tears in the ***m*** of trials that . . . . . Ac 20:19
like that, in the ***m*** of their daily . . . . . Jas 1:11
Lamb who is in the ***m*** of the throne will . . . Rev 7:17

MIGHTY
greatness and your ***m*** hand. What god in . . . Dt 3:24
your power, along with its ***m*** warriors. . . . Josh 6:2
and pass away. The ***m*** are removed, not . . . Job 34:20
Zion! Proclaim his ***m*** acts among all . . . . . Ps 9:11
forces, the ***m*** one of Israel:. . . . . Is 1:24
are his troops! ***m*** are those who obey . . . . Jl 2:11
because the ***m*** one has done great things . . . Lk 1:49
so that God's ***m*** works might be . . . . . Jn 9:3

them declaring the ***m*** works of God in . . . . Ac 2:11
presence and away from his ***m*** glory. 2Th 1:9
in weakness, were ***m*** in war, and routed . . . Heb 11:34

MILCAH

Nahor's wife was ***M*** the daughter of. . . . . Gn 11:29
were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, ***M***, and Tirzah. . Nm 26:33
Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, ***M***, and Tirzah. . . . Josh 17:3

MILES

It will be 7.1 ***m*** long and 5.68 . . . . . Eze 45:1
Emmaus, about seven ***m*** from Jerusalem. . . Lk 24:13
three or four ***m***, they saw Jesus . . . . . Jn 6:19
horses' bridles for almost two hundred ***m***. . Rev 14:20

MILITARY

out of the land of Egypt in ***m*** formation. . . Ex 6:26
is eligible for ***m*** service in Israel. . . . . Nm 1:3
He said to the ***m*** commanders who had . . Josh 10:24
Jeremiah about the ***m*** offensive of . . . Jer 46:13
stripped him and put a red ***m*** coat on him. . Mt 27:28
officials and ***m*** officers and . . . . . Mk 6:21
that Paul be taken to the ***m*** headquarters. . Ac 21:34
who serves in the ***m*** gets tied up with . . . 2Ti 2:4

MILK

took butter, ***m***, and the calf that . . . . Gn 18:8
that's full of ***m*** and honey, a place . . . Ex 3:8
is a land full of ***m*** and honey." I am . . Lv 20:24
actually full of ***m*** and honey, and . . . Nm 13:27
you, in a land full of ***m*** and honey. . . . Dt 6:3
us. It is a land full of ***m*** and honey. . . Josh 5:6
pour me out like ***m***, curdle me like . . . Job 10:10
be enough goat's ***m*** for your food, for . . Prv 27:27
the abundance of ***m***, for all who . . . . Is 7:22
will flow with ***m***, and all the . . . . . Jl 3:18
I gave you ***m*** to drink instead of solid . . 1Co 3:2
where you need ***m*** instead of solid . . . Heb 5:12

MIND

ideas of the human ***m*** are evil from . . . . Gn 8:21
anger. Change your ***m*** about doing . . . Ex 32:12
would change his ***m***. Has he ever . . . . Nm 23:19
never leave your ***m*** as long as you. . . . Dt 4:9
doesn't change his ***m***. He is not a human . 1Sa 15:29
If you make your ***m*** resolute and spread . . Job 11:13
I am instructed in the depths of my ***m***. . . Ps 16:7
and stretch your ***m*** toward. . . . . Prv 2:2
is on his ***m***, extermination of . . . . . Is 10:7
But later he changed his ***m*** and went. . . Mt 21:29
They were saying, "He's out of his ***m***!" . . Mk 3:21
and with all your ***m***, and love your . . . Lk 10:27
and has lost his ***m***. Why listen to . . . . Jn 10:20
one in heart and ***m***. None of them . . . . Ac 4:32
to a defective ***m*** to do . . . . . Ro 1:28
not change his ***m***: You are a priest . . . Heb 7:21
an understanding ***m***. The seven heads. . . Rev 17:9

MINDS

every idea their ***m*** thought up was . . . . Gn 6:5
changed their ***m*** about the people. . . . . Ex 14:5
If only their ***m*** were like this: always . . . Dt 5:29
had made up their ***m*** to seek the LORD, . . 2Ch 11:16
are the one who examines hearts and ***m***. . . Ps 7:9
of evil; people's ***m*** are full of . . . . . Ecc 9:3
Make the ***m*** of this people dull. Make . . . Is 6:10
Why do you fill your ***m*** with evil things? . . Mt 9:4
do you fill your ***m*** with these. . . . . Mk 2:8
do you fill your ***m*** with these. . . . . Lk 5:22
and closed their ***m*** so that they might . . Jn 12:40
poisoning their ***m*** against the . . . . . Ac 14:2
renewing of your ***m*** so that you can. . . . Ro 12:2
my laws in their ***m***, and write them on . . . Heb 8:10
one who examines ***m*** and hearts, and . . . Rev 2:23

MINE

you see is ***m***. But what can I do. . . . . Gn 31:43
claims, "This is ***m***," the cases of . . . . . Ex 22:9
the land is ***m***. You are just . . . . . Lv 25:23
open an Israelite womb. The Levites are ***m***. . Nm 3:12
and where you will ***m*** copper from the . . . Dt 8:9
the wrongdoing is ***m*** or my son. 1Sa 14:41
down quietly; I'd sleep; rest would be ***m*** . . . Job 3:13
even the insects in the fields are ***m***. . . . Ps 50:11
plan, which is not ***m***; who weave a plot, . . . Is 30:1
these words of ***m*** and puts them into . . . . Mt 7:24
or left hand isn't ***m*** to give. It . . . . . Mk 10:40
a friend of ***m*** on a journey has . . . . . Lk 11:6
My teaching isn't ***m*** but comes from the. . . Jn 7:16
say, "This is ***m***!" about any of. . . . . Ac 4:32
each other, both your faithfulness and ***m***. . . Ro 1:12
said, Judgment is ***m***; I will pay people. . . . Heb 10:30

MINISTER

the altar to ***m*** as priests in the . . . . . Ex 28:43
which they would ***m***, and the. . . . . Nm 3:31
covenant, to ***m*** before the LORD, ... Dt 10:8
LORD's chest and to ***m*** to him forever. . . . 1Ch 15:2
now! All you who ***m*** in the LORD's . . . . Ps 134:1
priests who ***m*** before me be . . . . . Jer 33:21
helps me to be a ***m*** of Christ Jesus to . . . Ro 15:16

MINISTERS

the robe when he ***m*** as a priest. Its . . . . Ex 28:35
and ***m*** in the LORD his God's name, just. . . Dt 18:7
namely, to send us ***m*** for God's house. . . . Ezr 8:17
you make fire and flame your ***m***. . . . . Ps 104:4
of the LORD; ***m*** of Our God, they . . . . . Is 61:6
The priests and the LORD's ***m*** mourn. . . . Jl 1:9
qualified us as ***m*** of a new covenant, . . . 2Co 3:6
and who uses flames of fire as ***m***. . . . . Heb 1:7

MINISTRY

delighted with the ***m*** of the priests and . . Neh 12:44
until he began his public ***m*** to Israel. . . . Lk 1:80
active in public ***m*** among the Jewish . . . Jn 11:54
of us and received a share of this ***m***. . . . Ac 1:17
to the Gentiles, I publicize my own ***m*** . . . Ro 11:13

MIRACLES

using tests, ***m***, wonders, war, a . . . . . Dt 4:34
the signs and ***m*** that the Most High . . . . Dn 4:2
your name and do lots of ***m*** in your name?' . Mt 7:22
unable to do any ***m*** there, except that . . . Mk 6:5
Bethsaida. If the ***m*** done among you had . . Lk 10:13
to you through ***m***, wonders, and . . . . . Ac 2:22
performance of ***m*** to another, prophecy to. . 1Co 12:10
things, various ***m***, and gifts from. . . . . Heb 2:4

MIRACULOUS

the LORD, who answered him with a ***m*** sign. 2Ch 32:24
This is why these ***m*** powers are at work . . . Mt 14:2
and this is why ***m*** powers are at work . . . Mk 6:14
This was the first ***m*** sign that Jesus did . . . Jn 2:11

MIRIAM

Then the prophet ***M***, Aaron's sister, took . . Ex 15:20
were in Hazeroth, ***M*** and Aaron . . . . . Nm 12:1
your God did to ***M*** on your departure . . . . Dt 24:9
was the father of ***M***, Shammai, and 1Ch 4:17
I sent Moses, Aaron, and ***M*** before you. . . . Mi 6:4

MISSION

thigh and gave him his word about this ***m***. . . Gn 24:9
had said about his ***m*** and all the signs . . . . Ex 4:28

don't reveal our ***m***, we will deal . . . Josh 2:14
the light, but his ***m*** was to testify . . . Jn 1:8
completing their ***m***, bringing with . . . Ac 12:25
opportunity has opened up for my ***m*** here . . 1Co 16:9

MIXED

there the LORD ***m*** up the language of . . . Gn 11:9
high-quality flour ***m*** with a quarter of . . . Ex 29:40
flatbread ***m*** with oil or . . . Lv 2:4
fine flour and ***m*** with oil, and . . . Nm 6:15
into his house. He ***m*** feed for the . . . Jdg 19:21
of foaming wine, ***m*** with spice. He . . . Ps 75:8
her animals, ***m*** her wine, and set . . . Prv 9:2
and fill cups of ***m*** wine for a god of . . . Is 65:11
gave Jesus wine ***m*** with vinegar to . . . Mt 27:34
to give him wine ***m*** with myrrh, but he . . . Mk 15:23
and hail and fire ***m*** with blood . . . Rev 8:7

MIZPAH

He also named it ***M***, because he said, . . . Gn 31:49
at the foot of Hermon in the land of ***M***. . . . Josh 11:3
Ahikam's son at ***M***, and he stayed. . . . Jer 40:6
been a trap at ***M***, and a net spread . . . Hos 5:1

MOAB

son and named him ***M***. He is the . . . Gn 19:37
on the border of ***M*** toward the east. . . . Nm 21:11
in the land of ***M***, Moses began to . . . Dt 1:5
when he was in the ***M*** plains on the. . . . Josh 13:32
But ***M*** is my washbowl; I'll throw my shoe . . . Ps 60:8
the east. Edom and ***M*** will be under. . . . Is 11:14
three crimes of ***M***, and for four, I . . . Am 2:1

MOABITE

the valley in the ***M*** countryside, to . . . Nm 21:20
hiked up from the ***M*** plains to Mount . . . Dt 34:1
They never entered ***M*** territory, because. . . Jdg 11:18

MOABITES

Moab. He is the ancestor of today's ***M***. . . . Gn 19:37
The ***M*** greatly feared the people, for they . . Nm 22:3
were. But the ***M*** called them "Emim." . . . Dt 2:11
your enemies the ***M***." So they followed . . . Jdg 3:28
or Ammonites, ***M*** or the desert. . . . Jer 9:26

MOLECH

offer them over to ***M*** so that you do not . . . Lv 18:21
of Moab, and to ***M***, the detestable . . . 1Ki 11:7
You went down to ***M*** with oil, and you . . . Is 57:9

MOMENT

even for a single ***m***, I would destroy . . . Ex 33:5
sanctuary even for a ***m***, lest they die. . . . Nm 4:20
the LORD listened to me again in that ***m***. . . . Dt 9:19
Jordan. At that ***m***, the water of the . . . Josh 3:13
them each morning, test them every ***m***? . . Job 7:18
in sin, from the ***m*** my mother . . . Ps 51:5
but a lying tongue lasts only for a ***m***. . . . Prv 12:19
guardian. Every ***m*** I water it; night . . . Is 27:3
worrying can add a single ***m*** to your life? . . Mt 6:27
At that very ***m*** he called them. They. . . . Mk 1:20
At that ***m***, Zechariah was able to speak . . . Lk 1:64
From that ***m*** on, Pilate wanted to release . . Jn 19:12
At that very ***m***, she dropped dead at his . . . Ac 5:10
weak, at the right ***m***, Christ died for . . . Ro 5:6

MONEY

I received your ***m***." Then he brought . . . Gn 43:23
go free without any payment, for no ***m***. . . . Ex 21:11
a poor Israelite ***m*** with interest or . . . Lv 25:37
You will give the ***m*** for their rescue to . . . Nm 3:48
from them with ***m*** so you can eat, . . . Dt 2:6
someone he owed ***m*** to has come to. . . . 2Ki 4:1
who doesn't lend ***m*** with interest, who . . . Ps 15:5
in your lot with us; we'll share our ***m***. . . . Prv 1:14
The ***m*** lover isn't satisfied with money; . . . Ecc 5:10
all who earn ***m*** will become . . . Is 19:10
righteous, taking ***m*** on the side, . . . Am 5:12
coins for your ***m*** belts to take on . . . Mt 10:9
bread, no bags, and no ***m*** in their belts. . . . Mk 6:8
One owed enough ***m*** to pay five . . . Lk 7:41
it sold and the ***m*** given to the poor? . . . Jn 12:5
he could ask for ***m*** from those . . . Ac 3:2
the collection of ***m*** for God's people: . . . 1Co 16:1
from the love of ***m***, and you should be . . . Heb 13:5

MONTH

in the second ***m***, on the . . . Gn 7:11
This ***m*** will be the first month; it will . . . Ex 12:2
day of the seventh ***m***, you must deny . . . Lv 16:29
day of the second ***m***, in the second . . . Nm 1:1
day of the eleventh ***m***, that Moses spoke . . . Dt 1:3
day of the first ***m***. They camped at . . . Josh 4:19
From ***m*** to month and from Sabbath to . . . Is 66:23
in the sixth ***m*** on the first day . . . Hg 1:1
that hour, day, ***m***, and year were . . . Rev 9:15

MONTHS

About three ***m*** later, Judah was told, . . . Gn 38:24
beautiful, so she hid him for three ***m***. . . . Ex 2:2
beginning of your ***m***, you will blow the . . . Nm 10:10
hold off for two ***m*** and let me and my . . . Jdg 11:37
of a year; may it not appear in the ***m***. . . . Job 3:6
For seven ***m***, the house of Israel will . . . Eze 39:12
were still three ***m*** to the harvest. I . . . Am 4:7
She kept to herself for five ***m***, saying, . . . Lk 1:24
saying, 'Four more ***m*** and then it's time . . . Jn 4:35
God, and for three ***m*** his parents cared . . . Ac 7:20
religious days and ***m*** and seasons and . . . Ga 4:10
parents for three ***m*** when he was born, . . . Heb 11:23
suffer for five ***m***—and the suffering . . . Rev 9:5

MOON

the sun and the ***m*** and eleven stars . . . Gn 37:9
of the new ***m*** with its grain . . . Nm 29:6
to the sun or the ***m*** or the stars, all . . . Dt 4:19
at Gibeon! and ***m***, at the Aijalon . . . Josh 10:12
If even the ***m*** is not bright and the stars. . . . Job 25:5
fingers made—the ***m*** and the stars that . . . Ps 8:3
him; he won't come home till full ***m***. . . . Prv 7:20
repulses me. New ***m***, sabbath, and the . . . Is 1:13
Now the new ***m*** will devour them. . . . Hos 5:7
dark, and the ***m*** won't give its . . . Mt 24:29
dark,and the ***m*** won't give its . . . Mk 13:24
signs in the sun, ***m***, and stars. On the . . . Lk 21:25
darkness, and the ***m*** will be changed . . . Ac 2:20
kind of glory, the ***m*** has another kind . . . 1Co 15:41
and the entire ***m*** turned red as . . . Rev 6:12

MORDECAI

Seraiah, Reelaiah, ***M***, Bilshan, Mispar,. . . . Ezr 2:2

MORNING

evening and there was ***m***: the first day. . . . Gn 1:5
to Pharaoh in the ***m***. As he is going . . . Ex 7:15
all night until ***m***, while the fire is . . . Lv 6:9
any of it until ***m***, nor break any of . . . Nm 9:12
on the first night should remain until ***m***. . . . Dt 16:4
camp early in the ***m***. He and all the . . . Josh 3:1
up early in the ***m***, he prepared . . . Job 1:5
LORD, in the ***m*** you hear my voice. In the . . . Ps 5:3
righteous is like ***m*** light that gets . . . Prv 4:18
up early in the ***m*** to run after beer, . . . Is 5:11
love is like a ***m*** cloud, like the . . . Hos 6:4
Very early in the ***m*** he came to his . . . Mt 14:25

Early in the ***m***, well before sunrise, ... Mk 1:35
rose early in the ***m*** to hear him in the . . . . Lk 21:38
Early in the ***m*** he returned to the temple. . . . Jn 8:2
all, it's only nine o'clock in the ***m***! . . . . . Ac 2:15
day dawns and the ***m*** star rises in your . . . 2Pt 1:19
Father. I will also give them the ***m*** star. . . . Rev 2:28

MOSES

She named him ***M*** . . . . . Ex 2:10
the LORD called to ***M*** and said to him . . . . . Lv 1:1
The LORD spoke to ***M*** in the Sinai desert . . . Nm 1:1
are the words that ***M*** spoke to all . . . . . Dt 1:1
After ***M*** the LORD's servant died, the LORD . Josh 1:1
like sheep under the care of ***M*** and Aaron. . . Ps 77:20
Even if ***M*** and Samuel stood . . . . . Jer 15:1
of slavery. I sent ***M***, Aaron, and Miriam . . . Mi 6:4
the gift that ***M*** commanded. . . . . Mt 8:4
cleansing that ***M*** commanded. . . . . Mk 1:44
with the Law of ***M***, they brought . . . . . Lk 2:22
was given through ***M***, so grace and . . . . . Jn 1:17
M said, The Lord your God will raise up . . . Ac 3:22
from Adam until ***M***, even over those . . . . . Ro 5:14
him just like ***M*** was faithful in . . . . . Heb 3:2
sing the song of ***M***, God's servant, ... Rev 15:3

MOTHER

his father and ***m*** and embraces his . . . . . Gn 2:24
the girl went and called the child's ***m***. . . . . Ex 2:8
days the ***m*** will be in a state . . . . . Lv 12:4
whether father, ***m***, brother, or sister. . . . . Nm 6:7
father and your ***m***, exactly as the . . . . . Dt 5:16
of my father, ***m***, brothers, and . . . . . Josh 2:13
my father," the worm, "my ***m*** and sister." . Job 17:14
if my father and ***m*** left me all alone, ... Ps 27:10
a foolish child brings sorrow to his ***m***. . . . . Prv 10:1
father' and 'my ***m***,' the wealth of . . . . . Is 8:4
against your ***m***; plead with her! . . . . . Hos 2:2
and Zerah, whose ***m*** was Tamar. Perez . . . Mt 1:3
Simon's ***m***-in-law was in bed, sick with a . . Mk 1:30
honor, that the ***m*** of my Lord should . . . . . Lk 1:43
Cana of Galilee. Jesus' ***m*** was there, and . . . Jn 2:1
including Mary the ***m*** of Jesus, and his . . . . Ac 1:14
believer, along with his ***m*** and mine. . . . . Ro 16:13
without father or ***m*** or any family. He . . . . Heb 7:3
the great, the ***m*** of prostitutes and . . . . . Rev 17:5

MOTHER-IN-LAW

has sex with his ***m***." All the people . . . . Dt 27:23
Orpah kissed her ***m***, but Ruth stayed . . . . Ru 1:14
-in-law against her ***m***; the enemies of a . . . Mi 7:6
and saw Peter's ***m*** lying in bed with . . . . . Mt 8:14
Simon's ***m*** was in bed, sick with a fever, . . . Mk 1:30
Simon. Simon's ***m*** was sick with a . . . . . Lk 4:38

MOUNT

will come down on ***m*** Sinai for all the . . . . Ex 19:11
commanded Moses at ***m*** Sinai on the day . . . Lv 7:38
the LORD spoke with Moses on ***m*** Sinai. . . . Nm 3:1
to Kadesh-barnea along the ***m*** Seir route. . . . Dt 1:2
built an altar on ***m*** Ebal to the LORD, ... Josh 8:30
land of Jordan and Hermon, from ***m*** Mizar. . . Ps 42:6
of goats as they stream down ***m*** Gilead. . . . Song 4:1
the whole site of ***m*** Zion and over its . . . . . Is 4:5
be saved; for on ***m*** Zion and in . . . . . Jl 2:32
Bethphage on the ***m*** of Olives, Jesus . . . . Mt 21:1
and Bethany at the ***m*** of Olives. Jesus. . . . Mk 11:1
and Bethany on the ***m*** of Olives, he gave . . . Lk 19:29
And Jesus went to the ***m*** of Olives . . . . . Jn 8:1
Jerusalem from the ***m*** of Olives, which . . . . Ac 1:12
One is from ***m*** Sinai, which gives . . . . . Ga 4:24
have drawn near to ***m*** Zion, the city of . . . Heb 12:22
Lamb, standing on ***m*** Zion. With him . . . . Rev 14:1

MOUNTAIN

of the tenth month the ***m*** peaks appeared. . . . Gn 8:5
and he came to God's ***m*** called Horeb. . . . . Ex 3:1
from the LORD's ***m*** for three days. . . . . Nm 10:33
us: You've been at this ***m*** long enough. . . . . Dt 1:6
to the top of the ***m*** that is opposite . . . . Josh 15:8
But an eroding ***m*** breaks up, and rock is . . . Job 14:18
appoint my king on Zion, my holy ***m***! . . . . . Ps 2:6
days to come the ***m*** of the LORD's . . . . . Is 2:2
a shout on my holy ***m***! Let all the . . . . . Jl 2:1
him to a very high ***m*** and showed him all . . . Mt 4:8
Jesus went up on a ***m*** and called those he . . . Mk 3:13
filled, and every ***m*** and hill will be . . . . . Lk 3:5
worshipped on this ***m***, but you and your. . . . Jn 4:20
I showed you on the ***m*** in every detail. . . . . Heb 8:5
up, and every ***m*** and island was . . . . . Rev 6:14

MOUNTAINS

all of the highest ***m*** under the sky. . . . . Gn 7:19
kill them in the ***m*** and so wipe them . . . . Ex 32:12
the arid southern plain and into the ***m***. . . . Nm 13:17
both of these ***m*** across the Jordan . . . . . Dt 11:30
The ***m*** quaked before the LORD, the one . . . . Jdg 5:5
Who removes ***m***, and they are unaware; who. . Job 9:5
the bases of the ***m*** trembled and . . . . . Ps 18:7
Before the ***m*** were settled, before the . . . . Prv 8:25
the highest of the ***m***. It will be lifted . . . . Is 2:2
will say to the ***m***, "Cover us," to. . . . . Hos 10:8
then those in Judea must escape to the ***m***. . Mt 24:16
then those in Judea must escape to the ***m***. . Mk 13:14
must flee to the ***m***, those in the city . . . . Lk 21:21
that I can move ***m*** but I don't have 1Co 13:2
around in deserts, ***m***, caves, and holes . . . Heb 11:38
in caves and in the rocks of the ***m***. . . . . Rev 6:15

MOURN

house—will ***m*** the burning the. . . . . Lv 10:6
Israel gathered to ***m*** for him. They 1Sa 25:1
of their body, and they ***m*** for themselves. . . Job 14:22
will lament and ***m***; desolate, she . . . . . Is 3:26
Its people will ***m*** over it, just as. . . . . Hos 10:5
guests can't ***m*** while the groom is. . . . . Mt 9:15
laugh now, because you will ***m*** and weep. . . . Lk 6:25
assumed she was going to ***m*** at the tomb. . . Jn 11:31
so that you won't ***m*** like others who 1Th 4:13
Cry out in sorrow, ***m***, and weep! Let your . . . Jas 4:9
of the earth will ***m*** because of him. . . . . Rev 1:7

MOURNING

When the period of ***m*** for the death of . . . Gn 27:41
in your house, ***m*** her father and her. . . . . Dt 21:13
Allow us to put ***m*** clothes on our 1Ki 20:31
My lyre is for ***m***, my flute, a weeping . . . . Job 30:31
You changed my ***m*** into dancing. You took. . . Ps 30:11
clothes, rags as ***m*** clothes; instead . . . . . Is 3:24
wail, and those skilled in ***m*** to lament. . . . Am 5:16
been with him, who were ***m*** and weeping. . . Mk 16:10
all crying and ***m*** for her, but Jesus . . . . . Lk 8:52
have to go into ***m*** over all the 2Co 12:21
laughter become ***m*** and your joy . . . . . Jas 4:9
hundred sixty days, wearing ***m*** clothes. . . . Rev 11:3

MOUTH

that opened its ***m*** to take your . . . . . Gn 4:11
I have a slow ***m*** and a thick . . . . . Ex 4:10
ground opens its ***m*** and swallows them . . . Nm 16:30
opened up its ***m*** and swallowed . . . . . Dt 11:6
come out of your ***m*** until the day I . . . . Josh 6:10
the sword of their ***m***, the needy from . . . . Job 5:15
found anything wrong. My ***m*** doesn't sin. . . . Ps 17:3

wisdom; from his ***m*** come knowledge and . . . Prv 2:6
jaws, opens its ***m*** beyond all bounds, ... Is 5:14
the Baals from her ***m***, and they will not . . . Hos 2:17
What fills the heart comes out of the ***m***. . . Mt 12:34
He foams at the ***m***, grinds his teeth, ... Mk 9:18
him to foam at the ***m***. It tortures him . . . . . Lk 9:39
is silent so he didn't open his ***m***. . . . . Ac 8:32
to shut every ***m*** and make it so the . . . . . Ro 3:19
come from the same ***m***. My brothers and . . . . Jas 3:10
hand, and from his ***m*** came a sharp, ... Rev 1:16

MOUTHS

Put it in their ***m*** so that the poem . . . . . Dt 31:19
drink water, with their hands to their ***m***. . . . Jdg 7:6
They open their ***m*** at me and strike my . . . . Job 16:10
in my enemies' ***m***, all they have . . . . . Ps 5:9
who watch their ***m*** guard their lives, ... Prv 13:3
me with their ***m***, and honor me with . . . . . Is 29:13
the one who puts nothing in their ***m***: . . . . . Mi 3:5
read, From the ***m*** of babies and. . . . . Mt 21:16
said through the ***m*** of his holy . . . . . Lk 1:70
Their ***m*** are full of cursing and . . . . . Ro 3:14
realized promises, shut the ***m*** of lions, . . . Heb 11:33
and out of their ***m*** came fire, smoke, ... Rev 9:17

MOVE

said to Isaac, "***m*** away from us . . . . . Gn 26:16
creatures that ***m*** about on the . . . . . Lv 11:29
to the community: "***m*** away from the . . . . Nm 16:26
old today. I can't ***m*** around well . . . . . Dt 31:2
from behind. Don't ***m*** too far away from . . . Josh 8:4
People ***m*** boundary stones, herd flocks . . . . Job 24:2
artisan to set up an idol that won't ***m***. . . . . Is 40:20
the mountain will ***m*** north, and the. . . . . Zec 14:4
are unwilling to lift a finger to ***m*** them. . . . Mt 23:4
their pay. Don't ***m*** from house to . . . . . Lk 10:7
In God we live, ***m***, and exist. As some of . . . Ac 17:28
faith that I can ***m*** mountains but I 1Co 13:2
to you. I will ***m*** your lampstand . . . . . Rev 2:5

MOVED

The LORD was ***m*** by his prayer, and . . . . . Gn 25:21
of Israel's camp, ***m*** and went behind . . . . . Ex 14:19
The priests then ***m*** to the front of . . . . . Josh 4:11
it shone, the moon, splendid as it ***m***; . . . . Job 31:26
wings. When they ***m***, they each went . . . . . Eze 1:9
The LORD ***m*** the spirit of Judah's Governor . . Hg 1:14
Jesus ***m*** on from there along the shore of . . . Mt 15:29
dying. As Jesus ***m*** forward, he faced . . . . . Lk 8:42
had been scattered ***m*** on, preaching the . . . . Ac 8:4
mountain and island was ***m*** from its place. . Rev 6:14

MULTIPLY

Be fertile and ***m*** and fill the . . . . . Gn 1:22
and the wild animals won't ***m*** around you. . Ex 23:29
God, continue to ***m*** you—a thousand . . . . . Dt 1:11
I'll die in my nest, ***m*** days like sand, ... Job 29:18
When my anxieties ***m***, your comforting . . . Ps 94:19
when they are destroyed, the righteous ***m***. . Prv 28:28
pasture, and they will be fruitful and ***m***. . . . Jer 23:3
all day long; they ***m*** lies and violence; . . . Hos 12:1
we continue sinning so grace will ***m***? . . . . Ro 6:1
bless you and ***m*** your descendants. . . . . Heb 6:14

MURDER

from Athaliah so she couldn't ***m*** him. 2Ch 22:11
widows and immigrants; they ***m*** orphans. . . Ps 94:6
feels guilty about ***m***, don't hold them . . . . Prv 28:17
offspring to death, and ***m*** all who remain. . . Is 14:30
Swearing, lying, ***m***, together with . . . . . Hos 4:2
ago, Don't commit ***m***, and all who . . . . . Mt 5:21
Don't commit ***m***. Don't commit . . . . . Mk 10:19
charged with the ***m*** of all the. . . . . Lk 11:50
with Stephen's ***m***. At that time, the . . . . . Ac 8:1
full of jealousy, ***m***, fighting, ... Ro 1:29
said, Don't commit ***m***. So if you don't . . . . Jas 2:11

MURDERED

the husband of the ***m*** woman, answered, . . . Jdg 20:4
the sword. They ***m*** him because he had . . . . Jer 41:2
are children of those who ***m*** the prophets. . . Mt 23:31
one, and you've betrayed and ***m*** him! . . . . . Ac 7:52
they died by being ***m*** with swords. They . . . Heb 11:37

MURDERER

he dies, he is a ***m***. The murderer must . . . . Nm 35:16
you see that this ***m*** has sent someone 2Ki 6:32
The ***m*** rises at twilight, kills the poor . . . . Job 24:14
wants. He was a ***m*** from the . . . . . Jn 8:44
and asked that a ***m*** be released to you . . . . Ac 3:14
should suffer as a ***m*** or thief or 1Pt 4:15

MUSIC

sing. I will make ***m*** to the LORD, ... Jdg 5:3
For the ***m*** leader. With stringed . . . . . Ps 4:1
and we will make ***m*** at the LORD's . . . . . Is 38:20
the house and heard ***m*** and dancing. . . . . Lk 15:25
sing and make ***m*** to the Lord in . . . . . Eph 5:19

N

NAAMAN

Ashbel, Gera, ***N***, Ehi, Rosh, ... Gn 46:21
were Ard and ***N***: from Ard, the . . . . . Nm 26:40
N, a general for the king of Aram, was a . . . 2Ki 5:1
cleansed. Instead, ***N*** the Syrian was . . . . . Lk 4:27

NABAL

The man's name was ***N***, and his wife's 1Sa 25:3

NABOTH

later that ***N*** from Jezreel had a 1Ki 21:1

NADAB

She gave birth to ***N***, Abihu, Eleazar, ... Ex 6:23
Now ***N*** and Abihu, two of Aaron's sons, ... Lv 10:1
of Aaron's sons: ***N*** the oldest, and . . . . . Nm 3:2
ancestors. His son ***N*** succeeded him as . . . 1Ki 14:20

NAHOR

30 years old, he became the father of ***N***. . . . Gn 11:22
was Terah, the father of Abraham and ***N***. . . Josh 24:2
son of Abraham son of Terah son of ***N*** . . . . Lk 3:34

NAKED

two of them were ***n***, the man and his . . . . . Gn 2:25
to cover their ***n*** skin from their. . . . . Ex 28:42
of Samuel. He lay ***n*** that whole day and . . . 1Sa 19:24
He said: "***n*** I came from my mother's womb; . Job 1:21
Isaiah did this, walking ***n*** and barefoot. . . . Is 20:2
I will strip her ***n*** and expose her as . . . . . Hos 2:3
I was ***n*** and you gave me clothes to wear. . . Mt 25:36
the linen cloth behind and ran away ***n***. . . . Mk 14:52
lived among the tombs, ***n*** and homeless. . . . Lk 8:27
(for he was ***n***) and jumped into. . . . . Jn 21:7
they ran out of that house ***n*** and wounded. . Ac 19:16
tent, we won't find out that we are ***n***. 2Co 5:3
everything is ***n*** and exposed to the . . . . . Heb 4:13
miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and ***n***. . . . Rev 3:17

NAKEDNESS

your father's ***n***, which is your . . . . . Lv 18:7
famine, drought, ***n***, and total . . . . . Dt 28:48
Your ***n*** will be exposed, and your disgrace . . . Is 47:3
linen cloth, which were to cover her ***n***. . . . Hos 2:9

or famine, or ***n***, or danger, or . . . . . Ro 8:35
wear so that your ***n*** won't be . . . . . Rev 3:18

NAME

The ***n*** of the first river is the Pishon. . . . . Gn 2:11
What's this God's ***n***?' What am I . . . . . Ex 3:13
not defile your God's ***n***: I am the LORD. . . . Lv 18:21
recording the ***n*** of every male, ... Nm 1:2
LORD your God's ***n*** as if it were of . . . . . Dt 5:11
us and make our ***n*** disappear from the . . . .Josh 7:9
the LORD has taken; bless the LORD's ***n***. . . . Job 1:21
all who love your ***n*** can rejoice in you. . . . . Ps 5:11
a blessing, but the ***n*** of the wicked rots. . . . .Prv 10:7
let us take your ***n***; take away our . . . . . Is 4:1
LORD said to him, "***n*** him Jezreel; for . . . . . Hos 1:4
in heaven, uphold the holiness of your ***n***. . . . Mt 6:9
twelve: Peter, a ***n*** he gave Simon; . . . . . .Mk 3:16
to your son and you must ***n*** him John. . . . . Lk 1:13
believed in his ***n***, he authorized to . . . . . Jn 1:12
who calls on the ***n*** of the Lord will . . . . . Ac 2:21
it is written: The ***n*** of God is . . . . . Ro 2:24
announce your ***n*** to my brothers and . . . . Heb 2:12
holding on to my ***n***, and you didn't . . . . . Rev 2:13

NAMES

These are the ***n*** of Ishmael's sons, by . . . . Gn 25:13
These are the ***n*** of the Israelites who . . . . .Ex 1:1
These are the ***n*** of the men who will. . . . . Nm 1:5
will wipe their ***n*** out from under the . . . . . Dt 7:24
Don't invoke the ***n*** of their gods or . . . . . Josh 23:7
You've erased their ***n*** for all time. . . . . Ps 9:5
are the tribes' ***n***: Beginning at the . . . . . .Eze 48:1
will take away the ***n*** of the Baals from. . . . Hos 2:17
Here are the ***n*** of the twelve apostles: . . . . Mt 10:2
instead that your ***n*** are written in . . . . . Lk 10:20
about a message, ***n***, and your own Law, ... Ac 18:15
him and gave him a name above all ***n***, ... Phil 2:9
scratch out their ***n*** from the scroll of . . . . . Rev 3:5

NAOMI

of his wife was ***N***, and the names of. . . . . Ru 1:2

NAPHTALI

and now I've won." So she named him ***N***. . . . Gn 30:8
Dan and ***N***, Gad and Asher. . . . . .Ex 1:4
from ***N***, Ahira, Enan's son . . . . . Nm 1:15
Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and ***N***. . Dt 27:13
For the people of ***N***, the lot went out . . . Josh 19:32
princes of Zebulun and the princes of ***N***. . . . .Ps 68:27
and the land of ***N***, but later he . . . . . Is 9:1
the sea in the area of Zebulun and ***N***. . . . . Mt 4:13
from the tribe of ***N***, twelve thousand; . . . . . Rev 7:6

NATHAN

as follows: Shammua, Shobab, ***N***, Solomon, . . 2Sa 5:14
when the prophet ***N*** came to him just . . . . . Ps 51:1
son of Mattatha son of ***N*** son of David . . . . Lk 3:31

NATHANAEL

Philip found ***N*** and said to him, "We have . . . Jn 1:45

NATION

of you a great ***n*** and will bless . . . . . Gn 12:2
land of Egypt since it first became a ***n***. . . . . Ex 9:24
you into a great ***n***, stronger than . . . . . Nm 14:12
Surely this great ***n*** wise and . . . . . .Dt 4:6
until the entire ***n*** finished crossing . . . . . Josh 3:17
the same for every ***n*** that forgets God. . . . . Ps 9:17
dignifies a ***n***, but sin disgraces . . . . . Prv 14:34
Doom! Sinful ***n***, people weighed down with . . . Is 1:4
because a ***n***, powerful and beyond number, . . . Jl 1:6
rather than the whole ***n*** be destroyed. . . . . Jn 11:50
Jews from every ***n*** under heaven . . . . . .Ac 2:5
priesthood, a holy ***n***, a people who are 1Pt 2:9
every tribe, language, people, and ***n***. . . . . Rev 5:9

NATIONS

languages and their clans within their ***n***. . . . Gn 10:5
I will drive out ***n*** before you and extend . . . Ex 34:24
that is how the ***n*** that I am throwing . . . . Lv 18:24
one of them, the ***n*** who heard about . . . . Nm 14:15
and insight to the ***n*** who will hear . . . . . .Dt 4:6
done to all these ***n*** because of you. It . . . . Josh 23:3
makes ***n*** prominent and destroys them, . . . Job 12:23
Why do the ***n*** rant? Why do the peoples . . . . . Ps 2:1
will curse them. ***n*** will condemn them. . . . Prv 24:24
Many ***n*** will go and say, "Come, let's go . . . . . Is 2:3
up; among the ***n***, they are now like . . . . . Hos 8:8
n and kingdoms will fight against each . . . . Mt 24:7
of prayer for all ***n***? But you've turned . . . . Mk 11:17
All the ***n*** of the world long for these . . . . Lk 12:30
the land from the ***n*** whom God expelled. . . . Ac 7:45
the father of many ***n***. So Abraham is our . . . Ro 4:17
end, I will give authority over the ***n*** . . . . Rev 2:26

NAZARENE

be fulfilled: He will be called a ***N***. . . . . Mt 2:23
said, "You were also with the ***N***, Jesus." . . . Mk 14:67
told him, "Jesus the ***N*** is passing by." . . . . Lk 18:37
Jesus the ***N***." He said to them, ... Jn 18:5
words! Jesus the ***N*** was a man whose . . . . . Ac 2:22

NAZARETH

in a city called ***N*** so that what was . . . . . .Mt 2:23
Jesus came from ***N*** of Galilee, and . . . . . Mk 1:9
angel Gabriel to ***N***, a city in Galilee, ... Lk 1:26
Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from ***N***. . . . . Jn 1:45
this man Jesus of ***N*** will destroy this . . . . . Ac 6:14

NAZIRITE

promise to be a ***n*** in order to be . . . . . Nm 6:2
is going to be a ***n*** for God from . . . . . Jdg 13:5

NEAR

and Lot settled ***n*** the cities of the. . . . . Gn 13:12
They didn't come ***n*** each other all. . . . . Ex 14:20
holy among those ***n*** me, and before all . . . . Lv 10:3
Bring ***n*** the tribe of Levi and place them. . . . Nm 3:6
But you didn't go ***n*** the Ammonite lands or . . Dt 2:37
feet. Don't come ***n*** it! You will know . . . . .Josh 3:4
into day; light is ***n*** because of the. . . . . Job 17:12
because trouble is ***n*** and there's no one . . . .Ps 22:11
your neighbor who trusts and lives ***n*** you. . . .Prv 3:29
day of the LORD is ***n***. Like destruction . . . . Is 13:6
day of the LORD is ***n***; it comes like . . . . . Jl 1:15
The kingdom of heaven has come ***n***.' . . . . . Mt 10:7
The whole town gathered ***n*** the door . . . . .Mk 1:33
naked, beat him up, and left him ***n*** death. . . Lk 10:30
baptizing at Aenon ***n*** Salem because . . . . . Jn 3:23
Olives, which is ***n*** Jerusalem . . . . . Ac 1:12
say? The word is ***n*** you, in your mouth . . . . Ro 10:8
let's draw ***n*** to the throne of . . . . . Heb 4:16
what is written in it, for the time is ***n***. . . . . Rev 1:3

NEBO

Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, ***N***, and Beon is . . Nm 32:3
to Mount ***N***, which is in the . . . . . Dt 32:49
in Aroer, as far as ***N*** and Baal-meon. 1Ch 5:8
Moab wails over ***N*** and over Medeba. . . . . Is 15:2

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

days, King ***N*** of Babylon 2Ki 24:1
Babylon's King ***N*** is attacking us. . . . . .Jer 21:2

NEBUZARADAN

Nebuchadnezzar, ***N*** arrived at 2Ki 25:8

N the captain of the special guard . . . . . Jer 39:9

NECK

arms and smooth ***n*** she put the hide . . . . Gn 27:16
you must break its ***n***. You should ransom . . Ex 13:13
at the back of its ***n*** without splitting . . . . Lv 5:8
break the cow's ***n*** right there in the . . . . Dt 21:4
embroidered cloths as loot for every ***n***. . . . Jdg 5:30
by the back of my ***n***, dashed me into . . . . Job 16:12
because the waters have reached my ***n***! . . . . Ps 69:1
on your head, and beads for your ***n***. . . . . Prv 1:9
reaching up to the ***n***. But God is with . . . . Is 8:8
I spared her fair ***n***; but I will make . . . . Hos 10:11

NECO

king Pharaoh ***N*** marched against 2Ki 23:29
army of Pharaoh ***N***, Egypt's king, ... Jer 46:2

NEED

have everything I ***n***." So Jacob . . . . . Gn 33:11
the straw they ***n*** to make bricks . . . . . Ex 5:7
priest does not ***n*** to look for the . . . . . Lv 13:36
peoples but won't ***n*** to borrow a thing. . . . . Dt 15:6
him, "There is no ***n*** for all of the . . . . . Josh 7:3
he saves the lives of those who are in ***n***. . . . Ps 72:13
or wealth; give me just the food I ***n***. . . . . Prv 30:8
who desire her ***n*** not give up; with . . . . . Jer 2:24
baker doesn't ***n*** to stoke the fire, ... Hos 7:4
him and said, "I ***n*** to be baptized by. . . . . Mt 3:14
people don't ***n*** a doctor, but sick . . . . . Mk 2:17
people don't ***n*** a doctor, but sick . . . . . Lk 5:31
Who are you? We ***n*** to give an answer . . . . . Jn 1:22
people of Israel ***n*** to know that this . . . . . Ac 4:10
who are powerful ***n*** to be patient with. . . . . Ro 15:1
mercy and find grace when we ***n*** help. . . . . Heb 4:16
and I don't ***n*** a thing.' You . . . . . Rev 3:17

NEEDS

accept that, and no payment ***n*** to be made. . Ex 22:11
for the person who ***n*** purification. . . . . Lv 14:4
do everything that ***n*** to be done with . . . . Nm 4:26
a set of clothes, and your basic ***n***. . . . . Jdg 17:10
night informs another what ***n*** to be known. . . Ps 19:2
their livestock's ***n***, but even the . . . . . Prv 12:10
attended to their ***n***, so I will take . . . . . Jer 23:2
say that the Lord ***n*** it." He sent them . . . . . Mt 21:3
say, 'Its master ***n*** it, and he will. . . . . Mk 11:3
friend whatever he ***n*** because of his. . . . . Lk 11:8
for my own ***n*** and for those of . . . . . Ac 20:34
Contribute to the ***n*** of God's people, and . . Ro 12:13
But anyone who ***n*** wisdom should ask God, . . Jas 1:5

NEEDY

give generously to ***n*** persons. Don't. . . . . Dt 15:10
dust, lifts up the ***n*** from the garbage 1Sa 2:8
their mouth, the ***n*** from the grip of . . . . . Job 5:15
the groans of the ***n***, I'm now standing. . . . . Ps 12:5
with what is appropriate will grow ***n***. . . . . Prv 11:24
to deprive the ***n*** of their rights and to. . . . . Is 10:2
who crush the ***n***, who say to their . . . . . Am 4:1
There were no ***n*** persons among them. Those Ac 4:34
he gave to the ***n***; his righteousness 2Co 9:9
sheep and goats, ***n***, oppressed, and . . . . . Heb 11:37

NEIGHBOR

he and his ***n*** Hirah the . . . . . Gn 38:12
woman will ask her ***n*** along with the . . . . . Ex 3:22
you must love your ***n*** as yourself; I am . . . Lv 19:18
Do not testify falsely against your ***n*** . . . . Dt 5:20
struck down the ***n*** by accident and . . . . . Josh 20:5
no harm to a friend, doesn't insult a ***n***; . . . . Ps 15:3
Don't say to your ***n***, "Go and come back; . . . Prv 3:28
against the other, ***n*** against neighbor. . . . . Is 3:5
I set everyone against their own ***n*** . . . . . Zec 8:10
You must love your ***n*** and hate your. . . . . Mt 5:43
You will love your ***n*** as yourself. No . . . . . Mk 12:31
your mind, and love your ***n*** as yourself. . . . Lk 10:27
fight against his ***n*** pushed Moses aside . . . . Ac 7:27
word: You must love your ***n*** as yourself. . . . Ro 13:9
won't ever teach a ***n*** or their brother . . . . Heb 8:11

NEIGHBORS

not oppress your ***n*** or rob them. Do. . . . . Lv 19:13
from their ***n*** or their relatives . . . . . Dt 15:2
actually their ***n*** and were living. . . . . Josh 9:16
still worse to my ***n***. I scare my . . . . . Ps 31:11
destroy their ***n*** by their words, ... Prv 11:9
They wish their ***n*** well, but in their . . . . . Jer 9:8
will invite their ***n*** to sit beneath . . . . . Zec 3:10
Her ***n*** and relatives celebrated with her . . . . Lk 1:58
The man's ***n*** and those who used to see him . . Jn 9:8
should please our ***n*** for their good in . . . . Ro 15:2

NET

by their feet in a ***n***; they walk on mesh. . . . Job 18:8
caught in the very ***n*** they themselves . . . . Ps 9:15
useless to cast a ***n*** in the sight of a . . . . . Prv 1:17
like antelope in a ***n***, filled with the . . . . . Is 51:20
at Mizpah, and a ***n*** spread out upon. . . . . Hos 5:1
heaven is like a ***n*** that people threw. . . . . Mt 13:47
said, "Cast your ***n*** on the right side . . . . . Jn 21:6

NETHANEL

from Issachar, ***N***, Zuar's son . . . . . Nm 1:8
N his fourth, Raddai his fifth 1Ch 2:14

NETS

allright, dragging them off in their ***n***. . . . . Ps 10:9
Thorns and ***n*** are in the path of the . . . . . Prv 22:5
those who spread ***n*** on the water will . . . . . Is 19:8
bloodshed; they hunt each other with ***n***. . . . Mi 7:2
throwing fishing ***n*** into the sea, ... Mt 4:18
throwing fishing ***n*** into the sea, for . . . . . Mk 1:16
had gone ashore and were washing their ***n***. . . Lk 5:2

NEW

a farmer, made a ***n*** start and planted . . . . . Gn 9:20
Now a ***n*** king came to power in Egypt who. . . . Ex 1:8
of the crushed ***n*** grain and oil . . . . . Lv 2:16
the choice oil, ***n*** wine, and the . . . . . Nm 18:12
God wrote on the ***n*** tablets what had been. . . Dt 10:4
wineskins were ***n*** when we filled . . . . . Josh 9:13
wine; like ***n*** wineskins it will . . . . . Job 32:19
Sing to him a ***n*** song! Play your best with . . . Ps 33:3
grass goes away, ***n*** growth appears, ... Prv 27:25
repulses me. ***n*** moon, sabbath, and . . . . . Is 1:13
her the corn, the ***n*** wine, and the . . . . . Hos 2:8
sews a piece of ***n***, unshrunk cloth on . . . . . Mt 9:16
What's this? A ***n*** teaching with . . . . . Mk 1:27
a patch from a ***n*** garment to patch . . . . . Lk 5:36
I give you a ***n*** commandment: Love each . . Jn 13:34
them, saying, "They're full of ***n*** wine!" . . . . Ac 2:13
be slaves in the ***n*** life under the . . . . . Ro 7:6
and I will make a ***n*** covenant with the. . . . . Heb 8:8
white stone with a ***n*** name written on. . . . Rev 2:17

NEWS

heard the bad ***n***, they were sorry. . . . . Ex 33:4
Once they hear ***n*** of you, they will . . . . . Dt 2:25
was with Joshua. ***n*** about him spread . . . . Josh 6:27
One day gushes the ***n*** to the next, and one. . . Ps 19:2
heart; resp= good ***n*** strengthens the . . . . Prv 15:30
will be in anguish at the ***n*** about Tyre. . . . . Is 23:5
All who hear the ***n*** about you clap . . . . . Na 3:19

announced the good ***n*** of the kingdom and . . Mt 4:23
of the good ***n*** about Jesus . . . . . Mk 1:1
to you and to bring this good ***n*** to you. . . . Lk 1:19
they received this ***n***, the captain of . . . . . Ac 5:24
apostle and set apart for God's good ***n***. . . . . Ro 1:1
also had the good ***n*** preached to us, ... Heb 4:2
the good ***n*** he gave to his . . . . . Rev 10:7

NICODEMUS

was a Pharisee named ***N***, a Jewish leader. . . . Jn 3:1

NIGHT

and the darkness ***n***. There was evening . . . . Gn 1:5
day and all that ***n***. When morning . . . . . Ex 10:13
altar hearth all ***n*** until morning, ... Lv 6:9
covenant tent. At ***n*** until morning, the . . . Nm 9:15
camp, in fire by ***n***, so you could see . . . . . Dt 1:33
Recite it day and ***n*** so you can . . . . . Josh 1:8
I was born, the ***n*** someone said, "A . . . . . Job 3:3
they recite God's Instruction day and ***n***! . . . Ps 1:2
evening, at the onset of ***n*** and darkness. . . . Prv 7:9
a blazing fire by ***n***. Over all the . . . . . Is 4:5
Throughout the ***n***, their anger . . . . . Hos 7:6
up and, during the ***n***, took the child. . . . . Mt 2:14
sleeps and wakes ***n*** and day. The seed . . . . Mk 4:27
in the fields, guarding their sheep at ***n***. . . . Lk 2:8
came to Jesus at ***n*** and said to him, ... Jn 3:2
doors during the ***n*** and led them out. . . . . Ac 5:19
The ***n*** is almost over, and the day is . . . . . Ro 13:12
never rest day or ***n***, but keep on . . . . . Rev 4:8

NIGHTS

days and forty ***n***. I will wipe off. . . . . Gn 7:4
the mountain for forty days and forty ***n***. . . . Ex 24:18
days and forty ***n***. I ate no bread, ... Dt 9:9
or drunk any water for three days and ***n***. . . 1Sa 30:12
days and seven ***n***, not speaking a . . . . . Job 2:13
of the fish for three days and three ***n***. . . . . Jon 1:17
forty days and forty ***n***, he was starving. . . . Mt 4:2
hard work, sleepless ***n***, and hunger. 2Co 6:5

NILE

dreamed that he was standing near the ***N***. . . Gn 41:1
Hebrews into the ***N*** River, but you can . . . . Ex 1:22
Tyre and the ***N*** will be darkened . . . . . Is 5:30
overflows like the ***N***, and then falls . . . . . Am 8:8

NIMROD

Cush fathered ***N***, the first great warrior . . . . Gn 10:8
was the father of ***N***, the first warrior 1Ch 1:10
sword, the land of ***N*** with the drawn . . . . . Mi 5:6

NINE

and doubled, ***n*** inches long and. . . . . Ex 28:16
On the fifth day: ***n*** bulls, two rams, and . . . Nm 29:26
a legacy for the ***n*** tribes and half . . . . . Josh 13:7
and each of the rooms was ***n*** feet square. . . Eze 40:12
he went out around ***n*** in the morning and . . . Mt 20:3
It was ***n*** in the morning when they . . . . . Mk 15:25
He said, '***n*** hundred gallons of olive . . . . . Lk 16:6
all, it's only ***n*** o'clock in the . . . . . Ac 2:15

NINEVEH

land and built ***N***, Rehoboth City, ... Gn 10:11
returning to ***N***, where he stayed. 2Ki 19:36
left and went back to ***N***, where he stayed. . . Is 37:37
Get up and go to ***N***, that great city, ... Jon 1:2
The citizens of ***N*** will stand up at the . . . . Mt 12:41
to the people of ***N***, so the Human One . . . Lk 11:30

NINTH

Sabbath on the ***n*** day of the month . . . . . Lv 23:32
On the ***n*** day Benjamin's Chief Abidan, ... Nm 7:60
In Hoshea's ***n*** year, the Assyrian king 2Ki 17:6
In the ***n*** month of the fifth year of . . . . . Jer 36:9
day of the ***n*** month in the . . . . . Hg 2:10
was beryl. The ***n*** was topaz, the. . . . . Rev 21:20

NOAH

and named him ***N***, saying, "This one will . . . Gn 5:29
were Mahlah, ***N***, Hoglah, Milcah, ... Nm 26:33
were named Mahlah, ***N***, Hoglah, Milcah, . . . Josh 17:3
like the days of ***N*** for me, when I . . . . . Is 54:9
was in the time of ***N***, so it will be at . . . . Mt 24:37
son of Shem son of ***N*** son of Lamech . . . . . Lk 3:36
By faith ***N*** responded with godly fear when . Heb 11:7

NOON

the men will have dinner with me at ***n***. . . . Gn 43:16
around at high ***n*** as blind people . . . . . Dt 28:29
Around ***n***, Elijah started making fun of . . . 1Ki 18:27
the day, and at ***n*** they fumble about. . . . . Job 5:14
like the dawn, your justice like high ***n***. . . . Ps 37:6
justly; at high ***n*** provide your shade. . . . . Is 16:3
the sun go down at ***n***, and I will darken . . . Am 8:9
Again around ***n*** and then at three. . . . . Mt 20:5
From ***n*** until three in the afternoon the . . . Mk 15:33
It was now about ***n***, and darkness covered . . Lk 23:44
he sat down at the well. It was about ***n***. . . . Jn 4:6
to Philip, "At ***n***, take the road . . . . . Ac 8:26

NORTH

If you go ***n***, I will go south; . . . . . Gn 13:9
other side on the ***n***, make twenty boards . . Ex 26:20
it on the ***n*** side of the altar. . . . . Lv 1:11
On the ***n*** will be the banner of Dan's camp. . Nm 2:25
around this mountain long enough. Head ***n***. . . Dt 2:3
Then they camped ***n*** of Ai, with the . . . . Josh 8:11
n in his activity, and I don't grasp him; . . . Job 23:9
Zion, in the far ***n***, is the city of . . . . . Ps 48:2
The ***n*** wind stirs up rain, and a person. . . . Prv 25:23
is coming from the ***n***; there is no . . . . . Is 14:31
to sea, and from ***n*** to east; they will. . . . . Am 8:12
east and west, ***n*** and south, and sit . . . . . Lk 13:29
Sheep Gate in the ***n*** city wall is a . . . . . Jn 5:2
three gates on the ***n***, three gates on. . . . . Rev 21:13

NUMBER

When the ***n*** of people started to increase . . . Gn 6:1
The total ***n*** in Jacob's family was . . . . . Ex 1:5
according to the ***n*** of years since the . . . . Lv 25:15
according to the ***n*** of males over one . . . . Nm 3:22
multiplied your ***n***—you are now as . . . . . Dt 1:10
to match the ***n*** of the tribes of . . . . . Josh 4:5
and a vast ***n*** of servants, so . . . . . Job 1:3
Teach us to ***n*** our days so we can have a . . . Ps 90:12
and increases the ***n*** of the faithless. . . . . Prv 23:28
according to the ***n*** of years for which . . . Is 21:16
Yet the ***n*** of the people of Israel will. . . . . Hos 1:10
because of the ***n*** of fish they . . . . . Lk 5:9
and their ***n*** grew to about five . . . . . Ac 4:4
Israel, Though the ***n*** of Israel's . . . . . Ro 9:27
as many as the ***n*** of the stars in. . . . . Heb 11:12
Then I heard the ***n*** of those who were . . . . . Rev 7:4

NUMBERED

to Succoth. They ***n*** about six hundred . . . . Ex 12:37
died by the plague ***n*** twenty-four . . . . . Nm 25:9
that can't be ***n*** or counted due to 1Ki 3:8
they die, when their ***n*** days are cut off? . . . Job 21:21
to death and being ***n*** with rebels, ... Is 53:12
measured nor ***n***; and in the place . . . . . Hos 1:10
the elders. They ***n*** in the . . . . . Rev 5:11

NURSING

grew and stopped ***n***. On the day he . . . . . Gn 21:8
men and women, ***n*** baby and senior. . . . . Dt 32:25
along with two ***n*** cows that have 1Sa 6:7
From the mouths of ***n*** babies you have laid . . . Ps 8:2
A ***n*** child will play over the snake's . . . . . Is 11:8
Gomer finished ***n*** No Compassion, she . . . . Hos 1:8
and for women who are ***n*** their children. . . Mt 24:19
and for women who are ***n*** their children. . . Mk 13:17
for women who are ***n*** their children. . . . Lk 21:23
with you like a ***n*** mother caring for 1Th 2:7

O

OAK

at Shechem, at the ***o*** of Moreh. . . . . Gn 12:6
from Gilgal, next to the Moreh ***O*** Grove? . . Dt 11:30
Heleph, from the ***o*** in Zaanannim and . . Josh 19:33
will be like an ***o*** with withering. . . . . Is 1:30
was as strong as ***o*** trees. I destroyed . . . . Am 2:9

OBADIAH

Ahab had called ***O***, who was in charge of . . 1Ki 18:3
The vision of ***O***. The LORD God proclaims . . Obad 1:1

OBEY

all my people will ***o*** your command. Only . . Gn 41:40
God so they didn't ***o*** the Egyptian . . . . . Ex 1:17
But if you do not ***o*** me and do not carry . . Lv 26:14
accident you don't ***o*** all these commands . . Nm 15:22
LORD your God and you will ***o*** his voice, . . . Dt 4:30
as you carefully ***o*** all of the. . . . . Josh 1:7
about me, they ***o*** me; foreigners . . . . . Ps 18:44
Those who ***o*** me will dwell securely, ... Prv 1:33
It is better to ***o*** the reprimand of the . . . . Ecc 7:5
If you agree and ***o***, you will eat the . . . . . Is 1:19
are those who ***o*** his word. The day . . . . . Jl 2:11
this? Even the winds and the lake ***o*** him! . . Mt 8:27
commands unclean spirits and they ***o*** him! . . Mk 1:27
the winds and the water, and they ***o*** him! . . Lk 8:25
before God to ***o*** you rather than . . . . . Ac 4:19
for those who ***o*** wickedness instead. . . . . Ro 2:8

OBEYED

of your descendants, because you ***o*** me. . . . Gn 22:18
to the dead. I've ***o*** the LORD my God's. . . . Dt 26:14
same way that we ***o*** Moses. Just let . . . . Josh 1:17
tree and haven't ***o*** me, declares the . . . . Jer 3:13
everyone hasn't ***o*** the good news. As . . . . Ro 10:16
By faith Abraham ***o*** when he was called to . . Heb 11:8

OBJECT

unclean, and any ***o*** on which that. . . . . Lv 15:4
with an iron ***o*** and he dies, he is . . . . . Nm 35:16
come to us to ***o***, we'll tell them, ... Jdg 21:22
will make them an ***o*** of horror to all. . . . . Jer 15:4
inhabitants an ***o*** of hissing! You . . . . . Mi 6:16
times, then the ***o*** was suddenly. . . . . Ac 10:16
so-called god or ***o*** of worship and. 2Th 2:4

OBJECTS

all sorts of gold ***o***. Everyone raised . . . . Ex 35:22
die. These are the ***o*** in the dwelling . . . . Nm 4:15
large number of ***o***, Solomon didn't 1Ki 7:47
nothing but ***o*** of ridicule and. . . . . Ps 79:4
on beasts. The ***o*** you once carried. . . . . Is 46:1
the supplies, an abundance of precious ***o***! . . Na 2:9
observing your ***o*** of worship, I even. . . . . Ac 17:23

OBSERVE

The LORD will ***o*** both of us when we . . . . Gn 31:49
we all must ***o*** the LORD's . . . . . Ex 10:9
You will ***o*** your Sabbath on. . . . . Lv 23:32
Israelites would ***o*** the LORD's . . . . . Nm 9:19
o and obey all these words that I am . . . . Dt 12:28
all his ways and ***o*** his commands, his 1Ki 8:58
If I sin and you ***o*** me, you won't consider . . Job 10:14
o those who have integrity and watch. . . . Ps 37:37
you lazy person; ***o*** its ways and grow . . . . Prv 6:6
see and know and ***o*** and comprehend . . . . Is 41:20
themselves. They ***o*** many other rules . . . . Mk 7:4
You ***o*** religious days and months and . . . . Ga 4:10

OFFER

Let me ***o*** you a little bread so you will . . . . Gn 18:5
so that we can ***o*** sacrifices to the . . . . . Ex 3:18
offering. You must ***o*** salt with all your. . . . Lv 2:13
the Israelites ***o*** will be the . . . . . Nm 5:9
serve him, and to ***o*** blessings in his . . . . Dt 10:8
the LORD or to ***o*** on it an entirely. . . . . Josh 22:23
me something? ***o*** a bribe from your. . . . . Job 6:22
I ***o*** praise in the great congregation . . . . Ps 22:25
The righteous ***o*** guidance to their. . . . . Prv 12:26
God has heard. ***o*** up a prayer for . . . . . Is 37:4
They ***o*** sacrifices on mountaintops, and . . . Hos 4:13
and then come back and ***o*** your gift. . . . . Mt 5:24
to the priest and ***o*** the sacrifice for . . . . Mk 1:44
you on the cheek, ***o*** the other one as . . . . Lk 6:29
wisdom had to ***o***, and he was a man. . . . . Ac 7:22
Don't ***o*** parts of your body to sin, to be . . . Ro 6:13
sake, in order to ***o*** gifts and . . . . . Heb 5:1
in order to ***o*** it on behalf of . . . . . Rev 8:3

OFFERED

took the ram, and ***o*** it as an entirely . . . . Gn 22:13
the second lamb ***o*** at twilight, again . . . . Ex 29:41
of its fat will be ***o***: the fat tail; the. . . . . Lv 7:3
person may have ***o***. The person must . . . . Nm 6:21
eat the sacrifices ***o*** to the LORD, which . . . . Dt 18:1
swung." On it they ***o*** entirely burned . . . . Josh 8:31
to you, but you ***o*** no rebuke to Job, ... Job 32:12
and ate sacrifices ***o*** to the dead. . . . . Ps 106:28
If his life is ***o*** as restitution, he . . . . . Is 53:10
Baals, when she ***o*** sweet-smelling. . . . . Hos 2:13
it on a pole. He ***o*** it to Jesus to . . . . . Mt 27:48
it on a pole. He ***o*** it to Jesus to . . . . . Mk 15:36
They ***o*** a sacrifice in keeping with what's. . . Lk 2:24
shape of a calf, ***o*** a sacrifice to it, ... Ac 7:41
Once, you ***o*** the parts of your . . . . . Ro 6:19
on earth, Christ ***o*** prayers and . . . . . Heb 5:7
of the incense ***o*** for the prayers of . . . . . Rev 8:4

OFFERING

Cain presented an ***o*** to the LORD from . . . . Gn 4:3
an entirely burned ***o*** and sacrifices to . . . . Ex 18:12
a livestock ***o*** to the LORD, you . . . . . Lv 1:2
an unauthorized ***o*** to the LORD in the. . . . Nm 3:4
o up your entirely burned . . . . . Dt 12:27
an entirely burned ***o*** or gift offering, . . . Josh 22:23
an entirely burned ***o*** for yourselves.. . . . . Job 42:8
For the memorial ***o***.] Please, LORD, ... Ps 38:1
a compensation ***o***, but favor is with. . . . . Prv 14:9
aren't enough for an entirely burned ***o***. . . . Is 40:16
pour wine as an ***o*** to the LORD; their . . . . Hos 9:4
outside during this hour of incense ***o***. . . . Lk 1:10
acts are like a memorial ***o*** to God. . . . . Ac 10:4
gospel so that the ***o*** of the Gentiles . . . . Ro 15:16
a sacrifice or an ***o***, but you prepared. . . . Heb 10:5

OFFERINGS

placed entirely burned ***o*** on the altar. . . . . Gn 8:20
entirely burned ***o*** to present to the . . . . Ex 10:25
as first-choice ***o*** to the LORD, but. . . . . Lv 2:12

the purification and entirely burned *o*. . . . Nm 6:16
entirely burned *o*, your sacrifices, . . . Dt 12:6
entirely burned *o* to the LORD and . . . Josh 8:31
entirely burned *o* for each one of . . . Job 1:5
Bring righteous *o*, and trust the LORD . . . Ps 4:5
entirely burned *o* of rams and the . . . Is 1:11
entirely burned *o* on hills; they . . . Hos 4:13
of entirely burned *o* and sacrifices. . . . Mk 12:33
sacrifices and *o* to me for forty . . . Ac 7:42
with entirely burned *o* or a sin offering. . . . Heb 10:6

OFFICER

Pharaoh's chief *o*, commander of the . . . Gn 37:36
there was a single *o* who was in the . . . 1Ki 4:19
The ant has no commander, *o*, or ruler . . . Prv 6:7
Immer's son, the *o* in charge of the . . . Jer 20:1
The ship's *o* came and said to him, "How . . . Jon 1:6
you over to the *o* of the court, and . . . Mt 5:25
you over to the *o*, and the officer . . . Lk 12:58

OFFICERS

angry with his two *o*, the chief wine . . . Gn 40:2
over the people as *o* of groups of . . . Ex 18:21
know as elders and *o* of the people. . . . Nm 11:16
Joshua gave orders to the people's *o*: . . . Josh 1:10
stronghold; their *o* will be terrified . . . Is 31:9
He musters his *o*; they stumble as they . . . Na 2:5
outside with the *o* to see how it . . . Mt 26:58
and military *o* and Galilee's . . . Mk 6:21
priests and the *o* of the temple . . . Lk 22:4
some soldiers and *o* and ran down to . . . Ac 21:32

OFFICIAL

who engraves *o* seals, you will . . . Ex 28:11
they written in the *o* records of Solomon? . . . 1Ki 11:41
because a high *o* watches over . . . Ecc 5:8
Go now to this *o*, to Shebna, who is . . . Is 22:15
at doing evil. *o* and judge alike . . . Mi 7:3
was a certain royal *o* whose son was sick. . . . Jn 4:46
a eunuch and an *o* responsible for . . . Ac 8:27

OFFICIALS

of Pharaoh and his *o*, and it turned . . . Ex 7:10
The well that the *o* dug, that the . . . Nm 21:18
tens, as well as *o* for each of your . . . Dt 1:15
But the *o* of Succoth replied, "Haven't . . . Jdg 8:6
the voices of *o* were hushed, their tongue . . . Job 29:10
Make their *o* like Oreb and Zeeb, all . . . Ps 83:11
rulers govern, and *o* judge righteously. . . . Prv 8:16
understand—their *o* are dying of . . . Is 5:13
and give joy to the *o* with their lies. . . . Hos 7:3
their high-ranking *o* order them around. . . . Mt 20:25
his high-ranking *o* and military . . . Mk 6:21
them before the *o* in the city center. . . . Ac 16:19
of the earth, the *o* and the generals, . . . Rev 6:15

OFFSPRING

between your *o* and hers. They . . . Gn 3:15
and all the first *o* of the animals. . . . Ex 11:5
an ox or sheep and its *o* on the same day. . . . Lv 22:28
But the oldest *o* of a cow, sheep, or goat . . . Nm 18:17
your oil, and the *o* of your cattle and . . . Dt 7:13
and Talmai. They were the *o* of Anak. . . . Josh 15:14
children. Your *o* will be like the . . . Job 5:25
will destroy their *o* from the land; . . . Ps 21:10
crimes, evildoing *o*, corrupt children! . . . Is 1:4
on an ass, on a colt, the *o* of a donkey. . . . Zec 9:9
a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's *o*. . . . Mt 21:5
of your own poets said, 'We are his *o*.' . . . Ac 17:28

OIL

the sky, olive *o* from the earth, . . . Gn 27:28
o for the lamps; spices for the anointing. . . . Ex 25:6
They must pour *o* on it and put . . . Lv 2:1
the containers for *o* that are used in . . . Nm 4:9
your wine, your *o*, and the offspring . . . Dt 7:13
stop producing my *o*, which is how gods . . . Jdg 9:9
and a rock poured out pools of *o* for me. . . . Job 29:6
bathe my head in *o*; my cup is so full . . . Ps 23:5
honey, and her tongue is smoother than *o*, . . . Prv 5:3
not bandaged, not soothed with *o*. . . . Is 1:6
and my linen cloth, my *o* and my drink. . . . Hos 2:5
their lamps but didn't bring *o* for them. . . . Mt 25:3
sick people with olive *o* and healed them. . . . Mk 6:13
brought perfumed *o* in a vase made of . . . Lk 7:37
Lord with fragrant *o* and wiped his feet . . . Jn 11:2
produces the rich *o* of the olive tree, . . . Ro 11:17
anointed you with *o* instead of your . . . Heb 1:9
I saw seven *o* lamps burning on . . . Rev 1:12

OLD

Adam was 130 years *o*, he became the. . . . Gn 5:3
Moses was 80 years *o* and Aaron was 83. . . . Ex 7:7
the presence of an *o* person and respect . . . Lv 19:32
20 years *o* and above, who is eligible for . . . Nm 1:3
and have grown *o* on the land, if . . . Dt 4:25
These were the men *o* enough to fight. . . . Josh 5:6
to your grave in *o* age as bundles of . . . Job 5:26
young and now I'm *o*, but I have never . . . Ps 37:25
men; gray hair is the splendor of *o* age. . . . Prv 20:29
will bully the *o*, the rogue, and . . . Is 3:5
prophesy, your *o* men will dream . . . Jl 2:28
who were two years *o* and younger, . . . Mt 2:16
unshrunk cloth on *o* clothes; . . . Mk 2:21
pregnant and they both were very *o*. . . . Lk 1:7
even 50 years *o*!" the Jewish . . . Jn 8:57
this sign of healing was over 40 years *o*. . . . Ac 4:22
nearly 100 years *o*, took into account . . . Ro 4:19
They will all wear out like *o* clothes. . . . Heb 1:11
thrown down. The *o* snake, who is . . . Rev 12:9

OLDER

Eber's children and Japheth's *o* brother. . . . Gn 10:21
The baby's *o* sister stood watch nearby to . . . Ex 2:4
These three *o* sons followed Saul, . . . 1Sa 17:14
with us; those much *o* than your father. . . . Job 15:10
Your *o* sister is Samaria, who lives with . . . Eze 16:46
Now his *o* son was in the field. Coming . . . Lk 15:25
said to her: The *o* child will be a . . . Ro 9:12

OLDEST

his flock's *o* offspring with . . . Gn 4:4
what the LORD says: Israel is my *o* son. . . . Ex 4:22
dedicate any *o* offspring from . . . Lv 27:26
Reuben, Israel's *o*, registered by . . . Nm 1:20
gifts, and the *o* offspring of your . . . Dt 12:6
cost them their *o* child. Setting up . . . Josh 6:26
drinking wine in their *o* brother's house. . . . Job 1:13
all of Egypt's *o* males; in Ham's . . . Ps 78:51
The *o* offspring of the poor will graze; . . . Is 14:30
he tried to be the *o* of twin brothers; . . . Hos 12:3
inheritance as the *o* son for one meal. . . . Heb 12:16

OLIVE

grasping a torn *o* leaf in its beak. . . . Gn 8:11
same with your vineyard and your *o* trees. . . . Ex 23:11
pure, pressed *o* oil to you for the . . . Lv 24:2
It tasted like cakes baked in *o* oil. . . . Nm 11:8
vineyards and *o* trees that you . . . Dt 6:11
from vineyards and *o* groves that you . . . Josh 24:13
and cast off their blossoms like the *o*. . . . Job 15:33
I am like a green *o* tree in God's . . . Ps 52:8
like a stripped *o* tree: two or three . . . Is 17:6

will be like the *o* tree, and his . . . . . Hos 14:6
sick people with *o* oil and healed . . . . . Mk 6:13
hundred gallons of *o* oil.' The manager . . . . Lk 16:6
you were a wild *o* branch, and you . . . . . Ro 11:17
but don't damage the *o* oil and the wine. . . . Rev 6:6

OLIVES

oil of crushed *o* for the light so. . . . . Ex 27:20
when you beat the *o* off your olive . . . . . Dt 24:20
crush *o* between millstones, tread . . . . . Job 24:11
tree: two or three *o* on the highest . . . . . Is 17:6
You tread down *o*, but you don't . . . . . Mi 6:15
on the Mount of *O*, Jesus gave two . . . . . Mt 21:1
at the Mount of *O*. Jesus gave two . . . . . Mk 11:1
on the Mount of *O*, he gave two . . . . . Lk 19:29
And Jesus went to the Mount of *O* . . . . . Jn 8:1
from the Mount of *O*, which is near. . . . . Ac 1:12
a fig tree produce *o*? Can a grapevine . . . . Jas 3:12

OMRI

army made their general *O* king of Israel. . . 1Ki 16:16
the policies of *O*, all the practices. . . . . Mi 6:16

OPENED

the ground that *o* its mouth to take. . . . . Gn 4:11
When she *o* it, she saw the child. The boy . . . Ex 2:6
The earth *o* its mouth and swallowed them . Nm 16:32
when the ground *o* up its mouth and . . . . . Dt 11:6
but he never *o* the doors of the. . . . . Jdg 3:25
me as for rain, *o* their mouth as for . . . . . Job 29:23
to the skies above, *o* heaven's doors, ... Ps 78:23
fluttered a wing or *o* a mouth to chirp. . . . . Is 10:14
of the rivers are *o*; the palace melts. . . . . Na 2:6
him. Then they *o* their treasure. . . . . Mt 2:11
At once, his ears *o*, his twisted tongue . . . . Mk 7:35
While he was praying, heaven was *o* . . . . . Lk 3:21
from the Lord *o* the prison doors . . . . . Ac 5:19
that has been *o*. They are . . . . . Ro 3:13
living way that he *o* up for us through. . . . Heb 10:20
door that had been *o* in heaven. The . . . . . Rev 4:1

OPPORTUNITY

fame. At every *o*, you seduced all . . . . . Eze 16:15
he was looking for an *o* to turn him in. . . . Mt 26:16
started looking for an *o* to turn him in. . . . Mk 14:11
devil departed from him until the next *o*. . . . Lk 4:13
accusers and had *o* to offer a defense . . . . Ac 25:16
But sin seized the *o* and used this . . . . . Ro 7:8
would have had the *o* to return to it. . . . . Heb 11:15

OPPOSE

I will *o* the person who consumes. . . . . Lv 17:10
are so powerful that no one can *o* you. . . . 2Ch 20:6
words together to *o* you, shake my head. . . . Job 16:4
with evil; they *o* me for pursuing . . . . . Ps 38:20
I myself will *o* those who oppose . . . . . Is 49:25
that you must not *o* those who want to . . . . Mt 5:39
that I ought to *o* the name of Jesus . . . . . Ac 26:9
is raised up to *o* the knowledge of 2Co 10:5
the righteous one, who doesn't *o* you. . . . . Jas 5:6

OPPOSITE

set. The loops should be *o* each other. . . . . Ex 26:5
plains of Moab by the Jordan *o* Jericho: . . . Nm 26:3
in the valley *o* Beth-peor, in the . . . . . Dt 4:46
completely. The people crossed *o* Jericho. . . . Josh 3:16
porch at the gate *o* the temple was ten . . . . Eze 40:7
there and arrived *o* Chios. On the day. . . . . Ac 20:15

OPPOSITION

to me, and for their continued *o* to me . . . . Lv 26:40
like the wicked, my *o* like the vicious. . . . . Job 27:7
Israel and to be a sign that generates *o* . . . . Lk 2:34
The Jewish *o* grumbled about him because . . . Jn 6:41
o arose from some who belonged to the . . . . Ac 6:9
competitive *o*, backstabbing, ... 2Co 12:20
who endured such *o* from sinners so . . . . . Heb 12:3

OPPRESS

Don't mistreat or *o* an immigrant, because . . Ex 22:21
You must not *o* your neighbors or rob. . . . . Lv 19:13
seems good to them. Don't *o* them. . . . . Dt 23:16
didn't let anyone *o* them. God punished. . . . 1Ch 16:21
to you that you *o* me, that you . . . . . Job 10:3
No enemy will *o* him; no wicked person . . . . Ps 89:22
are poor. Don't *o* the needy in the . . . . . Prv 22:22
The people will *o* each other, each one. . . . . Is 3:5
So now I will *o* you, just like a cart is . . . . Am 2:13

OPPRESSED

where they will be *o* slaves for four . . . . . Gn 15:13
the more they were *o*, the more they . . . . . Ex 1:12
The Egyptians *o* us as they had our . . . . . Nm 20:15
will be constantly *o* and taken . . . . . Dt 28:29
under those who *o* and crushed them. . . . . Jdg 2:18
with evil or *o* a foe for no . . . . . Ps 7:4
the tears of the *o*—and they have no . . . . . Ecc 4:1
justice: help the *o*; defend the . . . . . Is 1:17
but they are *o* because there is . . . . . Zec 10:2
of sight to the blind, to liberate the *o*, ... Lk 4:18
healing everyone *o* by the devil. . . . . Ac 10:38
and goats, needy, *o*, and mistreated. . . . . Heb 11:37

OPPRESSION

and had seen their *o*, they bowed down . . . . Ex 4:31
saw our misery, our trouble, and our *o*. . . . . Dt 26:7
because of heavy *o*; shout under the . . . . . Job 35:9
face, forgetting our suffering and *o*? . . . . . Ps 44:24
when distress and *o* overcome you. . . . . Prv 1:27
word and trust in *o* and cunning and . . . . . Is 30:12
clearly seen the *o* my people ave . . . . . Ac 7:34

ORACLE

his address: "The *o* of Balaam, Beor's . . . . Nm 24:3
speech is like an *o*; in a judgment, ... Prv 16:10
An *o* about Babylon, which Isaiah, Amoz's . . . Is 13:1
An *o* about Nineveh: the scroll containing . . . Na 1:1

ORDER

publicly in *o* that the Hittites . . . . . Gn 23:10
Egyptian king's *o*. Instead, they let . . . . . Ex 1:17
offering in *o* to make . . . . . Lv 9:7
march in the same *o* as they camp: each . . . Nm 2:17
hear his voice in *o* to discipline you.. . . . . Dt 4:36
word. Indeed, I have given you an *o*! . . . . Josh 8:8
In *o* to weigh the wind, to prepare a. . . . . Job 28:25
of your foes, in *o* to stop vengeful . . . . . Ps 8:2
but a person with understanding brings *o*. . . Prv 28:2
your affairs in *o* because you are . . . . . Is 38:1
women in Gilead in *o* to possess more. . . . . Am 1:13
search for the child in *o* to kill him. . . . . Mt 2:13
bring in a lamp in *o* to put it under a . . . . Mk 4:21
with him not to *o* them to go back . . . . . Lk 8:31
must we do in *o* to accomplish what . . . . . Jn 6:28
of God's word in *o* to serve tables. . . . . Ac 6:2
under the Law, in *o* to shut every . . . . . Ro 3:19
was made lower in *o* than the angels . . . . Heb 2:9
you into prison in *o* to test you. You . . . . Rev 2:10

ORDERED

Jacob, he had *o* him, "Don't marry . . . . . Gn 28:6
to the LORD our God as he has *o* us. . . . . Ex 8:27
on the day when he *o* the Israelites to . . . . Lv 7:38
what Joshua *o*. They lifted . . . . . Josh 4:8
the nations as the LORD had *o* them to do. . . Ps 106:34

has been *o*—I have heard . . . . . Is 28:22
saw the crowd, he *o* his disciples to . . . . . Mt 8:18
But he strictly *o* them not to reveal who. . . . Mk 3:12
write a carefully *o* account for you, ... Lk 1:3
together, he *o* them not to leave . . . . . Ac 1:4

ORDERS

gave his men *o* concerning Abram, ... Gn 12:20
king, giving them *o* to let the . . . . . Ex 6:13
Aaron enrolled by *o* from the LORD, ... Nm 3:39
Then Joshua gave *o* to the people's . . . . . Josh 1:10
in his palms and *o* it to its target. . . . . Job 36:32
king, the one who *o* salvation for . . . . . Ps 44:4
I'm about to issue *o*, declares the LORD, . . . Jer 34:22
Look, I am giving *o*, and I will shake . . . . Am 9:9
he got up and gave *o* to the winds and. . . . Mt 8:26
He got up and gave *o* to the wind, and he . . Mk 4:39
he got up and gave *o* to the wind and . . . . Lk 8:24
had given *o* that anyone who. . . . . Jn 11:57
Following their *o*, the soldiers took . . . . Ac 23:31
and they weren't afraid of the king's *o*. . . . Heb 11:23

ORPHAN

Don't treat any widow or *o* badly . . . . . Ex 22:22
of an immigrant or *o*. Don't take a . . . . . Dt 24:17
Yet he rescues the *o* from the sword of . . . Job 5:15
justice for the *o* and the oppressed, ... Ps 10:18
defend the *o*; plead for the. . . . . Is 1:17
hands. In you the *o* finds compassion. . . . Hos 14:3

ORPHANS

be widows, and your children will be *o*. . . . Ex 22:24
enacts justice for *o* and widows, and he . . . Dt 10:18
who cried out, the *o* who lacked help. . . . Job 29:12
Father of *o* and defender of widows is God . . Ps 68:5
marker; don't invade the fields of *o*, ... Prv 23:10
and showed their *o* and widows no . . . . . Is 9:17
won't leave you as *o*. I will come to . . . . Jn 14:18
this: to care for *o* and widows in . . . . . Jas 1:27

OSTRICHES

to jackals, a companion to young *o*. . . . . Job 30:29
filled with owls. *o* will live there, ... Is 13:21
like the jackals, and mourn like the *o*. . . . . Mi 1:8

OTHNIEL

So *O* son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, ... Josh 15:17

OUTER

on the edge of the *o* curtain in the . . . . . Ex 26:4
its covering, the *o* covering of fine . . . . . Nm 4:25
house was on the *o* side of the city . . . . . Josh 2:15
these are only the *o* fringe of his . . . . . Job 26:14
as far as the *o* courtyard. It was . . . . . Eze 10:5
outside into the *o* courtyard. A . . . . . Mk 14:68
knocked at the *o* gate, a female. . . . . Ac 12:13

OUTSIDE

and told his two brothers who were *o*. . . . . Gn 9:22
any of the meat *o* the house, and you . . . . Ex 12:46
a clean location *o* the camp, to the . . . . . Lv 4:12
You must send them *o* the camp so that. . . . Nm 5:3
and crossbars. *o* the towns there . . . . . Dt 3:5
Those who go *o* the doors of your house . . . Josh 2:19
me; I was quiet and didn't venture *o*. . . . . Job 31:34
prefer to stand *o* the entrance of my . . . . Ps 84:10
fountains flood *o*, streams of water . . . . . Prv 5:16
dragging him *o* the gates of . . . . . Jer 22:19
breaks in; a group of bandits raid *o*. . . . . Hos 7:1
will be thrown *o* into the darkness. . . . . Mt 8:12
He remained *o* in deserted. . . . . Mk 1:45
were praying *o* during this hour . . . . . Lk 1:10
Peter stood *o* near the gate. . . . . Jn 18:16
them to wait *o*, the council . . . . . Ac 4:15
who have sinned *o* the Law will also . . . . . Ro 2:12
and their bodies are burned *o* the camp. . . . Heb 13:11
measure the court *o* the temple. Leave . . . . Rev 11:2

OVERCOME

slaves, but if I *o* him and kill him,. 1Sa 17:9
They were *o* with craving in the desert; . . . Ps 106:14
when distress and oppression *o* you. . . . . Prv 1:27
you when you are *o* in pain, like that . . . . Jer 22:23
o with awe, they said to each other, "Who . . . Mk 4:41
angel, he was startled and *o* with fear. . . . . Lk 1:12
the Sadducees, was *o* with jealousy. . . . . Ac 5:17
it again and are *o* by it, they are 2Pt 2:20

OWNED

Sodom, and everything he *o*, and took off. . . Gn 14:12
The livestock *o* by the Reubenites and the . . Nm 32:1
They also *o* Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, . . Josh 19:15
and *o* seven thousand sheep, three . . . . . Job 1:3
his house and ruler over everything he *o*, . . Ps 105:21
and sold all that he *o* and bought it. . . . . Mt 13:46
parable: "A man *o* a fig tree planted . . . . . Lk 13:6
them. Those who *o* properties or . . . . . Ac 4:34

OWNER

When a slave *o* hits a male or female . . . . Ex 21:20
give it to the *o* on the day you . . . . . Lv 6:5
it. You must return the animal to its *o*. . . . Dt 22:1
the old man, the *o* of the house, ... Jdg 19:22
An ox knows its *o*, and a donkey its . . . . . Is 1:3
evening came, the *o* of the vineyard. . . . . Mt 20:8
So what will the *o* of the vineyard do?. . . . Mk 12:9
Once the *o* of the house gets up and shuts . . Lk 13:25
be useful to the *o* of the mansion for 2Ti 2:21

OX

or female servant, *o*, donkey, or . . . . . Ex 20:17
removed from the *o* for the communal . . . . Lv 4:10
two chiefs, and an *o* for every chief.. . . . . Nm 7:3
or female servant, *o*, donkey, or . . . . . Dt 5:21
stolen someone's *o*? Have I ever taken . . . 1Sa 12:3
over grass or an *o* bellow over its . . . . . Job 6:5
Sirion jump around like a young wild *o*. . . . Ps 29:6
after her, like an *o* to the slaughter, ... Prv 7:22
An *o* knows its owner, and a donkey its . . . . Is 1:3
Sabbath untie your *o* or donkey from its . . Lk 13:15
not muzzle the *o* when it is 1Co 9:9
was like an *o*. The third living . . . . . Rev 4:7

OXEN

and whenever they wished, they maimed *o*. . . Gn 49:6
sheep, and your *o*. I will come to . . . . . Ex 20:24
wagons and twelve *o*—a wagon for every . . . Nm 7:3
servants, your *o* or donkeys or any . . . . . Dt 5:14
alive, not even sheep, *o*, or donkeys. . . . . Jdg 6:4
hundred pairs of *o*, five hundred . . . . . Job 1:3
horns of the wild *o* you have answered . . . Ps 22:21
When there are no *o*, the stall is clean, . . . Prv 14:4
The *o* and donkeys that are working the . . . Is 30:24
plow the sea with *o*? But you have . . . . . Am 6:12
I've butchered the *o* and the fattened . . . . Mt 22:4
five teams of *o*, and I'm going to . . . . . Lk 14:19
it is threshing. Is God worried about *o*, ... 1Co 9:9

P

PADDAN-ARAM

the sister of Laban the Aramean, from *P*. . . Gn 25:20

PAID

kills Cain will be *p* back seven times. . . . . Gn 4:15

that the LORD had **p** attention to the . . . Ex 4:31
double that of a **p** worker. The LORD . . . Dt 15:18
table, so God has **p** me back exactly . . . . Jdg 1:7
asked travelers or **p** attention to their . . . Job 21:29
my hand to you, but you **p** no attention. . . . Prv 1:24
penalty has been **p**, that she has . . . . . Is 40:2
for Tarshish. He **p** the fare and went . . . . Jon 1:3
there until you've **p** the very last . . . . . Mt 5:26
sinners expecting to be **p** back in full. . . . . Lk 6:34
and they were **p** back with the . . . . . Ro 1:27
received a tenth, **p** a tenth through . . . . . Heb 7:9

PAIN

very painful; in **p** you will bear . . . . . Gn 3:16
slave masters. I know about their **p**. . . . . Ex 3:7
at your servant's **p** and remember me! . . . 1Sa 1:11
they saw that he was in excruciating **p**. . . . Job 2:13
The **p** of the wicked is severe, but . . . . . Ps 32:10
The heart feels **p** even in laughter, and . . . Prv 14:13
you rest from **p** and trouble and . . . . . Is 14:3
perished, so that **p** has seized you . . . . . Mi 4:9
diseases, those in **p**, those possessed . . . . Mt 4:24
being comforted and you are in great **p**. . . . Lk 16:25
birth, she has **p** because her time . . . . . Jn 16:21
great sadness and constant **p** in my heart. . . Ro 9:2
should endure **p** through suffering 1Pt 2:19
had brought such **p** to those who live . . . . Rev 11:10

PALACE

went back to his **p**. He wasn't . . . . . Ex 7:23
building his royal **p**, the LORD's 1Ki 3:1
enter the king's **p**, they are led in . . . . . Ps 45:15
nomads, like the curtains of Solomon's **p**. . . Song 1:5
The **p** will be deserted, the crowded city . . . Is 32:14
of the rivers are opened; the **p** melts. . . . . Na 2:6
courtyard of the **p** known as the . . . . . Mk 15:16
guards his own **p**, his possessions . . . . . Lk 11:21
Roman governor's **p**. It was early in. . . . . Jn 18:28
ruler over Egypt and over his whole **p**. . . . . Ac 7:10

PALACES

fire to all its **p**, destroying 2Ch 36:19
coming from ivory **p** entertains you. . . . . Ps 45:8
in your hand, but they are in kings' **p**. . . . Prv 30:28
in its luxurious **p**. Babylon's time is . . . . . Is 13:22
maker, and built **p**; and Judah has . . . . . Hos 8:14
who wear refined clothes are in royal **p**. . . . Mt 11:8
and live in luxury are in royal **p**. . . . . Lk 7:25

PALM

water and seventy **p** trees. They camped. . . Ex 15:27
log of oil and pour it into his left **p**. . . . . Lv 14:15
Like **p** groves that stretch out, like . . . . . Nm 24:6
Jericho Valley, **p** City—as far as . . . . . Dt 34:3
of Judah from **p** City into the . . . . . Jdg 1:16
spring up like a **p** tree. They will . . . . . Ps 92:12
resembles a date **p** and your breasts . . . . Song 7:7
off head and tail, **p** branch and reed. . . . . Is 9:14
Pomegranate, **p**, and apple. . . . . Jl 1:12
road. Others cut **p** branches off the . . . . . Mt 21:8
They took **p** branches and went out to meet . Jn 12:13
robes and held **p** branches in their . . . . . Rev 7:9

PANIC

and threw the Egyptian camp into a **p**. . . . Ex 14:24
them into a huge **p** until they are . . . . . Dt 7:23
threw them into a **p** before Israel. . . . . Josh 10:10
you; sudden dread brings **p** to you . . . . . Job 22:10
will be in utter **p** because God is . . . . . Ps 14:5
of them and are **p**-stricken; distress. . . . . Jer 6:24
that day, a great **p** brought on by the . . . . Zec 14:13

PARABLE

a riddle and a **p** about the house of . . . . . Eze 17:2
Consider then the **p** of the farmer . . . . . Mt 13:18
spoke to them in a **p**: "How can Satan . . . . Mk 3:23
he told them a **p**. "No one tears a . . . . . Lk 5:36

PARABLES

visions, and through them I uttered **p**. . . . Hos 12:10
things to them in **p**: "A farmer went . . . . Mt 13:3
things to them in **p**. While teaching. . . . . Mk 4:2
everyone else in **p** so that when they . . . . Lk 8:10

PARALYZED

your wrath; we are **p** with fear on. . . . . Ps 90:7
children, so **p** are they with fear. . . . . Jer 47:3
and those who were **p**, and he healed . . . . Mt 4:24
were bringing to him a man who was **p**. . . . Mk 2:3
a man who was **p**, lying on a cot. . . . . Lk 5:18
were sick, blind, lame, and **p** sat there. . . . Jn 5:3
and many who were **p** or crippled were . . . . Ac 8:7

PARENTS

houses. Your **p** and even your . . . . . Ex 10:6
when the **p** discipline him, he . . . . . Dt 21:18
will ask their **p**, 'What about these . . . . . Josh 4:21
and the glory of children is their **p**. . . . . Prv 17:6
as I do today. **p** will tell children . . . . . Is 38:19
spare them just as **p** spare a child who . . . Mal 3:17
will defy their **p** and have them . . . . . Mt 10:21
taking the child's **p** and his disciples . . . . Mk 5:40
had passed, Jesus' **p** circumcised him . . . . Lk 2:21
he was born blind, this man or his **p**? . . . . Jn 9:2
three months his **p** cared for him in. . . . . Ac 7:20
and they are disobedient to their **p**. . . . . Ro 1:30
was hidden by his **p** for three months . . . . Heb 11:23

PARTS

up the ram into **p**. Wash its inner. . . . . Ex 29:17
making these **p** of my sanctuary . . . . . Lv 21:23
from its best portions and its holiest **p**. . . . Nm 18:29
divided into two **p**—and that rechews . . . . Dt 14:6
a report in seven **p** and bring the . . . . . Josh 18:6
my innermost **p**; you knit me . . . . . Ps 139:13
snacks; they go down to the inmost **p**. . . . Prv 18:8
arrows of his quiver into my inside **p**. . . . Lam 3:13
Don't offer **p** of your body to sin, to be . . . Ro 6:13
split into three **p**, and the cities of . . . . . Rev 16:19

PARTY

and he gave a **p** for all of his . . . . . Gn 40:20
then the guilty **p** will be fined what . . . . . Ex 21:22
the guilty **p** and anyone with. . . . . Lv 20:5
more, and give it to the injured **p**. . . . . Nm 5:7
If the guilty **p** is to be beaten, the. . . . . Dt 25:2
he was throwing a **p** fit for a king in. 1Sa 25:36
than to a house **p**, because that is. . . . . Ecc 7:2
They **p** with lyre and harp, tambourine, ... Is 5:12
Herod's birthday **p** Herodias' daughter . . . . Mt 14:6

PASS

be so kind, don't just **p** by your servant. . . . Gn 18:3
I'll **p** through the land of Egypt that . . . . Ex 12:12
You can **p** them on to your children as . . . Lv 25:46
land. We won't **p** through any field . . . . . Nm 20:17
Please let us **p** through your land. We . . . . Dt 2:27
from the Akrabbim **p**, from Sela, and . . . . Jdg 1:36
years will surely **p**, and then I'll. . . . . Job 16:22
happy again before I **p** away and am gone. . . Ps 39:13
invites those who **p** by on the path, ... Prv 9:15
the idols will completely **p** away . . . . . Is 2:18
never again will strangers **p** through it. . . . Jl 3:17
generation won't **p** away until all . . . . . Mt 24:34

on the lake. He intended to ***p*** by them. . . . Mk 6:48
and earth to ***p*** away than for the . . . . . Lk 16:17
kingdom, we must ***p*** through many . . . . . Ac 14:22
want to see you to ***p*** along some . . . . . Ro 1:11
They will ***p*** away, but you remain. They . . . Heb 1:11
wait before you ***p*** judgment? How long . . . Rev 6:10

PASSED

with a fiery flame ***p*** between the . . . . . Gn 15:17
A long time ***p***, and the Egyptian king . . . . Ex 2:23
a full year has ***p***, the house in the . . . . . Lv 25:30
So we ***p*** through the territory of our . . . . . Dt 2:8
of Akrabbim, ***p*** on to Zin, and . . . . . Josh 15:3
given and no stranger ***p*** in their midst. . . . Job 15:19
the sentence is ***p***, let him be found . . . . . Ps 109:7
against Aiath, ***p*** to Migron. At . . . . . Is 10:28
strong waves and rushing water ***p*** over me. . . Jon 2:3
As Jesus ***p*** alongside the Galilee Sea, he . . . Mk 1:16
eight days had ***p***, Jesus' parents . . . . . Lk 2:21
judgment but has ***p*** from death into . . . . . Jn 5:24
could fall on some of them as he ***p*** by. . . . Ac 5:15
I ***p*** on to you as most important what I . . . 1Co 15:3
high priest who ***p*** through the . . . . . Heb 4:14
first horror has ***p***. Look! Two horrors . . . . Rev 9:12

PASSOVER

meal in a hurry. It is the ***P*** of the LORD. . . . Ex 12:11
The LORD's ***P*** is on the fourteenth day of . . . Lv 23:5
keep the ***P*** at its appointed . . . . . Nm 9:2
must perform the ***P*** for the LORD your . . . . Dt 16:1
They celebrated ***P*** on the evening of. . . . . Josh 5:10
Your ***P*** will be on the fourteenth day of . . . Eze 45:21
You know that the ***P*** is two days from . . . . Mt 26:2
two days before ***P*** and the Festival . . . . . Mk 14:1
went to Jerusalem for the ***P*** Festival. . . . . Lk 2:41
for the Jewish ***P***, and Jesus went up . . . . . Jn 2:13
to charge him publicly after the ***P***. . . . . Ac 12:4
bread. Christ our ***P*** lamb has been 1Co 5:7
faith he kept the ***P*** and the sprinkling. . . . Heb 11:28

PAST

people in the ***p*** and its owner had . . . . . Ex 21:29
it: into days long ***p***, before your . . . . . Dt 4:32
the head of all those kingdoms in the ***p***. . . Josh 11:10
see him; he glides ***p***, and I can't. . . . . Job 9:11
you did in their days, in days long ***p***. . . . . Ps 44:1
his way, before his deeds long in the ***p***. . . . Prv 8:22
it in the distant ***p***! Now I have made . . . . Is 37:26
month for these ***p*** seventy years, did . . . . Zec 7:5
fig tree for the ***p*** three years, and . . . . . Lk 13:7
In the ***p***, he permitted every nation to . . . Ac 14:16
was written in the ***p*** was written for . . . . Ro 15:4
In the ***p***, God spoke through the prophets . . Heb 1:1

PASTURE

out to inspect the ***p***, and while staring . . . Gn 24:63
took you from the ***p***, from following 2Sa 7:8
anger smolder at the sheep of your own ***p***? . . Ps 74:1
where do you ***p*** your flock, where. . . . . Song 1:7
as if in their ***p***; young goats will . . . . . Is 5:17
them, as the LORD tends a lamb in a ***p***. . . . Hos 4:16
ninety-nine in the ***p*** and search for the . . . Lk 15:4
They will come in and go out and find ***p***. . . Jn 10:9

PASTURELANDS

to live in and their ***p*** for our cattle. . . . . Josh 21:2

PASTURES

there are no more ***p*** for your servants' . . . . Gn 47:4
give the Levites ***p*** around their . . . . . Nm 35:2
of Judah and the ***p*** around it. . . . . Josh 21:11
Even the desert ***p*** drip with it, and the . . . Ps 65:12
They will be ***p*** for flocks, which . . . . . Is 17:2
destroyed the ***p*** of the wilderness; . . . . . Jl 1:19

PATH

keep to the LORD's ***p***, being moral and . . . . Gn 18:19
abandoned the ***p*** that I commanded. . . . . Ex 32:8
in the narrow ***p*** between vineyards . . . . . Nm 22:24
walk the precise ***p*** that the LORD your . . . . Dt 5:33
you. However, the ***p*** you're taking . . . . . Jdg 4:9
then I'll walk a ***p*** that I won't. . . . . Job 16:22
God will teach them which ***p*** to take. . . . . Ps 25:12
don't go on the ***p*** with them; keep . . . . . Prv 1:15
level; you clear a ***p*** for the righteous. . . . . Is 26:7
I will line her ***p*** with thorns; and I . . . . . Hos 2:6
some fell on the ***p***, and birds came . . . . . Mt 13:4
some fell on the ***p***; and the birds . . . . . Mk 4:4
of death, to guide us on the ***p*** of peace. . . . Lk 1:79
Make the Lord's ***p*** straight just as. . . . . Jn 1:23
also walk in the ***p*** of faith, like our . . . . . Ro 4:12
from the wrong ***p*** will save them . . . . . Jas 5:20

PATHS

aside from their ***p***; they go up into . . . . . Job 6:18
set firmly on your ***p***; my feet haven't . . . . . Ps 17:5
He protects the ***p*** of justice and guards . . . . Prv 2:8
may walk in God's ***p***." Instruction will . . . . . Is 2:3
her, so that she can't find her ***p***. . . . . Hos 2:6
way for the Lord; make his ***p*** straight. . . . . Mt 3:3
way for the Lord; make his ***p*** straight. . . . . Mk 1:3
way for the Lord; make his ***p*** straight. . . . . Lk 3:4
have shown me the ***p*** of life; your . . . . . Ac 2:28
and they are as hard to track as his ***p***! . . . . Ro 11:33
Make straight ***p*** for your feet so that if . . . Heb 12:13

PATIENCE

against another human; why is my ***p*** short? . . Job 21:4
p leads to abundant understanding, but . . . Prv 14:29
Is the LORD's ***p*** cut short? Are . . . . . Mi 2:7
will you test our ***p***? If you are the . . . . . Jn 10:24
tolerance, and ***p***? Don't you realize . . . . . Ro 2:4
inherit the promises through faith and ***p***. . . Heb 6:12

PATIENT

and merciful, very ***p***, full of great . . . . . Ex 34:6
The LORD is very ***p*** and absolutely loyal,. . . Nm 14:18
very ***p***, and truly . . . . . Neh 9:17
you are very ***p*** and full of . . . . . Ps 86:15
up conflict, but ***p*** people calm down . . . . Prv 15:18
very ***p***, full of faithful . . . . . Jl 2:13
said, 'Please, be ***p*** with me, and I'll . . . . Mt 18:26
immortality based on their ***p*** good work. . . . Ro 2:7
you must be ***p*** as you wait for . . . . . Jas 5:7

PAUL

also known as ***P***, glared at . . . . . Ac 13:9
From ***P***, a slave of Christ Jesus, called. . . . Ro 1:1
friend and brother ***P*** wrote to you 2Pt 3:15

PAY

wives of Lamech, ***p*** attention to my. . . . . Gn 4:23
for me, and I'll ***p*** you for your . . . . . Ex 2:9
withhold a hired laborer's ***p*** overnight. . . . Lv 19:13
said to the LORD, "***p*** no attention to . . . . Nm 16:15
So ***p*** attention! I am teaching all of you . . . Dt 4:5
Then we'll each ***p*** you eleven hundred . . . . Jdg 16:5
my teaching and ***p*** attention to the . . . . . Job 13:6
p attention to the sound of my cries, my . . . Ps 5:2
instruction; ***p*** attention to gain . . . . . Prv 4:1
them; the Medes ***p*** no mind to silver, ... Is 13:17
These are my ***p***, which my lovers . . . . . Hos 2:12
without having to ***p***. Therefore, give . . . . Mt 10:8
has ears to listen should ***p*** attention! . . . . Mk 4:9

anyone, and be satisfied with your **p**. . . . Lk 3:14
receiving their **p** and gathering. . . . . Jn 4:36
with them, and **p** the cost of having. . . . . Ac 21:24
Don't **p** back anyone for their evil . . . . . Ro 12:17
for us to **p** more attention to. . . . . Heb 2:1

PAYMENT

me and changed my **p** ten times. Yet God . . . Gn 31:7
year, he will go free without any **p**. . . . . Ex 21:2
of well-being is **p** for a solemn . . . . . Lv 7:16
Each will make **p** for his guilt, add . . . . . Nm 5:7
allowed to demand **p** from foreigners, ... Dt 15:3
take their tribute **p** to Moab's King . . . . . Jdg 3:15
its yield without **p** and caused its . . . . . Job 31:39
his reward with him and his **p** before him. . . Is 40:10
pay. Therefore, give without demanding **p**. . . Mt 10:8
were delighted and arranged **p** for him. . . . . Lk 22:5
a field with the **p** he received for . . . . . Ac 1:18
the Spirit as a down **p** in our hearts. 2Co 1:22
they will receive **p** for their 2Pt 2:13

PEACE

your ancestors in **p** and be buried . . . . . Gn 15:15
living." Jethro said to Moses, "Go in **p**." . . . . Ex 4:18
I will grant **p** in the land so that you . . . . . Lv 26:6
lift up his face to you and grant you **p**. . . . . Nm 6:26
Sihon, Heshbon's king, with words of **p**: . . . . Dt 2:26
Joshua made **p** with them. He made a treaty. Josh 9:15
of the field will be at **p** with you. . . . . Job 5:23
and fall asleep in **p** because you alone, ... Ps 4:8
but there is joy for those who advise **p**. . . . Prv 12:20
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of **p**. . . . . Is 9:6
and then proclaim "**p**!" but stir up war . . . . . Mi 3:5
people who make **p**, because they will . . . . . Mt 5:9
healed you; go in **p**, healed from your . . . . . Mk 5:34
of death, to guide us on the path of **p**. . . . . Lk 1:79
p I leave with you. My peace I give you. . . . Jn 14:27
He tried to make **p** between them by . . . . . Ac 7:26
Grace to you and **p** from God our . . . . . Ro 1:7
king of Salem," that is, "king of **p**." . . . . . Heb 7:2
in Asia: Grace and **p** to you from the . . . . . Rev 1:4

PEACEFUL

you should first extend **p** terms to it. . . . . Dt 20:10
and the land was **p** for forty years, until . . . Jdg 3:11
ways are pleasant; all her paths are **p**. . . . . Prv 3:17
will live in a **p** dwelling, in . . . . . Is 32:18
The whole earth is **p** and quiet. . . . . Zec 1:11
live a quiet and **p** life in complete. 1Ti 2:2
it yields the **p** fruit of . . . . . Heb 12:11

PEKAH

P, Remaliah's son and Pekahiah's 2Ki 15:25
and Israel's King **P** (Remaliah's son). . . . . Is 7:1

PENDANT

make: a chest **p**, a vest, a robe, a . . . . . Ex 28:4

PEOPLE

At that time, **p** began to worship . . . . . Gn 4:26
He said to his **p**, "The Israelite people . . . . . Ex 1:9
sinned, making the **p** guilty of sin, he . . . . . Lv 4:3
The chief of the **p** of Judah is . . . . . Nm 2:3
from your tribes, **p** who were wise and . . . . . Dt 1:15
with this entire **p** to the land that I . . . . . Josh 1:2
was greater than all the **p** of the east. . . . . Job 1:3
of thousands of **p** surrounding me on . . . . . Ps 3:6
will you clueless **p** love your naïvete, ... Prv 1:22
doesn't know; my **p** don't behave . . . . . Is 1:3
for the **p** of the land commit . . . . . Hos 1:2
he will save his **p** from their sins. . . . . Mt 1:21
calling for **p** to be baptized to . . . . . Mk 1:4
Many **p** have already applied themselves to . . . . Lk 1:1
and the life was the light for all **p**. . . . . Jn 1:4
aren't all the **p** who are speaking . . . . . Ac 2:7
called to be God's **p**. Grace to you and . . . . . Ro 1:7
the cleansing of **p** from their sins, ... Heb 1:3
you do have a few **p** in Sardis who . . . . . Rev 3:4

PEOPLES

and kings of **p** will come from . . . . . Gn 17:16
The **p** heard, they shook in terror; horror . . . Ex 15:14
who has separated you from all other **p**. . . . Lv 20:24
you. In fact, you were the smallest of **p**! . . . . Dt 7:7
all the earth's **p** might know that . . . . . Josh 4:24
by water he judges **p** and gives food in . . . Job 36:31
rant? Why do the **p** rave uselessly? . . . . . Ps 2:1
above the hills; **p** will stream to it. . . . . Is 2:2
In their presence, **p** shake with fear; all . . . . Jl 2:6
this salvation in the presence of all **p**. . . . . Lk 2:31
Gentiles rage, and the **p** plot in vain? . . . . . Ac 4:25
again about many **p**, nations, ... Rev 10:11

PEOR

to the top of **P**, which overlooks . . . . . Nm 23:28
stayed in the valley across from Beth-**P**. . . . Dt 3:29
is, Bethlehem), **P**, Etam, Koulon, ... Josh 15:59

PEREZ

out on your own." So he was named **P**. . . . Gn 38:29
clan; from **P**, the Perezite . . . . . Nm 26:20
the household of **P**, whom Tamar bore . . . . Ru 4:12
was the father of **P** and Zerah, whose . . . . . Mt 1:3
Arni son of Herzon son of **P** son of Judah . . . Lk 3:33

PERFECT

make him a helper that is **p** for him. . . . . Gn 2:18
you must be **p** before the LORD . . . . . Dt 18:13
Does he gain when you **p** your ways? . . . . . Job 22:3
wait in a place **p** for ambush; from . . . . . Ps 10:8
be the city called **P** Beauty, the Joy of . . . . Lam 2:15
but when the **p** comes, what is partial. 1Co 13:10
suffering to make **p** the pioneer of . . . . . Heb 2:10

PERFORM

stubborn, and I'll **p** many of my signs . . . . . Ex 7:3
the priest will **p** an entirely burned . . . . . Lv 5:10
all its equipment, **p** its religious . . . . . Nm 1:50
as you do or can **p** your deeds and . . . . . Dt 3:24
offering, or to **p** well-being . . . . . Josh 22:23
Let your strong hand **p** awesome deeds. . . . Ps 45:4
and from the hard labor that you **p**, ... Is 14:3
the sorceries you **p**; you will have no . . . . . Mi 5:12
He was hoping to see Jesus **p** some sign. . . . Lk 23:8
signs they saw him **p**, and they gave him . . . . Ac 8:6
are they? All don't **p** miracles, do they? . . . 1Co 12:29
all the time as they **p** their service. . . . . Heb 9:6

PERFORMED

to Moses, and he **p** the signs in front . . . . . Ex 4:30
so that reconciliation could be **p** on it. . . . . Lv 8:15
and his sons, who **p** the duties of the . . . . Nm 3:38
own eyes, the LORD **p** great and awesome . . . Dt 6:22
the prison, and he **p** in front of them. . . . . Jdg 16:25
But God **p** wonders in their ancestors' . . . . Ps 78:12
You have **p** signs and wonders in the land . . Jer 32:20
signs, which God **p** through him among . . . . Ac 2:22
each other. Males **p** shameful actions . . . . . Ro 1:27

PERFUME

like a skilled **p** maker to produce . . . . . Ex 30:25
bathe, put on some **p**, wear nice . . . . . Ru 3:3
your very name is **p**. That's why the . . . . . Song 1:3
Instead of **p** there will be a disgusting. . . . . Is 3:24
very expensive **p**. She poured it on . . . . . Mt 26:7

very expensive ***p*** of pure nard. She . . . . . Mk 14:3
of very expensive ***p*** made of pure nard. . . . . Jn 12:3

PERIOD

himself, When the ***p*** of mourning for . . . . Gn 27:41
days, until the ***p*** of your ordination . . . . . Lv 8:33
the head until the ***p*** of dedication to . . . . . Nm 6:5
to assist them for a ***p*** of seven days. 1Ch 9:25
times, and in a ***p*** of famine they . . . . . Ps 37:19
by law. And for a ***p*** of time, periods . . . . . Dn 7:25
to them over a ***p*** of forty days, ... Ac 1:3
agree for a short ***p*** of time to devote 1Co 7:5

PERISH

dwelling will die. Are we doomed to ***p***? . . . . Nm 17:13
all your enemies ***p*** like this, LORD! . . . . . Jdg 5:31
p the day I was born, the night someone . . . Job 3:3
before fire, let the wicked ***p*** before God! . . . Ps 68:2
joy, but the hopes of the wicked will ***p***. . . . Prv 10:28
of their wise will ***p***, and the . . . . . Is 29:14
who remain will ***p***,says the LORD God. . . . . Am 1:8
for themselves yet ***p*** or lose their . . . . . Lk 9:25
in him won't ***p*** but will have . . . . . Jn 3:16
that cannot ***p***—an inheritance 1Pt 1:4

PERIZZITES

Canaanites and the ***P*** lived in the land. . . . . Gn 13:7
the Amorites, the ***P***, the Hivites, and . . . . . Ex 3:8
Canaanites, the ***P***, the Hivites, and . . . . . Dt 7:1
Hittites, Hivites, ***P***, Girgashites, ... Josh 3:10

PERMANENT

It will be a ***p*** regulation for the . . . . . Ex 27:21
This is a ***p*** rule for your future . . . . . Lv 3:17
This will be a ***p*** regulation for you. . . . . Nm 10:8
he will be your ***p*** servant. Do the . . . . . Dt 15:17
live in, since no ***p*** territory had been . . . . Jdg 18:1
so that you will take him as a ***p*** slave? . . . Job 41:4
flour. This is a ***p*** and perpetual . . . . . Eze 46:14
A slave isn't a ***p*** member of the . . . . . Jn 8:35
We don't have a ***p*** city here, but rather . . . Heb 13:14

PERSIA

of his children until ***P*** came to power. . . . 2Ch 36:20
P, Cush, and Put are with you, all of . . . . Eze 38:5

PERSIAN

of families in the rule of Darius the ***P***. . . . Neh 12:22
and during the rule of Cyrus the ***P***. . . . . Dn 6:28

PERSON

in the open. Every ***p*** or animal that is . . . . Ex 9:19
If any ordinary ***p*** sins unintentionally by . . . Lv 4:27
Any other ***p*** who approaches . . . . . Nm 1:51
out, whether the ***p*** is important or . . . . . Dt 1:17
The ***p*** selected, who has the things . . . . . Josh 7:15
man was honest, a ***p*** of absolute . . . . . Job 1:1
The truly happy ***p*** doesn't follow wicked . . . . Ps 1:1
to others, your years to a cruel ***p***. . . . . Prv 5:9
brought down; each ***p*** laid low . . . . . Is 2:9
is from Israel, a ***p*** made it; it is not . . . . . Hos 8:6
What kind of ***p*** is this? Even the . . . . . Mt 8:27
the synagogue, a ***p*** with an evil. . . . . Mk 1:23
a riddle. "A blind ***p*** can't lead another . . . . Lk 6:39
be enough for each ***p*** to have even a . . . . . Jn 6:7
from us. This ***p*** must become along . . . . . Ac 1:22
The righteous ***p*** will live by faith. . . . . Ro 1:17
be changed like a ***p*** changes clothes, ... Heb 1:12
that of a scorpion when it strikes a ***p***. . . . . Rev 9:5

PERSONS

All of these ***p***, including his . . . . . Gn 46:15
people for capable ***p*** who respect God. . . . Ex 18:21
quarantine such ***p***, because they are . . . . Lv 13:11
Such ***p*** will confess the sin they have . . . . . Nm 5:7
won't be any poor ***p*** among you because. . . . Dt 15:4
on the hills just look like ***p*** to you. . . . . Jdg 9:36
the ancient way traveled by sinful ***p***, ... Job 22:15
things, these ***p*** love the LORD's. . . . . Ps 1:2
Kind ***p*** benefit themselves, but cruel . . . . Prv 11:17
Why do guilty ***p*** enjoy success? Why . . . . . Jer 12:1
And let all ***p*** stop their evil. . . . . Jon 3:8
were also many ***p*** with skin diseases . . . . . Lk 4:27
one hundred twenty ***p***. Peter stood among. . . Ac 1:15
is now at work in ***p*** whose lives are . . . . . Eph 2:2
purchased for God ***p*** from every tribe, ... Rev 5:9

PETER

who is called ***P***, and Andrew, ... Mt 4:18
appointed twelve: ***P***, a name he gave . . . . Mk 3:16
When Simon ***P*** saw the catch, he fell at . . . . Lk 5:8
Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon ***P***. . . Jn 1:40
they were staying. ***P***, John, James, and . . . . Ac 1:13
just as ***P*** had been to the . . . . . Ga 2:7
P, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's 1Pt 1:1

PHARAOH

praised her to ***P***; and the woman was . . . . . Gn 12:15
cities named Pithom and Rameses for ***P***. . . . Ex 1:11
against Egypt, ***P***, and his entire . . . . . Dt 6:22
were slaves in Egypt to the house of ***P***. . . . 1Sa 2:27
of Egypt—against ***P*** and all his. . . . . Ps 135:9
How can you say to ***P***, "I'm a wise. . . . . Is 19:11
were recognized by ***P***, king of Egypt, ... Ac 7:10
Scripture says to ***P***, I have put you in . . . . Ro 9:17

PHARISEE

Blind ***P***! First clean the inside of the . . . . Mt 23:26
When the ***P*** who had invited Jesus saw what. . Lk 7:39
There was a ***P*** named Nicodemus, a Jewish . . . Jn 3:1
council member, a ***P*** and teacher of the . . . . Ac 5:34
respect to observing the Law, I'm a ***P***. . . . . Phil 3:5

PHARISEES

Many ***P*** and Sadducees came to be baptized . . Mt 3:7
from among the ***P*** saw that he was . . . . . Mk 2:16
was teaching, ***P*** and legal experts. . . . . Lk 5:17
Those sent by the ***P*** . . . . . Jn 1:24
from among the ***P*** stood up and . . . . . Ac 15:5

PHILIP

P; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew . . Mt 10:3
and Andrew; ***P***; Bartholomew; Matthew; . . . Mk 3:18
his brother ***P*** was ruler over . . . . . Lk 3:1
and he found ***P***. Jesus said to . . . . . Jn 1:43
James, and Andrew; ***P*** and Thomas;. . . . . Ac 1:13

PHILIPPI

area of Caesarea ***P***, he asked his . . . . . Mt 16:13
near Caesarea ***P***. On the way he . . . . . Mk 8:27
there we went to ***P***, a city of . . . . . Ac 16:12
To all those in ***P*** who are God's . . . . . Phil 1:1

PHILISTIA

The army was camped at Gibbethon in ***P***. . . 1Ki 16:15
shoe at Edom. I shout in triumph over ***P***! . . . Ps 60:8
on the slopes of ***P*** to the west; . . . . . Is 11:14
all the regions of ***P***? Are you paying me . . . . Jl 3:4

PHILISTINE

Reed Sea to the ***P*** Sea and from the . . . . . Ex 23:31
was in Timnah, a ***P*** woman caught his. . . . Jdg 14:1
passions of the ***P*** women who had been . . . Eze 16:27

PHILISTINES

and Caphtorim, from which the ***P*** came. . . Gn 10:14
of the land of the ***P***, even though that. . . . Ex 13:17

districts of the **P** and all those of . . . Josh 13:2
of David, when the **P** seized him in . . . Ps 56:1
like the **P**; they hold hands. . . . Is 2:6
Ekron, and the **P** who remain will . . . Am 1:8

PHINEHAS

She gave birth to **P**. These were the . . . Ex 6:25
When **P** (Eleazar's son and Aaron the . . . Nm 25:7
Israelites sent **P** son of Eleazar the . . . Josh 22:13
Then **P** stood up and prayed, and the . . . Ps 106:30

PICK

Get up, **p** up the boy, and take him by the . . . Gn 21:18
said to them, "Go **p** out one of the . . . Ex 12:21
Also do not **p** your vineyard clean or . . . Lv 19:10
each other, "Let's **p** a leader and let's . . . Nm 14:4
Again, when you **p** the grapes of your . . . Dt 24:21
Now **p** twelve men from the tribes of . . . Josh 3:12
they hacked down with hatchet and **p**. . . . Ps 74:6
control the wind or **p** up oil in his hand. . . . Prv 27:16
fall, one can **p** up the other. But . . . Ecc 4:10
few in Israel. **p** clean every last . . . Jer 6:9
He said to them, "**p** me up and hurl me . . . Jon 1:12
Those who don't **p** up their crosses and . . . Mt 10:38
They will **p** up snakes with their hands. . . . Mk 16:18
nor do they **p** grapes from . . . Lk 6:44
to him, "Get up! **p** up your mat and . . . Jn 5:8
Therefore **p** up the full armor of God so . . . Eph 6:13

PIECE

ox, donkey, sheep, **p** of clothing, or . . . Ex 22:9
placed the chest **p** on Aaron and set . . . Lv 8:8
it is boiled, one **p** of unleavened . . . Nm 6:19
in the case of a **p** of clothing. Do . . . Dt 22:3
for a certain **p** of land. As she . . . Jdg 1:14
Job took a **p** of broken pottery to scratch . . . Job 2:8
is dried up like a **p** of broken pottery. . . . Ps 22:15
shattered. No **p** from among its . . . Is 30:14
take advice from a **p** of wood, and their . . . Hos 4:12
No one sews a **p** of new, unshrunk cloth. . . . Mt 9:16
No one sews a **p** of new, unshrunk cloth. . . . Mk 2:21
They gave him a **p** of baked fish . . . Lk 24:42
I will give this **p** of bread once I. . . . Jn 13:26
his wife Sapphira, sold a **p** of property. . . . Ac 5:1
and love as a **p** of armor that. . . . 1Th 5:8

PIECES

one thousand **p** of silver. It . . . Gn 20:16
have two shoulder **p** attached to its . . . Ex 28:7
will be skinned and cut up into **p**. . . . Lv 1:6
gods' idols into **p**. Wipe out their . . . Dt 12:3
gave him seventy **p** of silver from the . . . Jdg 9:4
dashed me into **p**; he raised me up . . . Job 16:12
know tore me to **p** and wouldn't quit. . . . Ps 35:15
over these two **p** of smoking . . . Is 7:4
her for fifteen **p** of silver, a large . . . Hos 3:2
he broke them into **p** and gave them to . . . Mt 15:36
the loaves into **p**, and gave them to . . . Mk 6:41
will cut them into **p** and assign them a . . . Lk 12:46
up the leftover **p**, so that nothing. . . . Jn 6:12
They would sell **p** of property and . . . Ac 2:45

PIGS

pearls in front of **p**. They will stomp . . . Mt 7:6
A large herd of **p** was feeding on the . . . Mk 5:11
A large herd of **p** was feeding on the . . . Lk 8:32

PILATE

and turned him over to **P** the governor. . . . Mt 27:2
led him away, and turned him over to **P**. . . . Mk 15:1
Pontius **P** was governor over . . . Lk 3:1
So **P** went out to them and asked, "What . . . Jn 18:29
Herod and Pontius **P**, with Gentiles and . . . Ac 4:27
when testifying before Pontius **P**. . . . 1Ti 6:13

PILLAR

looked back, she turned into a **p** of salt. . . . Gn 19:26
image or sacred **p**. You must not . . . Lv 26:1
in the tent in a **p** of cloud; the . . . Dt 31:15
by the oak at the stone **p** in Shechem. . . . Jdg 9:6
to them from a **p** of cloud. They . . . Ps 99:7
city, an iron **p**, and a bronze wall . . . Jer 1:18

PILLARS

and smash their sacred stone **p** to bits. . . . Ex 23:24
its bars, **p**, bases, and all. . . . Nm 3:36
Then they had him stand between the **p**. . . . Jdg 16:25
earth from its place, and its **p** shudder? . . . Job 9:6
but I will keep its **p** steady." Selah . . . Ps 75:3
house; she has carved out her seven **p**. . . . Prv 9:1
about the **p**, the Sea, the. . . . Jer 27:19
said: Strike the **p** until the . . . Am 9:1
I will make them **p** in the temple of . . . Rev 3:12

PIT

someone leaves a **p** open or digs a pit . . . Ex 21:33
him into a big **p** in the forest. . . . 2Sa 18:17
me into a slimy **p** so that my clothes . . . Job 9:31
They make a **p**, dig it all out, and then. . . . Ps 7:15
whole, like those who go down into the **p**. . . . Prv 1:12
you are brought, to the depths of the **p**. . . . Is 14:15
sight. But you brought me out of the **p**.' . . . Jon 2:6
that falls into a **p** on the Sabbath and . . . Mt 12:11
around it, dug a **p** for the winepress, . . . Mk 12:1

PITY

you. Show them no **p**. And don't serve . . . Dt 7:16
and showed no **p** for young men or . . . 2Ch 36:17
open without **p** and doesn't care, . . . Job 16:13
They have no **p**; their mouths speak. . . . Ps 17:10
their youth no **p**, and showed their . . . Is 9:17
about this land, and had **p** on his people. . . . Jl 2:18

PLACE

together into one **p** so that the dry . . . Gn 1:9
milk and honey, a **p** where the . . . Ex 3:8
of the altar, into the **p** for the ashes. . . . Lv 1:16
each in their own **p** under the banner . . . Nm 1:52
reached this very **p**, the LORD your God. . . . Dt 1:31
giving you every **p** where you set . . . Josh 1:3
Sea Monster that you **p** me under guard? . . . Job 7:12
firmly in **p** because you, the . . . Ps 7:9
She will **p** a graceful wreath on your . . . Prv 4:9
heat and a hiding **p** and shelter from a . . . Is 4:6
and in the **p** where it was said . . . Hos 1:10
Jesus Christ took **p**. When Mary his . . . Mt 1:18
went to a deserted **p** where he could be . . . Mk 1:35
there was no **p** for them in the . . . Lk 2:7
encounter took **p** across the Jordan. . . . Jn 1:28
to take the **p** of this ministry and. . . . Ac 1:25
Jesus as the **p** of sacrifice where . . . Ro 3:25
says in another **p**, You are a priest . . . Heb 5:6
must soon take **p**. Christ made it . . . Rev 1:1

PLACES

ark with nesting **p** and cover it . . . Gn 6:14
on top of the same **p** as the blood of . . . Lv 14:28
of you, scouting **p** where you should . . . Dt 1:33
to march out from your **p** and follow it. . . . Josh 3:3
the dwelling **p** of the evil; this . . . Job 18:21
from their hiding **p** they kill innocent . . . Ps 10:8
They will become **p** where cattle are . . . Is 7:25
them from the **p** where you have . . . Jl 3:7
through dry **p** looking for a . . . Mt 12:43

in deserted **p**, but people came . . . . . Mk 1:45
straight and the rough **p** made smooth. . . . . Lk 3:5
being preached in **p** beyond Corinth, ... 2Co 10:16

PLAGUE

then I'll send a **p** of frogs over your . . . . . Ex 8:2
I will send a **p** on you, and you . . . . . Lv 26:25
will not be a **p** when the . . . . . Nm 8:19
LORD will make a **p** stick to you until . . . . Dt 28:21
when there was a **p** on the LORD's . . . . Josh 22:17
Get this **p** of yours off me! I'm being . . . . Ps 39:10
they will die of a terrible **p**. . . . . Jer 21:6
I sent a **p** against you like the one in . . . . Am 4:10
the earth with any **p**, as often as they . . . . Rev 11:6

PLAGUES

with severe **p** because of Abram's . . . . . Gn 12:17
to send all my **p** on you, your. . . . . Ex 9:14
other diseases and **p** that aren't . . . . . Dt 28:61
cattle over to disease, their herds to **p**. . . . Ps 78:48
By these three **p** a third of humankind was . Rev 9:18

PLAIN

the arid southern **p**, making and . . . . . Gn 12:9
the arid southern **p** and into the . . . . . Nm 13:17
the desert, on the **p** across from Suph, ... Dt 1:1
in the desert **p** south of . . . . . Josh 11:2
rose of the Sharon **p**, a lily of the . . . . . Song 2:1
devouring it in **p** sight. It's a . . . . . Is 1:7
her nakedness in **p** view of her . . . . . Hos 2:10
God should be **p** to them because. . . . . Ro 1:19

PLAINS

and camped in the **p** of Moab across the. . . Nm 22:1
from the Moabite **p** to Mount Nebo, the. . . . Dt 34:1
presence to the **p** of Jericho, ready . . . . Josh 4:13
Zedekiah in the **p** of Jericho. They . . . . . Jer 39:5

PLAN

now all that they **p** to do will be . . . . . Gn 11:6
according to the **p** for it that you . . . . . Ex 26:30
The **p** between the main force of the . . . . Jdg 20:38
do anything; no **p** of yours can be . . . . . Job 42:2
devised a wicked **p**—but they will . . . . . Ps 21:11
Don't **p** to harm your neighbor who trusts. . . Prv 3:29
can see; let the **p** of Israel's holy . . . . . Is 5:19
to those who **p** evil when they are . . . . . Mi 2:1
of Herod to **p** how to destroy. . . . . Mk 3:6
agreed with the **p** and actions of the . . . . Lk 23:51
God's established **p** and foreknowledge, ... Ac 2:23
Christ, and don't **p** to indulge your . . . . . Ro 13:14

PLANNED

You **p** something bad for me, but God. . . . Gn 50:20
because the LORD **p** on wiping you out. . . . . Dt 9:25
the Israelites had **p**, We'll retreat and . . . . Jdg 20:32
forces has **p** a day: against all. . . . . Is 2:12
King Balak had **p**, and how Balaam, ... Mi 6:5
guarded him. He **p** to charge him . . . . . Ac 12:4
sisters, that I **p** to visit you many . . . . . Ro 1:13

PLANS

is planning revenge. He **p** to kill you. . . . . Gn 27:42
in darkness. Your **p** won't prosper. . . . . Dt 28:29
heard that Saul **p** on coming to. 1Sa 23:10
so that the **p** of the devious . . . . . Job 5:13
fail by their own **p**. Throw them out. . . . . Ps 5:10
set on wicked **p**, feet that run . . . . . Prv 6:18
But he has other **p**; he schemes in . . . . . Is 10:7
don't know the **p** of the LORD; they. . . . . Mi 4:12

PLANT

the earth grow **p** life: plants . . . . . Gn 1:11
years you should **p** crops on your land. . . . Ex 23:10
livestock, do not **p** your field with . . . . . Lv 19:19
that you didn't **p**—and you eat and . . . . . Dt 6:11
and olive groves that you didn't **p**. . . . . Josh 24:13
a well-watered **p** in the sun; its . . . . . Job 8:16
They **p** fields and vineyards and obtain a . . . Ps 107:37
you. Therefore, **p** your pleasant. . . . . Is 17:10
them. They will **p** vineyards and . . . . . Am 9:14
didn't you **p** good seed in your . . . . . Mt 13:27
they neither **p** nor harvest, they . . . . . Lk 12:24
A person will harvest what they **p**. . . . . Ga 6:7
earth or any green **p** or any tree. They. . . . . Rev 9:4

PLANTED

The LORD God **p** a garden in Eden in the . . . Gn 2:8
them in and **p** them on your own. . . . . Ex 15:17
seed that is to be **p**, the seed is still . . . . Lv 11:37
that the LORD has **p**, like cedar trees . . . . Nm 24:6
here who has **p** a vineyard but . . . . . Dt 20:6
had been firmly **p**. Bring them across . . . . Josh 4:3
nations, but you **p** our ancestors. You . . . . Ps 44:2
houses for myself, **p** vineyards for . . . . . Ecc 2:4
away its stones, **p** it with excellent . . . . . Is 5:2
Tyre, Ephraim was **p** in a lovely. . . . . Hos 9:13
off what was **p** in their hearts. . . . . Mt 13:19
and steals the word that was **p** in them. . . . Mk 4:15
owned a fig tree **p** in his vineyard. . . . . Lk 13:6
I **p**, Apollos watered, but God made it 1Co 3:6
welcome the word **p** deep inside . . . . . Jas 1:21

PLANTS

grow plant life: **p** yielding seeds and . . . . Gn 1:11
field to gather **p**; he found a wild 2Ki 4:39
a joy, for from the dust other **p** sprout. . . . Job 8:19
cattle; you make **p** for human farming . . . Ps 104:14
appears, and the **p** of the hills are. . . . . Prv 27:25
your pleasant **p**, and set out . . . . . Is 17:10
eating the green **p** of the land, I . . . . . Am 7:2
it scorched the **p**, and they dried up. . . . . Mt 13:6
it scorched the **p**; and they dried up. . . . . Mk 4:6
figs from thorny **p**, nor do they pick . . . . Lk 6:44
the one who **p** nor the one who 1Co 3:7
and yields useful **p** for those who farm . . . Heb 6:7

PLEADED

He **p** earnestly with them, so they went . . . Gn 19:3
came and **p** to Pharaoh, "Why . . . . . Ex 5:15
So the man of God **p** before the LORD, . . . 1Ki 13:6
sin of many and **p** on behalf of those . . . . Is 53:12
The demons **p** with him, "If you throw us . . . Mt 8:31
They **p** with Jesus not to send them out of. . . Mk 5:10
they earnestly **p** with Jesus. "He . . . . . Lk 7:4
I **p** with the Lord three times for it to 2Co 12:8

PLEASANT

that the land was **p**. He lowered his . . . . Gn 49:15
of treatment with **p**-smelling creams . . . . Est 2:12
It was so **p** when together we entered . . . . Ps 55:14
Her ways are **p**; all her paths are . . . . . Prv 3:17
light, and it's **p** for the eyes to . . . . . Ecc 11:7
plant your **p** plants, and set . . . . . Is 17:10
their shade is **p**. Therefore, your . . . . . Hos 4:13

PLEASE

But Lot said to them, "No, my Lords, **p** . . . Gn 19:18
But Moses said, "**p**, my Lord, just send . . . . Ex 4:13
Moses said, "**p** don't abandon us, for you . . Nm 10:31
p let us pass through your land. We. . . . . Dt 2:27
p forgive me, LORD. What can I say now . . . Josh 7:8
of many enemies, **p** lead me in your. . . . . Ps 5:8
joy to those who **p** God. But to those . . . . Ecc 2:26
field commander, "**p** speak to your . . . . . Is 36:11

sacrifices won't *p* him. Such . . . . . Hos 9:4
him, and said, '*p*, be patient with . . . . . Mt 18:26
is about to die. *p*, come and place . . . . . Mk 5:23
and must go and see it. *p* excuse me.' . . . . Lk 14:18
All of you, *p*, plead to the Lord . . . . . Ac 8:24
are self-centered aren't able to *p* God. . . . . Ro 8:8
It's impossible to *p* God without faith . . . . Heb 11:6

PLEASED

both Pharaoh and his servants were *p*. . . . Gn 45:16
If the LORD is *p* with us, he'll bring us . . . Nm 14:8
But if you aren't *p* with her, you must . . . . Dt 21:14
in my service because I am *p* with him. . . . 1Sa 16:22
to God, and God is *p* with them; they . . . . Job 33:26
me out safe because he is *p* with me. . . . . Ps 18:19
Hezekiah was *p*, and he showed them his . . . Is 39:2
I won't be *p*; I won't even look . . . . . Am 5:22
love. I am very *p* with him. Listen . . . . . Mt 17:5
This proposal *p* the entire community. . . . . Ac 6:5
Instead, God was *p* to save those who 1Co 1:21
you weren't *p* with entirely burned . . . . . Heb 10:6

PLEASING

LORD smelled the *p* scent, and the . . . . . Gn 8:21
but she isn't *p* to him because . . . . . Dt 24:1
they may offer *p* sacrifices to the . . . . . Ezr 6:10
of my heart be *p* to you, LORD, my . . . . . Ps 19:14
searched for *p* words, and he. . . . . Ecc 12:10
they offered up *p* aromas for all . . . . . Eze 6:13
Jerusalem will be *p* to the LORD as in . . . . Mal 3:4
that is holy and *p* to God. This is . . . . . Ro 12:1
in a way that is *p* to God with . . . . . Heb 12:28

PLEASURE

life is wind; my eyes won't see *p* again. . . . . Job 7:7
the peoples who take *p* in battles. . . . . Ps 68:30
with understanding take *p* in wisdom. . . . Prv 10:23
has turned my evening of *p* into dread . . . . Is 21:4
have taken no *p* over your brother . . . . . Obad 1:12
whom I find great *p*. I'll put my. . . . . Mt 12:18
They will love *p* instead of loving 2Ti 3:4
to do this with *p* and not with . . . . . Heb 13:17

PLEDGE

swear a solemn *p* before the LORD in . . . . Ex 22:11
a public solemn *p* even though you . . . . . Lv 5:1
her swear a solemn *p*, saying to the . . . . Nm 5:19
he kept the solemn *p* he swore to your . . . . Dt 7:8
loyal to you. So *p* to me by the LORD . . . . Josh 2:12
Abraham, the solemn *p* he swore to Isaac. . . Ps 105:9
a stranger; take his *p* for a foreigner. . . . Prv 20:16
command as you would keep a solemn *p*. . . . Ecc 8:2
sworn a solemn *p*; a word has left . . . . . Is 45:23
a false solemn *p*, but you should . . . . . Mt 5:33
of his solemn *p* and his guests, he . . . . . Mk 6:26
the solemn *p* he made to our ancestor. . . . . Lk 1:73
him with a solemn *p* to seat one of his . . . . Ac 2:30
People *p* by something greater than. . . . . Heb 6:16

PLENTY

We have *p* of straw and feed . . . . . Gn 24:25
his seed will have *p* of water; his king . . . . Nm 24:7
to prepare *p* of timber for me, because 2Ch 2:9
Even in their *p*, they are hard-pressed; . . . Job 20:22
gave them *p* to drink—as if . . . . . Ps 78:15
be filled with *p*, and your vats . . . . . Prv 3:10
you into a land of *p*, to enjoy its . . . . . Jer 2:7
for you who have *p* now, because you . . . . . Lk 6:25
down." There was *p* of grass there. . . . . Jn 6:10
p in every way. First of all, the Jews. . . . . Ro 3:2

PLOT

for a burial *p* among you so that . . . . . Gn 23:4
rumors. Don't *p* with evil people . . . . . Ex 23:1
deeds and the *p* he carried out, ... 1Ki 16:20
instead, they *p* false accusations . . . . . Ps 35:20
who wink their eye *p* destruction; those . . . Prv 16:30
and all who *p* evil will be. . . . . Is 29:20
strength, yet they *p* evil against me. . . . . Hos 7:15
Gentiles rage, and the peoples *p* in vain? . . . Ac 4:25

PLOTTED

close to them, and they *p* to kill him. . . . . Gn 37:18
when the Egyptians *p* against them. . . . . Ex 18:11
house of Issachar, *p* against him and 1Ki 15:27
Amos has *p* against you within . . . . . Am 7:10
They *p* against him, trying to trap him in . . Lk 11:54
From that day on they *p* to kill him . . . . Jn 11:53

PLUNDER

prey; in the evening he divides the *p*. . . . . Gn 49:27
animals and the *p* from the towns we . . . . . Dt 2:35
and cattle as *p*. Set your ambush . . . . . Josh 8:2
and the needy from those who *p* them. . . . Ps 35:10
wealth; we'll fill our houses with *p*. . . . . Prv 1:13
harvest, as those who divide *p* rejoice. . . . . Is 9:3
p silver! Plunder gold! There is no end. . . . Na 2:9

POINT

at that *p*, when you have become guilty . . . . Lv 5:5
Arnon at the farthest *p* of the border. . . . Nm 22:36
It was at that *p* that the last of . . . . . Dt 2:14
said to Joshua, "*p* the dagger in your . . . . Josh 8:18
who is idle, a fixed *p* for slipping feet. . . . Job 12:5
their feet, and *p* with their fingers. . . . . Prv 6:13
with a diamond *p* on the tablets of . . . . . Jer 17:1
grasped me to the *p* of death; the deep . . . Jon 2:5
him at the highest *p* of the temple. He . . . Mt 4:5
testimonies didn't agree even on this *p*. . . Mk 14:59
him at the highest *p* of the temple. He . . . . Lk 4:9
At this *p* in Paul's defense, Festus. . . . . Ac 26:24
From a human *p* of view, what good does it . 1Co 15:32
penetrates to the *p* that it separates . . . . Heb 4:12
remember the high *p* from which you . . . . . Rev 2:5

POINTLESS

builders' work is *p*. Unless it is the . . . . . Ps 127:1
Perfectly *p*, says the Teacher, perfectly . . . Ecc 1:2
with their images, with *p* foreign gods? . . . Jer 8:19
reasoning became *p*, and their foolish. . . . Ro 1:21

POLES

Make acacia-wood *p* and cover them with . . Ex 25:13
it, and they will set its *p* in place. . . . . Nm 4:6
down their sacred *p*, and burn their. . . . . Dt 7:5
covering the chest and its carrying *p*. 1Ki 8:7
made: sacred *p* and incense stands. . . . . Is 17:8
down your sacred *p* in your midst; I. . . . . Mi 5:14

POLLUTED

isn't married—you may be *p* for her sake. . . . Lv 21:3
People who are *p* and people who are . . . . Dt 12:15
the nations. They *p* the LORD's temple . . . 2Ch 36:14
a contaminated spring or a *p* fountain. . . . Prv 25:26
The earth lies *p* under its inhabitants, ... Is 24:5
my altar with *p* food. But you say, ... Mal 1:7

POMEGRANATES

its lower hem add *p* made of blue, ... Ex 28:33
between them. They also took *p* and figs. . . Nm 13:23
fig trees, and *p*; a land of olive . . . . . Dt 8:8
and two rows of *p* for each network. 1Ki 7:18
are an orchard of *p* with all kinds of. . . . Song 4:13
design of bronze *p* around it. The. . . . . Jer 52:22

POOL

them at the **p** of Gibeon. One 2Sa 2:13
the chariot at the **p** of Samaria. The. 1Ki 22:38
that rock into a **p** of water, that . . . . . .Ps 114:8
from the washing **p**—all of them . . . . . Song 4:2
has been like a **p** of water. Such are . . . . . Na 2:8
city wall is a **p** with the Aramaic . . . . . .Jn 5:2

POOR

my people who are **p** among you, don't . . . Ex 22:25
if the person is **p** and cannot afford. . . . . Lv 14:21
the land rich or **p**? Are there trees . . . . . Nm 13:20
there won't be any **p** persons among you . . . Dt 15:4
Were we invited here just to become **p**? . . . Jdg 14:15
so the **p** have hope and violence shuts its . . Job 5:16
Because the **p** won't be forgotten forever, . . . Ps 9:18
city; the ruin of the **p** is their poverty. . . . Prv 10:15
stolen from the **p** are in your houses. . . . . Is 3:14
the head of the **p** into the dust of. . . . . Am 2:7
you give to the **p**, don't blow your . . . . . Mt 6:2
the money to the **p**. Then you will . . . . . Mk 10:21
good news to the **p**, to proclaim . . . . . Lk 4:18
it sold and the money given to the **p**? . . . . . Jn 12:5
gifts for the **p** of my nation and . . . . . Ac 24:17
for the **p** among God's people . . . . . Ro 15:26
sisters who are **p** should find. . . . . Jas 1:9
miserable, pathetic, **p**, blind, and naked. . . . Rev 3:17

POPULATION

us. The entire **p** of the land has. . . . . .Josh 2:9
glory is a large **p**, but a dwindling. . . . . Prv 14:28

PORCH

slipped out to the **p**, and closed and. . . . . Jdg 3:23
between the **p** and the altar, ...Eze 8:16
Between the **p** and the altar let the . . . . . Jl 2:17
in the covered **p** named for Solomon. . . . . Jn 10:23
them at Solomon's **p**, completely amazed. . . . Ac 3:11

PORTION

care of your flock again, and keep a **p**. . . . . Gn 30:31
the LORD's presence. It will be your **p**. . . . Ex 29:26
burn this token **p** on the altar as a . . . . . .Lv 2:2
one-tenth **p**, which they have . . . . . Nm 18:24
to the LORD, which are the LORD's **p**, ... Dt 18:1
weren't given any **p** of the land, ... Josh 14:4
surface; their **p** of the land is. . . . . Job 24:18
You, LORD, are my **p**, my cup; you control . . . Ps 16:5
of shame, their **p** will be double; . . . . . Is 61:7
large amount of barley, and a **p** of wine. . . . Hos 3:2
to you. A good **p**—packed down, ... Lk 6:38
has measured out a **p** of faith to each . . . . . Ro 12:3

POSSESS

how do I know that I will actually **p** it? . . . . .Gn 15:8
grow and you eventually **p** the land. . . . . Ex 23:30
disease on a house in the land you **p**, ... Lv 14:34
descendants will **p** it because he has . . . . Nm 14:24
before you. Go and **p** the land that I . . . . . .Dt 1:8
people and **p** great strength. . . . . Josh 17:17
and their descendants will **p** the land. . . . .Ps 25:13
of Israel will **p** them as male and . . . . . Is 14:2
them. Briars will **p** their precious . . . . . Hos 9:6
say, but I'll find out what power they **p**. . . . 1Co 4:19

POSSESSION

to give you this land as your **p**. . . . . Gn 15:7
it to you as your **p**. I am the LORD.' . . . . . .Ex 6:8
giving to you as a **p**, and I put an . . . . . Lv 14:34
go up and take **p** of it, because we . . . . . Nm 13:30
descendants took **p** of their area, ... Dt 2:12
this people take **p** of the land, which . . . . .Josh 1:6
Lay your prized **p** in the dust, your gold . . . Job 22:24
the nations your **p**; the far corners . . . . . .Ps 2:8
ones will take **p**; my servants will. . . . . Is 65:9
strip his household of every cherished **p**. . . Hos 13:15
is suffering terribly from demon **p**. . . . . Mt 15:22
times it had taken **p** of him, so he . . . . . Lk 8:29
the land as his **p** to him and to his . . . . . .Ac 7:5
who are God's own **p**. You have become 1Pt 2:9

POSSESSIONS

Lot, all of their **p**, and those who . . . . . .Gn 12:5
LORD from their **p**—whether humans, ... Lv 27:28
that belonged to Korah and all their **p**. . . . Nm 16:32
and the prized **p** in front of them. . . . . Jdg 18:21
hands so that his **p** extend throughout . . . . Job 1:10
have stolen his **p** on the day of his . . . . .Obad 1:13
man and steal his **p**, unless they first . . . . Mt 12:29
away saddened, because he had many **p**. . . Mk 10:22
guards his own palace, his **p** are secure. . . . Lk 11:21
of property and **p** and distribute the . . . . . Ac 2:45
should be like people who don't have **p**. . . . 1Co 7:30
of your **p** with joy, since . . . . . Heb 10:34

POSTS

four acacia-wood **p** covered in gold. . . . . Ex 26:32
their military **p** and appoint 1Ki 20:24
appointed to high **p**, while the rich . . . . . .Ecc 10:6
oars desert their **p**. All sailors and . . . . . Eze 27:29

POUR

the Nile River and **p** it out on dry. . . . . .Ex 4:9
flour. They must **p** oil on it and put . . . . . .Lv 2:1
flour. He will not **p** oil on it, nor . . . . . Nm 5:15
animals' blood. **p** it out on the . . . . . Dt 12:16
on this rock, then **p** out the broth. . . . . Jdg 6:20
my bread; my roars **p** out like water. . . . . Job 3:24
him at all times! **p** out your hearts . . . . . Ps 62:8
you. Look, I'll **p** out my spirit on . . . . . .Prv 1:23
I will **p** out water upon thirsty ground. . . . . Is 44:3
the land; I will **p** out my anger like . . . . . Hos 5:10
you pray, don't **p** out a flood of . . . . . Mt 6:7
God says, I will **p** out my Spirit on . . . . . Ac 2:17
"Go and **p** out the seven bowls . . . . . Rev 16:1

POURED

sacred pillar, and **p** oil on the top of. . . . . Gn 28:18
He **p** some of the anointing oil on Aaron's . . . Lv 8:12
of brandy will be **p** out for the LORD. . . . . Nm 28:7
sacrifices must be **p** out on the LORD . . . . Dt 12:27
shook, the sky **p** down, the clouds . . . . . Jdg 5:4
cream and a rock **p** out pools of oil . . . . . Job 29:6
I'm **p** out like water. All my bones have . . . .Ps 22:14
The LORD has **p** into them a spirit of . . . . . Is 19:14
to the fire, like waters **p** down a slope. . . . . Mi 1:4
that has been **p** out on the earth, ... Mt 23:35
open the vase and **p** the perfume on his . . . .Mk 14:3
hair, kissed them, and **p** the oil on them. . . . Lk 7:38
Then he **p** water into a washbasin and. . . . . Jn 13:5
Holy Spirit. He **p** out this Spirit, ... Ac 2:33
of God has been **p** out in our hearts, ... Ro 5:5
mouth the snake **p** a river of water . . . . . Rev 12:15

POWER

of the sea's fish. They are in your **p**. . . . . Gn 9:2
a new king came to **p** in Egypt who . . . . . .Ex 1:8
your prideful **p**. I will turn your . . . . . Lv 26:19
Is the LORD's **p** too weak? Now you . . . . . Nm 11:23
fact, the LORD's **p** was against them, ... Dt 2:15
land into our **p**. In addition, all. . . . . Josh 2:24
has is within your **p**; only don't. . . . . Job 1:12
him from the **p** of all his enemies. . . . . Ps 18:1
it, when it is in your **p** to do so. . . . . .Prv 3:27

with terrible **p**. The loftiest ones . . . Is 10:33
them from the **p** of the grave Heb . . . Hos 13:14
out demons by the **p** of God's Spirit, . . . Mt 12:28
recognized that **p** had gone out from . . . Mk 5:30
the spirit and **p** of Elijah. He will . . . Lk 1:17
up, working in the **p** of the Holy . . . Ac 1:2
as God's Son with **p** through his . . . Ro 1:4
one who holds the **p** over death . . . Heb 2:14
him be glory and **p** forever and. . . . . Rev 1:6

POWERFUL

because you have become too **p** among us. . . Gn 26:16
are, however, **p** people who live in . . . Nm 13:28
do or can perform your deeds and **p** acts? . . Dt 3:24
removed great and **p** nations before . . . Josh 23:9
He is wise and **p**; who can resist him and . . . Job 9:4
saved me from my **p** enemy, saved me. . . .Ps 18:17
one; a knowledgeable person than a **p** one. . .Prv 24:5
against them the **p** floodwaters of the. . . . Is 8:7
because a nation, **p** and beyond number, . . . Jl 1:6
What about the **p** acts accomplished . . . Mk 6:2
He has pulled the **p** down from their . . . Lk 1:52
continued to bear **p** witness to the . . . . . Ac 4:33
We who are **p** need to be patient with the . . . Ro 15:1
with his **p** message. After he . . . . . Heb 1:3
I saw a **p** angel, who proclaimed in a loud . . . Rev 5:2

PRACTICE

would with a woman; it is a detestable **p**. . . Lv 18:22
this was the **p** regarding. . . . . Ru 4:7
This has been my **p** because I guard your . . Ps 119:56
wickedness won't deliver those who **p** it. . . . Ecc 8:8
the innocent; you **p** cruelty; you . . . . . Jer 22:17
of the land who **p** his justice; seek . . . . . Zep 2:3
that you don't **p** your religion in . . . . . Mt 6:1
me, hears my words, and puts them into **p**. . . Lk 6:47
that we Romans can't accept or **p**. . . . . Ac 16:21
but also approve others who **p** them. . . . . Ro 1:32
are trained by **p** to distinguish . . . . . Heb 5:14
and all who love and **p** deception. . . . . Rev 22:15

PRACTICES

must not follow the **p** of those places. . . . . Lv 18:3
all its regulations and its customary **p**. . . . . Nm 9:3
by following their **p** after they've been . . . Dt 12:30
drop their bad **p** or hardheaded ways. . . . Jdg 2:19
their detestable **p**, but they have no. . . . Jer 6:15
false religious **p**. Wine and new wine . . . . Hos 4:11
and alter the customary **p** Moses gave us. . . Ac 6:14
persist in such **p** deserve death, ... Ro 1:32
every person who **p** righteousness is 1Jn 2:29
their hearts from following her **p**. . . . . Rev 2:22

PRAISE

This time I will **p** the LORD." So she . . . . Gn 29:35
God, whom I will **p**, the God of my . . . . . Ex 15:2
He is your **p**, and he is your God . . . . . Dt 10:21
thanks, and to **p** the LORD, Israel's 1Ch 16:4
Remember to **p** his work that all of us. . . . Job 36:24
No one is going to **p** you when they are . . . Ps 6:5
Let another person **p** you, and not your . . . .Prv 27:2
exalt you; I will **p** your name, for you . . . . Is 25:1
and you will **p** the name of the . . . . . Jl 2:26
things you do and **p** your Father who is . . . Mt 5:16
singing songs of **p**, they went out to . . . . Mk 14:26
and began to **p** God and to speak . . . . . Lk 2:38
I don't accept **p** from people . . . . . Jn 5:41
who will receive **p** from God, and it . . . . . Ro 2:28
sisters. I will **p** you in the middle . . . . . Heb 2:12
throne and said, "**p** our God, all you. . . . . Rev 19:5

PRAISED

saw her, they **p** her to Pharaoh;. . . . . Gn 12:15
saw him, they **p** their god, for . . . . . Jdg 16:24
while depravity is **p** by human beings. . . . . Ps 12:8
A person is **p** for his insight, but a . . . . . Prv 12:8
our ancestors **p** you, has gone up . . . . . Is 64:11
excitement; he was **p** in Israel; but he . . . . Hos 13:1
were afraid and **p** God, who had given. . . . . Mt 9:8
all amazed and **p** God, saying, ... Mk 2:12
Jesus in his arms and **p** God. He said, ... Lk 2:28
They **p** God and demonstrated God's . . . . . Ac 2:47

PRAISES

That's why I sing **p** to your name. 2Sa 22:50
Sing to God, sing **p** to him; dwell on all . . . 1Ch 16:9
I will sing **p** to the name of the . . . . . Ps 7:17
in the presence of someone who **p** them. . . . Prv 27:21
and incense, proclaiming the LORD's **p**. . . . Is 60:6
Gentiles, and I will sing **p** to your name. . . . Ro 15:9

PRAY

a prophet; he will **p** for you so you may . . . Gn 20:7
and said, "If you **p** to the LORD to get . . . . Ex 8:8
the LORD and you. **p** to the LORD so . . . . Nm 21:7
I **p** that Reuben lives, doesn't die,. . . . . Dt 33:6
at Mizpah. I will **p** to the LORD for 1Sa 7:5
You will **p** to him, and he will hear you; . . . Job 22:27
psalm of David.] I **p** that the LORD . . . . . Ps 20:1
you. Even when you **p** for a long time, I . . . Is 1:15
your enemies and **p** for those who . . . . . Mt 5:44
them, Jesus went up onto a mountain to **p**. . . Mk 6:46
fast often and **p** frequently. The . . . . . Lk 5:33
I **p** they will be one, Father, just as you . . . Jn 17:21
the city, Peter went up on the roof to **p**. . . . Ac 10:9
what we should **p**, but the Spirit . . . . . Ro 8:26
p for us. We're sure that we have a good. . . Heb 13:18

PRAYED

Abraham **p** to God; and God restored . . . . Gn 20:17
So Moses left Pharaoh and **p** to the LORD . . . Ex 8:30
to Moses, Moses **p** to the LORD, and . . . . Nm 11:2
him out! So I also **p** hard for Aaron at . . . . Dt 9:20
stop crying as she **p** to the LORD. 1Sa 1:10
fortune when he **p** for his friends, ... Job 42:10
Because I **p**: "Don't let them celebrate. . . . .Ps 38:16
Hezekiah **p** to the LORD. . . . . Is 37:15
Jonah **p** to the LORD his God from the . . . . Jon 2:1
on his face and **p**, "My Father, if . . . . . Mt 26:39
to the ground. He **p** that, if possible, ... Mk 14:35
to pray, and he **p** to God all night . . . . . Lk 6:12
They **p**, "Lord, you know everyone's. . . . . Ac 1:24
When he earnestly **p** that it wouldn't . . . . .Jas 5:17

PRAYER

was moved by his **p**, and his wife : . . . . . Gn 25:21
cried out in **p** to the LORD for 1Sa 7:9
violence in my hands, and my **p** is pure. . . . Job 16:17
Have mercy on me! Listen to my **p**! . . . . . .Ps 4:1
heard. Offer up a **p** for those few . . . . . Is 37:4
the LORD, and my **p** came to you, to . . . . . Jon 2:7
called a house of **p**.. But you've made . . . . Mt 21:13
place where he could be alone in **p**. . . . . Mk 1:35
God with fasting and **p** night and day. . . . . Lk 2:37
their devotion to **p**, along with some . . . . . Ac 1:14
salvation. That's my **p** to God for them. . . . Ro 10:1
p that comes from faith will heal the . . . . .Jas 5:15

PRAYERS

done, God responded to **p** for the land. . . . 2Sa 21:14
ears attentive to the **p** of this place. 2Ch 6:40
The **p** of David, Jesse's son, are ended. . . .Ps 72:20
but favors the **p** of those who do . . . . . .Prv 15:8

they poured out **p** to you when you . . . Is 26:16
off they say long **p**. They will be . . . Mk 12:40
Zechariah. Your **p** have been heard. . . . Lk 1:13
to their shared meals, and to their **p**. . . . Ac 2:42
in all my **p**. I'm always asking that . . . Ro 1:10
Christ offered **p** and requests with . . . Heb 5:7

PRAYING

As she kept **p** before the LORD, Eli . . . 1Sa 1:12
king and my God, because I am **p** to you! . . . Ps 5:2
came upon Daniel **p** and seeking mercy . . . Dn 6:11
to worship were **p** outside during . . . Lk 1:10
I'm **p** for them. I'm not praying for the . . . Jn 17:9
a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is **p**. . . . Ac 9:11
hanging in there and **p** for all believers. . . . Eph 6:18
Dear friend, I'm **p** that all is well with . . . 3Jn 1:2

PREACH

one, face Teman, **p** against the south, . . . Eze 20:46
Israel, and don't **p** against the house . . . Am 7:16
there to teach and **p** in their cities. . . . Mt 11:1
so that I can **p** there too. That's. . . . Mk 1:38
He has sent me to **p** good news to the . . . Lk 4:18
in Samaria and began to **p** Christ to them. . . . Ac 8:5
why I'm ready to **p** the gospel also to . . . Ro 1:15
that he went to **p** to the spirits in. . . . 1Pt 3:19

PREACHED

former prophets **p**: The LORD of . . . Zec 1:4
up. And good news is **p** to the poor. . . . Lk 7:22
Philip, who **p** the good news . . . Ac 8:12
good news that I **p** to you, which you . . . 1Co 15:1
had the good news **p** to us, just as the . . . Heb 4:2

PREACHING

to Jonah's **p**. And look, someone . . . Mt 12:41
throughout Galilee **p** in their. . . . Mk 1:39
So he continued **p** in the Judean . . . Lk 4:44
moved on, **p** the good news . . . Ac 8:4
in my spirit by **p** the good news . . . Ro 1:9

PRECEPTS

think about your **p** and examine all . . . Ps 119:15

PRECIOUS

will be my most **p** possession out of. . . . Ex 19:5
considered my life **p** today, I won't . . . 1Sa 26:21
into rocks; their eyes see everything **p**. . . . Job 28:10
attacks; rescue my **p** life from these . . . Ps 35:17
find all sorts of **p** wealth; we'll fill. . . . Prv 1:13
Because you are **p** in my eyes, you are . . . Is 43:4
will possess their **p** things of silver; . . . Hos 9:6
he found one very **p** pearl, he went and . . . Mt 13:46
with gold, silver, **p** stones, wood, . . . 1Co 3:12
forward to the **p** fruit of the earth. . . . Jas 5:7

PREGNANT

She became **p** and gave birth to . . . Gn 4:1
The woman became **p** and gave birth to a . . . Ex 2:2
unable to become **p** and had not given . . . Jdg 13:2
the fetus inside a **p** woman's womb, so . . . Ecc 11:5
The young woman is **p** and is about to. . . . Is 7:14
and she became **p** and bore him a son. . . . Hos 1:3
married, she became **p** by the Holy Spirit. . . . Mt 1:18
for women who are **p** and for women who . . . Mk 13:17
unable to become **p** and they both were . . . Lk 1:7
pains start with a **p** woman, and they . . . 1Th 5:3
She was **p**, and she cried out because she . . . Rev 12:2

PREPARE

goats so I can **p** them as the . . . Gn 27:9
have time to **p** any food for . . . Ex 12:39
succeed him will **p** the offering as a . . . Lv 6:22
altars here and **p** for me seven bulls: . . . Nm 23:1
to stay so we can **p** a young goat for. . . . Jdg 13:15
weigh the wind, to **p** a measure for . . . Job 28:25
thrive. I will **p** a lamp for my . . . Ps 132:17
of the earth! **p** to be shattered!. . . . Is 8:9
p to speak and return to the LORD; say to . . . Hos 14:2
the wilderness, "**p** the way for the . . . Mt 3:3
messenger before you. He will **p** your way, . . . Mk 1:2
you will go before the Lord to **p** his way. . . . Lk 1:76
you that I'm going to **p** a place for you? . . . Jn 14:2
and said, "**p** two hundred . . . Ac 23:23
then who will **p** for battle? . . . 1Co 14:8

PREPARED

it to a young servant, who **p** it quickly. . . . Gn 18:7
They **p** the gemstones by mounting them in . . . Ex 39:6
offering is grain **p** on a griddle, it . . . Lv 2:5
only we had been **p** to live on the . . . Josh 7:7
in the morning, he **p** entirely burned . . . Job 1:5
them out and has **p** them for slaughter. . . . Is 34:2
on the day he has **p**; the horses quiver. . . . Na 2:3
to those for whom my Father **p** it. . . . Mt 20:23
when he had **p** a feast for his . . . Mk 6:21
will make ready a people **p** for the Lord. . . . Lk 1:17
saw the vision, we **p** to leave for the. . . . Ac 16:10
mercy, which he **p** in advance for . . . Ro 9:23
things have been **p** in this way, . . . Heb 9:6
where God has **p** a place for her. . . . Rev 12:6

PRESENCE

hidden from your **p**, I'm about to . . . Gn 4:14
Pharaoh had them chased out of his **p**. . . . Ex 10:11
LORD's glorious **p** will appear to . . . Lv 9:6
in the LORD's **p**, and the. . . . Nm 8:10
Horites in their **p**, and they took . . . Dt 2:22
over in the LORD's **p** to the plains of . . . Josh 4:13
him." So the Adversary left the LORD's **p**. . . . Job 1:12
of life. In your **p** is total . . . Ps 16:11
from the king's **p**, and his throne . . . Prv 25:5
numerous in your **p**; our sins testify . . . Is 59:12
from her **p**, and adultery from . . . Hos 2:2
the bread of the **p**, which only the . . . Mt 12:4
the bread of the **p**, which only the . . . Mk 2:26
I stand in God's **p**. I was sent to . . . Lk 1:19
glorify me in your **p** with the glory I . . . Jn 17:5
of life; your **p** will fill me with . . . Ac 2:28
righteous in his **p** by doing what the . . . Ro 3:20
so that he now appears in God's **p** for us. . . . Heb 9:24
their names in the **p** of my Father and . . . Rev 3:5

PRESENT

Take this **p** that I've brought because God . . . Gn 33:11
offerings to **p** to the LORD our . . . Ex 10:25
When any of you **p** a livestock . . . Lv 1:2
chief per day will **p** their offering for . . . Nm 7:11
two of you must **p** yourselves at the . . . Dt 31:14
reserved for me that are **p** among you. . . . Josh 7:12
beings came to **p** themselves before. . . . Job 1:6
you, God. I will **p** thanksgiving . . . Ps 56:12
and good evil, who **p** darkness as light . . . Is 5:20
time he doesn't **p** himself at the . . . Hos 13:13
your Father who is **p** in that secret . . . Mt 6:6
up to Jerusalem to **p** him to the Lord. . . . Lk 2:22
with those **p** and offered . . . Ac 19:8
righteous in the **p** time, and to treat . . . Ro 3:26
a symbol for the **p** time. It shows . . . Heb 9:9
it was and is not and will again be **p**. . . . Rev 17:8

PRESENTED

time later, Cain **p** an offering to the. . . . Gn 4:3
unleavened bread that was **p** to the LORD. . . . Ex 29:23

they have been **p** to serve the LORD . . . . . Lv 7:35
The chiefs **p** their offerings . . . . . Nm 7:10
Joshua went and **p** themselves at the . . . . Dt 31:14
and officers. They **p** themselves before . . . Josh 24:1
following her, are **p** to you as well. . . . . Ps 45:14
offering, and **p** a grain offering. . . . . Is 57:6
chests and **p** him with gifts of . . . . . Mt 2:11
The community **p** these seven to the . . . . . Ac 6:6
preaching weren't **p** with convincing 1Co 2:4
table, and the loaves of bread **p** to God. . . . Heb 9:2

PREY

cub; from the **p**, my son, you rise . . . . . Gn 49:9
land. They are our **p**. Their defense has . . . Nm 14:9
black kite, and any kind of bird of **p**, ... Dt 14:13
perishes without **p**, and its cubs are. . . . . Job 4:11
collapse, falling **p** to the strength of . . . . Ps 10:10
don't roast their **p**, but hard workers . . . . Prv 12:27
growl, seize their **p**, and carry it off, ... Is 5:29
one who tears the **p** and goes forth; no . . . Hos 5:14

PRICE

to me for the full **p**, to be witnessed. . . . . Gn 23:9
ox and divide its **p**. They should also . . . . Ex 21:35
You will raise the **p** if there are more . . . . Lv 25:16
Their redemption **p** from one month of age . Nm 18:16
servants whatever **p** you set, because 1Ki 5:6
with gold; its **p** can't be measured . . . . . Job 28:15
not even bothering to set a decent **p**. . . . . Ps 44:12
the goats will be the **p** of your fields. . . . . Prv 27:26
free, not for a **p** and not for a . . . . . Is 45:13
too magnificent a **p**." So I took the . . . . . Zec 11:13
of silver, the **p** for the one whose . . . . . Mt 27:9
receive this **p** for the field?. . . . . Ac 5:8

PRIDE

and because your **p** has reached my 2Ki 19:28
them from a deed and to smother human **p**. . Job 33:17
the righteous with **p** and contempt! . . . . . Ps 31:18
hate evil. I hate **p** and arrogance, the . . . . Prv 8:13
People's **p** will be brought down and human . . Is 2:17
indeed, they "love"; shame is their **p**. . . . . Hos 4:18
that! We even take **p** in our problems,. . . . . Ro 5:3
confidence and the **p** that our hope . . . . . Heb 3:6

PRIEST

of Salem and the **p** of El Elyon had . . . . . Gn 14:18
was a Midianite **p** who had seven . . . . . Ex 2:16
sons of Aaron the **p** will light the . . . . . Lv 1:7
before Aaron the **p**. They will assist . . . . . Nm 3:6
listening to the **p** who is in office . . . . . Dt 17:12
Eleazar the **p**, Joshua son of . . . . . Josh 14:1
mind: "You are a **p** forever in line . . . . . Ps 110:4
people, Uriah the **p** and Zechariah, ... Is 8:2
complain. Listen, **p**, I am angry with . . . . . Hos 4:4
yourself to the **p** and offer the gift . . . . . Mt 8:4
yourself to the **p** and offer the . . . . . Mk 1:44
Judea there was a **p** named Zechariah. . . . . Lk 1:5
who was high **p** that year, told . . . . . Jn 11:49
Annas the high **p**, Caiaphas, John, ... Ac 4:6
I'm working as a **p** of God's gospel so . . . . Ro 15:16
and faithful high **p** in things relating . . . . Heb 2:17

PRIESTLY

Then take the **p** clothes and put them on . . . Ex 29:5
Every **p** grain offering must be a complete . . . Lv 6:23
I give you your **p** service as a gift.. . . . . Nm 18:7
son Eleazar succeeded him in the **p** role. . . . Dt 10:6
Gideon fashioned a **p** vest out of it, and . . . Jdg 8:27
your gold-covered **p** vest, and you will. . . . Is 30:22
stone, without a **p** vest or household . . . . Hos 3:4
belonged to the **p** division of. . . . . Lk 1:5
God. This is your appropriate **p** service. . . . . Ro 12:1
a superior **p** service just as he . . . . . Heb 8:6

PRIESTS

farmland of the **p** because Pharaoh . . . . . Gn 47:22
be a kingdom of **p** for me and a holy . . . . . Ex 19:6
Aaron's sons the **p** will present the . . . . . Lv 1:5
are the anointed **p** and ordained to . . . . . Nm 3:3
to the levitical **p** and to the head . . . . . Dt 17:9
and the levitical **p** carrying it, you . . . . . Josh 3:3
leads **p** away barefoot; overthrows the . . . Job 12:19
God's **p** were killed by the sword, and his . . . Ps 78:64
and the senior **p** to the prophet . . . . . Is 37:2
Hear this, **p**! Pay attention, house of . . . . . Hos 5:1
all the chief **p** and the legal . . . . . Mt 2:4
which only the **p** were allowed to . . . . . Mk 2:26
which only the **p** can eat. He also . . . . . Lk 6:4
in Jerusalem sent **p** and Levites to ask . . . Jn 1:19
to the people, the **p**, the captain of . . . . . Ac 4:1
the Law under the **p**), why was there . . . . Heb 7:11
made us a kingdom, **p** to his God and . . . . . Rev 1:6

PRINCE

and the country's **p** saw her, he took . . . . . Gn 34:2
on the crown of that **p** among brothers. . . . Dt 33:16
no, Israel! Your **p** lies dead on your 2Sa 1:19
of my steps, approach him like a **p**. . . . . Job 31:37
mortals; you will fall down like any **p**. . . . . Ps 82:7
A **p** without understanding is a cruel . . . . Prv 28:16
Mighty God, Eternal Father, **p** of Peace. . . . . Is 9:6
without king or **p**, without sacrifice. . . . . Hos 3:4

PRINCES

When Pharaoh's **p** saw her, they praised. . . Gn 12:15
They had lived in the land as **p** of Sihon. . . Josh 13:21
or with **p** who have gold, who fill their . . . Job 3:15
appoint them as **p** throughout the . . . . . Ps 45:16
me kings rule, and **p** issue righteous . . . . Prv 8:15
Your **p** are rebels, companions of thieves. . . . Is 1:23
The **p** of Judah act like raiders who steal. . . Hos 5:10

PRISCILLA

with his wife **P** because Claudius . . . . . Ac 18:2

PRISON

Pharaoh, so he sets me free from this **p**. . . Gn 40:14
and he worked the grinding mill in the **p**. . . Jdg 16:21
Get me out of this **p** so I can give thanks . . . Ps 142:7
He emerged from **p** to become king, even . . . Ecc 4:14
a pit, shut into a **p**, and punished. . . . . Is 24:22
the court, and you will be thrown into **p**. . . Mt 5:25
and put in **p** because of . . . . . Mk 6:17
his evil deeds: he locked John up in **p**. . . . Lk 3:20
John hadn't yet been thrown into **p**. . . . . Jn 3:24
and put them in **p** until the next . . . . . Ac 4:3
during my time in **p** and in the defense . . . Phil 1:7
toward people in **p** and accepted the . . . Heb 10:34
some of you into **p** in order to test . . . . . Rev 2:10

PRISONER

child of the **p** in jail, and all . . . . . Ex 12:29
up to take Samson **p**," they replied, ... Jdg 15:10
to the crowd one **p**, whomever they. . . . . Mt 27:15
released one **p** to them, whomever . . . . . Mk 15:6
that I release one **p** for you at . . . . . Jn 18:39
and said, "The **p** Paul asked me to. . . . . Ac 23:18
mind and takes me **p** with the law of . . . . . Ro 7:23

PRISONERS

my daughters as if they were **p** of war. . . . Gn 31:26
hands them over to you and you take **p**, . . . Dt 21:10
Barak! Capture your **p**, Abinoam's son! . . . Jdg 5:12
p are entirely at ease; they don't hear a . . . Job 3:18

homes; he sets ***p*** free with . . . . . Ps 68:6
among the ***p*** and falling among . . . . . Is 10:4
will release your ***p*** from the waterless . . . . Zec 9:11
for punishing ***p***, until he had paid . . . . . Mt 18:34
release to the ***p*** and recovery of . . . . . Lk 4:18
him to take them as ***p*** to Jerusalem. . . . . Ac 9:2
and my fellow ***p***. They are . . . . . Ro 16:7
Remember ***p*** as if you were in prison with . . Heb 13:3

PROCLAIM

of you, and I'll ***p*** before you the . . . . . Ex 33:19
that you will ***p*** as holy occasions, ... Lv 23:37
because I ***p*** the LORD's name: Give praise . . . Dt 32:3
announces it; even cattle ***p*** its rising. . . . . Job 36:33
who lives in Zion! ***p*** his mighty acts. . . . . Ps 9:11
on God's name; ***p*** God's deeds among . . . . . Is 12:4
p it to the palaces of Ashdod and to the . . . . Am 3:9
away and began to ***p*** in the Ten Cities . . . . Mk 5:20
to the poor, to ***p*** release to the . . . . . Lk 4:18
he hears and will ***p*** to you what is to . . . . Jn 16:13
to teach and ***p*** the good news that . . . . . Ac 5:42
good news to ***p*** to those who live . . . . . Rev 14:6

PROCLAIMED

with him, and ***p*** the name, "The . . . . . Ex 34:5
LORD his God is with him, ***p*** as his king. . . Nm 23:21
a redeemer. May his name be ***p*** in Israel. . . . Ru 4:14
your faithful love ***p*** in the grave, your . . . . Ps 88:11
A harsh vision was ***p*** to me: The betrayer . . . Is 21:2
believed God. They ***p*** a fast and put on . . . . Jon 3:5
up. The poor have good news ***p*** to them. . . . Mt 11:5
they went out and ***p*** that people should . . . . Mk 6:12
The man went and ***p*** to the Jewish leaders . . . Jn 5:15
had testified and ***p*** the Lord's word, ... Ac 8:25
since Christ is ***p*** in every possible. . . . . Phil 1:18
after he had ***p*** every command of . . . . . Heb 9:19
angel, who ***p*** in a loud voice, ... Rev 5:2

PROCLAIMS

Israel's God, ***p***: I myself brought . . . . . Jdg 6:8
God ***p*** his word to Jacob; his statutes and . . Ps 147:19
but the heart of fools ***p*** their stupidity. . . . Prv 12:23
Therefore, ***p*** the LORD, the God of the . . . . Is 29:22
The LORD ***p***: For three crimes of . . . . . Am 1:3

PRODUCE

Let the earth ***p*** every kind of. . . . . Gn 1:24
sure that they ***p*** the same number of . . . . . Ex 5:8
from the first ***p***, you must make . . . . . Lv 2:14
The early ***p*** of everything in their land, . . . Nm 18:13
of whatever your fields ***p*** each year. . . . . Dt 14:22
and are enjoying ***p*** from vineyards and . . . Josh 24:13
it will bud and ***p*** sprouts like a . . . . . Job 14:9
caterpillars, their land's ***p*** to locusts. . . . . Ps 78:46
land might ***p*** much food, but it . . . . . Prv 13:23
of vineyard will ***p*** just one bath, and . . . . . Is 5:10
and there's no ***p*** on the vine; . . . . . Hab 3:17
p fruit that shows you have changed your . . . Mt 3:8
p fruit that shows you have changed your . . . Lk 3:8
that don't ***p*** fruit, and he . . . . . Jn 15:2
commandment to ***p*** all kinds of . . . . . Ro 7:8
person doesn't ***p*** God's . . . . . Jas 1:20
humankind as early ***p*** for God and the . . . Rev 14:4

PRODUCES

trees whose fruit ***p*** its seeds within . . . . . Gn 1:29
Whatever the land ***p*** during its sabbath . . . . Lv 25:6
blood, and stirring up anger ***p*** strife. . . . . Prv 30:33
their hard work ***p*** nothing—nothing . . . . . Ecc 5:15
food the ground ***p*** will be rich and . . . . . Is 30:23
every good tree ***p*** good fruit, and . . . . . Mt 7:17
The earth ***p*** crops all by itself, first . . . . . Mk 4:28
A good person ***p*** good from the good . . . . . Lk 6:45
any branch that ***p*** fruit so that it . . . . . Jn 15:2
because we know that trouble ***p*** endurance, . . Ro 5:3
But if it ***p*** thorns and thistles, it's. . . . . Heb 6:8
of life, which ***p*** twelve crops of . . . . . Rev 22:2

PROFIT

or any kind of ***p*** from interest, but . . . . . Lv 25:36
tried to turn a ***p***, they accepted. 1Sa 8:3
God? Can an intelligent person bring ***p***? . . Job 22:2
Her ***p*** is better than silver, and her gain . . . Prv 3:14
help; they are no ***p***; rather, shame and . . . . Is 30:5
generated a lot of ***p*** for the . . . . . Ac 19:24
of God to make a ***p***. We are speaking 2Co 2:17
buying and selling, and making a ***p***. . . . . Jas 4:13

PROMISE

made a solemn ***p***: "If God is with . . . . . Gn 28:20
made Israel's sons ***p*** when he said to . . . . Ex 13:19
for a solemn ***p*** or if it is a . . . . . Lv 7:16
makes a binding ***p*** to be a nazirite . . . . . Nm 6:2
your land. We ***p*** to stay on the . . . . . Dt 2:27
of Israel failed. Every ***p*** was fulfilled. . . . . Josh 21:45
who keeps their ***p*** even when it hurts; . . . . Ps 15:4
and only reflect after making the ***p***. . . . . Prv 20:25
When you make a ***p*** to God, fulfill it . . . . . Ecc 5:4
earth. Likewise I ***p*** not to rage . . . . . Is 54:9
This ***p*** is for you, your children, and for . . . Ac 2:39
The ***p*** to Abraham and to his descendants, . . . Ro 4:13
since the ***p*** that we can enter. . . . . Heb 4:1

PROMISED

king of Sodom, "I ***p*** the LORD, El . . . . . Gn 14:22
the land that I ***p*** to give to . . . . . Ex 6:8
just as they have ***p***, in adherence with. . . . . Nm 6:21
the land that I ***p*** to give to your . . . . . Dt 1:8
where you set foot, exactly as I ***p*** Moses. . . . Josh 1:3
psalm of David.] I ***p*** I would watch my. . . . . Ps 39:1
forces has ***p***: As I intended, so . . . . . Is 14:24
as the LORD has ***p***; and in Jerusalem, ... Jl 2:32
were delighted and ***p*** to give him money. . . Mk 14:11
just as he ***p*** to our ancestors, to Abraham . . . Lk 1:55
the Father had ***p***. He said, "This is . . . . . Ac 1:4
God ***p*** this good news about his Son ahead . . Ro 1:3
land he had been ***p*** as a stranger. He . . . . Heb 11:9

PROMISES

for solemn ***p***, and all the. . . . . Lv 23:38
for solemn ***p***, your spontaneous . . . . . Nm 29:39
for solemn ***p***, your spontaneous . . . . . Dt 12:6
hear you; you will fulfill your solemn ***p***. . . . Job 22:27
The LORD's ***p*** are pure, like silver that's . . . . Ps 12:6
today I fulfilled my solemn ***p***. . . . . Prv 7:14
making solemn ***p*** to the LORD and . . . . . Is 19:21
sacrifice to the LORD and made solemn ***p***. . . Jon 1:16
Lord would fulfill the ***p*** he made to her. . . . Lk 1:45
you the holy and firm ***p*** I made to David. . . Ac 13:34
the worship, and the ***p*** belong to them. . . . Ro 9:4
who inherit the ***p*** through faith and . . . . Heb 6:12

PROPERTY

all of the looted ***p***, together with his . . . . Gn 14:16
because the slave is the owner's ***p***. . . . . Ex 21:21
deposit or pledged ***p***; by cheating a . . . . . Lv 6:2
offer will be the ***p*** of the priest. . . . . Nm 5:9
Mount Seir to Esau's family as their ***p***. . . . Dt 2:5
gave their land as ***p*** to the Reubenites, . . . Josh 12:6
won't last; their ***p*** won't extend over . . . Job 15:29
far corners of the earth will be your ***p***. . . . . Ps 2:8
to secure his share of the family ***p***. . . . . Jer 37:12
someone else's ***p***, who will give you . . . . Lk 16:12
sell pieces of ***p*** and possessions. . . . . Ac 2:45

PROPHECY

when the LORD spoke this ***p*** about him: . . . 2Ki 9:25
about in the ***p*** of Isaiah: Look, I . . . . . Mk 1:2
who were involved in the work of ***p***. . . . . Ac 21:9
If your gift is ***p***, you should . . . . . Ro 12:6
must know that no ***p*** of scripture. 2Pt 1:20
the words of this ***p*** out loud, and . . . . . Rev 1:3

PROPHESIED

on them, they ***p***, but only this . . . . . Nm 11:25
direction and ***p*** by order of the 1Ch 25:2
all your friends to whom you ***p*** falsely. . . . Jer 20:6
Prophets and the Law ***p*** until John came. . . Mt 11:13
about when he ***p*** about you . . . . . Mk 7:6
was filled with the Holy Spirit and ***p***, ... Lk 1:67
that year, he ***p*** that Jesus would . . . . . Jn 11:51
As Isaiah ***p***, If the Lord of the heavenly . . . Ro 9:29
after Adam, ***p*** about these people. . . . . Jud 1:14

PROPHESY

the same thing they say and ***p*** success. . . . 1Ki 22:13
The prophets ***p*** falsely, the priests rule . . . Jer 5:31
daughters will ***p***, your old men will . . . . . Jl 2:28
Lord, didn't we ***p*** in your name and . . . . . Mt 7:22
hit him, saying, "***p***!" Then the guards . . . . Mk 14:65
asked him repeatedly, "***p***! Who hit you?" . . . Lk 22:64
and daughters will ***p***. Your young will . . . . Ac 2:17
you should ***p*** in proportion to . . . . . Ro 12:6
told, "You must ***p*** again about many . . . . Rev 10:11

PROPHESYING

Eldad and Medad are ***p*** in the camp. . . . . Nm 11:27
known Saul saw him ***p*** with the prophets, . . 1Sa 10:11
to them. They are ***p*** to you false . . . . . Jer 14:14
began speaking in other languages and ***p***. . . . Ac 19:6
But if everyone is ***p*** when an unbeliever . . . 1Co 14:24

PROPHET

man's wife. He's a ***p***; he will pray for . . . . Gn 20:7
and your brother Aaron will be your ***p***. . . . . Ex 7:1
If there is a ***p*** of the LORD among . . . . . Nm 12:6
Now if a ***p*** or a dream interpreter . . . . . Dt 13:1
Now Deborah, a ***p***, the wife of Lappidoth, . . . Jdg 4:4
of David, when the ***p*** Nathan came to him . . . Ps 51:1
warrior; judge and ***p***; fortune-teller . . . . . Is 3:2
so will your ***p***, and I will . . . . . Hos 4:5
spoken through the ***p*** would be fulfilled: . . . Mt 1:22
saying, "He is a ***p*** like one of the . . . . . Mk 6:15
will be called a ***p*** of the Most High, ... Lk 1:76
not." "Are you the ***p***?" John answered, ... Jn 1:21
is what was spoken through the ***p*** Joel: . . . . Ac 2:16
calls herself a ***p***. You allow her to . . . . . Rev 2:20

PROPHETS

LORD's people were ***p*** with the LORD . . . . Nm 11:29
who are called ***p*** today were 1Sa 9:9
touch my anointed ones; don't harm my ***p***! . Ps 105:15
are the head; ***p*** who teach lies are. . . . . Is 9:15
them by the ***p***, I have killed . . . . . Hos 6:5
spoken through the ***p*** might be. . . . . Mt 2:23
said to them, "***p*** are honored . . . . . Mk 6:4
the mouths of his holy ***p*** long ago. . . . . Lk 1:70
in the Law and the ***p***: Jesus, Joseph's . . . . Jn 1:45
through all the ***p***: that his Christ . . . . . Ac 3:18
time through his ***p*** in the holy . . . . . Ro 1:3
spoke through the ***p*** to our ancestors . . . . Heb 1:1
good news he gave to his servants the ***p***. . . Rev 10:7

PROSTITUTE

didn't he treat our sister like a ***p***? . . . . Gn 34:31
land. When they ***p*** themselves with. . . . . Ex 34:15
the house of a ***p*** named Rahab. They . . . . Josh 2:1
for a ***p*** costs a loaf of bread, but a . . . . . Prv 6:26
town has become a ***p***! She was full of . . . . . Is 1:21
him,"Go, marry a ***p*** and have children . . . . . Hos 1:2
By faith Rahab the ***p*** wasn't killed with . . . Heb 11:31
upon the great ***p***, who is seated on . . . . . Rev 17:1

PROTECT

you now, I will ***p*** you everywhere you . . . . Gn 28:15
The community will ***p*** the killer from the . . Nm 35:25
have compassion on them and don't ***p*** them! Dt 13:8
with them to ***p*** their lives. The . . . . . Josh 9:15
out loud forever! ***p*** them so that all . . . . . Ps 5:11
will guard you; understanding will ***p*** you. . . Prv 2:11
I am with you to ***p*** and rescue you, ... Jer 15:20
watch the road, ***p*** your groin, save . . . . . Na 2:1
his angels concerning you, to ***p*** you . . . . . Lk 4:10
in order to ***p*** him from the . . . . . Ac 21:35
you strength and ***p*** you from the evil 2Th 3:3
one who is able to ***p*** you from falling, . . . Jud 1:24

PROUD

are against the ***p***. You bring them. 2Sa 22:28
p beasts haven't trodden on it; a lion . . . . Job 28:8
suffer and brings down those with ***p*** eyes. . . Ps 18:27
needy than to divide plunder with the ***p***. . . Prv 16:19
People's ***p*** gazing will be stopped and . . . . Is 2:11
hearts became ***p***; therefore, they . . . . . Hos 13:6
arrogant thoughts and ***p*** inclinations. . . . . Lk 1:51
They are rude and ***p***, and they brag. . . . . Ro 1:30
stands against the ***p***, but favors the. . . . . Jas 4:6

PROVIDE

the tree would ***p*** wisdom, so she . . . . . Gn 3:6
they must ***p*** the priest with an . . . . . Lv 22:14
You will ***p*** from it a gift . . . . . Nm 18:28
then he will ***p*** rain for your land at the . . . Dt 11:14
into the city and ***p*** a place of refuge . . . . Josh 20:4
up. I will ***p*** the help they are . . . . . Ps 12:5
They ***p*** insightful instruction, which is . . . . Prv 1:3
at high noon ***p*** your shade like . . . . . Is 16:3
You will ***p*** faithfulness to Jacob, ... Mi 7:20
Won't God ***p*** justice to his chosen people . . . Lk 18:7
Then the Lord will ***p*** a season of relief. . . . . Ac 3:20
has the power to ***p*** you with more than 2Co 9:8
would do well to ***p*** for their journey. 3Jn 1:6

PROVIDED

the camels, ***p*** straw and feed for . . . . . Gn 24:32
God in the desert, ***p*** you don't go too . . . . . Ex 8:28
the blood. I have ***p*** you the blood to. . . . . Lv 17:11
Israelite chiefs ***p*** for the dedication . . . . . Nm 7:84
Moses ***p*** for the clans of the Reubenite . . . Josh 13:15
your goodness, God, you ***p*** for the poor. . . . Ps 68:10
His food will be ***p***, his water . . . . . Is 33:16
cities, and not ***p*** enough bread in . . . . . Am 4:6
many others who ***p*** for them out of . . . . . Lk 8:3
know that I have ***p*** for my own needs . . . . Ac 20:34
kindness for you, ***p*** you continue in. . . . . Ro 11:22
God ***p*** something better for us so they . . . Heb 11:40

PROVINCE

the people of the ***p*** who went up from. . . . . Ezr 2:1
ruler over all the ***p*** of Babylon and . . . . . Dn 2:48
governor of that ***p***, an intelligent . . . . . Ac 13:7
churches in the ***p*** of Asia greet you. 1Co 16:19

PROVINCES

to kings and ***p***, and that it has . . . . . Ezr 4:15
of kings and ***p***. I acquired male . . . . . Ecc 2:8
Once a queen over ***p***, she has become a . . . . Lam 1:1
him through the ***p*** of Macedonia and . . . . Ac 19:21

PSALM

A **p** of David, when he fled from his son . . . . . Ps 3:1
in the second **p**, You are my son; . . . . . Ac 13:33
too; I'll sing a **p** in the Spirit, but 1Co 14:15

PUBLIC

after hearing a **p** solemn pledge even . . . . . Lv 5:1
turning it into a **p** restroom, which is 2Ki 10:27
the street; in the **p** square she raises . . . . . Prv 1:20
their sins in **p**. Doom to them, for . . . . . Is 3:9
until he began his **p** ministry to Israel. . . . . Lk 1:80
he is, speaking in **p**, yet they aren't . . . . . Jn 7:26
them. Because of **p** support for Peter . . . . . Ac 4:21
motivations **p**. Then there will 1Co 4:5
over again and exposing him to **p** shame. . . . Heb 6:6

PULLED

reached out and **p** Lot back into the. . . . . Gn 19:10
she said, "I **p** him out of the . . . . . Ex 2:10
is found to be **p** out and discarded . . . . . Lv 14:40
that hasn't been used or yet **p** a plow, ... Dt 21:3
two gateposts, and **p** them up with the . . . . Jdg 16:3
their tent cord **p** up? They die . . . . . Job 4:21
spaces; he **p** me out safe . . . . . Ps 18:19
you will be **p** down from your . . . . . Is 22:19
it was full, they **p** it to the shore, ... Mt 13:48
He has **p** the powerful down from their . . . . Lk 1:52
Peter got up and **p** the net to shore. . . . . Jn 21:11
object was suddenly **p** back into heaven. . . . Ac 10:16

PUNISH

But after I **p** the nation they serve, they . . . Gn 15:14
passionate God. I **p** children for their . . . . . Ex 20:5
obey me, I will **p** you for your sins . . . . . Lv 26:18
please don't **p** us for the sin . . . . . Nm 12:11
passionate God. I **p** children for their . . . . . Dt 5:9
him that I would **p** his family forever 1Sa 3:13
LORD, don't **p** me when you are . . . . . Ps 6:1
It isn't good to **p** the righteous, to . . . . . Prv 17:26
Jerusalem, he will **p** the Assyrian. . . . . Is 10:12
while I will **p** the house of Jehu. . . . . Hos 1:4
find a way to **p** them. Everyone was. . . . . Ac 4:21
a big stick to **p** you, or with love 1Co 4:21
They are sent to **p** those doing evil 1Pt 2:14

PUNISHED

him shouldn't be **p**, except to pay for . . . . Ex 21:19
lie down and be **p** in his . . . . . Dt 25:2
their sin because you have **p** them for it, . . . 1Ki 8:35
down all day long. I'm **p** every morning. . . . Ps 73:14
wife; anyone who touches her will be **p**. . . . Prv 6:29
into a prison, and **p** after many days. . . . . Is 24:22
them when they are **p** for their double . . . Hos 10:10
arrested to Jerusalem so they could be **p**. . . . Ac 22:5
who take this kind of stand will get **p**. . . . Ro 13:2

PUNISHMENT

to the LORD, "My **p** is more than I can . . . . Gn 4:13
something so that you become liable to **p**; . . . Lv 5:1
struck the people with a very great **p**. . . . Nm 11:33
Capital **p** must be decided by two or three . . . Dt 17:6
on it, let the LORD himself seek **p**. . . . Josh 22:23
for wrath brings **p** by the sword. You . . . Job 19:29
against the nations and **p** on the peoples, . . Ps 149:7
do on the day of **p** when disaster . . . . . Is 10:3
The days of **p** have come; the days of . . . . Hos 9:7
away into eternal **p**. But the righteous . . . Mt 25:46
things deserving **p** will be beaten. . . . . Lk 12:48
sin led to **p**, but the free gift . . . . . Ro 5:16
How much worse **p** do you think is deserved. Heb 10:29

PURE

land's gold is **p**, and the land also . . . . . Gn 2:12
tiles, dazzlingly **p** like the sky. . . . . Ex 24:10
to bring **p**, pressed olive oil . . . . . Lv 24:2
herself and she is **p**, then she will be . . . . Nm 5:28
Their grapes are **p** poison; their. . . . . Dt 32:32
thousand kors of **p** oil for his palace 1Ki 5:11
If you are **p** and do the right thing, then. . . . Job 8:6
promises are **p**, like silver . . . . . Ps 12:6
evil plans, but gracious words are **p**. . . . . Prv 15:26
once valued as **p** gold—oh no!—now . . . . . Lam 4:2
Your eyes are too **p** to look on evil; you . . . Hab 1:13
people who have **p** hearts, because . . . . . Mt 5:8
perfume of **p** nard. She broke . . . . . Mk 14:3
perfume made of **p** nard. She anointed . . . . Jn 12:3
consider unclean what God has made **p**. . . . Ac 10:15
sincerity and **p** motives in the 2Co 1:12
and our bodies are washed with **p** water. . . Heb 10:22
were clothed in **p** bright linen and . . . . . Rev 15:6

PURIFICATION

outside the camp. It is a **p** offering. . . . . Ex 29:14
from the herd as a **p** offering for the . . . . . Lv 4:3
offer one for a **p** offering and the . . . . . Nm 6:11
compensation and **p** offerings, it 2Ki 12:16
offerings, the **p** offerings, and the . . . . . Eze 40:39
go through the **p** ritual with them, ... Ac 21:24
offerings or a **p** offering, which. . . . . Heb 10:8

PURIFIED

The Levites **p** themselves and washed their . Nm 8:21
and people who are **p** can join in the . . . . Dt 12:15
has said: I have **p** this water. It 2Ki 2:21
refined in an oven, **p** seven times over! . . . . Ps 12:6
an offering in **p** containers to the. . . . . Is 66:20
us and them, but **p** their deepest . . . . . Ac 15:9
that has been **p** in a furnace, and . . . . . Rev 1:15

PURIFY

that was used to **p** them, to ordain . . . . . Ex 29:33
this way, he will **p** it and make it . . . . . Lv 16:19
a corpse must **p** themselves on the . . . . . Nm 31:19
and went in to **p** the LORD's temple. 2Ch 29:15
send word and **p** his children. . . . . Job 1:5
me to the test! **p** my mind and my . . . . . Ps 26:2
out of that place; **p** yourselves, ... Is 52:11
of silver. He will **p** the Levites and . . . . . Mal 3:3
don't ritually **p** their hands by . . . . . Mt 15:2
didn't ritually **p** his hands by. . . . . Lk 11:38
up to Jerusalem to **p** themselves through . . Jn 11:55
you sinners. **p** your hearts, you. . . . . Jas 4:8

PURPLE

blue, **p**, and deep red yarns; fine linen; . . . . Ex 25:4
the altar and spread a **p** cloth on it. . . . . Nm 4:13
pendants, and the **p** robes worn by the . . . . Jdg 8:26
fine linen and **p** are her clothing. . . . . Prv 31:22
cushions, royal **p**; its interior. . . . . Song 3:10
in blue and **p**, all of them . . . . . Jer 10:9
him up in a **p** robe and twisted . . . . . Mk 15:17
clothed himself in **p** and fine linen, ... Lk 16:19
on his head, and dressed him in a **p** robe. . . . Jn 19:2
a dealer in **p** cloth. As she . . . . . Ac 16:14
The woman wore **p** and scarlet clothing, . . . Rev 17:4

PURPOSE

killing wasn't on **p** but an accident . . . . . Ex 21:13
been made for this **p**. And standing . . . . . Neh 8:4
and cause the **p** of sinners to. . . . . Job 10:3
Their **p** is to teach wisdom and . . . . . Prv 1:2
the LORD, have set them apart for my **p**. . . . Eze 20:12
David served God's **p** in his own . . . . . Ac 13:36

those who are called according to his ***p***. . . . . Ro 8:28
promise that his ***p*** doesn't change, he. . . . . Heb 6:17
God's mysterious ***p*** will be. . . . . Rev 10:7

PURSUE

so that they didn't ***p*** Jacob's sons. . . . . Gn 35:5
enemy said, "I'll ***p***, I'll overtake, ... Ex 15:9
Righteousness! ***p*** righteousness so that . . . Dt 16:20
fled to Gath, he didn't ***p*** him anymore. . . . 1Sa 27:4
leaf to tremble, or will you ***p*** dry straw? . . . Job 13:25
faithful love will ***p*** me all the days of . . . . Ps 23:6
life, but those who ***p*** evil, toward death. . . Prv 11:19
with foreign gods, and I must ***p*** them. . . . . Jer 2:25
Ephraim chose to ***p*** worthless things. . . . . Hos 5:11
p love, and use your ambition to try to . . . 1Co 14:1
p the goal of peace along with . . . . . Heb 12:14

Q

QUEEN

set up for the ***q*** mother. She sat to 1Ki 2:19
jewels; the ***q*** stands at your . . . . . Ps 45:9
will no longer call you ***q*** of Kingdoms. . . . . Is 47:5
The ***q*** of the South will be raised up by . . . Mt 12:42
The ***q*** of the South will rise up at the . . . . Lk 11:31
is the title given to the Ethiopian ***q*** . . . . . Ac 8:27
I sit like a ***q***! I'm not a widow. . . . . Rev 18:7

QUESTION

they asked another ***q*** of the LORD: "Has. . . 1Sa 10:22
Would you ***q*** my justice, deem me guilty so . Job 40:8
stand up. They ***q*** me about things I . . . . . Ps 35:11
Jeremiah to ***q*** him. And he. . . . . Jer 38:27
replied, "I have a ***q*** for you. If you. . . . . Mt 21:24
to them, "I have a ***q*** for you. Give me . . . . Mk 11:29
Here's a ***q*** for you: Is it . . . . . Lk 6:9
They continued to ***q*** him, so he stood up . . . Jn 8:7
Israel know beyond ***q*** that God has made . . . Ac 2:36
If there is any ***q*** about Titus, he is my . . . 2Co 8:23
Without ***q***, the less important person is . . . Heb 7:7

QUESTIONED

So Saul ***q*** God: "Should I go after the 1Sa 14:37
people constantly ***q*** me, "Where's your . . . Ps 42:3
sent for him and ***q*** Jeremiah secretly . . . . Jer 37:17
was shaken and ***q*** among themselves, ... Mk 1:27
Herod ***q*** Jesus at length, but Jesus didn't . . . Lk 23:9
of the Pharisees ***q*** the man who had . . . . Jn 9:17
was baffled. They ***q*** each other, "Isn't . . . . Ac 9:21

QUIET

and Jacob became a ***q*** man who stayed at . . Gn 25:27
to all Israel: ***q*** down and listen, ... Dt 27:9
gate. They kept ***q*** all night long, ... Jdg 16:2
I had no ease, ***q***, or rest, and trembling . . . Job 3:26
When I kept ***q***, my bones wore out; I was . . . Ps 32:3
lacks sense; a sensible person keeps ***q***. . . . Prv 11:12
But they kept ***q*** and didn't answer him . . . Is 36:21
The whole earth is peaceful and ***q***. . . . . Zec 1:11
told them to be ***q***. But they shouted . . . . Mt 20:31
telling him to be ***q***, but he shouted . . . . Mk 10:48
telling him to be ***q***, but he shouted . . . . Lk 18:39
with his hand to ***q*** them down, then . . . . Ac 12:17
secret that was kept ***q*** for a long time. . . . Ro 16:25

R

RABBAH

Ammonite town of ***R***? By standard . . . . . Dt 3:11
of the Ammonites as far as Aroer near ***R***. Josh 13:25
alarm against ***R***, the capital city . . . . . Jer 49:2
at the wall of ***R***; the fire will . . . . . Am 1:14

RABBI

the markets and to be addressed as '***R***.' . . . Mt 23:7
saying to Jesus, "***R***, it's good that . . . . . Mk 9:5
for?" They said, "***R*** . . . . . Jn 1:38

RACHEL

is his daughter ***R*** now, coming with . . . . . Gn 29:6
household be like ***R*** and like Leah, ... Ru 4:11
and wailing. It's ***R*** crying for her . . . . . Jer 31:15
and much grieving. ***R*** weeping for her. . . . . Mt 2:18

RAGE

while until your brother's ***r*** subsides, ... Gn 27:44
has turned back my ***r*** toward the . . . . . Nm 25:11
massive anger and ***r*** the LORD had for . . . . Dt 9:19
the table in a ***r***. He didn't eat. 1Sa 20:34
There the wicked ***r*** no more; there the. . . . Job 3:17
of anger and leave ***r*** behind! Don't get. . . . Ps 37:8
makes a man ***r***; he'll show no . . . . . Prv 6:34
scorched by the ***r*** of the LORD of . . . . . Is 9:19
because of the ***r*** of their tongues; . . . . . Hos 7:16
did the Gentiles ***r***, and the peoples . . . . . Ac 4:25
such as anger, ***r***, malice, slander, ... Col 3:8
to you with great ***r***, for he knows that. . . . Rev 12:12

RAHAB

a prostitute named ***R***. They bedded down . . . Josh 2:1
anger; the helpers of ***R*** bow beneath him. . . Job 9:13
I count ***R*** and Babel among those who know . Ps 87:4
Therefore, I call her ***R*** Who Sits Still. . . . . Is 30:7
whose mother was ***R***. Boaz was the . . . . . Mt 1:5
By faith ***R*** the prostitute wasn't killed. . . . Heb 11:31

RAIN

hadn't yet sent ***r*** on the earth and . . . . . Gn 2:5
stopped, and the ***r*** stopped pouring. . . . . Ex 9:33
I will give you ***r*** at the proper time, the . . . Lv 26:4
drinking water will be ***r*** from heaven. . . . Dt 11:11
send thunder and ***r***. Then you will 1Sa 12:17
who provides ***r*** over the earth's surface, . . Job 5:10
God will ***r*** fiery coals and sulfur on the . . . Ps 11:6
is like a cloud that brings spring ***r***. . . . . Prv 16:15
I will command the clouds not to ***r*** on it. . . . Is 5:6
he may come and ***r*** righteousness upon . . . Hos 10:12
the good and sends ***r*** on both the. . . . . Mt 5:45
when it didn't ***r*** for three and a. . . . . Lk 4:25
you by giving you ***r*** from above as well . . . Ac 14:17
it drinks up the ***r*** that regularly . . . . . Heb 6:7
the sky so that no ***r*** will fall for as . . . . Rev 11:6

RAISE

When he heard me ***r*** my voice and scream, . Gn 39:15
said to Moses, "***r*** your hand toward. . . . . Ex 9:22
You will ***r*** the price if there are more . . . . Lv 25:16
the priest will ***r*** them as an . . . . . Nm 6:20
LORD your God will ***r*** up a prophet like . . . Dt 18:15
So the LORD would ***r*** up leaders for. . . . . Jdg 2:18
for they ***r*** a fist against God and try to . . . Job 15:25
earth, you will ***r*** me up one more . . . . . Ps 71:20
God will ***r*** a signal to a nation from far . . . Is 5:26
third day he will ***r*** us up, so that we. . . . . Hos 6:2
God is able to ***r*** up Abraham's . . . . . Mt 3:9
the widow and ***r*** up children for . . . . . Mk 12:19
God is able to ***r*** up Abraham's . . . . . Lk 3:8
temple and in three days I'll ***r*** it up. . . . . Jn 2:19
Lord your God will ***r*** up from your own . . . . Ac 3:22
the Lord and will ***r*** us through his 1Co 6:14
God could even ***r*** him from the dead. . . . . Heb 11:19

RAISED

dreamed and saw a ***r*** staircase, its . . . . . Gn 28:12

LORD commanded. He *r* the shepherd's rod . . Ex 7:20
Aaron then *r* his hands toward the people . . . Lv 9:22
entire community *r* their voice and . . . . . Nm 14:1
They *r* over him a great pile of stones . . . . Josh 7:26
Your words have *r* up the falling; you've . . . . Job 4:4
looked like axes *r* against a thicket . . . . . Ps 74:5
are their eyes; how their eyebrows are *r*! . . . Prv 30:13
reared children; I *r* them, and they . . . . . Is 1:2
I *r* up some of your children to be . . . . . Am 2:11
who were dead are *r* up. The poor have . . . . Mt 11:5
by the hand, and *r* her up. The fever . . . . . Mk 1:31
He has *r* up a mighty savior for us in his . . . Lk 1:69
After he was *r* from the dead, his . . . . . Jn 2:22
apostles. He *r* his voice and . . . . . Ac 2:14
in the one who *r* Jesus our Lord . . . . . Ro 4:24
from sinners, and *r* high above the . . . . . Heb 7:26
out, the seven thunders *r* their voices. . . . . Rev 10:3

RAM

a three-year-old *r*, a dove, and a . . . . . Gn 15:9
Then slaughter the *r*. Take its blood and. . . Ex 29:16
a flawless *r* from the flock, ... Lv 5:15
in addition to the *r* of reconciliation . . . . . Nm 5:8
the father of *r*, Ram the father of. . . . . Ru 4:19
from the clan of *r* was angry, angry . . . . . Job 32:2
his battering *r* against your . . . . . Eze 26:9

RAMAH

Gibeon, ***R***, Beeroth . . . . . Josh 18:25
camp at Geba!" ***R*** trembles; Gibeah . . . . . Is 10:29
blow a trumpet in ***R***. Sound the warning . . . Hos 5:8
voice was heard in ***R***, weeping and much . . . Mt 2:18

RAMOTH-GILEAD

Ben-geber in ***R***, who controlled the 1Ki 4:13

RAMS

and I haven't eaten your flock's *r*. . . . . Gn 31:38
Take a young bull and two flawless *r*. . . . . Ex 29:1
offering, two *r*, and a basket of. . . . . Lv 8:2
two oxen, five *r*, five male goats, ... Nm 7:17
the best of lambs, *r* from Bashan, ... Dt 32:14
attention is better than fat from *r*, ... 1Sa 15:22
bulls and seven *r*, go to my servant . . . . . Job 42:8
of sacrificed *r*. I will offer both . . . . . Ps 66:15
offerings of *r* and the fat of . . . . . Is 1:11
with thousands of *r*, with many . . . . . Mi 6:7

RAN

her harshly, and she *r* away from Sarai. . . . . Gn 16:6
Moses. But Moses *r* away from Pharaoh. . . . Ex 2:15
A young man *r* and told Moses, "Eldad and . Nm 11:27
into the stream that *r* down the mountain. . . Dt 9:21
flowing again. It *r* as before, ... Josh 4:18
they panicked and *r* away frightened. . . . . Ps 48:5
prophets, yet they *r* anyway. I didn't . . . . Jer 23:21
tended the pigs *r* into the city and . . . . . Mt 8:33
from far away, he *r* and knelt before . . . . . Mk 5:6
They rose up and *r* him out of town. They . . Lk 4:29
When the wine *r* out, Jesus' mother said . . . Jn 2:3
gate. Instead, she *r* back in and. . . . . Ac 12:14
your merchants *r* the world, because . . . . Rev 18:23

RANSOM

donkey you should *r* with a sheep. If . . . . Ex 13:13
may not accept a *r* for the life of a . . . . . Nm 35:31
In famine he will *r* you from death; in. . . . Job 5:20
It can't pay a life's *r*-price to God. . . . . Ps 49:7
Wealth can *r* a person's life, but the. . . . . Prv 13:8
Egypt as your *r*, Cush and Seba in . . . . . Is 43:3
Will I *r* them from the power of the grave . . Hos 13:14
grace because of a *r* that was paid by . . . . Ro 3:24

RAVENS

also ordered the *r* to provide for you 1Ki 17:4
even to the baby *r* when they cry out. . . . . Ps 147:9
a mother, may the *r* of the river . . . . . Prv 30:17
it; owls and *r* will live there. . . . . Is 34:11
Consider the *r*: they neither plant nor. . . . Lk 12:24

RAVINE

the Cluster *r*, cut down from. . . . . Nm 13:23
far as the Cluster *r*. They walked all . . . . Dt 1:24
the middle of the *r*, and the whole . . . . . Josh 13:16
you from Lebo-hamath to the desert *r*. . . . . Am 6:14

REACH

said to Moses, "*r* out and grab the . . . . . Ex 4:4
with fortifications that *r* to the sky. . . . . Dt 9:1
servant, "let's *r* Gibeah or Ramah. . . . . Jdg 19:13
shuttle; they *r* their end without . . . . . Job 7:6
world; their words *r* the ends of the. . . . . Ps 19:4
will never again *r* the ways of the. . . . . Prv 2:19
toddlers will *r* right over the . . . . . Is 11:8
The men rowed to *r* dry land, but they . . . Jon 1:13
but they couldn't *r* him because of the . . . Lk 5:19
him, perhaps even *r* out to him and. . . . . Ac 17:27
until we all *r* the unity of faith and . . . . Eph 4:13
-out of the snake's *r*—for a time and . . . . Rev 12:14

READ

on the scroll and *r* it to Joshua: I . . . . . Ex 17:14
him, and he must *r* in it every day of . . . . Dt 17:19
Afterward, Joshua *r* aloud all the words. . . Josh 8:34
it to one who can *r*, saying, "Read . . . . . Is 29:11
upon a tablet so that a runner can *r* it. . . . Hab 2:2
them, "Haven't you *r* what David did . . . . Mt 12:3
Haven't you ever *r* what David did . . . . . Mk 2:25
as he normally did and stood up to *r*. . . . . Lk 4:16
on the cross. It *r* "Jesus the . . . . . Jn 19:19
of the prophets that are *r* every Sabbath. . . Ac 13:27
what you can *r* and also 2Co 1:13
listen to it being *r*, and keep what is . . . . Rev 1:3

REALIZED

But when she *r* that she was . . . . . Gn 16:4
was afraid when he *r*: They obviously . . . . Ex 2:14
Then Gideon *r* that it had been the LORD's . Jdg 6:22
under the sun, I *r* that everything is . . . . Ecc 1:14
I regretted it; I *r* what I had done, ... Jer 31:19
Then the disciples *r* he was telling them. . . Mt 17:13
to them. They *r* he had seen a . . . . . Lk 1:22
Then the father *r* that this was the hour. . . Jn 4:53
Her owners *r* that their hope for making . . Ac 16:19
about justice, *r* promises, shut the . . . . . Heb 11:33

REASON

This is the *r* that a man leaves his. . . . . Gn 2:24
You've given them a *r* to kill us. . . . . Ex 5:21
plant seed for no *r* because your . . . . . Lv 26:16
For this *r* the scroll of the LORD's wars . . . Nm 21:14
children for this *r*: he was completely . . . . Dt 1:36
This is the *r* Joshua did so: All the . . . . . Josh 5:4
you incited me to ruin him for no *r*. . . . . Job 2:3
with evil or oppressed a foe for no *r* . . . . . Ps 7:4
anyone without *r*, when they haven't . . . . Prv 3:30
you for a good *r*. I will grasp your. . . . . Is 42:6
man to divorce his wife for just any *r*? . . . Mt 19:3
Isn't this the *r* you are wrong, ... Mk 12:24
were looking for a *r* to bring charges . . . . Lk 6:7
For this *r* the Jewish leaders wanted even . . Jn 5:18
For this *r*, when you sent for me, I came. . . Ac 10:29
would have had a *r* to brag, but not . . . . . Ro 4:2
For this *r*, confess your sins to each. . . . . Jas 5:16
This is the *r* they are before God's . . . . . Rev 7:15

REBEKAH
the father of ***R***. These are the . . . . . Gn 22:23

REBEL
as he says. Don't *r* against him. He . . . . . Ex 23:21
Only don't *r* against the LORD and don't . . Nm 14:9
the LORD. If you *r* against the LORD . . . Josh 22:18
They *r* against light, don't acknowledge . . . Job 24:13
from those who *r* against the LORD. . . . . Ps 68:18
Why continue to *r*? Everyone's head . . . . . Is 1:5
to me; he gives away our fields to a *r*. . . . . Mi 2:4
as a murderer or thief or evildoer or *r*. 1Pt 4:15

REBELLED
because you *r* against my command . . . . Nm 20:24
says this: You *r* against the LORD's 1Ki 13:21
many sins because they've *r* against you. . . . Ps 5:10
sinned, and your officials *r* against me. . . . . Is 43:27
because they have *r* against me. I. . . . . Hos 7:13
Who was it who *r* when they heard his . . . Heb 3:16

REBELLION
kind of sin and *r*, yet by no means . . . . . Ex 34:7
an altar as an act of *r* against the LORD. Josh 22:16
delivered them into the power of their *r*. . . . Job 8:4
people seek only *r*; a cruel messenger . . . . Prv 17:11
like a hut; its *r* weighs heavy upon . . . . . Is 24:20
inside you are full of pretense and *r*. . . . . Mt 23:28
come unless the *r* comes first and 2Th 2:3
as they did in the *r*, on the day when . . . . . Heb 3:8

REBELLIOUS
because of their *r* sins, as well as . . . . . Lv 16:16
You've been *r* toward the LORD from the . . . Dt 9:24
son of a stubborn, *r* woman!" he said. 1Sa 20:30
So don't let the *r* exalt themselves. . . . . Ps 66:7
r hearts receive satisfaction from their . . . Prv 14:14
Doom to you, *r* children, says the LORD, . . . Is 30:1
are many who are *r* people, ... Ti 1:10

REBELS
as a sign to the *r* so that their . . . . . Nm 17:10
place, you have been *r* against the LORD. . . . Dt 9:7
When a land *r*, there are many leaders; . . . . Prv 28:2
Your princes are *r*, companions of . . . . . Is 1:23
them no more; all their officials are *r*. . . . . Hos 9:15
If Satan *r* against himself and is . . . . . Mk 3:26

REBUILD
who starts to *r* this city of . . . . . Josh 6:26
advisors, who *r* ruins for . . . . . Job 3:14
God will tear them down and never *r*! . . . . Ps 28:5
fallen, but let's *r* with stones. . . . . Is 9:10
ruins, and I will *r* it like a long . . . . . Am 9:11
God's temple and *r* it in three days.' . . . . Mt 26:61
the temple and *r* it in three days, ... Mk 15:29
return, and I will *r* David's fallen . . . . . Ac 15:16
If I *r* the very things that I tore down, ... Ga 2:18

REBUILT
heap of rubble forever. It must not be *r*. . . Dt 13:16
-rehob Valley. They *r* the city and . . . . . Jdg 18:28
down, it can't be *r*; if he ties a . . . . . Job 12:14
into a city no more, never to be *r*. . . . . Is 25:2

REBUKE
in your heart. *r* your fellow . . . . . Lv 19:17
Does he *r* you for your piety, bring you . . . Job 22:4
laid bare at your *r*, LORD, at the . . . . . Ps 18:15
A *r* goes deeper to an understanding . . . . Prv 17:10
But God will *r* them, and they . . . . . Is 17:13
Rock, you established him as a *r*. . . . . Hab 1:12
Instead, he said, "The Lord *r* you!" . . . . . Jud 1:9

RECEIVE
offerings for me. *r* my gift offerings. . . . . Ex 25:2
you will *r* five shekels each. You will. . . . . Nm 3:47
that you will *r* there, you must . . . . . Dt 19:14
your deed. May you *r* a rich reward from . . . Ru 2:12
woman. Will we *r* good from God but . . . . Job 2:10
advice; later you will *r* me with glory. . . . . Ps 73:24
The wise gain respect, but fools *r* shame. . . . Prv 3:35
singing. They will *r* the glory of. . . . . Is 35:2
wickedness; and *r* the good. Instead . . . . Hos 14:2
show mercy, because they will *r* mercy. . . . . Mt 5:7
the word, they immediately *r* it joyfully. . . . Mk 4:16
determine the portion you *r* in return. . . . . Lk 6:38
have seen, but you don't *r* our testimony. . . . Jn 3:11
Rather, you will *r* power when the Holy . . . . Ac 1:8
who will *r* praise from God, ... Ro 2:28
so that we can *r* mercy and find . . . . . Heb 4:16
Lord and God, to *r* glory and honor. . . . . Rev 4:11

RECEIVED
has even used up the payment he *r* for us? . Gn 31:15
I *r* a blessing, and he blessed. I can't . . . . Nm 23:20
The Israelites *r* these inheritances in . . . . Josh 14:1
the insults I've *r*; you know my shame . . . . Ps 69:19
paid, that she has *r* from the LORD's . . . . . Is 40:2
out demons. You *r* without having to . . . . . Mt 10:8
soundness of the instruction you have *r*. . . . . Lk 1:4
fullness we have all *r* grace upon grace; . . . . Jn 1:16
was one of us and *r* a share of this . . . . . Ac 1:17
him we have *r* God's grace and . . . . . Ro 1:5
as angels, that he *r* a more important . . . . Heb 1:4
just as I *r* authority from my Father. I. . . . Rev 2:28

RECOGNIZE
Isaac didn't *r* him because his arms were . . Gn 27:23
for recognition in order to *r* guilt. . . . . Nm 5:15
siblings: 'I don't *r* them'; of their . . . . . Dt 33:9
one person could *r* another, for he . . . . . Ru 3:14
and didn't *r* him, they wept . . . . . Job 2:12
r how strong God is! His majesty extends . . . Ps 68:34
up; don't you *r* it? I'm making a . . . . . Is 43:19
you might learn to *r* the righteous acts . . . . Mi 6:5
see but never *r* what you are . . . . . Mt 13:14
because you didn't *r* the time of your . . . . Lk 19:44
light, but the world didn't *r* the light. . . . . Jn 1:10
leaders didn't *r* Jesus. By . . . . . Ac 13:27
then let them *r* that what I'm 1Co 14:37
r that whoever brings a sinner back from . . . Jas 5:20

RECOGNIZED
LORD, and the LORD *r* Abram's high moral . . Gn 15:6
house, they *r* the accent of the . . . . . Jdg 18:3
home again, won't be *r* in town anymore. . . . Job 7:10
peace is *r* as one who is . . . . . Jer 28:9
in that place *r* him, they sent . . . . . Mt 14:35
let the demons speak, because they *r* him. . . Mk 1:34
speak because they *r* that he was the . . . . . Lk 4:41
responded, "If you *r* God's gift and who . . . . Jn 4:10
They *r* him as the same one who used to. . . . Ac 3:10
the tune from the harp or the lyre be *r*? . . . 1Co 14:7

RECONCILIATION
offering for *r*. You should remove. . . . . Ex 29:36
be accepted for you, to make *r* for you. . . . . Lv 1:4
to the ram of *r* by which the . . . . . Nm 5:8
place, to make *r* for Israel, just 1Ch 6:49
sacrifices to make *r* for them. This is . . . . Eze 45:15
since the Day of *r* had already . . . . . Ac 27:9
Christ and who gave us the ministry of *r*. . . 2Co 5:18

RECORDED
that were *r* at Moses' . . . . . Ex 38:21

service was individually *r* by name. . . . . Nm 1:20
whose names were *r*, however, came in 1Ch 4:41
Let them not be *r* along with the . . . . . .Ps 69:28
council, or *r* in the house of . . . . . .Eze 13:9
signs that aren't *r* in this scroll. . . . . Jn 20:30

RECORDS

written in the official *r* of Solomon? 1Ki 11:41
Israel's official *r*, or enter Israel's . . . . . .Eze 13:9

RED

The first came out *r* all over, clothed . . . . Gn 25:25
purple, and deep *r* yarns; fine linen; . . . . Ex 25:4
spread on them a *r* cloth, cover it. . . . . Nm 4:8
the *r* kite, the black kite, and any kind . . . Dt 14:13
land, you tie this *r* woven cord in the . . . . Josh 2:18
My face is *r* from crying, and dark gloom . . Job 16:16
at wine when it is *r*, resp= when it . . . . . Prv 23:31
snow. If they are *r* as crimson, they . . . . . Is 1:18
with fear; all faces turn *r* with worry. . . . . Jl 2:6
weather because the sky is bright *r*.' . . . . Mt 16:2
in Egypt at the *r* Sea and for forty . . . . . Ac 7:36
they crossed the *r* Sea as if they wee . . . .Heb 11:29
horse, fiery *r*. Its rider was. . . . . Rev 6:4

REDEEM

However, you will *r* the oldest males . . . . Nm 18:15
morning, if he'll *r* you—good, let him. . . . . Ru 3:13
Come close to me! *r* me! Save me because . . .Ps 69:18
hand too small to *r* you? Don't I have . . . . Is 50:2
me. I would *r* them, but they. . . . . Hos 7:13
the one who would *r* Israel. All these . . . . Lk 24:21
was so he could *r* those under the . . . . . Ga 4:5

REDEEMED

out of Egypt, who *r* you from the house . . . . Dt 13:5
earth, that God *r* as his own people, ...1Ch 17:21
long ago, that you *r* to be the tribe of . . . . Ps 74:2
Zion will be *r* by justice, and those who . . . Is 1:27
land of Egypt; I *r* you from the house . . . . Mi 6:4
Christ *r* us from the curse of the Law by. . . . Ga 3:13

REDEEMER

over your servant, because you are a *r*. . . . . Ru 3:9
But I know that my *r* is alive and . . . . . Job 19:25
pleasing to you, LORD, my rock and my *r*. . . .Ps 19:14
for their *r* is strong. He will bring. . . . . Prv 23:11
LORD. The holy one of Israel is your *r*. . . . .Is 41:14

REED

longer, she took a *r* basket and sealed . . . . .Ex 2:3
the desert by the route of the *r* Sea. . . . .Nm 14:25
wilderness along the route of the *r* Sea. . . . Dt 1:40
the water of the *r* Sea in front of . . . . . Josh 2:10
a marsh? Does a *r* flourish without . . . . . Job 8:11
they rebelled by the sea—at the *r* Sea. . . . .Ps 106:7
palm branch and *r* from Israel in one . . . . . Is 9:14

REFUGE

Levites will be *r* cities. You will . . . . . Nm 35:6
Set up *r* cities for . . . . . Josh 20:2
rains, with no *r*, huddled against a . . . . . Job 24:8
But all who take *r* in the LORD are . . . . . Ps 2:12
of the LORD is a *r* for the innocent . . . . . Prv 10:29
has flown. Gebim's inhabitants sought *r*. . . . Is 10:31
But the LORD is a *r* for his people, a . . . . . Jl 3:16
king, so he took *r* again, alone on a . . . . . Jn 6:15
we, who have taken *r* in him, can be . . . . Heb 6:18

REFUSE

If you *r* to let them go, then I'll send a . . . . .Ex 8:2
turns away and you *r* to listen, and so. . . . . Dt 30:17
of you. Don't *r* me!" She said to 1Ki 2:16
I *r* to touch them; they resemble food for . . . Job 6:7
are my rock; don't *r* to hear me. If you . . . . Ps 28:1
compensation; he'll *r* even a large bribe. . . .Prv 6:35
But if you *r* and rebel, you will be. . . . . Is 1:20
who ask, and don't *r* those who wish to . . . . Mt 5:42
and his guests, he didn't want to *r* her. . . . .Mk 6:26
burdens and you *r* to lift a single . . . . . Lk 11:46
r food offered to idols, blood, the meat . . . Ac 15:29
Don't *r* to meet each other's needs unless . . . 1Co 7:5
For those who *r* to believe,. 1Pt 2:7

REFUSED

him, but he *r* to be comforted, ... Gn 37:35
me." But you *r* to let him go. As . . . . . Ex 4:23
Edom *r* to allow Israel to cross his . . . . . Nm 20:21
the Edomite king *r*. They sent the . . . . . Jdg 11:17
whose fathers I *r* to put beside my . . . . . Job 30:1
covenant; they *r* to walk in his . . . . . .Ps 78:10
place of repose"; but they *r* to listen. . . . . Is 28:12
because they have *r* to return to me. . . . . Hos 11:5
But he *r*. Instead, he threw him into . . . . Mt 18:30
villagers *r* to welcome him. . . . . Lk 9:53
whom our ancestors *r* to obey. Instead, ... Ac 7:39
because they have *r* to love the truth 2Th 2:10
By faith Moses *r* to be called the son of . . .Heb 11:24

REGION

had come from the *r* of Beer-lahai-roi . . . . Gn 24:62
to a desolate *r*, then the goat. . . . . Lv 16:22
the arid southern *r*, and the . . . . . .Dt 1:7
live in the valley *r* have iron . . . . . Josh 17:16
son, over the *r*, responsible for . . . . . .Jer 40:7
who lived in the *r* and in shadow of. . . . . Mt 4:16
throughout the entire *r* of Galilee. . . . . .Mk 1:28
throughout the *r* of the Jordan. . . . . .Lk 3:3
toured the whole *r*, he went to visit . . . . . Ac 9:32
go down into the *r* below? . . . . . Ro 10:7

REGIONS

plateau, in the *r* of Gilead and . . . . . Dt 3:10
in all the *r* of Israel, ... 1Ch 13:2
earth's distant *r*: Say to Daughter. . . . . Is 62:11
Sidon, and all the *r* of Philistia? Are. . . . . Jl 3:4
Jesus went to the *r* of Tyre and Sidon. . . . Mt 15:21
Egypt and the *r* of Libya bordering . . . . . Ac 2:10
to work in these *r* anymore, and since. . . . Ro 15:23

REGISTERED

second month. They *r* them by their . . . . . Nm 1:18
heads were *r*, along with a 1Ch 23:24
children who are *r* in heaven, to God . . . .Heb 12:23
only those who are *r* in the Lamb's . . . . . Rev 21:27

REGULAR

This should be the *r* entirely burned . . . . Ex 29:42
choice flour as a *r* grain offering, ... Lv 6:20
incense, the *r* grain offering, ... Nm 4:16
I don't have any *r* bread on hand," the. . . . 1Sa 21:4
a *r* amount of oil, one-tenth of a bath . . . Eze 45:14

REGULATION

in every generation as a *r* for all time. . . . Ex 12:14
according to the *r*. In this way, the . . . . . Lv 5:10
be a permanent *r* for you throughout . . . . Nm 10:8
David made that a *r* and a law in 1Sa 30:25
and perpetual *r* for the grain. . . . . Eze 46:14

REGULATIONS

keep all of his *r*, then I won't. . . . . Ex 15:26
No, my *r* and my rules are the ones you . . . . Lv 18:4
to all its *r* and its customary . . . . . Nm 9:3
listen to the *r* and the case laws . . . . . .Dt 4:1
my laws, enact my *r*, and keep all my 1Ki 6:12

The LORD's *r* are right, gladdening the . . . . Ps 19:8
case laws and my *r* with greater . . . . . Eze 5:6
of all the Lord's commandments and *r*. . . . . Lk 1:6
to keep the *r* put into place by . . . . . Ac 16:4
to rules and *r* as though you were . . . . . Col 2:20
first covenant had *r* for the priests' . . . . . Heb 9:1

REHOBOAM

David's City, and ***R*** his son succeeded 1Ki 11:43
was the father of ***R***. Rehoboam was the . . . . Mt 1:7

REJECT

if you *r* my rules and despise my . . . . . Lv 26:15
them and I will *r* the temple that I 1Ki 9:7
corrects; so don't *r* the Almighty's . . . . . Job 5:17
cravings; the greedy *r* the LORD, cursing. . . . Ps 10:3
Don't *r* the instruction of the LORD, my. . . . Prv 3:11
and learn to *r* evil and choose . . . . . Is 7:15
so I will *r* you from serving . . . . . Hos 4:6
people hate you, *r* you, insult you, ... Lk 6:22
first. Since you *r* it and show that. . . . . Ac 13:46
wise, and I will *r* the intelligence 1Co 1:19
we escape if we *r* the one who is . . . . . Heb 12:25

REJECTED

the fact that they *r* my regulations and . . . Lv 26:43
you. You've *r* the LORD who's . . . . . Nm 11:20
to go up. You *r* the LORD your . . . . . Dt 1:26
you had completely *r* her that I gave . . . . Jdg 15:2
As God lives, who *r* my legal claim, the . . . Job 27:2
Why have you *r* me? Why do I have. . . . . Ps 43:2
you, but you *r* me; I stretched . . . . . Prv 1:24
for they have *r* the teaching of . . . . . Is 5:24
Since you have *r* knowledge, so I . . . . . Hos 4:6
that the builders *r* has become the . . . . . Mt 21:42
many things and be *r* by the elders, ... Mk 8:31
and legal experts *r* God's will for . . . . . Lk 7:30
You *r* the holy and righteous one, and. . . . . Ac 3:14
I ask you, has God *r* his people? . . . . . Ro 11:1
When someone *r* the Law from Moses, they . Heb 10:28

REJOICE

the streams, and *r* before the LORD. . . . . Lv 23:40
Then you will *r* in the LORD your God's . . . Dt 12:12
enemies because I *r* in your 1Sa 2:1
who *r* excitedly, who are thrilled when . . . Job 3:22
that all who love your name can *r* in you. . . . Ps 5:11
spring be blessed. *r* in the wife of. . . . . Prv 5:18
harvest, as those who divide plunder *r*. . . . . Is 9:3
Don't *r*, Israel! Don't celebrate as . . . . . Hos 9:1
you, and many people will *r* at his birth, . . . Lk 1:14
again, it says, *r*, Gentiles, with . . . . . Ro 15:10
You now *r* in this hope, even if it's 1Pt 1:6
live on earth will *r* over them. They . . . . . Rev 11:10

REJOICED

people of the land *r*, and the city was 2Ki 11:20
if I've *r* because my wealth was great, ... Job 31:25
helped, my heart *r*, and I thank him . . . . . Ps 28:7
its joy. They *r* before you as with . . . . . Is 9:3
priests who *r* over its glory . . . . . Hos 10:5
those in the crowd *r* at all the . . . . . Lk 13:17
glad and my tongue *r*. Moreover, my body . . . Ac 2:26

REJOICING

with tambourines, *r*, and musical. 1Sa 18:6
that the *r* of the wicked is short, the . . . . Job 20:5
be pleasing to him; I'm *r* in the LORD! . . . . Ps 104:34
enjoy doing evil, *r* in their twisted . . . . . Prv 2:14
disciples began *r*. They praised God . . . . . Lk 19:37
left the council *r* because they had . . . . . Ac 5:41
you blameless and *r* before his . . . . . Jud 1:24

RELATIVE

heard that his *r* had been captured, ... Gn 14:14
approach any blood *r* for sexual . . . . . Lv 18:6
has no close *r* to whom the . . . . . Nm 5:8
because they said, "He's our *r*." . . . . . Jdg 9:3
a neighbor nearby than a *r* far away. . . . . Prv 27:10
If a *r*, someone who burns the dead, ... Am 6:10
her old age, your *r* Elizabeth has . . . . . Lk 1:36
the high priest, a *r* of the one whose . . . . Jn 18:26
Say hello to my *r* Herodion. Say hello to . . . Ro 16:11

RELATIVES

and between our herders since we are *r*. . . . Gn 13:8
Go carry your *r* out from the front . . . . . Lv 10:4
territory of your *r* who live in Seir: . . . . . Dt 2:4
with our male *r*." So in agreement . . . . . Josh 17:4
and one who causes conflicts among *r*. . . . . Prv 6:19
Even your *r*, your very family, are. . . . . Jer 12:6
among their *r*, and in their own . . . . . Mk 6:4
Her neighbors and *r* celebrated with her . . . Lk 1:58
Jacob and all his *r*—seventy-five in. . . . . Ac 7:14
sisters, who are my flesh-and-blood *r*. . . . . Ro 9:3

RELEASE

the priest will *r* the wild bird into. . . . . Lv 14:7
to crush me, *r* his hand and cut . . . . . Job 6:9
to proclaim *r* for captives, and . . . . . Is 61:1
covenant, I will *r* your prisoners . . . . . Zec 9:11
the governor to *r* to the crowd one . . . . . Mt 27:15
asked Pilate to *r* someone, as he . . . . . Mk 15:8
poor, to proclaim *r* to the prisoners. . . . . Lk 4:18
a custom that I *r* one prisoner for . . . . . Jn 18:39
though he had already decided to *r* him. . . . Ac 3:13
will result in my *r* through your . . . . . Phl 1:19
had the trumpet, "*r* the four angels. . . . . Rev 9:14

RELEASED

then the goat will be *r* into the wild. . . . . Lv 16:22
the torches and *r* the foxes into the. . . . . Jdg 15:5
him free; the ruler of many people *r* him. . . Ps 105:20
ones will soon be *r*; they won't die in . . . . Is 51:14
on that servant, *r* him, and forgave . . . . . Mt 18:27
twisted tongue was *r*, and he began to . . . . Mk 7:35
He *r* the one they asked for, who had been. . Lk 23:25
that a murderer be *r* to you instead. . . . . Ac 3:14
dies, she is *r* from the Law. . . . . Ro 7:2
and refused to be *r* so they could gain. . . . Heb 11:35
and year were *r* to kill a third of . . . . . Rev 9:15

RELIABLE

has proved to be *r* with all my . . . . . Nm 12:7
into trouble, but a *r* one brings healing. . . . Prv 13:17
my mouth; it is *r* and won't fail. . . . . Is 45:23
This saying is *r* and deserves full 1Ti 1:15
by angels was *r*, and every offense . . . . . Heb 2:2

RELIGIOUS

all of Egypt's *r* experts and all of . . . . . Gn 41:8
and Egypt's *r* experts did the. . . . . Ex 7:11
perform its *r* ceremonies, and . . . . . Nm 1:50
don't know the *r* practices of the 2Ki 17:26
to use against him from his *r* practice. . . . . Dn 6:5
I will end all her *r* celebrations, her . . . . . Hos 2:11
I see that you are very *r* in every way. . . . . Ac 17:22
You observe *r* days and months and seasons . . Ga 4:10
carrying out their *r* duties had been . . . . . Heb 10:2

REMAIN

breath will not *r* in humans forever, ... Gn 6:3
let any of it *r* until morning, and . . . . . Ex 12:10
offering that must *r* on the altar . . . . . Lv 6:9
wasn't sprinkled on them. They *r* unclean. . . Nm 19:13

of herds!—may *r* in the towns that . . . . Dt 3:19
and cattle may *r* in the land that . . . . . Josh 1:14
grasps it, and it can't *r* in place. . . . . Job 8:15
old and gray; they will *r* lush and fresh . . . Ps 92:14
in the land; the innocent will *r* in it. . . . . Prv 2:21
Even if one-tenth *r* there, they will be. . . . . Is 6:13
Israelites will *r* many days without . . . . . Hos 3:4
house you enter, *r* there until you . . . . . Mk 6:10
believe, you will *r* silent, unable to . . . . . Lk 1:20
disciples if you *r* faithful to my . . . . . Jn 8:31
Jesus must *r* in heaven until the . . . . . Ac 3:21
hope, and love *r*—these three 1Co 13:13
pass away, but you *r*. They will all. . . . . Heb 1:11
comes, he must *r* for only a short. . . . . Rev 17:10

REMAINED

The flood *r* on the earth for forty days. . . . . Gn 7:17
However, Pharaoh *r* stubborn. He wouldn't . . Ex 7:13
sees that it has *r* the same . . . . . Lv 13:5
Two men had *r* in the camp, one named. . . Nm 11:26
the first time, I *r* on the mountain . . . . . Dt 10:10
circumcision, they *r* in the camp until. . . . Josh 5:8
Nothing *r* of their food, so their riches . . . Job 20:21
I have *r* faithful, even when I said, "I . . . . Ps 116:10
on the right, but *r* hungry; devoured . . . . . Is 9:20
along with all who *r* among the people, . . . Hg 1:12
a town openly. He *r* outside in . . . . . Mk 1:45
staying, and they *r* with him that day. . . . Jn 1:39
This tent *r* in the land until . . . . . Ac 7:45

REMAINING

told Aaron and his *r* sons, Eleazar and . . . Lv 10:12
To rescue the 273 *r* oldest Israelites. . . . . Nm 3:46
the clans of the *r* descendants of . . . . Josh 21:26
its forest's *r* trees will be no more than . . . Is 10:19
Then the few *r* in Jacob will be amid many. . Mi 5:7
of the sea, only a *r* part will be saved, ... Ro 9:27
the blasts of the *r* trumpets that the . . . . Rev 8:13

REMAINS

of his foreskin *r* uncircumcised will . . . . Gn 17:14
half curtain that *r*, should hang over . . . . Ex 26:12
all that *r* of the bull—will be taken to . . . . Lv 4:12
but much of the land *r* to be taken over. . . Josh 13:1
Nothing they own *r* in their tent; sulfur. . . Job 18:15
yourself with whatever *r* of your wrath. . . . Ps 76:10
Whoever *r* in Zion and is left in . . . . . Is 4:3
but the angry judgment of God *r* on them. . . Jn 3:36
day the same veil *r* when the old 2Co 3:14
like God's Son and *r* a priest for all . . . . . Heb 7:3

REMEMBER

I will *r* the covenant between me and you . . . Gn 9:15
this is how all generations will *r* me. . . . . Ex 3:15
then I will *r* my covenant with Jacob. I . . . Lv 26:42
We *r* the fish we ate in Egypt for free, ... Nm 11:5
r that day when you stood before the LORD . . Dt 4:10
r the command that Moses the LORD's . . . Josh 1:13
r that my life is wind; my eyes won't see. . . Job 7:7
of the earth will *r* and come back to. . . . . Ps 22:27
their poverty and no longer *r* their toil. . . . Prv 31:7
you, and didn't *r* the rock who . . . . . Is 17:10
hearts that I *r* all their . . . . . Hos 7:2
altar and there *r* that your brother . . . . . Mt 5:23
ears? Why can't you hear? Don't you *r*? . . . Mk 8:18
said, 'Child, *r* that during your . . . . . Lk 16:25
r what I told you, 'Servants aren't . . . . . Jn 15:20
Stay alert! *r* that for three years I. . . . . Ac 20:31
you because you *r* all my. 1Co 11:2
and I won't *r* their sins anymore. . . . . Heb 8:12
So *r* the high point from which you have . . . Rev 2:5

REMEMBERED

God *r* Noah, all those alive, and all the . . . . Gn 8:1
of grief, and God *r* his covenant with . . . . Ex 2:24
so that you may be *r* by the LORD your . . . Nm 10:9
with his wife Hannah, and the LORD *r* her. . 1Sa 1:19
them; they aren't *r*, and so wickedness . . . Job 24:20
Let the name Israel be *r* no more! . . . . . Ps 83:4
Then they *r* earlier times, when he . . . . . Is 63:11
was weakening, I *r* the LORD, and my . . . . Jon 2:7
Peter *r* Jesus' words, "Before the rooster . . Mt 26:75
Peter *r* and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look. . . . Mk 11:21
our ancestors, and *r* his holy covenant, . . . Lk 1:72
His disciples *r* that it is written, ... Jn 2:17
I *r* the Lord's words: 'John will baptize . . . Ac 11:16
nations fell. God *r* Babylon the great . . . . Rev 16:19

REMOVE

and your people to *r* the frogs from. . . . . Ex 8:9
the priest will *r* its throat along . . . . . Lv 1:16
They will *r* the ashes from the altar and . . . Nm 4:13
in order to *r* larger and stronger nations . . . Dt 4:38
will completely *r* the Canaanites, ... Josh 3:10
r his rod from me, so his fury wouldn't . . . Job 9:34
r all false ways from me; show mercy to . . . Ps 119:29
Blows and bruises *r* evil; beatings. . . . . Prv 20:30
Wash! Be clean! *r* your ugly deeds from my . . Is 1:16
husband. Let her *r* prostitution from . . . . . Hos 2:2
Jesus said, "*r* the stone." Martha, the . . . . Jn 11:39
Lord continued, '*r* the sandals from. . . . . Ac 7:33
from Zion. He will *r* ungodly behavior . . . . Ro 11:26

REMOVED

the earth. Noah *r* the ark's hatch . . . . . Gn 8:13
as Moses asked and *r* the swarms of . . . . . Ex 8:31
which should be *r* with the kidneys. . . . . Lv 3:4
LORD your God has *r* from before you . . . . Dt 12:29
Moses had struck down and *r* them. . . . Josh 13:12
my honor from me, *r* the crown from my . . . Job 19:9
I said. Then you *r* the guilt of my . . . . . Ps 32:5
guilt has departed, and your sin is *r*. . . . . Is 6:7
The LORD has *r* your judgment; he has . . . Zep 3:15
so that, when I am *r* from my management . . Lk 16:4
So they *r* the stone. Jesus looked up and . . Jn 11:41
After God *r* him, he raised up David to be . . Ac 13:22
The veil is not *r* because it is 2Co 3:14

REPAIRED

structure and *r* the broken wall in. 1Ki 11:27

REPAY

started the fire must fully *r* the loss. . . . . Ex 22:6
May the LORD *r* you with good for 1Sa 24:19
children will *r* the poor; their . . . . . Job 20:10
Those who give, *r* good with evil; they. . . Ps 38:20
the LORD, and the Lord will fully *r* them. . Prv 19:17
God will *r* according to their actions: . . . Is 59:18
I will *r* you for the years that the . . . . . Jl 2:25
And then he will *r* each one for what . . . Mt 16:27
because they can't *r* you. Instead, you. . . Lk 14:14
God will *r* everyone based on their works . . Ro 2:6
is with me, to *r* all people as . . . . . Rev 22:12

REPHAIM

and attacked the ***R*** in . . . . . Gn 14:5
the Emim were ***R***, like the Anakim . . . . Dt 2:11
of the last of the ***R***. He lived in . . . . Josh 12:4
one who gathers grain in the ***R*** Valley. . . Is 17:5

REPLY

All the people will *r*: "We agree!" . . . . . Dt 27:15
assistant would *r*, "No, hand it over. 1Sa 2:16
I'll answer, or I'll speak and you can *r*. . . . Job 13:22

to us?" you must **r**, "Just as you have . . . Jer 5:19
are righteous will **r** to him, 'Lord, . . . Mt 25:37
to God." His **r** left them overcome . . . Mk 12:17
for us.' He will **r**, 'I don't know you . . . Lk 13:25
whom you are harassing," came the **r**. . . . Ac 9:5
But what is God's **r** to him? I have kept . . . Ro 11:4
he did not **r** with insults. When 1Pt 2:23

REPORT

the flock is, and **r** back to me." So. . . . . Gn 37:14
brought back a **r** to them and to the . . . Nm 13:26
use and bring a **r** about the cities . . . . . Dt 1:22
We have heard a **r** about him and . . . . . Josh 9:9
have said, "We've heard a **r** of her." . . . . Job 28:22
words so you can **r** back reliably to . . . . Prv 22:21
Go, post a lookout to **r** what he sees. . . . . Is 21:6
according to the **r** made to their . . . . . Hos 7:12
you've found him, **r** to me so that I . . . . Mt 2:8
overheard their **r** and said to the . . . . . Mk 5:36
disciples, "Go, **r** to John what you . . . . . Lk 7:22
he was should **r** it, so they could . . . . . Jn 11:57
They gave a full **r** of what God had . . . . Ac 15:4
They only heard a **r** about me: "The man. . . . Ga 1:23

REPORTED

we will do." Moses **r** to the LORD what . . . Ex 19:8
When it has been **r** to the priest, ... Lv 14:2
down to us. They **r** to us: "The land . . . . Dt 1:25
It was **r** to Joshua, "The five kings have . . Josh 10:17
forces, the God of Israel, I **r** to you. . . . . Is 21:10
priest of Bethel, **r** to Israel's King. . . . . Am 7:10
[[They promptly **r** all of the young man's . . . Mk 16:9
saw this, they **r** what they had been. . . . . Lk 2:17
and sisters and **r** everything the . . . . . Ac 4:23

REPUTATION

My terrifying **r** will precede you, and . . . . Ex 23:27
chosen by the assembly, men of **r**. . . . . Nm 16:2
that she has a bad **r**, because he said . . . . Dt 22:14
because of the **r** of the LORD your . . . . . Josh 9:9
people, will my **r** be insulted? How . . . . . Ps 4:2
A good **r** is better than much wealth; high . . Prv 22:1
For the sake of my **r** I control my anger; . . . Is 48:9
I have heard your **r**. I have seen your . . . . Hab 3:2
when our **r** is attacked, we are 1Co 4:13
You have the **r** of being alive, ... Rev 3:1

REQUEST

I've heard your **r**. I will bless him . . . . . Gn 17:20
you approve our **r**, give this land to . . . . Nm 32:5
and made the same **r**. And the people of. . . . Jdg 8:8
has listened to my **r**. The LORD accepts . . . . Ps 6:9
Demand a fast, **r** a special assembly. . . . . Jl 1:14
she made her **r**: "I want you to . . . . . Mk 6:25
issued his decision to grant their **r**. . . . . Lk 23:24
and made a **r**, "Sir, we want to . . . . . Jn 12:21
make a personal **r** to you with the 2Co 10:1
I have a **r** for the elders 1Pt 5:1

REQUIRED

that is the period **r** for embalming. . . . . Gn 50:3
by name the objects they are **r** to carry. . . . Nm 4:32
will be bloodshed that will be **r** of you. . . . Dt 19:10
my covenant that I **r** of their ancestors . . . Jdg 2:20
this is what I **r** of them: Obey me . . . . . Jer 7:23
you are no longer **r** to care for your . . . . Mk 7:12
everything **r** by the Law of the . . . . . Lk 2:39
They must be **r** to keep the Law of . . . . . Ac 15:5
who was a Greek, was **r** to be circumcised. . . Ga 2:3

RESCUE

survive and to **r** your lives in this . . . . . Gn 45:7
I've come down to **r** them from the . . . . . Ex 3:8
To **r** the 273 remaining oldest Israelites . . . Nm 3:46
your God used to **r** you. That's what. . . . . Dt 7:19
everything they own. **r** us from death." . . . Josh 2:13
r me from the hand of my enemy? Ransom me Job 6:23
r comes from the LORD! May your blessing . . . Ps 3:8
Wisdom will **r** you from the evil path, ... Prv 2:12
prey, and carry it off, with no one to **r**. . . . Is 5:29
lovers, and no one will **r** her from me. . . . Hos 2:10
temptation, but **r** us from the evil . . . . . Mt 6:13
so he came to his **r** and evened the . . . . . Ac 7:24
death, and he will **r** us. We have set 2Co 1:10
Lord knows how to **r** the godly from 2Pt 2:9

RESCUED

Moses got up, **r** the women, and . . . . . Ex 2:17
money from those **r** over and above the . . . Nm 3:49
God: the one who **r** you from Egypt, ... Dt 8:14
blessed you. I **r** you from his power. . . . Josh 24:10
spared; on the day of fury they are **r**. . . . Job 21:30
they trusted you and you **r** them; . . . . . Ps 22:4
countries has **r** their land from my . . . . . Is 36:20
of Israel be **r**. Those who live in. . . . . Am 3:12
nobody would be **r**. But for the sake . . . . Mt 24:22
no one would be **r**. But for the sake . . . . Mk 13:20
that we would be **r** from the power of our . . Lk 1:74
and **r** him from all his troubles. The. . . . Ac 7:10
that I will be **r** from the people in. . . . . Ro 15:31
lives were **r** through water. 1Pt 3:20

RESERVED

This food will be **r** for the seven years . . . Gn 41:36
land of Egypt, I **r** for myself all the . . . . Nm 3:13
out as something **r** for the LORD. Only . . . Josh 6:17
the number of years **r** for the hateful; . . . Job 15:20
that you've **r** for those who . . . . . Ps 31:19
of the hope **r** for you in heaven. . . . . Col 1:5
wind. The underworld has been **r** for them. . . 2Pt 2:17

RESIDENTS

that devours its **r**. All the people we . . . . Nm 13:32
that's how David saved the **r** of Keilah. . . . 1Sa 23:5
with only a few **r**. A mighty king . . . . . Ecc 9:14
fills it, the coastlands and their **r**. . . . . Is 42:10
officers and Galilee's leading **r**. . . . . Mk 6:21
as well as **r** of Mesopotamia, ... Ac 2:9

RESPECT

I lost her **r**. Let the LORD . . . . . Gn 16:5
will you refuse to **r** me? Let my people . . . Ex 10:3
Each of you must **r** your mother and . . . . Lv 19:3
me with proper **r** before the . . . . . Dt 32:51
him, "With all due **r**, my Lord, if the . . . . Jdg 6:13
The wise gain **r**, but fools receive shame . . . Prv 3:35
their hands; elders have been shown no **r**. . . Lam 5:12
where is my **r**? says the LORD of . . . . . Mal 1:6
to them. "They will **r** my son," he said. . . . Mt 21:37
him last, thinking, They will **r** my son. . . . Mk 12:6
to himself, I don't fear God or **r** people, . . . Lk 18:4
who enjoyed the **r** of all the Jews . . . . . Ac 22:12
you also died with **r** to the Law through . . . Ro 7:4
that is pleasing to God with **r** and awe, . . . Heb 12:28

RESPOND

brothers couldn't **r** because they were . . . . Gn 45:3
but he wouldn't **r** to your tears or. . . . . Dt 1:45
my son Jonathan's, **r** with Urim, but if . . . 1Sa 14:41
Will the wise **r** with windy knowledge and. . . Job 15:2
You should **r** when I correct you. Look, . . . Prv 1:23
I, the LORD, will **r** to them; I, the. . . . . Is 41:17
There she will **r** to me as in the . . . . . Hos 2:15
But he didn't **r** to her at all. His . . . . . Mt 15:23

didn't know how to *r*, for the three of . . . . . Mk 9:6
He will *r*, 'I don't know you or where . . . . . Lk 13:27
are insulted, we *r* with a blessing; 1Co 4:12
do good and don't *r* to threats with 1Pt 3:6

RESPONSIBLE

and that I am *r* for the nursing . . . . . Gn 33:13
to speak? Who's *r* for making them . . . . . Ex 4:11
so you don't become *r* for his sin. . . . . Lv 19:17
They will be *r* for all the equipment of. . . . . Nm 3:8
her, "We won't be *r* for this plegde . . . . . Josh 2:17
who hate the righteous will be held *r*. . . . . Ps 34:21
the LORD?" Those *r* for the . . . . . Jer 2:8
of Israel. Who is *r* for the crime of . . . . . Mi 1:5
over to the guard *r* for punishing . . . . . Mt 18:34
to hold us *r* for this man's . . . . . Ac 5:28
going to be held *r* for you. They need . . . . . Heb 13:17

REST

the ark came to *r* on the Ararat. . . . . Gn 8:4
is a day of *r*, a holy Sabbath to . . . . . Ex 16:23
The *r* of the grain offering belongs to . . . . . Lv 2:3
time with the *r* of the Israelites?" . . . . . Nm 9:7
The *r* of the Gilead region and all of. . . . . Dt 3:13
God will give you *r* and give you this . . . . . Josh 1:13
down quietly; I'd sleep; *r* would be mine . . . . . Job 3:13
yes, my whole body will *r* in safety . . . . . Ps 16:9
of insight will *r* in the company of . . . . . Prv 21:16
they don't *r* or sleep; no belt . . . . . Is 5:27
gives birth. The *r* of his kin will. . . . . Mi 5:3
heavy loads, and I will give you *r*. . . . . Mt 11:28
to a secluded place and *r* for a while. . . . . Mk 6:31
your peace will *r* on that person. If . . . . . Lk 10:6
He brought the *r* and placed it in . . . . . Ac 5:2
believes like the *r* of the apostles, ... 1Co 9:5
I swore: "They will never enter my *r*!" . . . . . Heb 3:11
As for the *r* of you in Thyatira . . . . . Rev 2:24

RESTED

seventh day God *r* from all the work . . . . . Gn 2:2
So the people *r* on the seventh day . . . . . Ex 16:30
When it *r*, he would say, "Return, LORD . . . . . Nm 10:36
of the Anakim.) Then the land *r* from war. . . . . Josh 14:15
roof all around *r* on the side . . . . . Eze 41:8
refuge in a house, *r* a hand against the . . . . . Am 5:19
of Israel, and the Holy Spirit *r* on him. . . . . Lk 2:25
from heaven like a dove, and it *r* on him. . . . . Jn 1:32
of creation: God *r* on the seventh day . . . . . Heb 4:4

RESTING

He saw that a *r* place was good and that . . . . . Gn 49:15
days to look for a *r* place for them. . . . . Nm 10:33
forty-five beams *r* on the columns, ... 1Ki 7:3
evil even while *r* in bed! They . . . . . Ps 36:4
But better is *r* with one handful than . . . . . Ecc 4:6
in secure homes, in carefree *r* places. . . . . Is 32:18
Doom to those *r* comfortably in Zion and . . . . . Am 6:1
God coming down like a dove and *r* on him. . . . . Mt 3:16
coming down and *r* is the one who . . . . . Jn 1:33
says the Lord, 'or where is my *r* place? . . . . . Ac 7:49

RESTORE

LORD your God will *r* you as you were. . . . . Dt 30:3
He will *r* your life and sustain you in . . . . . Ru 4:15
me, LORD my God! *r* sight to my eyes! . . . . . Ps 13:3
send them; they *r* the life of their. . . . . Prv 25:13
Then I will *r* your judges as in earlier . . . . . Is 1:26
The LORD will *r* the pride of Jacob, ... Na 2:2
does come first and will *r* all things. . . . . Mt 17:11
does come first to *r* all things. Why . . . . . Mk 9:12
are you going to *r* the kingdom to . . . . . Ac 1:6
spiritual should *r* someone like this. . . . . Ga 6:1
it's impossible to *r* people to changed . . . . . Heb 6:4

RESTORED

to God; and God *r* Abimelech, his. . . . . Gn 20:17
your skin will be *r* and become clean. 2Ki 5:10
you will be *r*; if you keep. . . . . Job 22:23
righteousness; he *r* me because my . . . . . Ps 18:20
is blind like the *r* one, blind like . . . . . Is 42:19
his sight was *r*, and he could see . . . . . Mk 8:25
they found the servant *r* to health. . . . . Lk 7:10
whom we now have a *r* relationship with . . . . . Ro 5:11

RESULT

servants. As a *r*, the Philistines. . . . . Gn 26:14
As a *r*, the Egyptians put foremen of . . . . . Ex 1:11
gods, with the *r* that you end up . . . . . Dt 20:18
As a *r* we said, 'Let's protect ourselves. . . . . Josh 22:26
of the righteous *r* in joy, but the . . . . . Prv 10:28
innocent; as a *r* he will turn his. . . . . Jer 2:35
of silver, as a *r* of their skill, ... Hos 13:2
As a *r*, this generation will be charged. . . . . Lk 11:50
As a *r*, the Jewish leaders were . . . . . Jn 5:16
As a *r*, those who had gathered together. . . . . Ac 1:6
human beings with the *r* that all sinned. . . . . Ro 5:12
As a *r*, Jesus has become the guarantee . . . . . Heb 7:22

RESURRECTION

deny that there is a *r*, came to Jesus. . . . . Mt 22:23
that there is a *r*, came to Jesus and . . . . . Mk 12:18
that there's a *r*, came to Jesus and . . . . . Lk 20:27
come out into the *r* of life, and those . . . . . Jn 5:29
become along with us a witness to his *r*. . . . . Ac 1:22
power through his *r* from the dead, ... Ro 1:4
on of hands, the *r* from the dead, and. . . . . Heb 6:2
years were over. This is the first *r*. . . . . Rev 20:5

RETURN

until you *r* to the fertile . . . . . Gn 3:19
stop and won't *r* so that you will . . . . . Ex 9:29
of sin, you must *r* the property you . . . . . Lv 6:4
he would say, "*r*, LORD of the ten . . . . . Nm 10:36
us. Then they can *r* with word about . . . . . Dt 1:22
them. Then you may *r* and take over the. . . . . Josh 1:15
womb; naked I will *r* there. The LORD . . . . . Job 1:21
r the joy of your salvation to me and . . . . . Ps 51:12
to her will never *r*; they will never . . . . . Prv 2:19
A few will *r*, what's left of Jacob, to . . . . . Is 10:21
will say, "I will *r* to my first . . . . . Hos 2:7
in a dream not to *r* to Herod, they . . . . . Mt 2:12
nothing in *r*. If you do, you . . . . . Lk 6:35
his disciples, "Let's *r* to Judea again." . . . . . Jn 11:7
After this I will *r*, and I will rebuild . . . . . Ac 15:16
from now I will *r*, and Sarah will . . . . . Ro 9:9
have had the opportunity to *r* to it. . . . . Heb 11:15

RETURNED

set its foot. It *r* to him in the ark . . . . . Gn 8:9
the skin of his hand had *r* to normal. . . . . Ex 4:7
They *r* from exploring the land after . . . . . Nm 13:25
you will have *r* to the LORD your . . . . . Dt 30:10
Then he *r* to the Israelite . . . . . Jdg 7:15
and when Joab *r* and defeated Edom, ... Ps 60:1
They have *r* to the sins of their . . . . . Jer 11:10
LORD says: I have *r* to Jerusalem with . . . . . Zec 1:16
of those servants *r* and settled . . . . . Mt 25:19
Jesus *r* to the synagogue. A man with a . . . . . Mk 3:1
days of his priestly service, he *r* home. . . . . Lk 1:23
He *r* to Cana in Galilee where he had . . . . . Jn 4:46
Then they *r* to Jerusalem from the Mount . . . . . Ac 1:12
into Arabia and I *r* again to Damascus. . . . . Ga 1:17
met Abraham as he *r* from the defeat of . . . . . Heb 7:1

REUBEN

son. She named him ***R*** because she said, . . . Gn 29:32
R, Simeon, Levi, and Judah . . . . . .Ex 1:2
assist you: from ***R***, Elizur, Shedeur's . . . . . Nm 1:5
for the cursing: ***R***, Gad, Asher, ... Dt 27:13
The people of ***R***, the people of Gad, and . . . Josh 4:12
to the western border: ***R***, one portion. . . . .Eze 48:6
from the tribe of ***R***, twelve thousand; . . . . . Rev 7:5

REUBENITES

owned by the ***R*** and the Gadites . . . . . Nm 32:1
its cities, to the ***R*** and the Gadites. . . . . Dt 3:12
addressed the ***R***, the Gadites, and . . . . . Josh 1:12

REVEAL

but I didn't ***r*** myself to them by . . . . . .Ex 6:3
If you don't ***r*** our mission, we . . . . . Josh 2:14
my spirit on you. I'll ***r*** my words to you. . . . .Prv 1:23
I will answer and ***r*** to you wondrous . . . . . .Jer 33:3
anyone to whom the Son wants to ***r*** him. . . . Mt 11:27
ordered them not to ***r*** who he was. . . . . .Mk 3:12
anyone to whom the Son wants to ***r*** him. . . . Lk 10:22
I will love them and ***r*** myself to them. . . . Jn 14:21
to ***r*** his Son to me, so that I might . . . . . Ga 1:16
still once more" ***r*** the removal of . . . . . .Heb 12:27

REVEALED

because God had ***r*** himself to him . . . . . Gn 35:7
LORD our God. The ***r*** things belong to. . . . Dt 29:29
the LORD says: I ***r*** myself very 1Sa 2:27
death's gates been ***r*** to you; can you. . . . . Job 38:17
he has wondrously ***r*** his faithful love . . . . .Ps 31:21
but their evil will be ***r*** in public. . . . . Prv 26:26
forces has ***r*** in my hearing:. . . . . Is 22:14
that won't be ***r***, and nothing . . . . . Mt 10:26
hidden will be ***r***, and everything . . . . . .Mk 4:22
Let's confirm what the Lord has ***r*** to us. . . . Lk 2:15
of Galilee. He ***r*** his glory, and his . . . . . Jn 2:11
is being ***r*** in the gospel, ... Ro 1:17
place hadn't been ***r*** yet while the . . . . . Heb 9:8
for your acts of justice have been ***r***. . . . . Rev 15:4

REVENGE

is planning ***r***. He plans to kill . . . . . Gn 27:42
You must not take ***r*** nor hold a grudge . . . Lv 19:18
r is my domain, so is punishment-in-kind,. . Dt 32:35
a nation took ***r*** on its enemies. . . . . Josh 10:13
because of the enemy who is out for ***r***. . . . .Ps 44:16
he'll show no mercy on his day of ***r***. . . . . .Prv 6:34
Shouldn't I take ***r*** on such a nation? . . . . . Jer 5:9
Don't try to get ***r*** for yourselves, my . . . . . Ro 12:19
did not threaten ***r***. Instead, he 1Pt 2:23

REVERE

now know that you ***r*** God and didn't . . . . . Gn 22:12
r the LORD your God, serve him, and take . . . Dt 6:13
that you may always ***r*** the LORD your God. . Josh 4:24
the LORD, "Does Job ***r*** God for nothing? . . . . Job 1:9
All of you who ***r*** the LORD—praise him!. . . .Ps 22:23
must fear and ***r*** Daniel's God. . . . . .Dn 6:26
and do not ***r*** me, says the LORD . . . . . Mal 3:5

REWARD

protector. Your ***r*** will be very. . . . . Gn 15:1
They are a ***r*** for performing . . . . . Nm 18:21
May the LORD ***r*** you for your deed. May you . . Ru 2:12
on your behalf and ***r*** your innocent . . . . . Job 8:6
them; there is great ***r*** in keeping them. . . . .Ps 19:11
who sow righteousness receive a true ***r***. . . . Prv 11:18
arm, bringing his ***r*** with him and his . . . . . Is 40:10
you have a great ***r*** in heaven. In the . . . . . Mt 5:12
you have a great ***r*** in heaven. Their . . . . . Lk 6:23
receive their own ***r*** for their own 1Co 3:8
your confidence—it brings a great ***r***. . . . . .Heb 10:35
The time came to ***r*** your servants, the. . . . . Rev 11:18

RICH

say, 'I'm the one who made Abram ***r***.' . . . . Gn 14:23
your lives, the ***r*** shouldn't give . . . . . Ex 30:15
Is the land ***r*** or poor? Are there trees in . . . Nm 13:20
May you receive a ***r*** reward from the . . . . . Ru 2:12
They won't get ***r***; their wealth won't . . . . Job 15:29
You bring ***r*** blessings right to him; you . . . . Ps 21:3
brings poverty; hard work makes one ***r***. . . . .Prv 10:4
goats will feed among the ruins of the ***r***. . . . Is 5:17
has said, "I'm ***r***, I've gained . . . . . Hos 12:8
be very hard for a ***r*** person to enter . . . . . Mt 19:23
needle than for a ***r*** person to enter . . . . . Mk 10:25
things and sent the ***r*** away empty-handed. . . Lk 1:53
that produces the ***r*** oil of the olive . . . . . Ro 11:17
standards to be ***r*** in terms of faith? . . . . . Jas 2:5
you are actually ***r***). I also know the . . . . . Rev 2:9

RICHES

reward with great ***r*** whoever kills that. . . . 1Sa 17:25
their food, so their ***r*** will not endure. . . . Job 20:21
with ***r*** of every sort for the royal . . . . . .Ps 45:13
he must give all the ***r*** of his house. . . . . .Prv 6:31
of secret ***r***, so you will know . . . . . Is 45:3
by the concerns, ***r***, and pleasures of. . . . . Lk 8:14
contempt for the ***r*** of God's . . . . . Ro 2:4
Your ***r*** have rotted. Moths have destroyed . . . Jas 5:2

RIDERS

chariots and its ***r***!" When he could no 2Ki 2:12
horsemen, donkey ***r***, camel riders, he . . . . . Is 21:7
rider; horses and ***r*** will fall. Each . . . . . Hg 2:22
horses and their ***r*** in the vision: . . . . . Rev 9:17

RIGHT

If you do the ***r*** thing, won't you be . . . . . Gn 4:7
It wouldn't be ***r*** to do that,. . . . . Ex 8:26
You will give the ***r*** thigh of your . . . . . Lv 7:32
offering and the ***r*** thigh are yours. . . . . Nm 18:18
who don't yet know ***r*** and wrong . . . . . Dt 1:39
it, either to the ***r*** or left. Then you . . . . .Josh 1:7
those who do the ***r*** thing been . . . . . Job 4:7
fruit at just the ***r*** time and whose. . . . . .Ps 1:3
In her ***r*** hand is a long life; in her left . . . .Prv 3:16
consumed on the ***r***, but remained . . . . . Is 9:20
show who they are, ***r*** in front of my. . . . . Hos 7:2
r away, they left their nets and followed. . . . Mt 4:20
r away, they left their nets and followed. . . .Mk 1:18
standing to the ***r*** of the altar of . . . . . Lk 1:11
husband." "You are ***r*** to say, 'I don't . . . . . Jn 4:17
r up to the day when he was taken up into. . . .Ac 1:2
show that you are ***r*** in your words; and . . . . Ro 3:4
he sat down at the ***r*** side of the. . . . . Heb 1:3
seven stars in his ***r*** hand, and from his . . . . Rev 1:16

RIGHTEOUS

said, "She's more ***r*** than I am, because. . . . Gn 38:26
and case laws as ***r*** as all this . . . . . .Dt 4:8
of all the LORD's ***r*** acts that he has 1Sa 12:7
a human be more ***r*** than God, a person . . . . Job 4:17
will sinners in the assembly of the ***r***. . . . . .Ps 1:5
which is ***r***, just, and full of . . . . . Prv 1:3
you will be called ***r*** City, Faithful . . . . . Is 1:26
are right, and the ***r*** will walk in them, . . . Hos 14:9
her husband was a ***r*** man. Because he . . . . .Mt 1:19
come to call ***r*** people, but . . . . . .Mk 2:17
They were both ***r*** before God, blameless in. . . .Lk 1:6
r Father, even the world didn't know . . . . Jn 17:25
the holy and ***r*** one, and asked . . . . . Ac 3:14

it is written, The *r* person will live . . . . . Ro 1:17
But my *r* one will live by faith, and my . . . Heb 10:38
Let those who are *r* keep doing what is . . . Rev 22:11

RIGHTEOUSNESS

on account of your *r*—because you are a . . . . Dt 9:6
person for their *r* and loyalty, and I 1Sa 26:23
and it clothed me, *r* as my coat and . . . . . Job 29:14
lead me in your *r*. Make your way. . . . . Ps 5:8
will understand *r* and justice, as . . . . . Prv 2:9
full of justice; *r* lived in her . . . . . Is 1:21
you for my wife in *r* and in justice, in . . . . Hos 2:19
to fulfill all *r*." So John agreed . . . . . Mt 3:15
in holiness and *r* in God's eyes, for as . . . . Lk 1:75
it was wrong about sin, *r*, and judgment. . . . Jn 16:8
God's *r* is being revealed in the gospel, ... Ro 1:17
You loved *r* and hated lawless behavior. . . . . Heb 1:9

RING

took out a gold *r*, weighing a half . . . . . Gn 24:22
the top with one *r*. In this way, ... Ex 26:24
ears of anyone who hears about it will *r*. . . 2Ki 21:12
each one gave him a qesitah and a gold *r*. . . Job 42:11
Like a gold *r* in a pig's nose is a . . . . . Prv 11:22
were a signet *r* on my right hand, ... Jer 22:24
you like a signet *r* because I have . . . . . Hg 2:23
it on him! Put a *r* on his finger and . . . . . Lk 15:22
a boxer in the *r*, not like someone 1Co 9:26
One has a gold *r* and fine clothes, ... Jas 2:2

RINGS

as well as the *r* in their ears, and . . . . . Gn 35:4
Cast four gold *r* for it and put them on . . . . Ex 25:12
bracelets, signet *r*, earrings, and . . . . . Nm 31:50
tied to silver *r* and marble posts. . . . . Est 1:6
the signet *r* and nose rings . . . . . Is 3:21
herself up with *r* and jewelry, and . . . . . Hos 2:13

RISE

from the land *r* like the smoke . . . . . Gn 19:28
the yeast made it *r*, with their bread . . . . Ex 12:34
You must *r* in the presence of an old . . . . Lv 19:32
who can make her *r*? The one blessing. . . . Nm 24:9
the people will *r* up and act . . . . . Dt 31:16
the people will *r* up, attacking . . . . . Josh 6:5
born to distress, just as sparks *r* up. . . . . Job 5:7
Ancient doors: *r* up high! So the . . . . . Ps 24:7
down? When will you *r* from your sleep? . . . Prv 6:9
his glory. It will *r* up over all its . . . . . Is 8:7
noise of war will *r* against your . . . . . Hos 10:14
He makes the sun *r* on both the evil . . . . Mt 5:45
then, after three days, *r* from the dead. . . . . Mk 8:31
of the South will *r* up at the judgment . . . Lk 11:31
told her, "Your brother will *r* again." . . . . Jn 11:23
Christ the Nazarene, *r* up and walk! . . . . . Ac 3:6
who will also *r* to rule the . . . . . Ro 15:12

RITUAL

observe this *r* as a regulation . . . . . Ex 12:24
crazy with their *r* until it was time 1Ki 18:29
used in the *r* slaughter was set . . . . . Eze 40:42
came for their *r* cleansing, in. . . . . Lk 2:22
Jewish cleansing *r*, each able to hold . . . . . Jn 2:6
the purification *r* with them, and pay . . . . Ac 21:24
of teaching about *r* ways to wash with . . . . Heb 6:2

RIVER

A *r* flows from Eden to water the garden, . . . Gn 2:10
into the Nile *r*, but you can let . . . . . Ex 1:22
which is by the *r* in the land of his . . . . . Nm 22:5
across the Jordan *r*, in the desert, on . . . . . Dt 1:1
great Euphrates *r*, including all. . . . . Josh 1:4
from the sea; a *r* dries up . . . . . Job 14:11
let them drink from your *r* of pure joy. . . . . Ps 36:8
the ravens of the *r* valley peck it . . . . . Prv 30:17
will dry up; the *r* will be parched . . . . . Is 19:5
then falls again, like the *r* of Egypt? . . . . . Am 8:8
and all around the Jordan *r* came to him. . . . Mt 3:5
out to the Jordan *r* and were being . . . . . Mk 1:5
of the Jordan *r*, calling for . . . . . Lk 3:3
who are bound at the great *r* Euphrates. . . . Rev 9:14

RIVERS

waters—over their *r*, their canals, ... Ex 7:19
Aren't the *r* in Damascus, the Abana and . . . 2Ki 5:12
streams, *r* of honey, and. . . . . Job 20:17
wrapped around me; *r* of wickedness . . . . . Ps 18:4
of winged ships, beyond the *r* of Cush . . . . Is 18:1
can dry up all the *r*. Bashan and Carmel . . . . Na 1:4
concerning me, *r* of living water . . . . . Jn 7:38
faced dangers from *r*, robbers, my 2Co 11:26
on a third of the *r* and springs of . . . . . Rev 8:10

ROAD

the desert, the spring on the *r* to Shur, ... Gn 16:7
go up by the *r*. If we drink from . . . . . Nm 20:19
you could see the *r* you were taking, ... Dt 1:33
all along the *r* but never found . . . . . Josh 2:22
destroy my *r*, profit from my fall, with . . . . Job 30:13
stand on the *r* of sinners, and . . . . . Ps 1:1
people, guarding the *r* of the righteous. . . . Prv 2:20
Upper Pool, by the *r* to the field where . . . . Is 7:3
they murder on the *r* to Shechem; they . . . . Hos 6:9
is broad and the *r* wide, so many . . . . . Mt 7:13
continued down the *r*, a man ran up, ... Mk 10:17
traveled along the *r*, someone said to . . . . Lk 9:57
At noon, take the *r* that leads from . . . . . Ac 8:26
to those who are on the *r* to destruction. . . . 2Co 2:15
and then sent them on by another *r*? . . . . . Jas 2:25

ROADS

in number that your *r* will seem deserted. . . . Lv 26:22
Mark out the *r* to them and divide the . . . . Dt 19:3
along the main *r*, one of which goes . . . . Jdg 20:31
Along the *r* animals will . . . . . Is 49:9
have waited on the *r* to destroy his . . . . . Obad 1:14
go to the *r* on the edge of . . . . . Mt 22:9

ROAR

everything in it *r*! Let the 1Ch 16:32
The *r* of a lion and snarl of the king of. . . . Job 4:10
when its waters *r* and rage, when the . . . . . Ps 46:3
the lion; they *r* like young lions; . . . . . Is 5:29
Does a lion *r* in the forest, when it has . . . . Am 3:4

ROBE

and Japheth took a *r*, threw it over . . . . . Gn 9:23
pendant, a vest, a *r*, a woven tunic, a . . . . . Ex 28:4
dress in his linen *r*, with linen . . . . . Lv 6:10
a single beautiful *r* in the Babylonian . . . . Josh 7:21
in pearls, her *r* embroidered with. . . . . Ps 45:13
the edges of his *r* filling the temple. . . . . Is 6:1
himself of his *r*, covered himself . . . . . Jon 3:6
If I only touch his *r* I'll be healed. . . . . Mt 9:21
him up in a purple *r* and twisted . . . . . Mk 15:17
bring out the best *r* and put it on him! . . . Lk 15:22
his head, and dressed him in a purple *r*. . . . Jn 19:2
One. He wore a *r* that stretched . . . . . Rev 1:13

ROBES

wrapped in their *r* on their shoulders. . . . Ex 12:34
and the purple *r* worn by the. . . . . Jdg 8:26
In *r* of many colors, she is led to the . . . . Ps 45:14
the *r* and capes; the shawls and handbags . . . Is 3:22

your guilt from you. Put on priestly *r*. . . . . Zec 3:4
around in long *r*. They want to be. . . . . Mk 12:38
around in long *r*. They love being . . . . . Lk 20:46
and took off his *r*. Picking up a . . . . . Jn 13:4
two men in white *r* stood next to them. . . . . Ac 1:10
They wore white *r* and held palm . . . . . Rev 7:9

ROCK

name of the shepherd, the *r* of Israel, ... Gn 49:24
of you on the *r* at Horeb. Hit the . . . . . Ex 17:6
the *r* badger—though it rechews food, it . . . Lv 11:5
presence, tell the *r* to provide water. . . . . Nm 20:8
made water flow for you out of a hard *r*; . . . Dt 8:15
set them on this *r*, then pour out the . . . . Jdg 6:20
mountain breaks up, and *r* is displaced. . . . Job 14:18
LORD is my solid *r*, my fortress, my. . . . . Ps 18:2
of a snake on the *r*, the way of a ship . . . . Prv 30:19
to trip over and a *r* to stumble on for . . . . . Is 8:14
the cracks of the *r*, whose dwelling is . . . . Obad 1:3
my church on this *r*. The gates of the . . . . Mt 16:18
been carved out of *r*. He rolled a stone . . . Mk 15:46
Other seed fell on *r*. As it grew, it. . . . . Lk 8:6
Zion, which is a *r* that offends . . . . . Ro 9:33
stumble and a *r* that makes them. 1Pt 2:8

ROCKS

the top of the *r* I see him; from. . . . . Nm 23:9
But, no, their *r* can't compare to our . . . . Dt 32:31
in thickets, among *r*, in tunnels, and 1Sa 13:6
my strength that of *r*, my flesh bronze? . . . Job 6:12
God split *r* open in the wilderness, gave . . . Ps 78:15
but they make their homes in the *r*. . . . . Prv 30:26
Go into the *r*, and hide yourself in the . . . . Is 2:10
Do horses run on *r*? Does one plow the . . . Am 6:12
to bottom. The earth shook, the *r* split, . . . Mt 27:51
somewhere on the *r*, they hurled out . . . . Ac 27:29
in caves and in the *r* of the mountains. . . . . Rev 6:15

ROD

hand?" Moses replied, "A shepherd's *r*." . . . . Ex 4:2
angry and beat the donkey with the *r*. . . . Nm 22:27
him with a human *r*, with blows from. 2Sa 7:14
remove his *r* from me, so his fury . . . . . Job 9:34
them with an iron *r*; you will shatter . . . . . Ps 2:9
but there is a *r* for the back of . . . . . Prv 10:13
shoulders, and the *r* of their oppressor. . . . . Is 9:4
and their divining *r* gives them. . . . . Hos 4:12
of their clothes and beaten with a *r*. . . . . Ac 16:22
your kingdom's scepter is a *r* of justice. . . . . Heb 1:8
with an iron *r* and smash them. . . . . Rev 2:27

ROOF

Make a *r* for the ark and complete it one . . . Gn 6:16
a railing for the *r* so that you don't . . . . . Dt 22:8
them up to the *r* and hidden them . . . . . Josh 2:6
sticks to the *r* of my mouth; . . . . . Ps 22:15
on the edge of a *r* than with a . . . . . Prv 21:9
laziness, the *r* sags; through idle . . . . . Ecc 10:18
sticks to the *r* of its mouth, ... Lam 4:4
you come under my *r*. Just say the word. . . . Mt 8:8
off part of the *r* above where Jesus . . . . . Mk 2:4
took him up on the *r* and lowered . . . . . Lk 5:19
the city, Peter went up on the *r* to pray. . . . . Ac 10:9

ROOM

you are. Is there *r* in your father's . . . . . Gn 24:23
to clear it out to make *r* for the new! . . . . Lv 26:10
in the safest *r*, there will be . . . . . Dt 32:25
cool second-story *r*, and he said, "I . . . . . Jdg 3:20
crowded for me; make *r* for me to settle. . . . Is 49:20
groom leave his *r* and the bride her . . . . . Jl 2:16
pray, go to your *r*, shut the door, ... Mt 6:6
he went to the *r* where the child . . . . . Mk 5:40
into the crowded *r* in front of Jesus. . . . . Lk 5:19
Father's house has *r* to spare. If that . . . . Jn 14:2
to the upstairs *r* where they were. . . . . Ac 1:13
friends, but leave *r* for God's wrath. . . . . Ro 12:19

ROOMS

entered the side *r* in the El-berith . . . . . Jdg 9:46
By knowledge *r* are filled with all . . . . . Prv 24:4
people, enter your *r* and shut your . . . . . Is 26:20
builds his upper *r* in the heavens and . . . . . Am 9:6
Look, he's in the *r* deep inside the . . . . . Mt 24:26
whispered in the *r* deep inside the . . . . . Lk 12:3

ROOT

there isn't any *r* among you that is . . . . . Dt 29:18
escaped will take *r* below and bear 2Ki 19:30
the foolish take *r* and promptly curse . . . . . Job 5:3
this *r* that you planted with your strong. . . . Ps 80:15
wicked, but the *r* of the righteous . . . . . Prv 12:12
On that day, the *r* of Jesse will stand as . . . . Is 11:10
is sick, their *r* is dried up, they . . . . . Hos 9:16
is already at the *r* of the trees. . . . . Mt 3:10
saw the fig tree withered from the *r* up. . . . Mk 11:20
is already at the *r* of the trees. . . . . Lk 3:9
is holy too. If a *r* is holy, the . . . . . Ro 11:16
Make sure that no *r* of bitterness. . . . . Heb 12:15
of Judah, the *r* of David, has . . . . . Rev 5:5

ROPES

up with two new *r*, and brought him . . . . Jdg 15:13
they are tied with *r*, caught in cords . . . . Job 36:8
tear off their *r* and throw off. . . . . Ps 2:3
acts, grabbed by the *r* of their own sin. . . . . Prv 5:22
of fraud, and haul sin as if with cart *r*, ... Is 5:18
made a whip from *r* and chased them . . . . . Jn 2:15
then cut the *r* to the lifeboat . . . . . Ac 27:32

ROSE

though a stream *r* from the earth and. . . . . Gn 2:6
rescued from the hard work *r* up to God. . . . Ex 2:23
They *r* early in the morning and went up . . . Nm 14:40
stood still. It *r* up as a single . . . . . Josh 3:16
me and drew back; the old *r* and stood; . . . . Job 29:8
when God *r* up to establish justice, when . . . Ps 76:9
the creatures *r* above the earth, ... Eze 1:19
Then as the sun *r* God provided a dry east . . . Jon 4:8
her hand, and the little girl *r* up. . . . . Mt 9:25
sunrise, Jesus *r* and went to a . . . . . Mk 1:35
They *r* up and ran him out of town. They . . . Lk 4:29
then another king *r* to power over . . . . . Ac 7:18
was buried, and he *r* on the third day 1Co 15:4
of the saints *r* up before God from . . . . . Rev 8:4

ROYAL

chief officer, commander of the *r* guard. . . . Gn 37:36
he sits on his *r* throne, he himself . . . . . Dt 17:18
like one of the *r* cities. It was. . . . . Josh 10:2
everlasting. Your *r* scepter is a . . . . . Ps 45:6
its cushions, *r* purple; its . . . . . Song 3:10
and I will honor my *r* footstool. . . . . Is 60:13
the king's holy place and his *r* house. . . . Am 7:13
wear refined clothes are in *r* palaces. . . . . Mt 11:8
and live in luxury are in *r* palaces. . . . . Lk 7:25
was a certain *r* official whose son . . . . . Jn 4:46
dressed himself in *r* attire, seated . . . . . Ac 12:21
really fulfill the *r* law found in . . . . . Jas 2:8
horns, and seven *r* crowns on his. . . . . Rev 12:3

RUIN

Dibon. We brought *r* until Nophah, ... Nm 21:30
Don't *r* everything and make an idol for . . . . Dt 4:16

when people say, 'David wants to *r* you'? . . . 1Sa 24:9
you incited me to *r* him for no reason. . . . . Job 2:3
like a moth, you *r* what they . . . . . .Ps 39:11
terror or the *r* that comes to the . . . . . .Prv 3:25
turn it into a *r*; it won't be . . . . . Is 5:6
the people without sense must come to *r*. . . . Hos 4:14
is of human origin, it will end in *r*. . . . . Ac 5:38
anyone. We didn't *r* anyone. We didn't 2Co 7:2

RUINED

of Egypt. The land was *r* by the insects. . . . . Ex 8:24
out of Egypt, have *r* everything! They . . . . . Dt 9:12
They lived in *r* cities, unoccupied houses . . . Job 15:28
like something *r* forever. You've . . . . . .Ps 9:6
commands, but a foolish talker is *r*. . . . . .Prv 10:8
Mourn for me; I'm *r*! I'm a man with . . . . . Is 6:5
will rebuild the *r* cities and inhabit . . . . .Am 9:14
wineskins would be *r*. Instead, people. . . . . Mt 9:17
garment would be *r*, and the new patch . . . . Lk 5:36
Some people have *r* their faith 1Ti 1:19
prostitute, who *r* the earth by her . . . . . Rev 19:2

RUINS

your cities into *r*, I will devastate . . . . . Lv 26:31
to repair its *r*, and to give us a . . . . . Ezr 9:9
advisors, who rebuild *r* for themselves, . . . Job 3:14
to the unending *r*, to all that the . . . . . Ps 74:3
but dishonesty *r* the treacherous. . . . . .Prv 11:3
will become total *r*, large, fine . . . . . Is 5:9
will raise up its *r*, and I will . . . . . .Am 9:11

RULE

larger light to *r* over the day and . . . . . Gn 1:16
The LORD will *r* forever and always . . . . . Ex 15:18
is a permanent *r* for your future . . . . . Lv 3:17
This *r* applies to the Levites: Everyone . . . Nm 8:24
ensure lasting *r* in Israel for . . . . . Dt 17:20
established just *r* for them at . . . . . Josh 24:25
who hates justice *r*; will you condemn. . . . Job 34:17
surround you. *r* them from on high! . . . . . .Ps 7:7
By me kings *r*, and princes issue . . . . . .Prv 8:15
mischief makers will *r* over them. . . . . Is 3:4
evil day and make violent *r* draw near: . . . . Am 6:3
Judea during the *r* of King Herod, ... Mt 2:1
During the *r* of King Herod of Judea there . . . Lk 1:5
(This occurred during Claudius' *r*.) . . . . . Ac 11:28
more certainly *r* in life through . . . . . Ro 5:17
to *r* the nations with an iron rod and . . . . Rev 2:27

RULED

are the kings who *r* in the land of. . . . . Gn 36:31
king of Arad, who *r* in the arid . . . . . Nm 21:1
Amorite king who *r* in Heshbon, and . . . . .Dt 1:4
in Heshbon. He *r* from Aroer by the . . . . Josh 12:2
people who hated them *r* over them. . . . . Ps 106:41
wiser than any who *r* over Jerusalem . . . . .Ecc 1:16
blows, that *r* nations with . . . . . Is 14:6
that Archelaus *r* over Judea in . . . . . Mt 2:22
But death *r* from Adam until Moses, even . . . Ro 5:14
came to life and *r* with Christ for . . . . . Rev 20:4

RULER

household, and *r* of the whole land . . . . . Gn 45:8
chest of the *r* of the entire . . . . . Josh 3:11
Can a wicked *r* be your ally; one who . . . . .Ps 94:20
The ant has no commander, officer, or *r* . . . . Prv 6:7
the racket caused by a *r* among fools. . . . . .Ecc 9:17
Send lambs to the *r* of the land, from . . . . . Is 16:1
one who is to be a *r* in Israel on my . . . . . Mi 5:2
to them, a *r* came and knelt in . . . . . Mt 9:18
with the authority of the *r* of demons. . . . . .Mk 3:22
and Herod was *r* over Galilee, his . . . . . .Lk 3:1
Now this world' *r* will be thrown out. . . . . Jn 12:31
who appointed him *r* over Egypt and . . . . . Ac 7:10
far above every *r* and authority and power. . Eph 1:21
submitting to the emperor as supreme *r*, ...1Pt 2:13
the dead, and the *r* of the kings of . . . . . Rev 1:5

RULERS

hold of Moab's *r*; all of Canaan's . . . . . Ex 15:15
There are five *r* of the . . . . . Josh 13:3
The earth's *r* take their stand; the . . . . . .Ps 2:2
By me *r* govern, and officials judge . . . . . .Prv 8:16
stronger than ten *r* who are in a city. . . . . .Ecc 7:19
I knocked down their *r* like a bull. . . . . Is 10:13
they devour their *r*. All their kings . . . . . Hos 7:7
least among the *r* of Judah, because . . . . . Mt 2:6
are considered the *r* by the Gentiles . . . . Mk 10:42
the synagogues, *r*, and authorities, ... Lk 12:11
you acted in ignorance. So did your *r*. . . . . Ac 3:17
not angels or *r*, not present . . . . . Ro 8:38

RULES

Israelites all the *r* that the LORD . . . . . Lv 10:11
over you either. The LORD *r* over you. . . . Jdg 8:23
The one who *r* in heaven laughs; my Lord . . . .Ps 2:4
insightful servant *r* over a disgraceful. . . . .Prv 17:2
and the one who *r* in Samaria. But . . . . . Is 9:9
the one who *r* from Beth-eden; . . . . . Am 1:5
the elders' *r* handed down to us? . . . . . Mt 15:2
of observing the *r* handed down by the . . . . Mk 7:3
But this is your time, when darkness *r*. . . . Lk 22:53
He is the one who *r* over all things, ... Ro 9:5
into heaven, he *r* over all angels, ...1Pt 3:22
great city that *r* over the kings of . . . . . Rev 17:18

RULING

a regulation and a *r* there, and there . . . . Ex 15:25
anyone because the *r* belongs to God. . . . . Dt 1:17
is better to have *r* over you: seventy . . . . . Jdg 9:2
person from *r*, from capturing . . . . . Job 34:30
of their captors and *r* their oppressors. . . . . Is 14:2
Go ahead and ask the priests for a *r*: . . . . . Hg 2:11
Don't shepherd by *r* over those entrusted . . . 1Pt 5:3

RUN

his garment in her hands and *r* outside, . . . Gn 39:13
River so you will *r* into him. Bring . . . . . Ex 7:15
you; and you will *r* away even when no . . . . Lv 26:17
territory will *r* from the . . . . . Dt 11:24
chasing you don't *r* into you. Hide . . . . . Josh 2:16
They *r* toward him aggressively, with a . . . Job 15:26
make them turn and *r* when you aim your . . . .Ps 21:12
because their feet *r* to evil; they hurry . . . .Prv 1:16
in the morning to *r* after beer, to . . . . . Is 5:11
the city; they *r* upon the walls. . . . . Jl 2:9
stranger but will *r* away because they . . . . Jn 10:5
Fearing they might *r* aground on the . . . . . Ac 27:17
in the stadium *r*, but only one gets 1Co 9:24
can I say? I would *r* out of time if I . . . . .Heb 11:32
to die, but death will *r* away from them. . . . Rev 9:6

S

SABBATH

of rest, a holy *S* to the LORD. Bake . . . . . Ex 16:23
It will be a *S* of special rest for you, ... Lv 16:31
found a man gathering wood on the *S* day. . Nm 15:32
Keep the *S* day and treat it as holy, ... Dt 5:12
not a new moon or *s*." She said, "Don't 2Ki 4:23
A song for the *S* day.] It is good . . . . . Ps 92:1
me. New moon, *s*, and the calling. . . . . Is 1:13
her new moons, her *S* days, and all her . . . Hos 2:11

fields on the **S**. His disciples . . . Mt 12:1
Immediately on the **S** Jesus entered the . Mk 1:21
raised. On the **S** he went to the. . . . . Lk 4:16
mat and walked. Now that day was the **S**. . . Jn 5:9
near Jerusalem—a **s** day's journey away. . . . Ac 1:12
So you see that a **s** rest is left open for . . . Heb 4:9

SABBATHS

sure to keep my **s**, because the . . . . . Ex 31:13
you must keep my **s**; I am the LORD . . . . Lv 19:3
the LORD for the **s**, the new moons, ... 1Ch 23:31
who keep my **s**, choose what I . . . . . Is 56:4
and for three **s** interacted with . . . . . Ac 17:2
a festival, a new moon observance, or **s**. . . Col 2:16

SACRED

will mark events, **s** seasons, days, and. . . . Gn 1:14
and smash their **s** stone pillars to. . . . . Ex 23:24
holy or enter the **s** area until her . . . . . Lv 12:4
from all the **s** donations that the . . . . . Nm 5:9
smash their **s** stones, cut down. . . . . Dt 7:5
servant into a **s** covenant with you. 1Sa 20:8
you should hold **s**, whom you should . . . . Is 8:13
her Sabbath days, and all her **s** seasons. . . Hos 2:11
to the west, the **s** and undying . . . . . Mk 16:9
days to be more **s** than others, while . . . . Ro 14:5

SACRIFICE

LORD looked favorably on Abel and his **s** . . . Gn 4:4
is the Passover **s** to the LORD, for. . . . . Ex 12:27
is a communal **s** of well-being, the . . . . . Lv 3:1
one flawless ram as a well-being **s**, ... Nm 6:14
you must not **s** it to the LORD . . . . . Dt 15:21
an entirely burned offering or for **s**.' . . . Josh 22:26
those who made a covenant with me by **s**. . . Ps 50:5
I've made a **s** of well-being; today I . . . . Prv 7:14
offer the fools' **s**—they have no idea . . . . Ecc 5:1
for the LORD has a **s** in Bozrah, a great . . . Is 34:6
or prince, without **s** or sacred standing . . . Hos 3:4
want mercy and not **s**. I didn't come to . . . Mt 9:13
and offer the **s** for your cleansing. . . . . Mk 1:44
They offered a **s** in keeping with what's . . . Lk 2:24
a calf, offered a **s** to it, and began . . . . . Ac 7:41
as the place of **s** where mercy is . . . . . Ro 3:25
eternal Spirit as a **s** without any flaw. . . . Heb 9:14

SACRIFICED

Balak **s** oxen and sheep and sent them to . . Nm 22:40
the meat that you **s** on the first night . . . . Dt 16:4
to the LORD and **s** well-being . . . . . Josh 8:31
Then bulls will again be **s** on your altar. . . . Ps 51:19
to me, and you **s** these to them so . . . . . Eze 16:20
Passover lamb was **s**, the disciples . . . . . Mk 14:12
arrived, when the Passover had to be **s**. . . . Lk 22:7
Christ our Passover lamb has been **s**, ... 1Co 5:7
would eat food **s** to idols and. . . . . Rev 2:14

SACRIFICES

There he offered **s** to his father . . . . . Gn 46:1
that we can offer **s** to the LORD our. . . . . Ex 3:18
their communal **s** of well-being, and . . . . . Lv 7:34
your well-being **s**. They will serve . . . . . Nm 10:10
offerings, your **s**, your tenth-part. . . . . Dt 12:6
perform well-being **s** on it, let the . . . . Josh 22:23
and I will offer **s** in God's tent . . . . . Ps 27:6
LORD detests the **s** of the wicked, but. . . . Prv 15:8
about all your **s**? says the LORD. . . . . Is 1:11
sweet-smelling **s** to them and . . . . . Hos 2:13
of entirely burned offerings and **s**. . . . . Mk 12:33
had killed while they were offering **s**. . . . Lk 13:1
Did you bring **s** and offerings to . . . . . Ac 7:42
involved in these **s** to false gods, we. 1Co 8:4
in order to offer gifts and **s** for sins. . . . . Heb 5:1

SAD

Why are you so **s**? Aren't I worth 1Sa 1:8
was weighed down, **s**, like I was a . . . . . Ps 35:14
because a **s** face may lead to a . . . . . Ecc 7:3
spirit terribly **s**, so that he turned . . . . . Is 63:10
your feasts into **s** affairs and all . . . . . Am 8:10
don't put on a **s** face like the . . . . . Mt 6:16
to them, "I'm very **s**. It's as if I'm . . . . . Mk 14:34
the man became **s** because he was . . . . . Lk 18:23
me?" Peter was **s** that Jesus asked . . . . . Jn 21:17
Those who are **s** should be like people who. . 1Co 7:30

SAFE

omer of it be kept **s** for future . . . . . Ex 16:32
left with you for **s**-keeping, or the . . . . . Lv 6:4
flee to one of these cities and be **s**: . . . . . Dt 4:42
every side. And you lived **s** and secure. . . . 1Sa 12:11
their ears; when **s**, raiders overtake . . . . Job 15:21
The LORD is a **s** place for the oppressed . . . . Ps 9:9
down the stronghold in which they felt **s**. . . Prv 21:22
and say, "We are **s**," only to keep on . . . . . Jer 7:10
you don't keep it **s**. That which you do. . . . Mi 6:14
new wineskins so that both are kept **s**. . . . Mt 9:17
he received his son back **s** and sound.' . . . Lk 15:27
and I kept them **s**. None of them were . . . Jn 17:12
you while I'm at a **s** distance: if I 2Co 13:2
hope, which is a **s** and secure anchor . . . . Heb 6:19
I will keep you **s** through the time . . . . . Rev 3:10

SAFELY

and I return **s** to my father's household, . . . Gn 28:21
side so that you live **s** and securely. . . . . Dt 12:10
people came back **s** to Joshua in the . . . . Josh 10:21
is hope; you will look around and rest **s**. . . Job 11:18
womb, placing me **s** at my mother's. . . . . Ps 22:9
Then you will walk **s** on your path, and . . . Prv 3:23
Then they will **s** live in the desert. . . . . Eze 34:25
they may take him **s** to Governor Felix. . . . Ac 23:24
this job and have **s** delivered the . . . . . Ro 15:28

SAFETY

will guarantee his **s**; you can hold me . . . . Gn 43:9
God is a place of **s**; the eternal arms. . . . . Dt 33:27
are far from **s**, crushed in the . . . . . Job 5:4
you alone, LORD, let me live in **s**. . . . . Ps 4:8
me: Don't pray for the **s** of these people. . . Jer 14:11
the land; I will make you lie down in **s**. . . . Hos 2:18

SAILED

The royal fleet **s** to Tarshish with the 2Ch 9:21
and his disciples **s** to the Gerasenes' . . . . Lk 8:26
to Seleucia. From there they **s** to Cyprus. . . . Ac 13:4

SAINTS

it pleads for the **s**, consistent with . . . . . Ro 8:27
incense, which are the prayers of the **s**. . . . Rev 5:8

SAKE

me well for your **s**, and I will . . . . . Gn 12:13
you may be polluted for her **s**. . . . . Lv 21:3
you jealous for my **s**? If only all the . . . . Nm 11:29
For your own **s**, be very careful to love . . . Josh 23:11
forsaken for your **s**, a rock be . . . . . Job 18:4
Save me for the **s** of your faithful. . . . . Ps 6:4
and save it for my **s** and for the sake . . . . Is 37:35
Pass by (for your **s**), inhabitants of . . . . . Mi 1:11
God's Law for the **s** of the rules that . . . . Mt 15:6
But for the **s** of the chosen. . . . . Mk 13:20
to suffer disgrace for the **s** of the name. . . . Ac 5:41
to faithful obedience for his name's **s**. . . . Ro 1:5
to God for their **s**, in order to offer . . . . Heb 5:1

lot for my name's **s**, and you haven't . . . Rev 2:3

SALEM

the king of **S** and the priest of . . . . . Gn 14:18
place became **S**; his habitation . . . . . Ps 76:2
at Aenon near **S** because there was . . . . . Jn 3:23
who was king of **S** and priest of the . . . . Heb 7:1

SALT

back, she turned into a pillar of **s**. . . . . Gn 19:26
incense, seasoned with **s**, pure and holy. . . Ex 30:35
offerings with **s**. Do not omit the . . . . . Lv 2:13
is a covenant of **s** forever in the . . . . . Nm 18:19
by sulfur and **s**, unsuitable for . . . . . Dt 29:23
Nibshan (the **s** City), and En-gedi. In . . . Josh 15:62
food eaten without **s**, or does egg white . . . Job 6:6
thousand in the **s** Valley.] God, you . . . . . Ps 60:1
or rubbed with **s**, and you weren't . . . . . Eze 16:4
a plot of weeds, **s** pits, and. . . . . Zep 2:9
You are the **s** of the earth. But if salt . . . . Mt 5:13
s is good; but if salt loses its . . . . . Mk 9:50
s is good. But if salt loses its flavor, ... Lk 14:34
fresh water and **s** water don't come . . . . . Jas 3:11

SALVATION

he has become my **s**. This is my God, ... Ex 15:2
thought the rock of his **s** was worthless. . . Dt 32:15
be clothed with **s**; may those loyal 2Ch 6:41
rejoice in your **s** in the gates of . . . . . Ps 9:14
God is indeed my **s**; I will trust and . . . . . Is 12:2
for the God of my **s**; my God will hear . . . . Mi 7:7
message of eternal **s**. Amen.]] [[[After. . . . Mk 16:9
He has brought **s** from our enemies and . . . Lk 1:71
what we know because **s** is from the Jews. . . Jn 4:22
s can be found in no one else. Throughout . . Ac 4:12
own power for **s** to all who have . . . . . Ro 1:16
serve those who are going to inherit **s**? . . . Heb 1:14
say, "Now the **s** and power and . . . . . Rev 12:10

SAMARIA

in the towns of **S** will most 1Ki 13:32
of Ephraim is **S**; and the chief of . . . . . Is 7:9
wicked deeds of **S**; for they deceive . . . . . Hos 7:1
along the border between **S** and Galilee. . . Lk 17:11
Jesus had to go through **S** . . . . . Jn 4:4
in all Judea and **S**, and to the end of . . . . . Ac 1:8

SAMARITAN

go among the Gentiles or into a **S** city. . . . Mt 10:5
they entered a **S** village to prepare . . . . . Lk 9:52
He came to a **S** city called Sychar, which . . . Jn 4:5
good news to many **S** villages along the . . . Ac 8:25

SAMSON

son and named him **S**. The boy grew up, . . . Jdg 13:24
Gideon, Barak, **S**, Jephthah, David, ... Heb 11:32

SAMUEL

son. She named him **S**, which means "I . . . 1Sa 1:20
among his priests, **S** too among those. . . . Ps 99:6
Even if Moses and **S** stood before me, I . . . Jer 15:1
who spoke—from **S** forward—announced. . . Ac 3:24
Jephthah, David, **S**, and the prophets. . . . Heb 11:32

SANBALLAT

When **S** the Horonite and Tobiah the . . . . Neh 2:10

SANCTUARY

your power you guided them to your **s**. . . . Ex 15:13
the front of the **s** to a place outside . . . . . Lv 10:4
perform duties for the **s**, was 8,600. . . . . Nm 3:28
there under the oak in the **s** of the LORD. Josh 24:26
to you from the **s** and support you . . . . . Ps 20:2
God will become a **s**—but he will be a . . . . Is 8:14
the curtain of the **s** was torn in two . . . . . Mt 27:51
The curtain of the **s** was torn in two from . . Mk 15:38
to go into the Lord's **s** and burn incense. . . . Lk 1:9
being, enters the **s** behind the curtain. . . . Heb 6:19

SANDALS

Take off your **s**, because you are . . . . . Ex 3:5
your back nor the **s** on your feet have . . . . Dt 29:5
Joshua, "Take your **s** off your feet . . . . . Josh 5:15
streams so that it can be crossed in **s**. . . . . Is 11:15
and those in need for a pair of **s**. . . . . Am 2:6
to carry his **s**. He will baptize . . . . . Mt 3:11
bend over and loosen the strap of his **s**. . . . Mk 1:7
the strap of his **s**. He will baptize . . . . . Lk 3:16
clothes and his **s**, and divided them . . . . . Jn 19:23
Remove the **s** from your feet, ... Ac 7:33

SARAH

call her Sarai. Her name will now be **S**. . . . Gn 17:15
ancestor, and to **S**, who gave you . . . . . Is 51:2
now I will return, and **S** will have a son. . . . Ro 9:9
By faith even **S** received the ability to . . . Heb 11:11

SARAI

Abram's wife was **S**, and Nahor's wife . . . . Gn 11:29

SAT

of Mamre while he **s** at the entrance of . . . Gn 18:1
The next day Moses **s** as a judge for the . . . Ex 18:13
the emission also **s** on must wash their . . . Lv 15:6
messenger came and **s** under the oak at . . . Jdg 6:11
himself and **s** down on a mound of . . . . . Job 2:8
streams, there we **s** down, crying . . . . . Ps 137:1
delight in them. I **s** alone because your . . . Jer 15:17
with mourning clothes, and **s** in ashes. . . . . Jon 3:6
up a mountain. He **s** down and his . . . . . Mt 5:1
Jesus **s** down to eat at Levi's house. Many . . Mk 2:15
assistant, and **s** down. Every eye in . . . . . Lk 4:20
his journey, so he **s** down at the well. . . . . Jn 4:6
She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and **s** up. . . Ac 9:40
The people **s** down to eat and 1Co 10:7
their sins, he **s** down at the right . . . . . Heb 1:3
victorious and **s** down with my . . . . . Rev 3:21

SATAN

Go away, **S**, because it's . . . . . Mt 4:10
days, tempted by **S**. He was among the . . . Mk 1:13
replied, "I saw **S** fall from heaven . . . . . Lk 10:18
took the bread, **S** entered into him. . . . . Jn 13:27
how is it that **S** has influenced you . . . . . Ac 5:3
will soon crush **S** under your feet. . . . . Ro 16:20
was killed among you, where **S** lives. . . . . Rev 2:13

SATISFIED

eat, you will be **s**, and you will . . . . . Dt 8:10
her. She ate, was **s**, and had leftovers. . . . Ru 2:14
rest, until we are **s** like a worker at . . . . Job 14:6
I'm fully **s**—as with a rich dinner. My . . . . Ps 63:5
people are well **s**; their work . . . . . Prv 12:14
left, and weren't **s**. They devoured the. . . . Is 9:20
eat but not be **s**; they will have . . . . . Hos 4:10
harass anyone, and be **s** with your pay. . . . Lk 3:14

SAUL

He had a son named **S**, who was a handsome 1Sa 9:2
enemies and from **S**.] He said: I love . . . . Ps 18:1
Ramah trembles; Gibeah of **S** has fled. . . . Is 10:29
coats in the care of a young man named **S**. . . Ac 7:58

SAVE

it away and not **s** the place for the . . . . . Gn 18:24
must pay the agreed amount to **s** his life. . . Ex 21:30
it; you cannot **s** any of it until . . . . . Lv 7:15

fight your enemies for you and to *s* you. . . . Dt 20:4
see as right, but please *s* us this time. . . . Jdg 10:15
Stand up, LORD! *s* me, my God! In fact, . . . Ps 3:7
Wait for the LORD, and he will *s* you. . . . . Prv 20:22
retribution God will come to *s* you. . . . . Is 35:4
their God, will *s* them; I will not . . . . . Hos 1:7
because he will *s* his people from . . . . . Mt 1:21
or to do evil, to *s* life or to kill? . . . . . Mk 3:4
or to do evil, to *s* life or to destroy . . . . Lk 6:9
I say? 'Father, *s* me from this. . . . . Jn 12:27
wanted to *s* Paul, so he . . . . . Ac 27:43
my own people jealous and *s* some of them. . Ro 11:14
who was able to *s* him from death. He. . . . Heb 5:7

SAVED

me escape there, and my life will be *s*. . . . Gn 19:20
LORD your God and be *s* from your enemies. Nm 10:9
a strong hand and *s* you from the house. . . . Dt 7:8
than for me, thinking, We *s* ourselves. . . . Jdg 7:2
they will be *s* by your pure . . . . . Job 22:30
to the LORD, and I was *s* from my enemies. . . Ps 18:3
who do right are *s* by their. . . . . Prv 11:6
won't be stored or *s*. Her profits will . . . . Is 23:18
name will be *s*; for on Mount Zion . . . . . Jl 2:32
stands firm until the end will be *s*. . . . . Mt 10:22
said to each other, "Then who can be *s*?" . . Mk 10:26
people how to be *s* through the. . . . . Lk 1:77
that the world might be *s* through him. . . . Jn 3:17
calls on the name of the Lord will be *s*. . . . Ac 2:21
that we will be *s* from God's wrath . . . . . Ro 5:9
The Lord, who once *s* a people out of . . . . Jud 1:5

SAVES

are the one who *s* people who suffer, ... 2Sa 22:28
He *s* the weak in their affliction, opens . . . Job 36:15
is my shield; he *s* those whose heart . . . . Ps 7:10
A truthful witness *s* lives, but a . . . . . Prv 14:25
forgot the God who *s* you, and didn't . . . . Is 17:10

SAVING

done for Israel in *s* them from the . . . . . Ex 18:9
stop the LORD from *s*, whether there are . . 1Sa 14:6
refuge in you, *s* them from their . . . . . Ps 17:7
shielding and *s*, sparing and . . . . . Is 31:5
for his head and *s* him from his . . . . . Jon 4:6

SAVIOR

and taken advantage of without any *s*. . . . Dt 28:29
LORD sent Israel a *s*, and they escaped . . . 2Ki 13:5
will send them a *s* and defender to . . . . . Is 19:20
gods but me; there is no *s* besides me. . . . Hos 13:4
depths of who I am I rejoice in God my *s*. . . Lk 1:47
this one is truly the *s* of the world. . . . . Jn 4:42
side as leader and *s* so that he could . . . . Ac 5:31
the church, that is, the *s* of the body. . . . Eph 5:23
justice of our God and *s* Jesus Christ. . . . 2Pt 1:1

SCALES

that has fins and *s*, whether in sea or . . . . Lv 11:9
you can eat anything that has fins and *s*. . . Dt 14:9
weighed, all of it were lifted up in *s*; . . . . Job 6:2
detests dishonest *s*, but delights in . . . . . Prv 11:1
and weighed out the silver on the *s*. . . . . Jer 32:10
I approve wicked *s* and a bag of false . . . . Mi 6:11

SCATTER

I will *s* you among the nations. I will . . . . Lv 26:33
let your enemies *s*, and those who . . . . . Nm 10:35
The LORD will *s* you among the nations. . . . Dt 4:27
and he will *s* them across the. 1Ki 14:15
because God will *s* the bones of those . . . . Ps 53:5
s your seed in the morning, and in the . . . . Ecc 11:6
twist its face and *s* its inhabitants. . . . . Is 24:1
land of Judah with their horns to *s* it. . . . Zec 1:21
parables: "A farmer went out to *s* seed. . . . Mt 13:3
to this! A farmer went out to *s* seed. . . . . Mk 4:3
farmer went out to *s* his seed. As he . . . . . Lk 8:5

SCATTERED

to crushed powder, *s* it on the water, ... Ex 32:20
peoples where the LORD your God *s* you. . . . Dt 30:3
he leveled the city and *s* salt over it. . . . . Jdg 9:45
his garment and *s* dust above his . . . . . Job 2:12
butchering; you've *s* us among the . . . . . Ps 44:11
and those who were *s* in the land of. . . . . Is 27:13
which they have *s* among the nations. . . . . Jl 3:2
When the word is *s* and people hear . . . . Mk 4:15
his arm. He has *s* those with . . . . . Lk 1:51
and the sheep. He *s* the coins and . . . . . Jn 2:15
of his followers *s*, and nothing came . . . . Ac 5:36
it is written, He *s* everywhere; he. 2Co 9:9
tribes who are *s* outside the land . . . . . Jas 1:1

SCHEMES

who frustrates the *s* of the clever so . . . . Job 5:12
in the very same *s* they've thought up! . . . Ps 10:2
way, and they'll be full of their own *s*. . . . Prv 1:31
other plans; he *s* in secret; . . . . . Is 10:7
will take everything because of their *s*. . . . Hos 11:6
that came upon me because of the Jews' *s*. . Ac 20:19
because we are well aware of his *s*. 2Co 2:11

SCRIBE

the box, the royal *s* and the high 2Ki 12:10
My tongue is the pen of a skillful *s*. . . . . Ps 45:1
Elishama the *s*; Delaiah, ... Jer 36:12

SCRIPTURE

you read this *s*, The stone that . . . . . Mk 12:10
them, "Today, this *s* has been fulfilled. . . . Lk 4:21
they believed the *s* and the word that . . . . Jn 2:22
and sisters, the *s* that the Holy . . . . . Ac 1:16
What does the *s* say? Abraham had faith in . . Ro 4:3
royal law found in *s*, Love your . . . . . Jas 2:8

SCRIPTURES

ever read in the *s*, The stone that . . . . . Mt 21:42
don't know either the *s* or God's power? . . Mk 12:24
himself in all the *s*, starting with . . . . . Lk 24:27
Examine the *s*, since you think that in . . . Jn 5:39
with them on the basis of the *s*. . . . . Ac 17:2
in the holy *s*. His Son was . . . . . Ro 1:3
destruction, just as they do the other *s*. . . . 2Pt 3:16

SCROLL

a reminder on the *s* and read it to . . . . . Ex 17:14
curses in the *s* and wipe them off. . . . . Nm 5:23
Instruction on a *s* in the presence of . . . . Dt 17:18
this Instruction *s*. Recite it day and . . . . Josh 1:8
words were written down, inscribed on a *s*. . Job 19:23
I come! I'm inscribed in the written *s*. . . . Ps 40:7
words of a sealed *s*. When they give it . . . Is 29:11
about Nineveh: the *s* containing the . . . . Na 1:1
you read in the *s* from Moses, in the . . . . Mk 12:26
was written in the *s* of the words of. . . . . Lk 3:4
signs that aren't recorded in this *s*. . . . . Jn 20:30
the first *s* I wrote concerned . . . . . Ac 1:1
that have been written in the Law *s*. . . . . Ga 3:10
both the Law *s* itself and all the . . . . . Heb 9:19
Write down on a *s* whatever you see, ... Rev 1:11

SEA

dark over the deep *s*, and God's wind . . . . Gn 1:2
them into the Reed *s*. Not a single . . . . . Ex 10:19
fins and scales, whether in *s* or stream. . . . Lv 11:9

the fish in the *s* be found and . . . . . Nm 11:22
wilderness along the route of the Reed *s*. . . . Dt 1:40
up to the Mediterranean *s* on the west. . . . .Josh 1:4
the sands of the *s*; therefore, my . . . . . Job 6:3
that travels the pathways of the *s*. . . . . Ps 8:8
he marked out the horizon on the deep *s*, . . .Prv 8:27
the roaring of the *s*. And if one looks . . . . Is 5:30
the sand of the *s*, which can be . . . . . Hos 1:10
lies alongside the *s* in the area of . . . . . Mt 4:13
the Galilee *s*, he saw two. . . . . Mk 1:16
and planted in the *s*,' and it would . . . . . Lk 17:6
across the Galilee *s* . . . . . .Jn 6:1
the earth, the *s*, and everything in . . . . . Ac 4:24
the sand of the *s*, only a remaining . . . . . Ro 9:27
crossed the Red *s* as if they wee on . . . . .Heb 11:29
like a glass *s*, like crystal, was . . . . . Rev 4:6

SEAL

she said, "Your *s*, its cord, and the . . . . . Gn 38:18
like an official *s*: "Holy to the. . . . . Ex 28:36
name, putting his *s* on them. She sent 1Ki 21:8
like clay for a *s*, so it stands out . . . . . Job 38:14
up the testimony; *s* up the teaching. . . . . Is 8:16
circumcision as a *s* of the . . . . . Ro 4:11
opened the second *s*, I heard the . . . . . Rev 6:3

SEALED

a reed basket and *s* it up with black . . . . . .Ex 2:3
open jar without a *s* cover on it is. . . . . Nm 19:15
I have this stored up, *s* in my vaults? . . . . Dt 32:34
King Ahasuerus and *s* the order with the . . .Est 3:12
My rebellion is *s* in a bag; you would . . . . Job 14:17
the words of a *s* scroll. When they . . . . . Is 29:11
the grave to be *s* until the third. . . . . Mt 27:64
God also *s* us and gave the Spirit as a 2Co 1:22
the back, and it was *s* with seven seals. . . . . Rev 5:1

SEARCH

Instead, you must *s* for the location the . . . . Dt 12:5
The LORD will *s* for a man of his 1Sa 13:14
for death, who *s* for it more than . . . . . Job 3:21
God! It's you—I *s* for you! My whole . . . . . Ps 63:1
it like silver; *s* for it like hidden. . . . . Prv 2:4
s every street in Jerusalem, comb the . . . . . Jer 5:1
of Carmel, I will *s* for them there and . . . . . Am 9:3
saying, "Go and *s* carefully for the . . . . . Mt 2:8
in the pasture and *s* for the lost one . . . . . Lk 15:4
Barnabas went to Tarsus in *s* of Saul . . . . . Ac 11:25
them that in their *s* they were not 1Pt 1:12

SEAS

gathered waters *s*. God saw how good. . . . . Gn 1:10
anything in the *s* or streams that . . . . . Lv 11:10
is on it, and the *s* and all that is in . . . . . Neh 9:6
it on the *s*; God set it firmly . . . . . Ps 24:2
the thundering *s* they thunder. Doom. . . . . Is 17:12
the heart of the *s*, and the flood . . . . . Jon 2:3

SEATED

They were *s* in front of him from the . . . . Gn 43:33
to Jehoiachin and *s* him above the 2Ki 25:28
A crowd was *s* around him, and those sent . . .Mk 3:32
They did so, and everyone was *s* . . . . . Lk 9:15
led Jesus out and *s* him on the judge's. . . . Jn 19:13
Everyone *s* in the council stared at . . . . . Ac 6:15
raised us up and *s* us in the heavens . . . . . Eph 2:6
heaven, and someone was *s* on the throne. . . Rev 4:2

SECOND

evening and there was morning: the *s* day. . . . Gn 1:8
first sign, they may believe the *s* sign. . . . . .Ex 4:8
Then, with the *s* bird, the priest will . . . . . Lv 5:10
first day of the *s* month, in the . . . . . Nm 1:1
house (or suppose the *s* husband dies). . . . . Dt 24:3
Circumcise the Israelites for a *s* time. . . . . .Josh 5:2
one Jemimah, a *s* Keziah, and the . . . . . Job 42:14
lasts for only a *s*, but his favor . . . . . Ps 30:5
extend his hand a *s* time to reclaim . . . . . Is 11:11
The LORD's word came to Jonah a *s* time . . . Jon 3:1
happened with the *s* brother and the . . . . Mt 22:26
The *s* married her and died without. . . . . Mk 12:21
The *s* servant came and said, 'Master, ... Lk 19:18
They bring out the *s*-rate wine only . . . . . Jn 2:10
During their *s* visit, Joseph told his. . . . . Ac 7:13
first apostles, *s* prophets, third. 1Co 12:28
wouldn't have made sense to expect a *s*. . . . Heb 8:7
victorious won't be hurt by the *s* death. . . . Rev 2:11

SECRET

same thing by using their *s* knowledge. . . . . Ex 7:11
defiled herself in *s*—even though there . . . Nm 5:13
his neighbor in *s*." All the people . . . . . Dt 27:24
things. They have stolen and kept it a *s*. . . . Josh 7:11
Can you find the *s* of God or find the . . . . Job 11:7
lie in ambush in *s* places, like a . . . . . Ps 10:9
her beauty in *s*; don't let her . . . . . .Prv 6:25
he schemes in *s*; destruction is on . . . . . Is 10:7
revealing his *s* to his servants . . . . . Am 3:7
to the poor in *s*. Your Father who. . . . . Mt 6:4
said to them, "The *s* of God's kingdom . . . .Mk 4:11
and nothing is *s* that won't be . . . . . Lk 12:2
he went too—not openly but in *s*. . . . . Jn 7:10
be unaware of this *s*, brothers and . . . . . Ro 11:25

SECRETARY

son Abiathar were priests; Seraiah was *s*; . . 2Sa 8:17
Shebna the *s*, and Asaph's son 2Ki 18:18
Shebna the *s*, and Asaph's son . . . . . Is 36:3

SECURE

Your dwelling is *s*; your nest is set . . . . . Nm 24:21
residence is *s*—in a land full . . . . . Dt 33:28
our own lives to *s* yours. If you . . . . . Josh 2:14
that your tent is *s*. You will examine . . . . Job 5:24
steps are made *s* by the LORD when . . . . .Ps 37:23
on the way, and all your paths will be *s*. . . .Prv 4:26
will lie down *s*. But he will . . . . . Is 14:30
They will dwell *s*, because he will . . . . . Mi 5:4
Go and make it as *s* as you know how. . . . Mt 27:65
his own palace, his possessions are *s*. . . . . Lk 11:21
the jailer to *s* them with great . . . . . Ac 16:23
the promise is *s* for all of . . . . . Ro 4:16
is a safe and *s* anchor for our. . . . . Heb 6:19

SECURELY

them so that you can live *s* on the land. . . . Lv 25:18
every side so that you live safely and *s*. . . . Dt 12:10
will be bound up *s* in the bundle of 1Sa 25:29
who lets me stand *s* on the heights, ...Ps 18:33
obey me will dwell *s*, untroubled by the . . . .Prv 1:33
I will fasten him *s* like a tent peg, and . . . . Is 22:23
the one dwelling *s*, the one saying in . . . . Zep 2:15

SEED

control. Give us *s* so that we can . . . . . Gn 47:19
was like coriander *s*, white, and tasted . . . Ex 16:31
bodies falls on *s* that is to be . . . . . Lv 11:37
was like coriander *s* and its color was . . . . Nm 11:7
you sowed your *s* and irrigated it . . . . . Dt 11:10
third year, sow *s* and harvest it; 2Ki 19:29
is planted like *s* for the righteous. . . . . .Ps 97:11
Scatter your *s* in the morning, and in the . . .Ecc 11:6
and a homer of *s* will produce only . . . . . Is 5:10
one who sows the *s*. The mountains. . . . . .Am 9:13

They don't sow **s** or harvest grain. . . . . Mt 6:26
to this! A farmer went out to scatter **s**. . . . . Mk 4:3
out to scatter his **s**. As he was . . . . . Lk 8:5
only be a single **s**. But if it dies, ... Jn 12:24
When you put a **s** into the ground, ... 1Co 15:36
from the type of **s** that decays but 1Pt 1:23

SEEDS

plants yielding **s** and fruit trees . . . . . Gn 1:11
the grapevine, not even its **s** or skin. . . . . Nm 6:4
Israelites planted **s**, the Midianites, ... Jdg 6:3
a garden grows its **s**, so the LORD God . . . . Is 61:11
smallest of all **s**. But when it's . . . . . Mt 13:32
and choked the **s**, and they produced . . . . . Mk 4:7
and he gives each of the **s** its own shape. . . 1Co 15:38
make peace sow the **s** of justice by . . . . . Jas 3:18

SEEING

clouds, and upon **s** it I will remember . . . . . Gn 9:16
now, and he's looking forward to **s** you. . . . . Ex 4:14
ones who are left, **s** that the . . . . . Jdg 21:16
I wish I had died without any eye **s** me. . . . Job 10:18
I will be filled full by **s** your image. . . . . Ps 17:15
s that there was no one, and astonished . . . Is 59:16
Those **s** visions will be ashamed, and the . . . Mi 3:7
see but never recognize what you are **s**. . . . Mt 13:14
s him was terrifying to all of them. Just . . . Mk 6:50
you fear God, **s** that you've also . . . . . Lk 23:40
and you are **s** and hearing the . . . . . Ac 2:33

SEEK

offering. He will **s** reconciliation for. . . . . Nm 6:11
You will **s** the LORD your God from there, . . . Dt 4:29
on it, let the LORD himself **s** punishment. Josh 22:23
But I would **s** God, put my case to God . . . . Job 5:8
have not abandoned any who **s** you, LORD. . . Ps 9:10
ways of all who **s** unjust gain; it . . . . . Prv 1:19
learn to do good. **s** justice: help the . . . . . Is 1:17
She said, "I will **s** out my lovers; . . . . . Hos 2:5
you will receive. **s** and you will find. . . . . Lk 11:9
is just. I don't **s** my own will but . . . . . Jn 5:30
of humanity will **s** the Lord, even all . . . . Ac 15:17
rude, it doesn't **s** its own advantage, ... 1Co 13:5
evil and do good; **s** peace and chase 1Pt 3:11
days people will **s** death, but they. . . . . Rev 9:6

SEEKING

is an accident, **s** reconciliation so . . . . . Nm 15:28
member of the victim's family **s** revenge. . . Josh 20:3
target the righteous, **s** to kill them. . . . . Ps 37:32
out to meet you, **s** you, and I have . . . . . Prv 7:15
things your way, **s** what you want and. . . . . Is 58:13
roam all around, **s** the LORD's word, ... Am 8:12
they are full of violence and pleasure **s**. . . . Mt 23:25
were testing him, **s** a sign from heaven. . . . Lk 11:16
There's one who is **s** to glorify me, and . . . . Jn 8:50
s letters to the synagogues in Damascus. . . . Ac 9:2
like a roaring lion, **s** someone to devour. . . . 1Pt 5:8

SEEKS

The one who **s** my life now seeks 1Sa 22:23
hills for food and **s** any green sprout. . . . . Job 39:8
anyone is wise, to see if anyone **s** God, ... Ps 14:2
heart **s** knowledge; but . . . . . Prv 15:14
a judge who **s** justice and timely . . . . . Is 16:5
receives. Whoever **s**, finds. And to . . . . . Mt 7:8
receives. Whoever **s**, finds. To . . . . . Lk 11:10

SEER

Let's go to the **s**," because the 1Sa 9:9
Then the **s** called out: "Upon a . . . . . Is 21:8

SEES

place "the LORD **s**. That is the . . . . . Gn 22:14
the Egyptians and **s** the blood on the . . . . Ex 12:23
Once the priest **s** this, he will . . . . . Lv 13:3
not in riddles. He **s** the LORD's form. . . . . Nm 12:8
the LORD your God **s** fit to bless you . . . . Dt 12:15
the eyes, but the LORD **s** into the heart. . . . 1Sa 16:7
The eye that **s** me now will no longer look . . . Job 7:8
hidden his face. God never **s** anything! . . . . Ps 10:11
an insightful poor person **s** through them. . . Prv 28:11
Go, post a lookout to report what he **s**. . . . . Is 21:6
Your Father who **s** what you do in . . . . . Mt 6:4
except what he **s** the Father doing. . . . . Jn 5:19
Suppose someone **s** you (the person who has 1Co 8:10
possessions and **s** a brother or 1Jn 3:17

SEIR

the mountains of ***S*** as far as El-paran . . . . . Gn 14:6
a possession, ***S*** a possession of . . . . . Nm 24:18
Kadesh-barnea along the Mount ***S*** route. . . . . Dt 1:2
goes up toward ***S***, as far as. . . . . Josh 11:17
calling to me from ***S***: "Guard, how long . . . . Is 21:11

SEIZE

As soon as you **s** the city, set it on . . . . . Josh 8:8
May gloom **s** that night; may it not be . . . . Job 3:6
ambush so they can **s** those who suffer! . . . . Ps 10:9
Someone will **s** a family member, saying, ... Is 3:6
covet fields and **s** them, houses and. . . . . Mi 2:2
attacked as violent people **s** it. . . . . Mt 11:12
So they wanted to **s** Jesus, but they. . . . . Jn 7:30

SEIZED

a well that Abimelech's servants had **s**. . . . Gn 21:25
Then Joshua **s** Achan, Zerah's son, along . . . Josh 7:24
Why has your mind **s** you, why have your . . . Job 15:12
the Philistines **s** him in Gath.] God, ... Ps 56:1
they will be **s** by spasms and . . . . . Is 13:8
so that pain has **s** you like that of a . . . . . Mi 4:9
They **s** Peter and John and put them in . . . . Ac 4:3
But sin **s** the opportunity and used this . . . . Ro 7:8
But the beast was **s**, along with the . . . . . Rev 19:20

SELAH

about me: "Even God won't help him." ***S***. . . . Ps 3:2
mountain of Paran. ***S*** His majesty covers . . . Hab 3:3

SELECTED

be the one you've **s** for your servant . . . . Gn 24:14
present the goat **s** by the LORD's lot . . . . . Lv 16:9
Aaron took these men who were **s** by name . . Nm 1:17
good to me, so I **s** twelve men, one . . . . . Dt 1:23
The person **s**, who has the things . . . . . Josh 7:15
and frankincense, **s** from all the spice . . . . Song 3:6
will take the bull **s** as the . . . . . Eze 43:21
community. They **s** Stephen, a man . . . . . Ac 6:5

SELL

Jacob said, "**s** me your birthright today. . . . Gn 25:31
He has no right to **s** her to a foreign . . . . . Ex 21:8
When you **s** something to or buy something . Lv 25:14
Please **s** us food for money so we can eat; . . . Dt 2:28
filled full now **s** themselves for 1Sa 2:5
Will merchants **s** him; will they divide. . . . Job 41:6
grain, but they bless those who **s** it. . . . . Prv 11:26
which lender did I **s** you? On account of . . . . Is 50:1
I will **s** your sons and your daughters as . . . . Jl 3:8
be complete, go, **s** what you own, and . . . . Mt 19:21
one thing. Go, **s** what you own, and. . . . . Mk 10:21
s your possessions and give to those in . . . Lk 12:33
They would **s** pieces of property and . . . . . Ac 2:45
make a purchase or **s** anything unless . . . . Rev 13:17

SEND

from now I will **s** rain on the earth . . . . . Gn 7:4
Please, my Lord, just **s** someone else. . . . . Ex 4:13
head. Then he will **s** it away into the . . . . Lv 16:21
the Israelites to **s** out from the camp . . . . . Nm 5:2
me, saying, "Let's **s** spies ahead of . . . . . Dt 1:22
commanded us and go anywhere you **s** us. . . Josh 1:16
Job would **s** word and purify . . . . . Job 1:5
Let God **s** help to you from the sanctuary . . . Ps 20:2
to those who **s** them; they restore . . . . . Prv 25:13
Whom should I **s**, and who will go . . . . . Is 6:8
cities; but I will **s** a fire upon his . . . . . Hos 8:14
you throw us out, **s** us into the herd . . . . . Mt 8:31
with Jesus not to **s** them out of that . . . . . Mk 5:10
to him and said, "**s** the crowd away so . . . . . Lk 9:12
God didn't **s** his Son into the world to . . . . . Jn 3:17
age and he will **s** Jesus, whom he . . . . . Ac 3:20
I hope you will **s** me on my way. . . . . Ro 15:24
you see, and **s** it to the seven. . . . . Rev 1:11

SENDING

the Aramean by not **s** word to him that . . . Gn 31:20
So get going. I'm **s** you to Pharaoh to . . . . . Ex 3:10
upon it by **s** it away into the . . . . . Lv 16:10
of Midian. Am I not personally **s** you? . . . Jdg 6:14
s messages with a fool is like cutting . . . . Prv 26:6
Jerusalem, by **s** her away, you . . . . . Is 27:8
people: See, I am **s** you the corn, new . . . . . Jl 2:19
Look, I'm **s** you as sheep among wolves. . . . Mt 10:16
Isaiah: Look, I am **s** my messenger . . . . . Mk 1:2
written: Look, I'm **s** my messenger . . . . . Lk 7:27
As the Father sent me, so I am **s** you. . . . . Jn 20:21
rescue them. Come! I am **s** you to Egypt.' . . . Ac 7:34
sin in the body by **s** his own Son to . . . . . Ro 8:3
made it known by **s** it through his . . . . . Rev 1:1

SENNACHERIB

Assyria's King **S** marched against all of . . . 2Ki 18:13
Assyria's King **S** marched against all of . . . . Is 36:1

SENSE

endow her with **s**, didn't give her . . . . . Job 39:17
You fools—when will you get some **s**? . . . . Ps 94:8
among the youth, one who had no **s**. . . . . Prv 7:7
they all lack **s**. They are all mute . . . . . Is 56:10
the people without **s** must come to ruin. . . Hos 4:14
know how to make **s** of the sky's . . . . . Mt 16:3
A **s** of awe came over everyone. God . . . . . Ac 2:43
based on common **s**, am I? Doesn't the 1Co 9:8
wouldn't have made **s** to expect a second. . . . Heb 8:7

SENT

God hadn't yet **s** rain on the earth . . . . . Gn 2:5
the reeds, and she **s** one of her . . . . . Ex 2:5
did so and **s** them outside the . . . . . Nm 5:4
I then **s** messengers from the Kedemoth . . . Dt 2:26
son, secretly **s** two men as spies . . . . . Josh 2:1
You have **s** widows away empty; crushed . . . Job 22:9
the enemy; he **s** the lightning and . . . . . Ps 18:14
a cruel messenger will be **s** against them. . . Prv 17:11
The Lord **s** a word against Jacob; it fell . . . . Is 9:8
and Ephraim **s** for the great . . . . . Hos 5:13
He **s** them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and . . . Mt 2:8
Sternly, Jesus **s** him away . . . . . Mk 1:43
presence. I was **s** to speak to you . . . . . Lk 1:19
A man named John was **s** from God . . . . . Jn 1:6
his servant, he **s** him to you . . . . . Ac 3:26
unless they are **s**? As it is written, ... Ro 10:15
spirits who are **s** to serve those who . . . . Heb 1:14
seven spirits, **s** out into the whole . . . . . Rev 5:6

SEPARATED

the light was. God **s** the light from the . . . . Gn 1:4
your God, who has **s** you from all other . . . Lv 20:24
Israel's God has **s** you from the . . . . . Nm 16:9
appeared and **s** the two of them. 2Ki 2:11
to its pair; joined, they can't be **s**. . . . . Job 41:17
your misdeeds have **s** you from your God. . . . Is 59:2
love? Will we be **s** by trouble, or . . . . . Ro 8:35

SERAIAH

Abiathar were priests; **S** was secretary; . . . 2Sa 8:17
also took away **S** the chief priest, ... 2Ki 25:18
son, along with **S**, Azriel's son, and . . . . . Jer 36:26

SERVANT

Canaan: the lowest **s** he will be for his. . . . Gn 9:25
talking to your **s**. I have a slow . . . . . Ex 4:10
priest purchases a **s**, that person can . . . . Lv 22:11
you treated your **s** so badly? And why . . . . Nm 11:11
begun to show your **s** your greatness and . . . Dt 3:24
Moses the LORD's **s** died, the LORD. . . . . Josh 1:1
thought about my **s** Job; surely there . . . . . Job 1:8
David the LORDâ€™s **s**, who spoke the . . . . Ps 18:1
the wind. The fool will be **s** to the wise. . . . Prv 11:29
said, "Just as my **s** Isaiah has walked . . . . Is 20:3
son, my **s**, says the LORD; I . . . . . Hg 2:23
him, "Lord, my **s** is flat on his . . . . . Mt 8:6
must be least of all and the **s** of all. . . . . Mk 9:35
I am the Lord's **s**. Let it be with me . . . . . Lk 1:38
I am, there my **s** will also be. My . . . . . Jn 12:26
has glorified his **s** Jesus. This is the . . . . . Ac 3:13
It is God's **s** given for your benefit. But . . . . Ro 13:4
God's house as a **s** in order to affirm . . . . Heb 3:5
it through his angel to his **s** John, ... Rev 1:1

SERVANTS

male donkeys, men **s**, women servants, . . . Gn 12:16
while her women **s** walked along . . . . . Ex 2:5
can eat it, and **s** born into the . . . . . Lv 22:11
said to Balak's **s**, "If Balak were to . . . . . Nm 22:18
male or female **s**, your oxen or . . . . . Dt 5:14
We are your **s**." Joshua said to . . . . . Josh 9:8
a vast number of **s**, so that he was . . . . . Job 1:3
the young women **s** following her, are . . . . Ps 45:14
out her female **s**; she issues an . . . . . Prv 9:3
among my master's **s** when you are . . . . . Is 36:9
funeral clothing, **s** of my God, because . . . . Jl 1:13
The **s** of the landowner came and said to . . Mt 13:27
sent many other **s**, but the tenants . . . . . Mk 12:5
eyewitnesses and **s** of the word handed . . . . Lk 1:2
mother told the **s**, "Do whatever he . . . . . Jn 2:5
Even upon my **s**, men and women, I will. . . . Ac 2:18
someone else's **s**? They stand or . . . . . Ro 14:4
him to show his **s** what must soon . . . . . Rev 1:1

SERVE

the nation they **s**, they will leave . . . . . Gn 15:14
slave, he will **s** you for six years. . . . . Ex 21:2
been presented to **s** the LORD as . . . . . Lv 7:35
will enter to **s** the meeting tent, ... Nm 8:15
the LORD your God, **s** him, and take your . . . Dt 6:13
of you will always **s** as woodcutters and . . . Josh 9:23
that we should **s** him, and what can. . . . . Job 21:15
s the LORD reverently—trembling . . . . . Ps 2:11
to lies, those who **s** him will be wicked. . . . Prv 29:12
to summon him to **s**—giving him . . . . . Is 41:2
name of the LORD and will **s** him as one. . . . Zep 3:9
the Lord your God and **s** only him. . . . . Mt 4:10
but rather to **s** and to give his . . . . . Mk 10:45
so that we could **s** him without fear, ... Lk 1:74
of God's word in order to **s** tables. . . . . Ac 6:2

I **s** God in my spirit by preaching the . . . . . Ro 1:9
who are sent to **s** those who are . . . . . Heb 1:14
on the foreheads of those who **s** our God. . . . Rev 7:3

SERVED

years they had **s** Chedorlaomer, and . . . . . Gn 14:4
and Ithamar **s** as priests during . . . . . Nm 3:4
Euphrates. They **s** other gods. Among . . . Josh 24:2
so a messenger who **s** him saved them. In . . . Is 63:9
Aram; there Israel **s** for a wife, and . . . . . Hos 12:12
left her. Then she got up and **s** them. . . . . Mt 8:15
up. The fever left her, and she **s** them. . . . . Mk 1:31
left her. She got up at once and **s** them. . . . . Lk 4:39
for him. Martha **s** and Lazarus was . . . . . Jn 12:2
Benjamin, and he **s** as their king for . . . . Ac 13:21
worshipped and **s** the creation . . . . . Ro 1:25
sake when you **s** and continue to . . . . . Heb 6:10

SERVICE

physicians in his **s** to embalm his . . . . . Gn 50:2
it to support the **s** of the meeting. . . . . Ex 30:16
purchase according to the years of **s**. . . . . Lv 25:52
for military **s** in Israel. These . . . . . Nm 1:3
into your **s**, they can work for . . . . . Dt 15:12
we too perform the **s** of the LORD in his. . Josh 22:27
All the days of my **s** I would wait until. . . . Job 14:14
him with lip **s**. They were lying . . . . . Ps 78:36
honor me with lip **s** while their heart . . . . Is 29:13
of priestly **s**, he was chosen by . . . . . Lk 1:9
think that they are doing a **s** to God. . . . . Jn 16:2
being overlooked in the daily food **s**. . . . . Ac 6:1
God. This is your appropriate priestly **s**. . . . Ro 12:1
superior priestly **s** just as he . . . . . Heb 8:6
faithfulness, your **s** and endurance. I . . . . Rev 2:19

SERVING

worshipping and **s** them. The LORD . . . . . Dt 4:19
Now Samuel was **s** the LORD. He was a young 1Sa 2:18
and **s** those false gods, which became a . . . Ps 106:36
have joined me, **s** me and loving my. . . . . Is 56:6
reject you from **s** me as a priest. . . . . Hos 4:6
While he was **s** as judge, his wife sent . . . . Mt 27:19
day Zechariah was **s** as a priest before. . . . . Lk 1:8
devote yourself to **s**. If your gift is . . . . . Ro 12:7
He's **s** as a priest in the holy place, ... Heb 8:2

SETH

son. She named him **S** "because God has . . . Gn 4:25
Adam, **S**, Enosh 1Ch 1:1
son of Enos son of **S** son of Adam son of . . . Lk 3:38

SETTING

I am now **s** up my covenant with you, with . . Gn 9:9
and gems for **s** in the priest's. . . . . Ex 25:7
Moses finished **s** up the dwelling, ... Nm 7:1
Instruction that I am **s** before you today? . . . Dt 4:8
oldest child. **s** up its gates will . . . . . Josh 6:26
time are like gold apples in a silver **s**. . . . . Prv 25:11
s the table, spreading the cloth, eating, . . . Is 21:5
said, "See, I am **s** a plumb line in . . . . . Am 7:8
When the sun was **s**, everyone brought to . . . Lk 4:40
will be judged for **s** aside their 1Ti 5:12

SETTLE

down to Egypt but **s** temporarily in the . . . . Gn 26:2
the cloud would **s** only overnight, ... Nm 9:21
get full, build nice houses, and **s** down, . . . Dt 8:12
property and **s** among us. That's . . . . . Josh 22:19
The dice **s** conflicts and keep strong. . . . . Prv 18:18
now, and let's **s** this, says the. . . . . Is 1:18
the LORD your God, **s** down in Zion, my. . . . Jl 3:17
king who wanted to **s** accounts with his . . . Mt 18:23

SETTLED

took the human and **s** him in the garden . . . . Gn 2:15
from Pharaoh and **s** down in the land . . . . . Ex 2:15
would camp wherever the cloud **s**. . . . . Nm 9:17
as you have been **s**, and they also. . . . . Dt 3:20
took it over and **s** it. Then they . . . . . Josh 19:47
and your creatures **s** in it. In your. . . . . Ps 68:10
the mountains were **s**, before the hills, . . . Prv 8:25
Gad? Why have his people **s** in its towns? . . . Jer 49:1
He **s** in a city called Nazareth so that . . . . Mt 2:23
still!" The wind **s** down and there was . . . . Mk 4:39
in Mesopotamia, before he **s** in Haran. . . . . Ac 7:2
Every matter is **s** on the evidence of 2Co 13:1

SEVEN

will be paid back **s** times. The LORD. . . . . Gn 4:15
priest who had **s** daughters. The . . . . . Ex 2:16
some of it **s** times before the . . . . . Lv 4:6
set them up, the **s** lamps will give. . . . . Nm 8:2
and the Jebusites: **s** nations that are . . . . . Dt 7:1
Have **s** priests carry seven trumpets made. . . Josh 6:4
He had **s** sons and three daughters . . . . . Job 1:2
in an oven, purified **s** times over! . . . . . Ps 12:6
the LORD hates, **s** things detestable. . . . . Prv 6:16
s women will grab one man on that day, . . . Is 4:1
up against him **s** shepherds and . . . . . Mi 5:5
and brings with it **s** other spirits more . . . Mt 12:45
do you have?" They said, "**s** loaves." . . . . Mk 8:5
she lived with her husband for **s** years. . . . Lk 2:36
carefully choose **s** well-respected men. . . . . Ac 6:3
kept for myself **s** thousand people . . . . . Ro 11:4
people marched around them for **s** days. . . Heb 11:30
John, to the **s** churches that are in Asia: . . . Rev 1:4

SEVENTH

done, and on the **s** day God rested . . . . . Gn 2:2
first day and the **s** day will be a holy. . . . . Ex 12:16
On the **s** day the priest will again . . . . . Lv 13:5
they will shave it on the **s** day. . . . . Nm 6:9
but the **s** day is a Sabbath to the LORD . . . . Dt 5:14
the chest. On the **s** day, circle the. . . . . Josh 6:4
died in the **s** month of that year. . . . . Jer 28:17
day of the **s** month, the LORD's. . . . . Hg 2:1
this about the **s** day of creation: . . . . . Heb 4:4
Lamb opened the **s** seal, there was . . . . . Rev 8:1

SEVENTY

seven times and Lamech **s**-seven times. . . . Gn 4:24
Jacob's family was **s**. Joseph was . . . . . Ex 1:5
basin weighing **s** shekels according . . . . . Nm 7:13
with a total of **s** people, but now . . . . . Dt 10:22
He said, "**s** kings with severed thumbs and. . . Jdg 1:7
live at best to be **s** years old, maybe. . . . . Ps 90:10
will be forgotten **s** years, the . . . . . Is 23:15
whom you have been angry these **s** years? . . Zec 1:12
but rather as many as **s**-seven times. . . . . Mt 18:22
Lord commissioned **s**-two others and . . . . . Lk 10:1
and aloe, nearly **s**-five pounds in all. . . . . Jn 19:39
hundred soldiers, **s** horsemen, and two . . . Ac 23:23

SEVENTY-FIVE

fifty feet long, **s** feet wide, and . . . . . Gn 6:15
should consist of **s** feet of drapes . . . . . Ex 27:12
feet in length, **s** feet in width, and 1Ki 7:2
It was **s** feet from the front of the outer . . . Eze 40:15
myrrh and aloe, nearly **s** pounds in all. . . . . Jn 19:39

SEVERE

since the famine was so **s** in the land. . . . . Gn 12:10
the hail were so **s** that there had . . . . . Ex 9:24
descendants with **s** and chronic . . . . . Dt 28:59
was old, Asa developed a **s** foot disease. . . . 1Ki 15:23

struck Job with **s** sores from the . . . . . Job 2:7
of the wicked is **s**, but faithful love . . . . . Ps 32:10
Discipline is **s** for those who abandon the . . Prv 15:10
his resources, a **s** food shortage . . . . . Lk 15:14
predicted that a **s** famine would . . . . . Ac 11:28
His letters are **s** and powerful, but 2Co 10:10

SEX

his wife for **s**; she is your aunt. . . . . Lv 18:14
by having illicit **s** with Moabite women. . . . Nm 25:1
I went to have **s** with her . . . . . Dt 22:14
he saw a prostitute and had **s** with her. . . . Jdg 16:1
I then had **s** with the prophetess, and she . . . Is 8:3
you won't have **s** with a man, nor I . . . . . Hos 3:3
man is having **s** with his father's 1Co 5:1

SEXUAL

daughters had **s** relations and gave . . . . . Gn 6:4
Anyone who has **s** relations with an animal . Ex 22:19
If a man has **s** intercourse with her and . . . Lv 15:24
troops have abstained from **s** activity. . . . 1Sa 21:4
with the large **s** organs, and as you . . . . . Eze 16:26
But he didn't have **s** relations with her . . . Mt 1:25
thoughts come: **s** sins, thefts, ... Mk 7:21
I haven't had **s** relations with a . . . . . Lk 1:34
with idols, **s** immorality, eating. . . . . Ac 15:20
traded natural **s** relations for. . . . . Ro 1:26
practiced immoral **s** relations and . . . . . Jud 1:7
to idols and commit **s** immorality. . . . . Rev 2:14

SHADE

take shelter in my **s**; but if not, let . . . . . Jdg 9:15
screen him with **s**; poplars of the . . . . . Job 40:22
covered by its **s**; the mighty cedars . . . . . Ps 80:10
a booth by day for **s** from the heat and . . . . Is 4:6
because their **s** is pleasant.. . . . . Hos 4:13
in the sky are able to nest in its **s**. . . . . Mk 4:32

SHADOW

she put on her eye **s** and arranged her. . . . 2Ki 9:30
we pant for a **s**, await our task . . . . . Job 7:2
finds refuge in the **s** of your wings. . . . . Ps 36:7
for joy. Your **s** is a shadow of . . . . . Is 26:19
live beneath my **s**, they will . . . . . Hos 14:7
lived in the region and in **s** of death. . . . . Mt 4:16
and in the **s** of death, to guide . . . . . Lk 1:79
at least Peter's **s** could fall on some . . . . . Ac 5:15
are only a **s** of what was . . . . . Col 2:17
that is a copy and **s** of the heavenly . . . . . Heb 8:5

SHADRACH

Hananiah "**S**," Mishael . . . . . Dn 1:7

SHAKE

Don't panic! Don't **s** in fear on account . . . Dt 20:3
other times and **s** myself free. But . . . . . Jdg 16:20
to oppose you, **s** my head over you. . . . . Job 16:4
when the mountains **s** because of its . . . . . Ps 46:3
your neighbor or **s** hands in agreement . . . . Prv 6:1
trees of a forest **s** when there is a . . . . . Is 7:2
of Samaria **s** because of the . . . . . Hos 10:5
to your words, **s** the dust off your. . . . . Mt 10:14
you, as you leave, **s** the dust off your . . . . Mk 6:11
the water couldn't **s** the house because . . . . Lk 6:48
once more I will **s** not only the earth . . . . Heb 12:26

SHAKEN

the world firmly in place; it won't be **s**. . . . 1Ch 16:30
die; people are **s** and pass away. The. . . . . Job 34:20
God will never let the righteous be **s**! . . . . Ps 55:22
will never be **s**, but the wicked . . . . . Prv 10:30
Therefore, I'm **s** to my core in anguish. . . . . Is 21:3
when the trees are **s**, the fruit falls . . . . . Na 3:12
and other heavenly bodies will be **s**. . . . . Mt 24:29
Everyone was **s** and questioned among . . . . Mk 1:27
They were all **s** and said to each other,. . . . . Lk 4:36
he is at my right hand I won't be **s**. . . . . Ac 2:25
any of you to be **s** by these problems. 1Th 3:3
removal of what is **s**—the things that . . . . Heb 12:27
drops its fruit when **s** by a strong wind. . . . Rev 6:13

SHAME

son and said, "God has taken away my **s**." . . Gn 30:23
will become promiscuous and full of **s**. . . . Lv 19:29
with Jesse's son? **s** on you and on the 1Sa 20:30
be clothed with **s**, and the tent of. . . . . Job 8:22
let me be put to **s**! Don't let my. . . . . Ps 25:2
wise gain respect, but fools receive **s**. . . . . Prv 3:35
mourning clothes; instead of beauty, **s**. . . . Is 3:24
me; they exchanged their glory for **s**. . . . . Hos 4:7
were put to **s**, but all those in . . . . . Lk 13:17
the Law, do you **s** God by breaking . . . . . Ro 2:23
over again and exposing him to public **s**. . . . Heb 6:6
don't go around naked and exposed to **s**. . . Rev 16:15

SHARE

Eshcol, and Mamre—may keep their **s**. . . . Gn 14:24
a lamb, it should **s** one with a . . . . . Ex 12:4
it the priests' **s** from my food . . . . . Lv 6:17
will you have a **s** among them. I am . . . . . Nm 18:20
but they won't **s** an inheritance with . . . . Dt 18:2
said, "We won't **s** any of the plunder 1Sa 30:22
can lap up their **s** of your enemies. . . . . Ps 68:23
in your lot with us; we'll **s** our money. . . . Prv 1:14
beings and animals **s** the same fate. One . . . Ecc 3:19
I will give him a **s** with the great, ... Is 53:12
the two of them will **s** a peaceable plan. . . . Zec 6:13
No, because if we **s** with you, there . . . . . Mt 25:9
the tenants his **s** of the fruit of. . . . . Mk 12:2
two shirts must **s** with the one who. . . . . Lk 3:11
hard, and you will **s** in their hard . . . . . Jn 4:38
us and received a **s** of this ministry. . . . . Ac 1:17
the Gentiles got a **s** of the Jewish. . . . . Ro 15:27
since the children **s** in flesh and . . . . . Heb 2:14
those who have a **s** in the first . . . . . Rev 20:6

SHARON

boundaries of all the open lands of **S**. 1Ch 5:16
I'm a rose of the **S** plain, a lily of the . . . . Song 2:1
it withered. **S** became like the . . . . . Is 33:9
lived in Lydda and **S** saw him and turned . . . Ac 9:35

SHATTERED

the fields, and it **s** every tree out in . . . . . Ex 9:25
his head; she **s** and pierced his . . . . . Jdg 5:26
yet the teeth of lions are **s** . . . . . Job 4:10
have rejected us—**s** us. You've been so . . . . Ps 60:1
years Ephraim will be **s** as a nation . . . . . Is 7:8
warriors will be **s**, Teman, and . . . . . Obad 1:9

SHAVE

the person must **s** the area, without . . . . . Lv 13:33
he or she will **s** the head on the. . . . . Nm 6:9
and don't **s** your foreheads for . . . . . Dt 14:1
allow a razor to **s** his head, because . . . . . Jdg 13:5
the Lord will **s** the heads of Zion's . . . . . Is 3:17
clothes and **s** their heads; I . . . . . Am 8:10

SHE

a woman because from a man **s** was taken. . . Gn 2:23
birth to a son. **s** saw that the baby . . . . . Ex 2:2
birth to a son, **s** will be unclean. . . . . Lv 12:2
husband and that **s** has defiled . . . . . Nm 5:13
Stone that person until he or **s** is dead. . . . Dt 17:5
hidden them. Then **s** said, "Of course . . . . Josh 2:4

compare with it; *s* can't be acquired . . . Job 28:17
of many colors, *s* is led to the . . . . . Ps 45:14
in the public square *s* raises her voice. . . . Prv 1:20
a prostitute! *s* was full of . . . . . Is 1:21
daughter, and *s* became pregnant. . . . . Hos 1:3
they were married, *s* became pregnant by . . Mt 1:18
The fever left her, and *s* served them. . . . Mk 1:31
became pregnant. *s* kept to herself . . . . Lk 1:24
went into the city. *s* said to the people, . . . Jn 4:28
wife entered, but *s* didn't know what . . . . Ac 5:7
someone only as long as he or *s* lives? . . . Ro 7:1
a child, though *s* herself was barren. . . . Heb 11:11
and life, but *s* refuses to change . . . . . Rev 2:21

SHEBA

and Sabteca. Raamah's sons: ***S*** and Dedan. . . Gn 10:7
in their legacy: Beer-sheba, ***S***, Moladah, . . Josh 19:2
Tema look; merchants from ***S*** hope for it. . . Job 6:19
let the kings of ***S*** and Seba present . . . . Ps 72:10
will all come from ***S***, carrying gold and . . . Is 60:6

SHECHEM

sacred place at ***S***, at the oak of . . . . . Gn 12:6
clan; from ***S***, the Shechemite. . . . . Nm 26:31
Helek, Asriel, ***S***, Hepher, and. . . . . Josh 17:2
as I divide up ***S*** and portion out . . . . . Ps 60:6
arrived from ***S***, Shiloh, and . . . . . Jer 41:5
on the road to ***S***; they have done . . . . . Hos 6:9
brought back to ***S*** and placed in the. . . . . Ac 7:16

SHED

his blood will be *s*; for in the divine . . . . . Gn 9:6
neighbor's blood is *s*; I am the LORD. . . . . Lv 19:16
the blood that is *s* in it, except by. . . . . Nm 35:33
Our hands did not *s* this blood. Our . . . . . Dt 21:7
that you *s* blood needlessly 1Sa 25:31
They *s* innocent blood, the blood of their . . Ps 106:38
evil; they rush to *s* innocent blood. . . . . Is 59:7
in whose land they have *s* innocent blood. . . Jl 3:19
Their feet are quick to *s* blood . . . . . Ro 3:15
is no forgiveness without blood being *s*. . . Heb 9:22
blood, which was *s* by those who live . . . . Rev 6:10

SHEEP

three flocks of *s* were lying down.. . . . . Gn 29:2
may take it from the *s* or from the goats. . . Ex 12:5
the flock—whether *s* or goat—you must . . . Lv 1:10
each ox, each ram, or for any *s* or goat. . . . Nm 15:11
you are allowed to eat: ox, *s*, goat, ... Dt 14:4
young and old, cattle, *s*, and donkeys. . . . Josh 6:21
seven thousand *s*, three thousand . . . . . Job 1:3
all *s* and all cattle, the wild animals . . . . . Ps 8:7
day, one will raise a young cow and two *s* . . . Is 7:21
With their *s* and their cattle they will . . . . Hos 5:6
you dressed like *s*, but inside they . . . . . Mt 7:15
they were like *s* without a . . . . . Mk 6:34
in the fields, guarding their *s* at night. . . . Lk 2:8
selling cattle, *s*, and doves, as . . . . . Jn 2:14
reading: Like a *s* he was led to the . . . . . Ac 8:32
We are treated like *s* for slaughter. . . . . Ro 8:36
the skins of *s* and goats, needy,. . . . . Heb 11:37
and wheat; cattle, *s*, horses, and . . . . . Rev 18:13

SHEKEL

weighing a half *s*, and two gold. . . . . Gn 24:22
should pay a half *s* according to the . . . . Ex 30:13
to the sanctuary's *s*, as a compensation . . . Lv 5:15
to the sanctuary *s* of twenty gerahs. . . . . Nm 3:47
two-thirds of a *s* for plowshares and 1Sa 13:21
The *s* must weigh twenty gerahs. Twenty . . Eze 45:12
enlarge the *s*, and deceive with . . . . . Am 8:5
you will find a *s* coin. Take it and . . . . . Mt 17:27

SHEKELS

is four hundred *s* of silver between . . . . . Gn 23:15
pay thirty silver *s* to the slave's. . . . . Ex 21:32
in silver *s* according to the . . . . . Lv 5:15
will receive five *s* each. You will. . . . . Nm 3:47
one hundred silver *s*, giving that to . . . . . Dt 22:19
style, two hundred *s* of silver, and a. . . . . Josh 7:21
worth a thousand silver *s* once grew. . . . . Is 7:23
weighed out my wages, thirty *s* of silver. . . Zec 11:12

SHELAH

fathered ***S***, and Shelah . . . . . Gn 10:24
their clans: from ***S***, the Shelanite . . . . . Nm 26:20
Shelah's father, and ***S*** was Eber's father. . . 1Ch 1:18
of Reu son of Peleg son of Eber son of ***S***. . . Lk 3:35

SHELTER

So bring under *s* your livestock and all . . . . Ex 9:19
you, come and take *s* in my shade; but . . . Jdg 9:15
Because he will *s* me in his own dwelling . . . Ps 27:5
left like a small *s* in a vineyard,. . . . . Is 1:8
for his people, a *s* for the people of . . . . Jl 3:16
the island to *s* us from the . . . . . Ac 27:4
the one seated on the throne will *s* them. . . Rev 7:15

SHEMAIAH

But God's word came to ***S*** the man of God . . 1Ki 12:22
Tell ***S*** the Nehelamite . . . . . Jer 29:24

SHEPHERD

her father's flock since she was its *s*. . . . . Gn 29:9
won't be like sheep without their *s*. . . . . Nm 27:17
Saul's side to *s* his father's flock 1Sa 17:15
David.] The LORD is my *s*. I lack nothing. . . . Ps 23:1
are like nails fixed firmly by a *s*. . . . . Ecc 12:11
sheep without a *s*; all will turn to . . . . . Is 13:14
Just as the *s* rescues two legs . . . . . Am 3:12
governs, who will *s* my people Israel. . . . . Mt 2:6
sheep without a *s*. Then he began to . . . . . Mk 6:34
through the gate is the *s* of the sheep. . . . Jn 10:2
as supervisors, to *s* God's church,. . . . . Ac 20:28
back the great *s* of the sheep, our . . . . . Heb 13:20
of the throne will *s* them. He will lead. . . . Rev 7:17

SHEPHERDS

Isaac's *s* argued with Gerar's shepherds, . . . Gn 26:20
But some *s* came along and rudely chased . . . Ex 2:17
children will be *s* in the desert for . . . . Nm 14:33
As you know, your *s* were with us in 1Sa 25:7
your little goats by the tents of the *s*. . . . Song 1:8
camp there; no *s* will rest flocks . . . . . Is 13:20
Amos, one of the *s* of Tekoa. He . . . . . Am 1:1
Nearby *s* were living in the fields,. . . . . Lk 2:8
eat its fruit? Who *s* a flock and 1Co 9:7
Like *s*, tend the flock of God among you. . . 1Pt 5:2

SHIELD

the LORD! He's the *s* that helps you, ... Dt 33:29
Yet there wasn't a *s* or spear to be . . . . Jdg 5:8
with a massive and strong *s*. . . . . Job 15:26
you, LORD, are my *s*! You are my glory! . . . Ps 3:3
integrity. He is a *s* for those who live . . . . Prv 2:7
my strength and my *s*; he has become my . . . Is 12:2
city wall, and the portable *s* is set up. . . . Na 2:5
all, carry the *s* of faith so that . . . . . Eph 6:16

SHIELDS

The Lord always *s* him; he rests on . . . . . Dt 33:12
hundred body-sized *s* of hammered gold, . . 1Ki 10:16
built! A thousand *s* are hung upon it . . . . Song 4:4
Arise, captains! Polish the *s*. . . . . Is 21:5
The *s* of his warriors are red; his . . . . . Na 2:3

SHILOH

assembled at **S** and set up the . . . . . Josh 18:1
the sanctuary at **S**, the tent where he . . . . Ps 78:60
to my sanctuary in **S**, where I let my . . . . Jer 7:12

SHIMEI

Gershonites: Libni and **S** and their clans. . . . Ex 6:17
sons by their clans: Libni and **S**. . . . . Nm 3:18
prophet Nathan, **S** and his friends, ... 1Ki 1:8

SHINE

dome of the sky to **s** on the earth." And . . . . Gn 1:15
LORD make his face **s** on you and be . . . . Nm 6:25
above ignore it, and light not **s** on it. . . . . Job 3:4
s your face on your servant; save me by . . . Ps 31:16
when it rises; the moon will no longer **s**. . . . Is 13:10
let your light **s** before people, so . . . . . Mt 5:16
that light should **s** out of the. 2Co 4:6
a lamp will never **s** among you again. . . . Rev 18:23

SHIP

rock, the way of a **s** out on the open . . . . Prv 30:19
boat will go, no majestic **s** will cross. . . . . Is 33:21
Jaffa and found a **s** headed for . . . . . Jon 1:3
We went on to the **s** and sailed for Assos, . . Ac 20:13

SHIPS

at the harbor of **s**, his border will . . . . . Gn 49:13
s from Kittim will attack Asshur; they. . . . Nm 24:24
back to Egypt in **s**, by the route I . . . . . Dt 28:68
he remain with the **s**? Asher stayed by . . . Jdg 5:17
They sweep by like **s** made of reeds, as an . . Job 9:26
wind when it smashes the **s** of Tarshish. . . . Ps 48:7
fleet of merchant **s**, bringing food . . . . . Prv 31:14
against all the **s** of Tarshish; against . . . . Is 2:16
Consider **s**: they are so large that . . . . . Jas 3:4
and a third of the **s** were destroyed. . . . . Rev 8:9

SHOCKED

Isaac was so **s** that he trembled. . . . . Gn 27:33
lofty now, will be **s** and will whistle, ... 1Ki 9:8
Be **s** and stunned; blind yourselves; be . . . . Is 29:9
Be **s**, you farmers; howl, you . . . . . Jl 1:11
She was twelve years old. They were **s**! . . . Mk 5:42
saw him, they were **s**. His mother said, . . . Lk 2:48
arrived and were **s** that he was . . . . . Jn 4:27

SHOOK

heard, they **s** in terror; horror . . . . . Ex 15:14
fields, the land **s**, the sky poured . . . . . Jdg 5:4
and dread struck me; all of my bones **s**. . . . Job 4:14
earth rocked and **s**; the bases of the. . . . . Ps 18:7
The doorframe **s** at the sound of their. . . . . Is 6:4
to bottom. The earth **s**, the rocks split, . . . Mt 27:51
The unclean spirit **s** him and screamed, . . . Mk 1:26
threw him down and **s** him violently. . . . . Lk 9:42
Paul and Barnabas **s** the dust from their. . . Ac 13:51
to be key leaders, **s** hands with me and . . . . Ga 2:9
His voice **s** the earth then, but now he . . . Heb 12:26

SHOOT

third day I will **s** an arrow to the 1Sa 20:20
Shafts of fire **s** from his mouth; like. . . . . Job 41:19
ready to secretly **s** those whose heart . . . . Ps 11:2
A **s** will grow up from the stump of Jesse; . . . Is 11:1
Those who **s** the bow won't survive. Fast . . . Am 2:15

SHORT

with him for a **s** while until your . . . . . Gn 27:44
the eagle owl, the **s**-eared owl, the . . . . . Lv 11:16
blow a series of **s** blasts, the camp . . . . . Nm 10:5
Am I **s** on insane people that you've. 1Sa 21:15
of the wicked is **s**, the joy of the . . . . . Job 20:5
the future of the wicked will be cut **s**. . . . . Ps 37:38
the years of the wicked will be cut **s**. . . . . Prv 10:27
In a very **s** time my fury will end, and my . . . Is 10:25
patience cut **s**? Are these his . . . . . Mi 2:7
whom God chose that time will be cut **s**. . . Mt 24:22
whom God chose, he has cut **s** the time. . . Mk 13:20
was, but, being a **s** man, he couldn't. . . . . Lk 19:3
me that, in such a **s** time, you've made . . . Ac 26:28
have sinned and fall **s** of God's glory, ... Ro 3:23
I've only written a **s** letter to you! . . . . . Heb 13:22
for he knows that he only has a **s** time. . . . Rev 12:12

SHOULDER

put the boy in her **s** sling and sent her . . . Gn 21:14
vest will have two **s** pieces attached to . . . . Ex 28:7
will take the **s** from the ram after. . . . . Nm 6:19
the priest the **s**, the jaws, and the. . . . . Dt 18:3
up a stone on his **s** to match the . . . . . Josh 4:5
arm fall from my **s**, my forearm be . . . . . Job 31:22
burden from your **s** and destroy the. . . . . Is 10:27
They turned a cold **s** and stopped. . . . . Zec 7:11

SHOULDERS

it over their **s**, walked backward, ... Gn 9:23
pans wrapped in their robes on their **s**. . . . Ex 12:34
things that had to be carried on the **s**. . . . Nm 7:9
He put them on his **s** and carried them . . . Jdg 16:3
burden off your **s**; your hands are. . . . . Ps 81:6
the staff on their **s**, and the rod of . . . . . Is 9:4
put them on the **s** of others, but are . . . . . Mt 23:4
he is thrilled and places it on his **s**. . . . . Lk 15:5
a burden on the **s** of these disciples. . . . . Ac 15:10

SHOUT

upper lip, and **s** out, "Unclean! . . . . . Lv 13:45
all the people **s** out a loud war . . . . . Josh 6:5
with joy, your lips with a victorious **s**. . . . . Job 8:21
who are righteous, **s** joyfully to the . . . . . Ps 33:1
Wisdom cry out and Understanding **s**? . . . . Prv 8:1
s and sing for joy, city of Zion, because. . . . Is 12:6
in Zion; give a **s** on my holy . . . . . Jl 2:1
He won't argue or **s**, and nobody will . . . . Mt 12:19
there, he began to **s**, "Jesus, Son of . . . . Mk 10:47
if they were silent, the stones would **s**. . . . Lk 19:40
anger and began to **s**, "Great is Artemis . . . Ac 19:28
Break out with a **s**, you who have not . . . . Ga 4:27

SHOUTED

the people as they **s**, he said to Moses, . . . Ex 32:17
saw it. They **s** for joy and fell . . . . . Lv 9:24
Then the people **s**. They blew the . . . . . Josh 6:20
in unison and all the divine beings **s**? . . . . Job 38:7
They **s** to each other, saying: "Holy, ... Is 6:3
began to sink, he **s**, "Lord, rescue me!" . . . Mt 14:30
at his feet and **s**, "You are God's . . . . . Mk 3:11
him. Then he **s**, "What have you to . . . . . Lk 8:28
Jesus stood up and **s**, "All who are . . . . . Jn 7:37
to his knees, he **s**, "Lord, don't hold. . . . . Ac 7:60

SHOUTS

LORD's chest with **s** and trumpet blasts. . . . 2Sa 6:15
covenant with **s** of joy, ... 1Ch 15:28
sacrifices with **s** of joy! I will . . . . . Ps 27:6
Wisdom **s** in the street; in the public . . . . Prv 1:20
one sings, no one **s**. No treader. . . . . Is 16:10
from Zion. He **s** from Jerusalem; . . . . . Am 1:2

SHOW

household for the land that I will **s** you. . . . Gn 12:1
you. And this will **s** you that I'm the . . . . . Ex 3:12
LORD said, 'I will **s** that I am holy. . . . . Lv 10:3
didn't trust me to **s** my holiness before . . . Nm 20:12

Don't **s** favoritism in a decision. Hear . . . . Dt 1:17
to them never to **s** them the land that. . . . . Josh 5:6
the faithful; you **s** integrity toward . . . . . Ps 18:25
a man rage; he'll **s** no mercy on his . . . . . Prv 6:34
God tests them to **s** them that they are . . . . Ecc 3:18
the holy God will **s** himself holy in . . . . . Is 5:16
Now their deeds **s** who they are, ... Hos 7:2
he said, "and I'll **s** you how to fish. . . . . Mt 4:19
to be baptized to **s** that they were . . . . . Mk 1:4
to be baptized to **s** that they were . . . . . Lk 3:3
What miraculous sign will you **s** us? . . . . . Jn 2:18
and desires. **s** us clearly which . . . . . Ac 1:24
They **s** the proof of the Law written on . . . . Ro 2:15
each of you to **s** the same effort to . . . . . Heb 6:11
God gave him to **s** his servants what . . . . . Rev 1:1

SHOWED

community and **s** them the land's . . . . . Nm 13:26
you. On earth he **s** you his great . . . . . Dt 4:36
So he **s** them the way into the city. They . . . Jdg 1:25
believe it. They never **s** me disfavor. . . . . Job 29:24
as well as the wondrous works he **s** them. . . . Ps 78:11
So the Lord **s** their youth no pity, and. . . . . Is 9:17
what the LORD God **s** me: The LORD God . . . . Am 7:1
high mountain and **s** him all the . . . . . Mt 4:8
The Pharisees **s** up and began to argue . . . . Mk 8:11
a high place and **s** him in a single . . . . . Lk 4:5
he said this, he **s** them his hands and . . . . Jn 20:20
his suffering, he **s** them that he was . . . . . Ac 1:3
God **s** me his secret plan in a revelation. . . . Eph 3:3
the pattern that I **s** you on the . . . . . Heb 8:5
mountain, and he **s** me the holy city, ... Rev 21:10

SHOWN

The LORD has **s** me the way to the . . . . . Gn 24:27
for them that you were **s** on the mountain. . Ex 25:40
shiny spot, it must be **s** to the priest. . . . . Lv 13:19
to the vision that the LORD had **s** Moses. . . . Nm 8:4
You were **s** these things so that you would . . . Dt 4:35
He wouldn't have **s** us all these . . . . . Jdg 13:23
You, who have **s** me many troubles and . . . . Ps 71:20
this is what the LORD has **s** me: . . . . . Jer 38:21
intelligent and have **s** them to babies. . . . Mt 11:25
done for you and how he has **s** you mercy. . . . Mk 5:19
doing. He has **s** his favor to me by . . . . . Lk 1:25
responded, "I have **s** you many good . . . . . Jn 10:32
You have **s** me the paths of life; your . . . . . Ac 2:28
or bad, it was **s** that God's purpose . . . . . Ro 9:11
the love you have **s** for his name's . . . . . Heb 6:10
You have **s** endurance and put up with a . . . . Rev 2:3

SHRINE

sacrifice today for the people at the **s**. . . . 1Sa 9:12
out going to the **s**, and comes to his. . . . . Is 16:12

SHRINES

eliminate your **s**, chop down your. . . . . Lv 26:30
Moab and swallowed up the **s** of the Arnon. . Nm 21:28
sacrificing at the **s** because a temple 1Ki 3:2
with their many **s**; they angered him . . . . Ps 78:58
the temple, to the **s** to weep. Moab . . . . . Is 15:2
sin of Israel, the **s** of Aven will be . . . . . Hos 10:8
I'll make three **s**: one for you, one. . . . . Mt 17:4
Let's make three **s**—one for you, one . . . . Mk 9:5
construct three **s**: one for you, one . . . . . Lk 9:33

SHUT

days? Let her be **s** out of the camp . . . . Nm 12:14
went out, the gate was **s** behind them. . . . Josh 2:7
into houses; they **s** themselves in by . . . . Job 24:16
lying lips be **s** up whenever they . . . . . Ps 31:18
wise; those who **s** their lips are . . . . . Prv 17:28
every house is **s**, without entrance. . . . . Is 24:10
Who among you will **s** the doors of the . . . Mal 1:10
go to your room, **s** the door, and pray . . . . Mt 6:6
and they've **s** their eyes so that. . . . . Ac 28:27
Law, in order to **s** every mouth and . . . . . Ro 3:19
realized promises, **s** the mouths of . . . . Heb 11:33
opens, no one will **s**; and whatever he . . . . Rev 3:7

SICK

made our hearts **s** by saying, 'People . . . . Dt 1:28
to arrest David, but she said, "He's **s**." . . . 1Sa 19:14
touch them; they resemble food for the **s**. . . Job 6:7
But when they were **s**, I wore clothes for. . . Ps 35:13
makes the heart **s**; longing fulfilled . . . . Prv 13:12
as when a **s** person wastes away; . . . . . Is 10:18
itself becomes **s**, and all who live . . . . . Hos 4:3
a word. He healed everyone who was **s**. . . . Mt 8:16
-in-law was in bed, **s** with a fever, and . . . Mk 1:30
mother-in-law was **s** with a high fever, . . . Lk 4:38
a certain royal official whose son was **s**. . . . Jn 4:46
was done for a **s** person, a good . . . . . Ac 4:9
you are weak and **s**, and quite a few. . . . 1Co 11:30
If any of you are **s**, they should call . . . . Jas 5:14
It will make you **s** to your stomach, ... Rev 10:9

SICKNESS

your water. I'll take **s** away from you, ... Ex 23:25
will remove all **s** from you. As for . . . . . Dt 7:15
became ill. His **s** got steadily worse 1Ki 17:17
from me in my **s**; those who were . . . . . Ps 38:11
on a day of **s** and incurable pain. . . . . Is 17:11
Ephraim saw his **s**, and Judah his. . . . . Hos 5:13
every disease and **s** among the people. . . . Mt 4:23
Woman, you are set free from your **s**. . . . . Lk 13:12

SIDON

Canaan fathered **S** his oldest son, and. . . . Gn 10:15
as far as Great **S** and . . . . . Josh 11:8
coast, traders of **S**, whose messengers. . . . . Is 23:2
to me, Tyre and **S**, and all the . . . . . Jl 3:4
done in Tyre and **S**, they would have . . . . Mt 11:21
and the area surrounding Tyre and **S**. . . . . Mk 3:8
the city of Zarephath in the region of **S**. . . . Lk 4:26
people of Tyre and **S** for some time. . . . . Ac 12:20

SIDONIANS

S call Hermon "Sirion," but the Amorites . . . Dt 3:9
belongs to the **S**, as far as Aphek . . . . . Josh 13:4
there, and all the **S** who went down with . . Eze 32:30

SIEGE

using it in the **s** against the city . . . . . Dt 20:20
went up and laid **s** to Jabesh-gilead. 1Sa 11:1
construct their **s** ramp against me; . . . . . Job 19:12
to me when I was like a city under **s**! . . . . Ps 31:21
Go up, Elam! Lay **s**, Media! Put an end . . . . Is 21:2
They have laid **s** against us; with a . . . . . Mi 5:1

SIGHT

In God's **s**, the earth had become corrupt . . . Gn 6:11
out this amazing **s** and find out why . . . . . Ex 3:3
be cut off in the **s** of their people. . . . . Lv 20:17
Mount Hor in the **s** of the entire . . . . . Nm 20:27
good in the LORD's **s** so that things . . . . . Dt 6:18
up. He caught **s** of a man standing . . . . . Josh 5:13
we considered beasts, ignorant in your **s**? . . Job 18:3
last long in your **s**; you hate all . . . . . Ps 5:5
useless to cast a net in the **s** of a bird. . . . Prv 1:17
it in plain **s**. It's a wasteland, ... Is 1:7
they hide from my **s** at the bottom of . . . . Am 9:3
a person in God's **s**. It's what comes. . . . Mt 15:11
a person in God's **s**; rather, the . . . . . Mk 7:15

and recovery of *s* to the blind, to . . . Lk 4:18
and received his *s* until they called . . . Jn 9:18
up and a cloud took him out of their *s*. . . . Ac 1:9
a clear goal in *s*. I fight like a 1Co 9:26
The *s* was so frightening that Moses said, . . Heb 12:21

SIGN

The LORD put a *s* on Cain so that no . . . . Gn 4:15
to the first *s*, they may believe . . . . . Ex 4:8
they bear the *s* of their . . . . . Nm 6:7
on your hand as a *s*. They should be on . . . Dt 6:8
my family. Give me a *s* of good faith. . . . Josh 2:12
Show me a *s* of your goodness so that. . . . Ps 86:17
Ask a *s* from the LORD your God. Make it . . . Is 7:11
early rain as a *s* of righteousness; . . . . Jl 2:23
we would like to see a *s* from you. . . . . Mt 12:38
test him, they asked for a *s* from heaven. . . . Mk 8:11
This is a *s* for you: you will find a . . . . Lk 2:12
first miraculous *s* that Jesus did in . . . . Jn 2:11
is aware of the *s* performed through . . . . Ac 4:16
He received the *s* of circumcision as a . . . . Ro 4:11
Then a great *s* appeared in heaven: a . . . . Rev 12:1

SIGNS

even these two *s* or pay attention. . . . . Ex 4:9
me after all the *s* that I performed . . . . Nm 14:11
your own eyes, the *s* and wonders, and . . . . Dt 7:19
done these mighty *s* in our sight. He . . . Josh 24:17
place; they set up their own *s* there! . . . . Ps 74:4
LORD gave me are *s* and wonders in . . . . Is 8:18
I will give *s* in the heavens and on the. . . . . Jl 2:30
to recognize the *s* that point to what . . . . Mt 16:3
they will offer *s* and wonders in . . . . . Mk 13:22
isn't coming with *s* that are easily . . . . Lk 17:20
they saw the miraculous *s* that he did. . . . . Jn 2:23
heavens above and *s* on the earth. . . . . Ac 2:19
by the power of *s* and wonders, and by the. . Ro 15:19
their message with *s*, amazing things, ... Heb 2:4
It does great *s* so that it even makes . . . . Rev 13:13

SIHON

sent messengers to *S* the Amorite king: . . . Nm 21:21
the defeat of *S*, the Amorite king . . . . . Dt 1:4
what you did to *S* and Og, the two . . . . Josh 2:10
S, the Amorite king, Og, the king of . . . . Ps 135:11
from the house of *S*. It has burned up. . . . Jer 48:45

SILAS

Barsabbas and *S*, who were leaders . . . . . Ac 15:22

SILENCE

front of my eyes. *s*! Then I heard a . . . . . Job 4:16
Zion, to you even *s* is praise. . . . . Ps 65:1
I will *s* the sound of joy and delight as. . . . Jer 7:34
corpses, thrown about everywhere. *s*. . . . . Am 8:3
s!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the. . . . . Mk 1:25
s!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the. . . . . Lk 4:35
human beings who *s* the truth with. . . . . Ro 1:18
good you will *s* the ignorant talk 1Pt 2:15
seal, there was *s* in heaven for . . . . . Rev 8:1

SILENT

this is what he meant!" But Aaron was *s*. . . . Lv 10:3
herself and keeps *s* —then all her . . . . Nm 30:4
but her voice was *s*, so Eli thought 1Sa 1:13
to me and waited, were *s* for my advice. . . . Job 29:21
completely quiet, *s*. I kept my peace, ... Ps 39:2
Cheers have fallen *s* concerning your . . . . Is 16:9
is wise will keep *s* in that time; it . . . . . Am 5:13
But Jesus was *s*. The high priest said, . . . Mt 26:63
But Jesus was *s* and didn't answer. Again, . . Mk 14:61
you will remain *s*, unable to speak . . . . . Lk 1:20
its shearer is *s* so he didn't open . . . . . Ac 8:32

SILVANUS

by us—through me, *S*, and Timothy—he . . 2Co 1:19
lines to you by *S*. I consider him to 1Pt 5:12

SILVER

very wealthy in livestock, *s*, and gold. . . . . Gn 13:2
for their *s* and their gold . . . . . Ex 3:22
calculated in *s* shekels according . . . . . Lv 5:15
offering was one *s* dish weighing one . . . . Nm 7:13
Don't desire the *s* or the gold that . . . . . Dt 7:25
All *s* and gold, along with bronze and . . . . Josh 6:19
have gold, who fill their houses with *s*. . . . Job 3:15
are pure, like *s* that's been . . . . . Ps 12:6
Seek it like *s*; search for it like . . . . . Prv 2:4
Your *s* has become impure; your beer is . . . . Is 1:22
I gave her much *s*, and gold that . . . . . Hos 2:8
gather gold or *s* or copper coins . . . . . Mt 10:9
if she owns ten *s* coins and loses . . . . . Lk 15:8
is like a gold, *s*, or stone image . . . . . Ac 17:29
with gold, *s*, precious stones, ... 1Co 3:12
Your gold and *s* have rusted, and their . . . . Jas 5:3
made of gold, *s*, bronze, stone, ... Rev 9:20

SIMEON

me this son too," and she named him *S*. . . . Gn 29:33
Reuben, *S*, Levi, and Judah . . . . . Ex 1:2
from *S*, Shelumiel, Zurishaddai's son . . . . Nm 1:6
bless the people: *S*, Levi, Judah, ... Dt 27:12
second lot fell to *S*. The legacy of the . . . . Josh 19:1
to the western border: *S*, one portion. . . . Eze 48:24
A man named *S* was in Jerusalem. He was. . . . Lk 2:25
Barnabas, *S* (nicknamed Niger), ... Ac 13:1
from the tribe of *S*, twelve thousand; . . . . Rev 7:7

SIMON

saw two brothers, *S*, who is called . . . . . Mt 4:18
saw two brothers, *S* and Andrew, ... Mk 1:16
went home with *S*. Simon's . . . . . Lk 4:38
Jesus was Andrew, the brother of *S* Peter. . . . Jn 1:40
Alphaeus's son; *S* the zealot; and . . . . . Ac 1:13
From *S* Peter, a slave and apostle of. 2Pt 1:1

SIN

the right thing, *s* will be waiting at . . . . . Gn 4:7
Please forgive my *s* this time. Pray to . . . . Ex 10:17
people guilty of *s*, he must present . . . . . Lv 4:3
woman commits any *s* against anyone . . . . Nm 5:6
all because of the *s* that you had . . . . . Dt 9:18
from that *s*, when there was a . . . . . Josh 22:17
In all this, Job didn't *s* or blame God . . . . Job 1:22
afraid, and don't *s*! Think hard about . . . . Ps 4:4
grabbed by the ropes of their own *s*. . . . . Prv 5:22
of fraud, and haul *s* as if with cart . . . . . Is 5:18
They feed on the *s* of my people; they set . . . Hos 4:8
you to fall into *s*, tear it out and . . . . . Mt 5:29
is guilty of a *s* with consequences. . . . . Mk 3:29
trip and fall into *s* must happen, but . . . . Lk 17:1
of God who takes away the *s* of the world! . . . Jn 1:29
don't hold this *s* against them!" . . . . . Ac 7:60
and Greeks are all under the power of *s*, ... Ro 3:9
every way that we are, except without *s*. . . Heb 4:15

SINAI

between Elim and *S*. They set out on . . . . . Ex 16:1
Moses at Mount *S* on the day when he . . . . Lv 7:38
to Moses in the *S* desert in the . . . . . Nm 1:1
The LORD came from *S*: from Seir he . . . . . Dt 33:2
LORD, the one from *S*, before the LORD, . . . Jdg 5:5
God, the one from *S*—before God, the . . . . Ps 68:8
bush in the wilderness near Mount *S*. . . . . Ac 7:30

One is from Mount ***S***, which gives birth . . . . Ga 4:24

SINFUL

were very evil and ***s*** against the LORD. . . . Gn 13:13
a group of ***s*** men, to intensify . . . . . Nm 32:14
And as for that ***s*** thing you made, that . . . . Dt 9:21
Go, and put the ***s*** Amalekites under. 1Sa 15:18
the ancient way traveled by ***s*** persons, ... Job 22:15
David.] I know the ***s*** utterance of the . . . . Ps 36:1
and the lamp of the wicked are all ***s***. . . . . Prv 21:4
Doom! ***s*** nation, people weighed down with . . . Is 1:4
God is eyeing the ***s*** kingdom, and I . . . . . Am 9:8
unfaithful and ***s*** generation, the . . . . . Mk 8:38
they were more ***s*** than all the other . . . . . Lk 13:2
self-centered, the ***s*** passions aroused . . . . . Ro 7:5
what will happen to the godless and ***s***? 1Pt 4:18

SING

the LORD: I will ***s*** to the LORD, for . . . . . Ex 15:1
this song: "Well, flow up! ***s*** about it! . . . . Nm 21:17
the LORD, I will ***s***. I will make music . . . . . Jdg 5:3
reached me; I made the widow's heart ***s***; . . . Job 29:13
Let them ***s*** out loud forever! . . . . . Ps 5:11
own sin; the righteous ***s*** and rejoice. . . . . Prv 29:6
Let me ***s*** for my loved one a love song for . . . . Is 5:1
who ***s*** idle songs to the sound of the . . . . . Am 6:5
and I will ***s*** praises to your . . . . . Ro 15:9
If any of you are happy, they should ***s***. . . . . Jas 5:13
They ***s*** a new song in front of the throne, . . . Rev 14:3

SINGERS

of men or women ***s***? Why should your . . . 2Sa 19:35
The ***s*** were the heads of the households of . . 1Ch 9:33
First came the ***s***, then the musicians; . . . . Ps 68:25
male and female ***s*** for myself, along. . . . . Ecc 2:8

SINGING

King Saul with ***s*** and dancing, with 1Sa 18:6
be childless; may no happy ***s*** come in it. . . . Job 3:7
s a song to a troubled heart is like . . . . . Prv 25:20
There will be ***s*** for you as on the night . . . . Is 30:29
and all your ***s*** into a funeral . . . . . Am 8:10
Then, after ***s*** songs of praise, they went . . . Mt 26:30
After ***s*** songs of praise, they went out to. . . Mk 14:26
were praying and ***s*** hymns to God, and . . . Ac 16:25
with all wisdom by ***s*** psalms, hymns, and . . . Col 3:16

SINGLE

up and saw a ***s*** ram caught by its . . . . . Gn 22:13
Reed Sea. Not a ***s*** locust was left in . . . . . Ex 10:19
bake bread in a ***s*** oven, and they . . . . . Lv 26:26
I haven't taken a ***s*** donkey from them, . . . Nm 16:15
There wasn't a ***s*** city that we . . . . . Dt 3:4
downstream will stand still in a ***s*** heap. . . . Josh 3:13
a God who is angry at evil every ***s*** day. . . . Ps 7:11
my dearest; there's not a ***s*** flaw in you. . . . Song 4:7
its thorns and thistles in a ***s*** day. . . . . Is 10:17
worrying can add a ***s*** moment to your. . . . Mt 6:27
showed him in a ***s*** instant all the . . . . . Lk 4:5
it can only be a ***s*** seed. But if it . . . . . Jn 12:24
Was there a ***s*** prophet your ancestors . . . . Ac 7:52
So every ***s*** one of you who judge others is . . . Ro 2:1
with the Lord a ***s*** day is like a 2Pt 3:8
will come in a ***s*** day—deadly . . . . . Rev 18:8

SINNED

This time I've ***s***. The LORD is . . . . . Ex 9:27
priest who has ***s***, making the people . . . . . Lv 4:3
the LORD told us to, for we have ***s***. . . . . Nm 14:40
to me: "We've ***s*** against the LORD! . . . . . Dt 1:41
Israel has ***s***. They have violated my . . . . . Josh 7:11
my children have ***s*** and then cursed. . . . . Job 1:5
Heal me because I have ***s*** against you. . . . . Ps 41:4
LORD, the one we ***s*** against? They were . . . . Is 42:24
the more they ***s*** against me; they . . . . . Hos 4:7
Father, I have ***s*** against heaven and . . . . . Lk 15:18
Whoever hasn't ***s*** should throw the . . . . . Jn 8:7
Those who have ***s*** outside the Law will . . . . Ro 2:12
with the ones who ***s***, whose bodies fell . . . Heb 3:17

SINNERS

say God destroys the blameless and the ***s***. . . . Job 9:22
on the road of ***s***, and doesn't sit . . . . . Ps 1:1
My son, don't let ***s*** entice you. Don't g. . . . Prv 1:10
shatter rebels and ***s*** alike; those who . . . . Is 1:28
All the ***s*** of my people will die by the . . . . Am 9:10
tax collectors and ***s*** joined Jesus and . . . . Mt 9:10
tax collectors and ***s*** were eating with . . . . Mk 2:15
eat and drink with tax collectors and ***s***? . . . Lk 5:30
doesn't listen to ***s***. God listens to . . . . . Jn 9:31
while we were still ***s*** Christ died for us. . . . Ro 5:8
separate from ***s***, and raised high . . . . . Heb 7:26

SINS

your brothers' ***s*** and misdeeds, for . . . . . Gn 50:17
for their parents' ***s*** even to the third . . . . . Ex 20:5
whenever someone ***s*** unintentionally . . . . . Lv 4:2
If an individual ***s*** unintentionally, that . . . Nm 15:27
for their parents' ***s***—even to the third . . . . Dt 5:9
won't forgive your rebellion and your ***s***. . . . Josh 24:19
my offenses and ***s***? Inform me about . . . . Job 13:23
out for their many ***s*** because they've . . . . Ps 5:10
who hide their ***s*** won't succeed, but . . . . . Prv 28:13
LORD. Though your ***s*** are like scarlet, ... Is 1:18
and punish their ***s***; they will return . . . . . Hos 8:13
he will save his people from their ***s***. . . . . Mt 1:21
lives and wanted God to forgive their ***s***. . . . Mk 1:4
saved through the forgiveness of their ***s***. . . . Lk 1:77
would die in your ***s***. If you don't . . . . . Jn 8:24
of your ***s***. Then you will . . . . . Ac 2:38
in passing over ***s*** that happened . . . . . Ro 3:25
people from their ***s***, he sat down at . . . . . Heb 1:3
us and freed us from our ***s*** by his blood, ... Rev 1:5

SIR

Listen to us, ***S***. You are an eminent man. . . . Gn 23:6
get angry with me, ***S***. You know yourself . . . Ex 32:22
to him, "Come in, ***S***, come in here. . . . . Jdg 4:18
answered, "***S***, I wish the dream . . . . . Dn 4:19
What are these, ***S***?" The messenger . . . . . Zec 1:9
who replied, 'Yes, ***S***.' But he didn't go. . . . Mt 21:30
said to him, "***S***, you don't have a . . . . . Jn 4:11
I said to him, "***S***, you know." Then he . . . . Rev 7:14

SISERA

of his army was ***S***, and he was . . . . . Jdg 4:2
did to Midian, to ***S***, and to Jabin at . . . . . Ps 83:9

SISTER

and iron. Tubal-cain's ***s*** was Naamah. . . . . Gn 4:22
The baby's older ***s*** stood watch nearby to . . . . Ex 2:4
contact with your ***s***—regardless of . . . . . Lv 18:9
brother, or ***s***. Nazirites should . . . . . Nm 6:7
want to marry his ***s***-in-law, she can go . . . . Dt 25:7
think her younger ***s*** is even better? . . . . . Jdg 15:2
my father," the worm, "my mother and ***s***." . . Job 17:14
You are my ***s***"; call . . . . . Prv 7:4
didn't. Her disloyal ***s*** Judah saw this. . . . . Jer 3:7
My People, and to your ***s***, Compassion: . . . . Hos 2:1
their brother or ***s*** will be in danger . . . . . Mt 5:22
God's will is my brother, ***s***, and mother. . . . Mk 3:35
to your brother or ***s***, 'Brother, Sister, ... Lk 6:42
the village of Mary and her ***s*** Martha. . . . . Jn 11:1
Paul's ***s*** had a son who heard about the . . . . Ac 23:16

your brother or *s*? Or why do you. . . . . Ro 14:10
their brother or *s*, saying, "Know the . . . . Heb 8:11

SISTERS

this, allowing our *s* to marry . . . . . Gn 34:14
brothers, and *s*, along with . . . . . Josh 2:13
their three *s* to eat and drink. . . . . Job 1:4
to my brothers and *s*; I will praise you. . . . .Ps 22:22
are just like your *s* too! They also . . . . . Eze 16:45
your brothers and *s*, what more are you . . . .Mt 5:47
brothers, and *s* are outside. . . . . .Mk 3:32
your brothers and *s*, your relatives, ... Lk 14:12
So the *s* sent word to Jesus, saying, ... Jn 11:3
Brothers and *s*, the scripture that the . . . . . Ac 1:16
know, brothers and *s*, that I planned to . . . Ro 1:13
to call them brothers and *s* when he says, . . Heb 2:11
and brothers and *s*—who were about to. . . Rev 6:11

SIT

you asked me to. *s* up and eat some of . . . Gn 27:19
There we could *s* by the pots . . . . . Ex 16:3
are not allowed to *s* back and do . . . . . Dt 22:3
She would *s* under Deborah's palm tree . . . . Jdg 4:5
and doesn't *s* with the. . . . . .Ps 1:1
When you *s* down to dine with a ruler, ...Prv 23:1
while the rich *s* in lowly positions. . . . . .Ecc 10:6
desolate, she will *s* on the ground. . . . . Is 3:26
for there I will *s* to judge all the . . . . . Jl 3:12
east and west and *s* down to eat with . . . . .Mt 8:11
told the crowd to *s* on the ground. He. . . . Mk 8:6
and south, and *s* down to eat in . . . . . Lk 13:29
Have the people *s* down." There was. . . . . Jn 6:10
said to my Lord, '*s* at my right side, ... Ac 2:34
any of the angels, *s* at my right side. . . . . Heb 1:13
will allow them to *s* with me on my . . . . . Rev 3:21

SITTING

Lot, who was *s* at the gate of. . . . . Gn 19:1
of Midian. One day Moses was *s* by a well. . . Ex 2:15
where she has been *s*—they will be . . . . . Lv 15:23
them when you are *s* around your house . . . .Dt 6:7
him while he was *s* alone in his cool. . . . . Jdg 3:20
redeemed had been *s* in darkness and. . . . Ps 107:10
I take pleasure in *s*, and his fruit is . . . . . Song 2:3
I saw the Lord *s* on a high and . . . . . Is 6:1
your companions *s* before you . . . . . Zec 3:8
man named Matthew *s* at a kiosk for . . . . . Mt 9:9
legal experts were *s* there, muttering . . . . . Mk 2:6
to those who are *s* in darkness and in . . . . . Lk 1:79
involved in exchanging currency *s* there. . . . Jn 2:14
the entire house where they were *s*. . . . . .Ac 2:2
else who is *s* down, the first 1Co 14:30

SIX

In the *s* hundredth year of Noah's life, ... Gn 7:11
numbered about *s* hundred thousand. . . . Ex 12:37
can be done for *s* days, but the . . . . . Lv 23:3
before the LORD: *s* covered wagons and . . . . Nm 7:3
and a half feet long and *s* feet wide. . . . . Dt 3:11
the city one time. Do this for *s* days. . . . .Josh 6:3
From *s* adversities he will deliver you; . . . .Job 5:19
There are *s* things that the LORD hates, ...Prv 6:16
him. Each had *s* wings: with two . . . . . Is 6:2
s days later Jesus took Peter, James, and . . . Mt 17:1
s days later Jesus took Peter, James, and . . . Mk 9:2
When Elizabeth was *s* months pregnant, God Lk 1:26
Nearby were *s* stone water jars used for . . . . .Jn 2:6
Gentiles. These *s* brothers also went . . . . Ac 11:12
creatures had *s* wings, and each . . . . . Rev 4:8

SIXTH

evening and there was morning: the *s* day. . . Gn 1:31
On the *s* day, when they measure out what . . Ex 16:5
on you in the *s* year so that it . . . . . Lv 25:21
On the *s* day Gad's Chief Eliasaph, ... Nm 7:42
the lot went out *s*. For the clans of . . . . Josh 19:32
drinking a *s* of a hin at fixed . . . . . .Eze 4:11
Darius, in the *s* month on the first . . . . . Hg 1:1
as he opened the *s* seal, and there . . . . . Rev 6:12

SIXTY

of blood purification for *s*-six days. . . . . Lv 12:5
twenty-four bulls, *s* rams, sixty male . . . . Nm 7:88
a total of *s* towns, the entire . . . . . .Dt 3:4
of Bashan, and all *s* of the tent . . . . . Josh 13:30
Solomon's bed—*s* heroic men round . . . . Song 3:7
is Rezin (in *s*-five more years. . . . . Is 7:8
case a yield of *s* to one, and in . . . . . .Mt 13:8
case a yield of *s* to one, and in . . . . . Mk 4:8
they worked for one hundred *s*-five years. . . Ac 19:19
two hundred *s* days, wearing. . . . . Rev 11:3

SKIES

the birds in the *s*, because I regret . . . . . Gn 6:7
Don't look to the *s*, to the sun or the . . . . Dt 4:19
live under distant *s*, I will gather . . . . . Neh 1:9
I look up at your *s*, at what your . . . . . .Ps 8:3
depths burst open, and the *s* drop dew. . . .Prv 3:20
will dissolve, the *s* will roll up like . . . . . Is 34:4
Therefore, the *s* above you have withheld . . . Hg 1:10

SKILLED

Tell all who are *s*, to whom I have given . . . . Ex 28:3
no one here who is *s* in cutting wood 1Ki 5:6
The *s* mind accepts commands, but a . . . .Prv 10:8
all of them *s* with the sword, expert in . . . Song 3:8
and then seeks a *s* artisan to set up . . . . Is 40:20
to wail, and those *s* in mourning to. . . . .Am 5:16
show hospitality and be *s* at teaching. 1Ti 3:2

SKIN

Esau is a hairy man, but I have smooth *s*. . . Gn 27:11
his hand had a *s* disease flaky like . . . . . .Ex 4:6
it is wood, cloth, *s*, or funeral . . . . . Lv 11:32
camp anyone with a *s* disease, an oozing . . . Nm 5:2
outbreaks of *s* disease by being. . . . . Dt 24:8
going to beat your *s* with desert thorns . . . Jdg 8:7
to the LORD, "*s* for skin—people . . . . . Job 2:4
My bones are protruding from my *s*. . . . . .Ps 102:5
bare your *s*, and tie mourning . . . . . Is 32:11
evil, who tear the *s* off them, and the . . . . . Mi 3:2
A man with a *s* disease came, kneeled . . . . Mt 8:2
A man with a *s* disease approached Jesus, . . .Mk 1:40
many persons with *s* diseases in Israel . . . Lk 4:27
had touched his *s* were taken to the. . . . . Ac 19:12

SKY

God named the dome *s*. There was evening . . Gn 1:8
hand toward the *s* so that hail will . . . . . Ex 9:22
I will turn your *s* to iron and your . . . . . Lv 26:19
now as countless as the stars in the *s*. . . . . Dt 1:10
rising toward the *s*. They had no . . . . . Josh 8:20
fire fell from the *s* and burned up the . . . . Job 1:16
the birds in the *s*, the fish of the . . . . . .Ps 8:8
of an eagle in the *s*, the way of a . . . . . Prv 30:19
Look up at the *s* and consider: Who. . . . . Is 40:26
the birds in the *s*, and the creeping . . . . . Hos 2:18
the birds in the *s*. They don't sow. . . . . .Mt 6:26
the birds in the *s* are able to nest . . . . . .Mk 4:32
and the birds in the *s* came and ate it. . . . . .Lk 8:5
the stars in the *s*, just as it is. . . . . .Ac 7:42
the stars in the *s* and as countless . . . . .Heb 11:12
The stars of the *s* fell to the earth as a. . . . Rev 6:13

SLAIN

touches a person *s* by the sword, or . . . Nm 19:16
to those others *s*, the Israelites . . . . . Josh 13:22
falling among the *s*? Even so, God's . . . . . Is 10:4
spear; countless *s*, masses of . . . . . Na 3:3
as if it had been *s*. It had seven . . . . . Rev 5:6

SLANDER

hate, and those who spread *s* are fools. . . . Prv 10:18
They live to *s*. They act . . . . . Jer 6:28
compelling them to *s* God. My rage . . . . . Ac 26:11
they *s* people, and they hate God. They . . . Ro 1:30
and all deceit, pretense, envy, and *s*. 1Pt 2:1

SLAUGHTER

to the house and *s* an animal and . . . . . Gn 43:16
Israelite community should *s* their lambs. . . . Ex 12:6
Then you will *s* the bull before the LORD. . . . Lv 1:5
the camp and *s* it in front of him. . . . . Nm 19:3
you wish, you may *s* and eat meat, as . . . . Dt 12:15
ox or sheep, and *s* them here with me. . . . 1Sa 14:34
and the needy, to *s* those whose way is . . . Ps 37:14
like an ox to the *s*, like a deer . . . . . Prv 7:22
Prepare a place to *s* his sons for the . . . . . Is 14:21
Ephraim must lead out his children for *s*. . . Hos 9:13
fattened calf and *s* it. We must . . . . . Lk 15:23
he was led to the *s* and like a lamb . . . . . Ac 8:32
sake. We are treated like sheep for *s*. . . . . Ro 8:36
hearts in preparation for the day of *s*. . . . . Jas 5:5

SLAUGHTERED

Joseph's robe, *s* a male goat, and . . . . . Gn 37:31
head. It will be *s* at the place where . . . . . Lv 4:24
herds be found and *s* for them? Or can . . . Nm 11:22
Your ox will be *s* while you watch, but . . . Dt 28:31
The Israelites *s* twenty-five . . . . . Jdg 20:35
She *s* her animals, mixed her wine, and . . . Prv 9:2
Your dead weren't *s* by the sword; they . . . Is 22:2
your father has *s* the fattened calf . . . . . Lk 15:27
Worthy is the *s* Lamb to receive . . . . . Rev 5:12

SLAVE

thing: "The Hebrew *s* whom you brought . . Gn 39:17
because of their *s* masters. I know . . . . . Ex 3:7
a woman who is a *s* engaged to another . . . Lv 19:20
that you were a *s* in Egypt, but the . . . . . Dt 5:15
asked him, "Whose *s* are you? Where do. . . 1Sa 30:13
Like a *s* we pant for a shadow, await our . . . Job 7:2
them, who was sold as a *s*: it was Joseph. . . Ps 105:17
the poor; a borrower is a *s* to a lender. . . . Prv 22:7
priest; for the *s* and for his. . . . . Is 24:2
or returning. A *s* driver will no . . . . . Zec 9:8
to be first among you will be your *s* . . . . Mt 20:27
be first among you will be the *s* of all, . . . Mk 10:44
you that everyone who sins is a *s* to sin. . . Jn 8:34
prayer, we met a *s* woman. She had a . . . . Ac 16:16
From Paul, a *s* of Christ Jesus, called to . . . Ro 1:1
From James, a *s* of God and of the Lord . . . Jas 1:1
and everyone, *s* and free, hid. . . . . Rev 6:15

SLAVERY

you from your *s* to them. I'll set . . . . . Ex 6:6
you out of Egypt, out of the house of *s*. . . . Dt 5:6
and I led you out of the house of *s*. . . . . Jdg 6:8
Isn't *s* everyone's condition on earth, . . . Job 7:1
the land of Egypt, out of the house of *s*. . . Jer 34:13
from the house of *s*. I sent Moses, ... Mi 6:4
they sold him into *s* in Egypt. God was . . . Ac 7:9
a spirit of *s* to lead you back . . . . . Ro 8:15
who were held in *s* their entire lives. . . . Heb 2:15

SLAVES

will be oppressed *s* for four hundred . . . . Gn 15:13
have turned into *s*, and I've . . . . . Ex 6:5
Egypt's land. They must not be sold as *s*. . . Lv 25:42
We were Pharaoh's *s* in Egypt. But the . . . Dt 6:21
when they were *s* in Egypt to the 1Sa 2:27
I even had *s* born in my house. . . . . Ecc 2:7
as male and female *s* in the LORD's . . . . . Is 14:2
out my spirit on the male and female *s*. . . . Jl 2:29
their teacher, and *s* aren't greater. . . . . Mt 10:24
been anyone's *s*. How can you say . . . . . Jn 8:33
of Former *s*. Members from . . . . . Ac 6:9
That way we wouldn't be *s* to sin anymore. . . Ro 6:6
Do this as God's *s*, and yet also as free. . . . 1Pt 2:16
poor, the free and *s*—to have a mark . . . . Rev 13:16

SLEEP

a deep and heavy *s*, and took one of. . . . . Gn 2:21
person have to *s* in? And if he . . . . . Ex 22:27
are not allowed to *s* in their pawned . . . . Dt 24:12
woke up from his *s* and pulled loose . . . . Jdg 16:14
down quietly; I'd *s*; rest would be mine . . . Job 3:13
I lie down, *s*, and wake up because the . . . . Ps 3:5
you lie down, your *s* will be pleasant. . . . Prv 3:24
they don't rest or *s*; no belt is loose; . . . . Is 5:27
the vessel to lie down and was deep in *s*. . . Jon 1:5
they all became drowsy and went to *s*. . . . Mt 25:5
to them, "Will you *s* and rest all . . . . . Mk 14:41
almost overcome by *s*, but they managed . . . Lk 9:32
was in a deep *s*, but Jesus had . . . . . Jn 11:13
into a deep *s* as Paul talked on . . . . . Ac 20:9
wake up from your *s*. Now our salvation. . . Ro 13:11

SLEEPING

Israel by *s* with Jacob's . . . . . Gn 34:7
has known a man intimately by *s* with him. . Nm 31:17
general, were *s*. Saul was sleeping. 1Sa 26:5
up! Why are you *s*, Lord? Get up! . . . . . Ps 44:23
I was *s*, but my heart was awake. A . . . . . Song 5:2
dreams made him anxious, but he kept *s*. . . Dn 2:1
you possibly be *s* so deeply? Get up! . . . . Jon 1:6
While people were *s*, an enemy came and . . Mt 13:25
rear of the boat, *s* on a pillow. They . . . . Mk 4:38
cry. She isn't dead. She's only *s*. . . . . Lk 8:52
friend Lazarus is *s*, but I am going in . . . Jn 11:11
drunk, not in *s* around and obscene. . . . . Ro 13:13
fallen idle, nor is their destruction *s*. 2Pt 2:3

SLEPT

the sun set, Abram *s* deeply. A . . . . . Gn 15:12
If no man has *s* with you and if. . . . . Nm 5:19
But Samson *s* only half the night. He got . . Jdg 16:3
Egyptians, who had *s* with her in her . . . . Eze 23:8

SMALL

flee to, and it's *s*. It's small, ... Gn 19:20
a household is too *s* for a lamb, it. . . . . Ex 12:4
for you among the *s* creatures that . . . . Lv 11:29
pay for it. It's a *s* matter. We would . . . . Nm 20:19
the *s* owl and the large owl, the water . . . . Dt 14:16
the women and *s* children, along . . . . . Josh 8:35
Both *s* and great are there; a servant is . . . Job 3:19
living things both *s* and large. . . . . Ps 104:25
day of distress, your strength is too *s*. . . . Prv 24:10
is left like a *s* shelter in a . . . . . Is 1:8
How can Jacob survive? He is so *s*! . . . . . Am 7:2
sold for a *s* coin? But not one . . . . . Mt 10:29
disciples to get a *s* boat ready for him . . . . Mk 3:9
sold for two *s* coins? Yet not one . . . . . Lk 12:6
Even the *s* towels and aprons that had . . . Ac 19:12
the one who sows a *s* number of seeds 2Co 9:6

the tongue is a *s* part of the body, . . . Jas 3:5
your name, both *s* and great, and to . . . Rev 11:18

SMELL

LORD, a soothing *s*, a food gift for . . . . Ex 29:18
a food gift of soothing *s* to the LORD. . . . . Lv 1:9
LORD as a soothing *s* for the LORD from . . Nm 15:3
that cannot see, listen, eat, or *s*. . . . . Dt 4:28
hear. They have noses, but they can't *s*. . . . Ps 115:6
as before; they didn't even *s* like fire! . . . . Dn 3:27
said, "Lord, the *s* will be awful! . . . . . Jn 11:39
ear, what would happen to the sense of *s*? . . 1Co 12:17

SMOKE

valley. He saw the *s* from the land rise . . . Gn 19:28
Sinai was all in *s* because the LORD . . . . Ex 19:18
and turn it into *s* on the altar. And . . . . Nm 5:26
sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick *s*! . . . Dt 4:11
sight of the *s* of the city rising . . . . . Josh 8:20
s pours from his nostrils like a boiling. . . . Job 41:20
s went up from God's nostrils; out of his . . . Ps 18:8
to the teeth and *s* to the eyes, so . . . . . Prv 10:26
a cloud by day and *s* and the light of a. . . . . Is 4:5
threshing floor, or like *s* from a window. . . Hos 13:3
below, blood and fire and a cloud of *s*. . . . . Ac 2:19
The *s* of the incense offered for the . . . . . Rev 8:4

SNAKE

The *s* was the most intelligent of all the . . . . Gn 3:1
it turned into a *s*. Moses jumped back. . . . . Ex 4:3
Make a poisonous *s* and place it on a . . . . Nm 21:8
their wine is *s* poison, venom from a . . . . Dt 32:33
crushed the bronze *s* that Moses made, ... 2Ki 18:4
it can't hear the *s* charmer's voice or . . . . Ps 58:5
it bites like a *s* and poisons like a . . . . . Prv 23:32
through a wall may be bitten by a *s*. . . . . Ecc 10:8
There the *s* will nest and lay eggs and . . . . Is 34:15
against the wall, and was bitten by a *s*. . . . Am 5:19
Or give them a *s* when they ask for fish . . . . Mt 7:10
you would give a *s* to your child if. . . . . Lk 11:11
lifted up the *s* in the wilderness, ... Jn 3:14
did, a poisonous *s*, driven out by the . . . . Ac 28:3
same way as the *s* deceived Eve with 2Co 11:3
down. The old *s*, who is called the. . . . . Rev 12:9

SODOM

Gaza and by way of *S*, Gomorrah, Admah, . . Gn 10:19
as devastated as *S* and Gomorrah, ... Dt 29:23
we would be like *S*; we would resemble . . . . Is 1:9
when God destroyed *S* and Gomorrah. You . . Am 4:11
for the land of *S* and Gomorrah on . . . . . Mt 10:15
I assure that *S* will be better off on . . . . Lk 10:12
have been like *S*, and we would have . . . . Ro 9:29
the cities of *S* and Gomorrah to 2Pt 2:6
spiritually called *S* and Egypt, where . . . . Rev 11:8

SOIL

taken; you are *s*, to the soil you. . . . . Gn 3:19
altar from fertile *s* on which to . . . . . Ex 20:24
and vineyards, because he loved the *s*. . . . 2Ch 26:10
floods carry away *s*; you destroy a . . . . Job 14:19
land; they devoured the fruit of their *s*. . . . Ps 105:35
for my people's *s* growing barbs and . . . . Is 32:13
plow; Jacob will turn the *s* for himself. . . . Hos 10:11
ground where the *s* was shallow. They . . . . Mt 13:5
ground where the *s* was shallow. They . . . . Mk 4:5
landed on good *s*. When it grew, it . . . . . Lk 8:8

SOLD

And he did. He *s* his birthright to. . . . . Gn 25:33
they have been *s* or are still being. . . . . Ex 21:16
of harvests that are being *s* to you. . . . . Lv 25:16
because their rock *s* them off, only . . . . . Dt 32:30
like Ahab who *s* out by doing evil 1Ki 21:25
You've *s* your people for nothing, not . . . . Ps 44:12
Cush will be *s*, and the tall . . . . . Is 45:14
prostitutes, and *s* girls for wine, ... Jl 3:3
two sparrows *s* for a small coin? . . . . . Mt 10:29
and the chairs of those who *s* doves. . . . . Mk 11:15
five sparrows *s* for two small . . . . . Lk 12:6
Why wasn't it *s* and the money. . . . . Jn 12:5
He owned a field, *s* it, brought the . . . . . Ac 4:37
and blood, and I'm *s* as a slave to sin. . . . . Ro 7:14
like Esau. He *s* his inheritance as . . . . . Heb 12:16
The merchants who *s* these things, and . . . Rev 18:15

SOLDIERS

the men who were *s*, had died in the . . . . Josh 5:4
thousand *s* in the Assyrian . . . . . Is 37:36
they charge; like *s* they climb the . . . . . Jl 2:7
angry. He sent *s* to kill all the . . . . . Mt 2:16
The *s* led Jesus away into the courtyard . . . Mk 15:16
s asked, "What about us? What should we . . . Lk 3:14
a company of *s* and some guards . . . . . Jn 18:3
to four squads of *s*, sixteen in all, ... Ac 12:4

SOLOMON

as follows: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, *S*, . . 2Sa 5:14
David's veterans, or his brother *S*. 1Ki 1:10
[Of *S*.] God, give your judgments to the . . . Ps 72:1
The proverbs of *S*, King David's son, ... Prv 1:1
The Song of Songs, which is for *S* . . . . . Song 1:1
all of which *S* had made for the. . . . . Jer 52:20
was the father of *S*, whose mother had . . . . Mt 1:6
And look, someone greater than *S* is here. . Lk 11:31
walking in the covered porch named for *S*. . Jn 10:23

SON

and named the city after his *s* Enoch. . . . . Gn 4:17
gave birth to a *s*. She saw that the . . . . . Ex 2:2
will belong to the *s* of Aaron who. . . . . Lv 7:33
you: from Reuben, Elizur, Shedeur's *s*; . . . Nm 1:5
Caleb, Jephunneh's *s*. He will see it. I . . . . Dt 1:36
to Joshua, Nun's *s*. He had been . . . . . Josh 1:1
Elihu *s* of Barachel the Buzite from the . . . Job 32:2
to me, "You are my *s*, today I have . . . . . Ps 2:7
of Solomon, King David's *s*, from Israel: . . . Prv 1:1
Isaiah, Amoz's *s*, saw in the days . . . . . Is 1:1
to Hosea, Beeri's *s*, in the days of . . . . . Hos 1:1
of Jesus Christ, *s* of David, son of . . . . . Mt 1:1
good news about Jesus Christ, God's *S*, . . . Mk 1:1
give birth to your *s* and you must name . . . . Lk 1:13
of a father's only *s*, full of grace and. . . . . Jn 1:14
James, Alphaeus's *s*; Simon the zealot; . . . Ac 1:13
news about his *S* ahead of time. . . . . Ro 1:3
to us through a *S*. God made his Son . . . . Heb 1:2
the words of God's *S*, whose eyes are . . . . Rev 2:18

SONG

sang this *s* to the LORD: I . . . . . Ex 15:1
sang this *s*: "Well, flow up! . . . . . Nm 21:17
wake up, sing a *s*! Arise, Barak! . . . . . Jdg 5:12
And now I'm their *s*; I'm their cliché . . . . Job 30:9
music leader. A *s* of David.] How . . . . . Ps 13:1
Singing a *s* to a troubled heart is like . . . . Prv 25:20
loved one a love *s* for his vineyard. . . . . Is 5:1
word—a funeral *s*—that I am lifting . . . . Am 5:1
We sang a funeral *s* and you didn't . . . . . Mt 11:17
We sang a funeral *s* and you didn't . . . . . Lk 7:32
They took up a new *s*, saying, "You are . . . . Rev 5:9

SONGS

celebration, with *s* and tambourines . . . . Gn 31:27
The sound of party *s* is what I hear. . . . . Ex 32:18

proverbs and one thousand five *s*. 1Ki 4:32
God my maker; who gives *s* in the night; . . Job 35:10
You surround me with *s* of rescue! Selah . . . Ps 32:7
well, sing many *s*, so they'll . . . . . Is 23:16
the noise of your *s*; I won't listen to. . . . . Am 5:23
after singing *s* of praise, they . . . . . Mt 26:30
After singing *s* of praise, they went out . . . Mk 14:26
and spiritual *s*; sing and make . . . . . Eph 5:19

SONS

800 years; he had other *s* and daughters. . . . Gn 5:4
put it on your *s* and daughters, and. . . . . Ex 3:22
the LORD. Aaron's *s* the priests will. . . . . Lv 1:5
from Joseph's *s*: from Ephraim, Elishama, . . Nm 1:10
along with his *s*, and all his . . . . . Dt 2:33
the gold bar, his *s* and daughters, his . . . . Josh 7:24
He had seven *s* and three daughters . . . . . Job 1:2
Your *s*, great king, will succeed your . . . . Ps 45:16
to slaughter his *s* for the guilt of . . . . . Is 14:21
everyone; your *s* and your daughters . . . . . Jl 2:28
of Zebedee's *s* came to Jesus . . . . . Mt 20:20
John, Zebedee's *s*, in their boat . . . . . Mk 1:19
John, Zebedee's *s*, were Simon's . . . . . Lk 5:10
himself, as did his *s* and his livestock. . . . . Jn 4:12
all people. Your *s* and daughters will . . . . . Ac 2:17
God's Spirit are God's *s* and daughters. . . . . Ro 8:14
belongs to many *s* and daughters whom. . . Heb 2:10
God, and they will be my *s* and daughters. . . Rev 21:7

SOON

near him. As *s* as he saw them, he . . . . . Gn 18:2
you able to come back home so *s* today? . . . Ex 2:18
But as *s* as raw flesh appears in the . . . . . Lv 13:14
As *s* as he finished speaking these words, . . Nm 16:31
Now as *s* as all those of fighting age had. . . Dt 2:16
to the fords. As *s* as those chasing . . . . . Josh 2:7
are like a shadow *s* gone. I'm dried up . . . . Ps 102:11
time is coming *s*; its days won't . . . . . Is 13:22
them up. They will *s* be diminished due . . . Hos 8:10
for Herod will *s* search for the . . . . . Mt 2:13
As *s* as Jesus got out of the boat, a man . . . . Mk 5:2
As *s* as I heard your greeting, the baby . . . . Lk 1:44
in him would *s* receive the . . . . . Jn 7:39
As *s* as it was dark, the brothers and . . . . Ac 17:10
God of peace will *s* crush Satan under. . . . Ro 16:20
free. If he comes *s*, we will travel . . . . . Heb 13:23
servants what must *s* take place. Christ . . . . Rev 1:1

SOOTHING

for the LORD, a *s* smell, a food gift . . . . . Ex 29:18
a food gift of *s* smell to the LORD. . . . . Lv 1:9
to the LORD as a *s* smell for the LORD. . . . Nm 15:3

SOUGHT

presence, and he *s* reconciliation for . . . . Nm 8:21
and I haven't yet *s* the LORD's favor. 1Sa 13:12
Because they *s* to do you harm, they . . . . Ps 21:11
has flown. Gebim's inhabitants *s* refuge. . . . Is 10:31
he wept and *s* his favor; he met. . . . . Hos 12:4
how the guests *s* out the best seats . . . . . Lk 14:7

SOUL

of Reuben there was deep *s*-searching. . . . Jdg 5:15
hard worker, life to those bitter of *s*, ... Job 3:20
as I bare my *s*: how I made my way . . . . . Ps 42:4
but can't kill the *s*. Instead, be . . . . . Mt 10:28
may your spirit, *s*, and body be kept 1Th 5:23
it separates the *s* from the spirit . . . . . Heb 4:12

SOUND

they heard the *s* of the LORD God . . . . . Gn 3:8
and lightning, the *s* of the horn, and . . . . Ex 20:18
Just the *s* of a windblown . . . . . Lv 26:36
will be for you a day of the trumpet's *s*. . . . Nm 29:1
You heard the *s* of words, but you . . . . . Dt 4:12
While Sisera was *s* asleep from . . . . . Jdg 4:21
of wisdom; for *s* insight has two . . . . . Job 11:6
attention to the *s* of my cries, my. . . . . Ps 5:2
eyes; hold on to *s* judgment and . . . . . Prv 3:21
shook at the *s* of their shouting, ... Is 6:4
trumpet in Ramah. *s* the warning at . . . . . Hos 5:8
angels with the *s* of a great . . . . . Mt 24:31
he received his son back safe and *s*.' . . . . Lk 15:27
You hear its *s*, but you don't . . . . . Jn 3:8
Suddenly a *s* from heaven like the howling. . . Ac 2:2
a lyre can make a *s*, but if there. 1Co 14:7
a trumpet, and a *s* of words that made . . . Heb 12:19
and I heard the *s* of many angels . . . . . Rev 5:11

SOUTH

north, I will go *s*; and if you go . . . . . Gn 13:9
the table by the *s* wall of the . . . . . Ex 26:35
On the *s* side will be the banner of . . . . . Nm 2:10
Look west, north, *s*, and east. Have a . . . . Dt 3:27
the desert plain *s* of Chinneroth, in. . . . . Josh 11:2
grasp him; he turns *s*, and I don't see. . . . Job 23:9
east or west; it's not from the *s* either. . . . Ps 75:6
back!" and to the *s*, "Don't detain. . . . . Is 43:6
west; and the spotted ones are going *s*. . . . . Zec 6:6
The queen of the *s* will be raised up by . . . Mt 12:42
The queen of the *s* will rise up at the . . . . Lk 11:31
When a gentle *s* wind began to blow, they . . Ac 27:13
three gates on the *s*, and three gates . . . . Rev 21:13

SOUTHERN

toward the arid *s* plain, making and. . . . . Gn 12:9
twenty boards for the dwelling's *s* side. . . . Ex 26:18
into the arid *s* plain and into the . . . . . Nm 13:17
lowlands, the arid *s* region, and the. . . . . Dt 1:7
the arid *s* plains, the . . . . . Josh 10:40
Orion, Pleiades and the *s* constellations; . . . Job 9:9
through the arid *s* plain, it comes. . . . . Is 21:1
Those of the arid *s* plain will possess . . . . Obad 1:19

SOW

in the third year, *s* seed and harvest 2Ki 19:29
who plow sin and *s* trouble will. . . . . Job 4:8
but those who *s* righteousness . . . . . Prv 11:18
fennel, and *s* cumin, and plant . . . . . Is 28:25
I will *s* him for myself in the land; and . . . Hos 2:23
sky. They don't *s* seed or harvest . . . . . Mt 6:26
so that those who *s* and those who . . . . . Jn 4:36
who make peace *s* the seeds of . . . . . Jas 3:18

SPARED

the Egyptians, he *s* our houses.'" The . . . . Ex 12:27
in this way. He *s* them from the . . . . . Josh 9:26
the wicked are *s*; on the day of . . . . . Job 21:30
forces had not *s* a few of us, we. . . . . Is 1:9
to pull a plow; I *s* her fair neck; but . . . . Hos 10:11
he might be *s* the time of . . . . . Mk 14:35

SPEAK

already decided to *s* with my Lord, even . . . Gn 18:27
never been able to *s* well, not . . . . . Ex 4:10
s to the Israelites and say to them: When . . . Lv 1:2
s to the Israelites and say to them: A . . . . Nm 5:12
that God can *s* to a human being . . . . . Dt 5:24
me, but let me *s* just one more . . . . . Jdg 6:39
keep quiet; I will *s* in the adversity . . . . . Job 7:11
have no pity; their mouths *s* arrogantly. . . . Ps 17:10
Listen, for I *s* things that are correct; . . . . Prv 8:6
but be frustrated! *s* a word, but it. . . . . Is 8:10
the desert, and *s* tenderly to her . . . . . Hos 2:14

and harass you and *s* all kinds of bad . . . . . Mt 5:11
let the demons *s*, because they . . . . . Mk 1:34
I was sent to *s* to you and to . . . . . Lk 1:19
assure you that we *s* about what we know . . . Jn 3:11
and began to *s* in other languages . . . . . Ac 2:4
to those who don't *s* Greek, both to the . . . Ro 1:14
still a need to *s* about raising up . . . . . Heb 7:11
its mouth to *s* blasphemies . . . . . Rev 13:6

SPEAKING

When God finished *s* to him, God ascended, . Gn 17:22
When God finished *s* with Moses on Mount . Ex 31:18
hear the voice *s* to him from above . . . . . Nm 7:89
to a god's voice *s* out of fire, as . . . . . Dt 4:33
Never stop *s* about this Instruction . . . . . Josh 1:8
this messenger was *s*, another arrived. . . . Job 1:16
from evil and keep your lips from *s* lies! . . . Ps 34:13
irreverently, *s* falsely of the . . . . . Is 32:6
the pottery, though it is incapable of *s*. . . . Hab 2:18
While Jesus was *s* to them, a ruler came. . . Mt 9:18
Jesus said, *s* harshly to the . . . . . Mk 1:25
Jesus said, *s* harshly to the . . . . . Lk 4:35
He was *s* of Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, . . . Jn 6:71
of forty days, *s* to them about . . . . . Ac 1:3
upon us, isn't just (I'm *s* rhetorically)? . . . Ro 3:5
he died, he's still *s* through faith. . . . . Heb 11:4
to see who was *s* to me, and when I . . . . . Rev 1:12

SPEAKS

as the LORD *s* to me." So the . . . . . Nm 22:8
the LORD our God *s* to you. We'll . . . . . Dt 5:27
a warrior who *s* well and is. 1Sa 16:18
God *s* in one way, in two ways, but no one . . Job 33:14
But then God *s* to them angrily; then he. . . . Ps 2:5
him. Her face is brazen as she *s* to him: . . . Prv 7:13
righteously and *s* truthfully, who . . . . . Is 33:15
and they reject the one who *s* the truth. . . . Am 5:10
And whoever *s* a word against the Human . . Mt 12:32
and The person who *s* against father or . . . Mk 7:10
Anyone who *s* a word against the Human One Lk 12:10
to the earth and *s* as one from the . . . . . Jn 3:31
the Law says, it *s* to those who are . . . . . Ro 3:19
blood that *s* better than Abel's . . . . . Heb 12:24

SPEAR

of the community, took a *s* in his hand, . . . Nm 25:7
wasn't a shield or *s* to be seen among . . . . Jdg 5:8
flies by him, flashing *s* and dagger. . . . . Job 39:23
Use your *s* and ax against those who are. . . . Ps 35:3
with bow and *s*, they are cruel; . . . . . Jer 6:23
and glittering *s*; countless slain, ... Na 3:3
his side with a *s*, and immediately . . . . . Jn 19:34
It's hard for you to kick against a *s*.' . . . . Ac 26:14

SPECIAL

whom I have given *s* abilities, to make . . . . Ex 28:3
be a Sabbath of *s* rest for you, and . . . . . Lv 16:31
we've come on a *s* day. Please give 1Sa 25:8
the captain of the *s* guard rounded up. . . . Jer 39:9
a fast, request a *s* assembly. Gather . . . . . Jl 1:14
deserve no *s* praise. We have . . . . . Lk 17:10
make one pot for *s* purposes and . . . . . Ro 9:21
you were to take *s* notice of the one. . . . . Jas 2:3

SPEECH

who hears God's *s*, who perceives the . . . . Nm 24:4
completed their *s* to the troops, the. . . . . Dt 20:9
you with my *s*; my trembling lips . . . . . Job 16:5
talk with slick *s* and divided hearts. . . . . Ps 12:2
and take in my *s*, then the years of . . . . . Prv 4:10
With derisive *s* and a foreign tongue, he. . . . Is 28:11
I will change the *s* of the peoples . . . . . Zep 3:9

to hear and gives *s* to those who can't. . . . . Mk 7:37
using figures of *s* with you. The time . . . . Jn 16:25
the throne, and gave a *s* to the people. . . . Ac 12:21
you like I was an expert in *s* or wisdom. 1Co 2:1
self-important *s*, they use sinful 2Pt 2:18

SPEND

servant's house, *s* the night, and . . . . . Gn 19:2
He said to them, "*s* the night here and . . . Nm 22:8
the man, "Why not *s* the night and . . . . . Jdg 19:6
They *s* their days contentedly, go down to . . Job 21:13
I don't *s* time with people up to no good; . . . Ps 26:4
Don't *s* too much time in your neighbor's . . Prv 25:17
Why *s* money for what isn't food, and your . . Is 55:2
the altar. Come, *s* the night in . . . . . Jl 1:13
Judea in order to *s* some time in . . . . . Ac 12:19
with you or even *s* the winter there 1Co 16:6

SPENT

ate and drank and *s* the night. When . . . . Gn 24:54
strength will be *s* for no reason: . . . . . Lv 26:20
west of Ai. Joshua *s* that night among . . . . Josh 8:9
city to Bethany and *s* the night there. . . . Mt 21:17
doctors, and had *s* everything she had . . . Mk 5:26
years. She had *s* her entire . . . . . Lk 8:43
Judea, where he *s* some time with . . . . . Jn 3:22
and sisters there and *s* a day with them. . . . Ac 21:7
three times. I *s* a day and a night 2Co 11:25

SPICES

oil for the lamps; *s* for the anointing . . . . . Ex 25:6
camels carrying *s*, a large amount of 1Ki 10:2
kinds of luscious fruit, henna, and *s*: . . . . Song 4:13
and the gold, the *s* and fine oil . . . . . Is 39:2
and Salome bought *s* so that they could . . . Mk 16:1
prepared fragrant *s* and perfumed oils. . . . Lk 23:56
wrapped it, with the *s*, in linen cloths. . . . Jn 19:40

SPIES

to them, "You are *s*. You've come to . . . . . Gn 42:9
Moses sent *s* to Jazer. They captured its . . . Nm 21:32
Let's send *s* ahead of us—they . . . . . Dt 1:22
sent two men as *s* from Shittim. He. . . . . Josh 2:1
closely and sent *s* who pretended to . . . . Lk 20:20
because she welcomed the *s* in peace. . . . . Heb 11:31

SPIRIT

with the divine *s*, with skill, ... Ex 31:3
take some of the *s* that is on you and . . . . Nm 11:17
God had made his *s* hard and his heart . . . . Dt 2:30
The LORD's *s* was in Othniel, and he led . . . Jdg 3:10
are in me; my *s* drinks their . . . . . Job 6:4
I entrust my *s* into your hands; you, ... Ps 31:5
I'll pour out my *s* on you. I'll . . . . . Prv 1:23
The LORD's *s* will rest upon him, a spirit. . . . Is 11:2
predictions. A *s* of prostitution. . . . . Hos 4:12
she became pregnant by the Holy *S*. . . . . Mt 1:18
but he will baptize you with the Holy *S*. . . . Mk 1:8
with the Holy *S* even before his . . . . . Lk 1:15
I saw the *S* coming down from . . . . . Jn 1:32
power of the Holy *S*, Jesus instructed. . . . . Ac 1:2
was based on the *S* of holiness. This . . . . Ro 1:4
from the Holy *S*, which were handed . . . . Heb 2:4
I was in a *S*-inspired trance on the . . . . Rev 1:10

SPIRITS

not resort to dead *s* or inquire of . . . . . Lv 19:31
with ghosts or *s* or communicates . . . . . Dt 18:11
who consulted dead *s* and the mediums, . . . 2Ki 23:24
he saves those whose *s* are crushed. . . . . Ps 34:18
the ghosts and the *s* that chirp and . . . . . Is 8:19
He threw the *s* out with just a . . . . . Mt 8:16

commands unclean *s* and they obey him! . . . Mk 1:27
command unclean *s* with authority and . . . . Lk 4:36
by unclean *s*. Everyone was . . . . . Ac 5:16
ability to tell *s* apart to another, ... 1Co 12:10
one who uses the *s* for his messengers . . . . Heb 1:7
and from the seven *s* that are before . . . . . Rev 1:4

SPIRITUAL

is a fool, the *s* man is mad! . . . . . Hos 9:7
to pass along some *s* gift to you so . . . . . Ro 1:11
stones into a *s* temple. You are 1Pt 2:5

SPLENDOR

Bow down to the LORD in his holy *s*! 1Ch 16:29
is terror to me; I couldn't endure his *s*. . . . Job 31:23
his name! Bow down to the LORD in holy *s*! . . Ps 29:2
young men; gray hair is the *s* of old age. . . Prv 20:29
of the LORD, from the *s* of God's majesty! . . . Is 2:10
children you take away my *s* forever. . . . . Mi 2:9
in all of his *s* wasn't dressed . . . . . Mt 6:29
in the clouds with great power and *s*. . . . . Mk 13:26
with heavenly *s* and spoke about . . . . . Lk 9:31
her, but her *s* will soon be . . . . . Ac 19:27

SPLIT

of these animals, *s* them in half, and . . . . Gn 15:10
over the sea, and *s* it in two so that . . . . . Ex 14:16
hoofs, completely *s*, and that rechews. . . . . Lv 11:3
words, the ground under them *s* open. . . . Nm 16:31
wineskins that were *s* and mended. . . . . Josh 9:4
stilled the Sea; *s* Rahab with his . . . . . Job 26:12
You *s* the sea with your power. You . . . . . Ps 74:13
The LORD will *s* the tongue of the . . . . . Is 11:15
the valleys will *s* apart, like wax . . . . . Mi 1:4
to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks *s*, . . Mt 27:51
The great city *s* into three parts, and . . . . Rev 16:19

SPOKE

God *s* to Noah . . . . . Gn 8:15
The king of Egypt *s* to two Hebrew . . . . . Ex 1:15
that the LORD *s* to them through. . . . . Lv 10:11
The LORD *s* to Moses in the Sinai desert. . . . Nm 1:1
words that Moses *s* to all Israel. . . . . Dt 1:1
died, the LORD *s* to Joshua, Nun's . . . . . Josh 1:1
Afterward, Job *s* up and cursed the day he. . . Job 3:1
servant, who *s* the words of this . . . . . Ps 18:1
Again the LORD *s* to Ahaz . . . . . Is 7:10
the LORD first *s* through Hosea, the . . . . . Hos 1:2
Isaiah the prophet *s* when he said: The . . . . Mt 3:3
them together he *s* to them in a . . . . . Mk 3:23
bent over her and *s* harshly to the . . . . . Lk 4:39
the disciples *s* to Jesus, saying,. . . . . Jn 4:31
beforehand, David *s* about the . . . . . Ac 2:31
the promise God *s* to him: That's how . . . . Ro 4:18
In the past, God *s* through the prophets. . . . Heb 1:1
the seven thunders *s*, I was about to . . . . Rev 10:4

SPOKEN

that the LORD had *s* with him on Mount . . Ex 34:32
Has the LORD *s* only through . . . . . Nm 12:2
or wonder that was *s* actually occurs; . . . . Dt 13:2
soon as Joshua had *s* to the people, the . . . Josh 6:8
enough for you, a word *s* gently with you? . Job 15:11
to my prayer; it's *s* by lips that don't . . . . Ps 17:1
Words *s* at the right time are like gold. . . . Prv 25:11
for the LORD has *s*: I reared . . . . . Is 1:2
They have *s* empty words, swearing falsely. . Hos 10:4
what the Lord had *s* through the . . . . . Mt 1:22
this: What I have *s* will come true at . . . . Lk 1:20
scripture and the word that Jesus had *s*. . . Jn 2:22
this is what was *s* through the . . . . . Ac 2:16
we have *s* openly to you, and. 2Co 6:11
message that was *s* by angels was. . . . . Heb 2:2
that have been *s* about you by those . . . . . Rev 2:9

SPRING

found Hagar at a *s* in the desert, the . . . . . Gn 16:7
Now, a *s* or cistern that collects water . . . . Lv 11:36
on grass, like *s* showers on all . . . . . Dt 32:2
waters of Nephtoah *s* and went to the. . . . Josh 15:9
rain, opened their mouth as for *s* rain. . . . Job 29:23
Within you is the *s* of life. In your . . . . . Ps 36:9
May your *s* be blessed. Rejoice in the . . . . Prv 5:18
sing. Waters will *s* up in the desert, ... Is 35:6
showers, like the *s* rains that give. . . . . Hos 6:3
who drink it a *s* of water that . . . . . Jn 4:14
don't come from the same *s*, do they? . . . Jas 3:11
freely give water from the life-giving *s*. . . . Rev 21:6

SPRINGS

that day all the *s* of the deep sea . . . . . Gn 7:11
there were twelve *s* of water and . . . . . Ex 15:27
there were twelve *s* of water and . . . . . Nm 33:9
streams of water, *s*, and wells that . . . . . Dt 8:7
also give me *s* of water." So he . . . . . Josh 15:19
You split open *s* and streams; you made . . . Ps 74:15
when there were no *s* flowing with water. . . Prv 8:24
water with joy from the *s* of salvation. . . . Is 12:3
so judgment *s* up like poisonous . . . . . Hos 10:4
false teachers are *s* without water, ... 2Pt 2:17
lead them to the *s* of life-giving . . . . . Rev 7:17

SPRINKLE

anointing oil and *s* them on Aaron and . . . Ex 29:21
into the blood and *s* some of it seven . . . . . Lv 4:6
to cleanse them: *s* water of . . . . . Nm 8:7
drink offerings. "*s* all the blood of 2Ki 16:15
I will *s* clean water on you, and you will . . . Eze 36:25

SPRINKLING

wick trimmers, *s* bowls, trumpets, ... 2Ki 12:13
wick trimmers, the *s* bowls, the incense . . . Jer 52:18
Passover and the *s* of blood, in order . . . . Heb 11:28

SQUARE

we will spend the night in the town *s*. . . . . Gn 19:2
altar should be *s*, seven and a half . . . . . Ex 27:1
of the town's *s*. Then burn the . . . . . Dt 13:16
down in the city *s*. But no one . . . . . Jdg 19:15
to the city gate, took my seat in the *s*, . . . Job 29:7
and fraud never leave the town *s*. . . . . Ps 55:11
in the public *s* she raises her . . . . . Prv 1:20
in the public *s*, and honesty can't . . . . . Is 59:14
Father will *s* off against son and son . . . . Lk 12:53
here, not even a *s* foot of land. . . . . Ac 7:5
was laid out as a *s*. Its length was . . . . . Rev 21:16

STAFF

with just my *s*, but now I've . . . . . Gn 32:10
the shepherd's *s*—will be holy to . . . . . Lv 27:32
take from them a *s* from each . . . . . Nm 17:2
Zebulun those carrying the official's *s*. . . . Jdg 5:14
Your rod and your *s*—they protect me. . . . . Ps 23:4
burdened them, the *s* on their . . . . . Is 9:4
people with your *s*, the sheep of your . . . . Mi 7:14
with a pious soldier from his personal *s*. . . Ac 10:7
bowed in worship over the head of his *s*. . . Heb 11:21

STAND

s up and walk around through the length . . Gn 13:17
make sure you *s* at the bank of the . . . . . Ex 7:15
people. Do not *s* by while your . . . . . Lv 19:16
her close and make her *s* before the LORD . . Nm 5:16
That's where things *s* right now. . . . . Dt 4:38
will be able to *s* up against you . . . . . Josh 1:5

and it doesn't *s*; grasps it, and it . . . . . Job 8:15
advice, doesn't *s* on the road of . . . . . Ps 1:1
path, at the crossroads she takes her *s*. . . . . Prv 8:2
assembly—I can't *s* wickedness with . . . . . Is 1:13
will take away from you anyplace to *s*. . . . . Mi 1:11
of Nineveh will *s* up at the judgment . . . . Mt 12:41
And whenever you *s* up to pray, if you . . . . Mk 11:25
I am Gabriel. I *s* in God's presence. . . . . Lk 1:19
earth took their *s* and the rulers . . . . . Ac 4:26
grace in which we *s* through him, and . . . . Ro 5:2
They couldn't *s* the command, If even a . . . Heb 12:20
wrath has come, and who is able to *s*? . . . . Rev 6:17

STANDING

where you are *s*, look up and gaze . . . . . Gn 13:14
because you are *s* on holy ground. . . . . Ex 3:5
lot will be left *s* alive before the . . . . . Lv 16:10
LORD's messenger *s* in the road with . . . . Nm 22:23
that time, I was *s* between the LORD . . . . . Dt 5:5
the chest were *s* in the middle of . . . . . Josh 4:10
will have no *s* in the court of . . . . . Ps 1:5
of Egypt, and a *s* stone for the LORD . . . . Is 19:19
or sacred *s* stone, without a . . . . . Hos 3:4
They love to pray *s* in the synagogues . . . . Mt 6:5
you that some *s* here won't die . . . . . Mk 9:1
appeared to him, *s* to the right of. . . . . Lk 1:11
next day John was *s* again with two of . . . . Jn 1:35
why are you *s* here, looking . . . . . Ac 1:11
the authority is *s* against what God . . . . . Ro 13:2
revealed yet while the first tent was *s*. . . . . Heb 9:8
Look! I'm *s* at the door and knocking. If . . . Rev 3:20

STANDS

Your cloud *s* over them. You go. . . . . Nm 14:14
of the LORD *s*. But don't rebel . . . . . Josh 22:19
now my witness *s* in heaven; my . . . . . Job 16:19
the LORD's plan *s* forever; what he . . . . . Ps 33:11
to accuse; he *s* to judge the. . . . . Is 3:13
Egypt, my spirit *s* in your midst. . . . . Hg 2:5
name. But whoever *s* firm until the end . . . Mt 10:22
name. But whoever *s* firm until the end . . . Mk 13:13
Someone greater *s* among you, whom . . . . Jn 1:26
know that this man *s* healthy before you . . . Ac 4:10
But if a man *s* firm in his decision, and . . . 1Co 7:37
Every priest *s* every day serving and . . . . Heb 10:11
oil lamps burning on top of seven gold *s*. . . . Rev 1:12

STARS

God made the *s* and two great lights: the . . . Gn 1:16
as many as the *s* in the sky. And . . . . . Ex 32:13
are now as countless as the *s* in the sky. . . . Dt 1:10
The *s* fought from the sky; from their . . . . Jdg 5:20
May its evening *s* stay dark; may it wait . . . Job 3:9
the moon and the *s* that you set . . . . . Ps 8:3
Heaven's *s* and constellations won't show . . . Is 13:10
are darkened; the *s* have stopped . . . . . Jl 2:10
its light. The *s* will fall from the . . . . . Mt 24:29
The *s* will fall from the sky, and the . . . . Mk 13:25
the sun, moon, and *s*. On the earth, ... Lk 21:25
to worship the *s* in the sky, just . . . . . Ac 7:42
of glory, and the *s* have another kind 1Co 15:41
the number of the *s* in the sky and as . . . . Heb 11:12
He held seven *s* in his right hand, and. . . . Rev 1:16

STARTED

number of people *s* to increase . . . . . Gn 6:1
that the Egyptians *s* to look at the . . . . Ex 1:12
They *s* a rumor about the land that they . . . Nm 13:32
of the Jordan *s* flowing again. It . . . . . Josh 4:18
up just like they *s*. All their hard . . . . . Ecc 5:15
so the potter *s* on another, as . . . . . Jer 18:4
Jonah *s* into the city, walking one day, ... Jon 3:4
entered the synagogue and *s* teaching. . . . . Mk 1:21
A debate *s* between John's disciples and a . . . Jn 3:25
The one who *s* the fight against his . . . . . Ac 7:27
of grace with you the way he had *s* it. 2Co 8:6

STATIONED

garden of Eden, he *s* winged creatures . . . . Gn 3:24
Sisera, and he was *s* in . . . . . Jdg 4:2
creatures were *s* around him. Each . . . . . Is 6:2
spoke to the woman *s* at the gate, and . . . Jn 18:16

STATUTES

commandments, my *s*, and my . . . . . Gn 26:5
commandments, the *s*, and the. . . . . Neh 1:7
if they treat my *s* like dirt, stop. . . . . Ps 89:31

STEAL

so much, but why did you *s* my gods? . . . . Gn 31:30
Do not *s*. . . . . Ex 20:15
You must not *s* nor deceive nor lie to . . . . Lv 19:11
Do not *s*. . . . . Dt 5:19
Drought and heat *s* melted snow, just as . . . Job 24:19
back what I didn't *s* in the first place? . . . Ps 69:4
Don't *s* from the poor, because they are . . . Prv 22:22
widows their loot; to *s* from orphans! . . . . Is 10:2
like raiders who *s* the land; I will . . . . . Hos 5:10
and where thieves break in and *s* them. . . . Mt 6:19
adultery. Don't *s*. Don't give false. . . . . Mk 10:19
murder. Don't *s*. Don't give false . . . . . Lk 18:20
enters only to *s*, kill, and . . . . . Jn 10:10
If you preach, "No stealing," do you *s*? . . . . Ro 2:21

STEPS

my altar using *s*: then your . . . . . Ex 20:26
chest advanced six *s*, David sacrificed 2Sa 6:13
you now number my *s*, you would not. . . . Job 14:16
My *s* are set firmly on your paths; my . . . . Ps 17:5
down to death; her *s* lead to the grave. . . . Prv 5:5
the feet of the poor, the *s* of the needy. . . . Is 26:6
Paul reached the *s*, he had to be . . . . . Ac 21:35

STICK

and your walking *s* in your hand. You . . . . Ex 12:11
will make a plague *s* to you until he . . . . Dt 28:21
not one man will *s* with you 2Sa 19:7
dread, God's punishing *s* not upon them. . . Job 21:9
their sin with a *s*, and I will punish . . . . Ps 89:32
mouth wide and *s* out your tongue?. . . . . Is 57:4
or two shirts or sandals or a walking *s*. . . . Mt 10:10
except a walking *s*—no bread, no . . . . . Mk 6:8
walking *s*, no bag, no bread, ... Lk 9:3
to you with a big *s* to punish you, or 1Co 4:21

STOLEN

that isn't black will be considered *s*. . . . . Gn 30:33
safe and they are *s* from the other . . . . . Ex 22:7
donkey will be *s* right out from. . . . . Dt 28:31
things. They have *s* and kept it a . . . . . Josh 7:11
in the wind, like dry grass *s* by a storm. . . . Job 21:18
s water is sweet; food eaten in secret . . . . Prv 9:17
the goods *s* from the poor are . . . . . Is 3:14
you shouldn't have *s* his possessions on . . . Obad 1:13
he had trusted and divides the *s* goods. . . . Lk 11:22

STOMACH

curses enter your *s* and make your womb . . . Nm 5:22
priest the shoulder, the jaws, and the *s*. . . . Dt 18:3
thigh. He stabbed it into Eglon's *s*, ... Jdg 3:21
is in his thighs, his power in *s* muscles. . . . Job 40:16
neighbor. I can't *s* anyone who has . . . . . Ps 101:5
if he steals to fill his starving *s*. . . . . Prv 6:30
am in trouble. My *s* is churning; my. . . . . Lam 1:20

mouth enters the *s* and goes out into . . . Mt 15:17
heart but into the *s*, and it goes out. . . . . Mk 7:19
Food is for the *s* and the stomach is for . . . 1Co 6:13
you sick to your *s*, but sweet as. . . . . Rev 10:9

STONE

he took the *s* that he had put . . . . . Gn 28:18
sharp-edged flint *s* and cut off her . . . . . Ex 4:25
The common people will *s* such a person. . . Lv 20:2
intended to *s* them. Then the . . . . . Nm 14:10
and wrote them on two *s* tablets. . . . . Dt 4:13
of you, lift up a *s* on his shoulder to. . . . . Josh 4:5
and lead, forever engraved on *s*. . . . . Job 19:24
so you don't bruise your foot on a *s*. . . . . Ps 91:12
ground, and the *s* wall was falling. . . . . Prv 24:31
but he will be a *s* to trip over and a . . . . . Is 8:14
or sacred standing *s*, without a . . . . . Hos 3:4
so that you won't hit your foot on a *s*. . . . Mt 4:6
to have a huge *s* hung around their . . . . . Mk 9:42
Son, command this *s* to become a loaf. . . . . Lk 4:3
Nearby were six *s* water jars used for the . . . Jn 2:6
This Jesus is the *s* you builders . . . . . Ac 4:11
on tablets of *s* but on tablets of 2Co 3:3
budded, and the *s* tablets of the . . . . . Heb 9:4
of them a white *s* with a new name . . . . . Rev 2:17

STONED

must be either *s* to death or shot . . . . . Ex 19:13
They will be *s*; their blood is on. . . . . Lv 20:27
the camp and *s* him. He died as. . . . . Nm 15:36
Then all Israel *s* him. They burned . . . . . Josh 7:25
killed. Some of them they *s* to death. . . . . Mt 21:35
crowds over. They *s* Paul and dragged . . . . Ac 14:19
three times. I was *s* once. I was 2Co 11:25
They were *s* to death, they were cut in. . . . Heb 11:37

STONES

used bricks for *s* and asphalt for . . . . . Gn 11:3
me an altar from *s*, don't build it . . . . . Ex 20:25
will order the *s* in which the . . . . . Lv 14:40
smash their sacred *s*, cut down their . . . . . Dt 7:5
Pick up twelve *s* from right here in . . . . . Josh 4:3
agreement with the *s* of the field; and. . . . Job 5:23
cherish Zion's *s*; they show mercy . . . . . Ps 102:14
cleared away its *s*, planted it with. . . . . Is 5:2
the more he set up sacred standing *s*. . . . . Hos 10:1
raise up Abraham's children from these *s*. . . . Mt 3:9
he would howl and cut himself with *s*. . . . . Mk 5:5
raise up Abraham's children from these *s*. . . . Lk 3:8
So they picked up *s* to throw at him, but. . . . Jn 8:59
battered him with *s*, Stephen prayed, ... Ac 7:59
silver, precious *s*, wood, grass, or 1Co 3:12
built like living *s* into a spiritual 1Pt 2:5

STOOD

front of them, and *s* under the tree . . . . . Gn 18:8
older sister *s* watch nearby to . . . . . Ex 2:4
came forward and *s* before the LORD. . . . . Lv 9:5
a column of cloud, *s* at the entrance of . . . Nm 12:5
that day when you *s* before the LORD . . . . Dt 4:10
coming downstream *s* still. It rose up . . . . Josh 3:16
saw me and drew back; the old rose and *s*; . . Job 29:8
ground where it *s* doesn't remember . . . . Ps 103:16
at Jerusalem. He *s* at the water. . . . . Is 36:2
You *s* nearby, strangers carried off his. . . . Obad 1:11
of them until it *s* over the place . . . . . Mt 2:9
arrived. They *s* outside and sent . . . . . Mk 3:31
The Lord's angel *s* before them, the . . . . . Lk 2:9
festival, Jesus *s* up and shouted, ... Jn 7:37
two men in white robes *s* next to them. . . . . Ac 1:10
I *s* in front of you with weakness, fear, ... 1Co 2:3
saw the light. You *s* your ground while . . . . Heb 10:32
All the angels *s* in a circle around the . . . . . Rev 7:11

STOP

Yet you want them to *s* their hard work? . . . . Ex 5:5
responded, "My master Moses, *s* them!" . . . Nm 11:28
your hearts and *s* being so stubborn . . . . Dt 10:16
Never *s* speaking about this Instruction. . . . Josh 1:8
or do they *s* fearing the . . . . . Job 6:14
foes, in order to *s* vengeful enemies. . . . . Ps 8:2
If, my child, you *s* listening to . . . . . Prv 19:27
s bringing worthless offerings. Your . . . . . Is 1:13
fall among the weapons, they won't *s*. . . . . Jl 2:8
John tried to *s* him and said, "I need to . . . . Mt 3:14
and we tried to *s* him because he . . . . . Mk 9:38
and we tried to *s* him because he . . . . . Lk 9:49
demanded that they *s* all speaking and . . . . Ac 4:18
So *s* judging each other. Instead, this is . . . Ro 14:13
Don't *s* meeting together with other . . . . Heb 10:25
They didn't *s* worshipping demons . . . . . Rev 9:20

STOPPED

the earth, and they *s* building the city. . . . . Gn 11:8
and the hail *s*, and the rain . . . . . Ex 9:33
dead and the living, and the plague *s*. . . . Nm 16:48
The manna *s* on that next day, when they . . Josh 5:12
It *s*. I didn't recognize its visible . . . . . Job 4:16
They have *s* being wise and . . . . . Ps 36:3
gazing will be *s* and humanity's . . . . . Is 2:11
Though they have *s* drinking, they . . . . . Hos 4:18
Jesus *s* in his tracks and called to them. . . . Mt 20:32
Her bleeding *s* immediately, and she . . . . Mk 5:29
but she hasn't *s* kissing my feet . . . . . Lk 7:45
each one of you. I never *s* warning you! . . . Ac 20:31
why I've been *s* so many times from . . . . Ro 15:22
wouldn't they have *s* being offered? If. . . . Heb 10:2

STORM

to the tower to *s* it. But when he . . . . . Jdg 9:52
the wind, like dry grass stolen by a *s*. . . . Job 21:18
is before him; a *s* rages all around. . . . . Ps 50:3
mountains, like tumbleweeds before a *s*. . . Is 17:13
with strong wind on the day of the *s*. . . . Am 1:14
A huge *s* arose on the lake so that waves. . . Mt 8:24
violent waves. The *s* died down and it . . . . Lk 8:24
was caught in the *s* and couldn't be . . . . Ac 27:15

STRAIGHT

broke your bonds and made you stand up *s*. . Lv 26:13
Their roots run *s* from Sodom . . . . . Dt 32:32
people will rise up, attacking *s* ahead. . . . Josh 6:5
Let the wicked go *s* to the grave, the . . . . Ps 9:17
your paths, and he will keep your ways *s*. . . Prv 3:6
those who walk in *s* paths will find . . . . Is 57:2
justice and make crooked all that is *s*, . . . Mi 3:9
the way for the Lord; make his paths *s*. . . . Mt 3:3
the way for the Lord; make his paths *s*. . . . Mk 1:3
the way for the Lord; make his paths *s*. . . . Lk 3:4
the Lord's path *s* just as the . . . . . Jn 1:23
to Judas' house on *s* Street and ask for . . . Ac 9:11
Make *s* paths for your feet so that if any. . . Heb 12:13

STRANGER

family and marry a *s*. Instead, her . . . . . Dt 25:5
was given and no *s* passed in their . . . . . Job 15:19
I have become a *s* to my own brothers, an . . . Ps 69:8
or shake hands in agreement with a *s*, ... Prv 6:1
not some *s* among you. You are. . . . . Is 43:12
the orphan, the *s*, and the poor; . . . . . Zec 7:10
a drink. I was a *s* and you welcomed . . . . Mt 25:35
won't follow a *s* but will run away. . . . . Jn 10:5
been promised as a *s*. He lived in tents . . . Heb 11:9

STRANGERS

of many nations. **s** come to serve me. 2Sa 22:44
of many nations. **s** come to serve me. . . . . Ps 18:43
Otherwise, **s** will sap your strength, and. . . . Prv 5:10
your sheep, and **s** will be your . . . . . Is 61:5
s have eaten up his strength, yet he. . . . . Hos 7:9
taxes, from their children or from **s**? . . . . Mt 17:25
will be **s** in a land that. . . . . Ac 7:6
people, and welcome **s** into your home. . . . Ro 12:13

STRAW

We have plenty of **s** and feed for the . . . . Gn 24:25
people with the **s** they need to make . . . . Ex 5:7
We've got our own **s** and feed for our . . . . Jdg 19:19
to tremble, or will you pursue dry **s**? . . . . Job 13:25
and a lion will eat **s** like an ox. . . . . Is 11:7
the house of Esau **s**; they will burn . . . . Obad 1:18

STREAM

though a **s** rose from the earth and . . . . . Gn 2:6
has fins and scales, whether in sea or **s**. . . . Lv 11:9
the dust into the **s** that ran down the . . . . Dt 9:21
crossed over the **s**." They looked for. 2Sa 17:20
treacherous like a **s** in the desert, ... Job 6:15
greatly by God's **s**, full of water. . . . . Ps 65:9
waters, a bubbling **s**, a fountain of . . . . . Prv 18:4
above the hills; peoples will **s** to it. . . . . Is 2:2
and righteousness like an ever-flowing **s**. . . . Am 5:24

STREAMS

in the seas or **s** that does not have . . . . . Lv 11:10
land, a land with **s** of water, springs, ... Dt 8:7
own feet, I dried up all of Egypt's **s**.' 2Ki 19:24
won't experience **s**, rivers of honey, ... Job 20:17
tree replanted by **s** of water, which . . . . . Ps 1:3
flood outside, **s** of water in the . . . . . Prv 5:16
from the remotest **s** of Egypt and for . . . . Is 7:18
to you because the **s** have dried up; the . . . . Jl 1:20

STREET

house into the **s** will have only . . . . . Josh 2:19
the night in the **s**; I opened my doors . . . . Job 31:32
and whoever sees me in the **s**, runs away! . . . Ps 31:11
shouts in the **s**; in the public . . . . . Prv 1:20
the head of every **s** like antelope in a . . . . Is 51:20
the head of every **s**. They cast lots . . . . . Na 3:10
and on the **s** corners so that . . . . . Mt 6:5
outside on the **s**, and they untied. . . . . Mk 11:4
house on Straight **s** and ask for a man. . . . . Ac 9:11
will lie on the **s** of the great city . . . . . Rev 11:8

STREETS

Outside, in the **s**, the sword will . . . . . Dt 32:25
threw them out like mud dumped in the **s**. . . Ps 18:42
city, through the **s** and the squares. I . . . . Song 3:2
the middle of the **s** like dung. Even . . . . . Is 5:25
In all the **s** they will say, "Oh . . . . . Am 5:16
and in the **s** so that they may . . . . . Mt 6:2
welcome you, go out into the **s** and say, . . . Lk 10:10
out into the main **s** and lay them on . . . . . Ac 5:15

STRENGTH

my oldest son, my **s** and my first . . . . . Gn 49:3
So I'll use my **s** and hit Egypt with . . . . . Ex 3:20
so that your **s** will be spent for no . . . . . Lv 26:20
heart, all your being, and all your **s**. . . . . Dt 6:5
sent me out. My **s** then was as my . . . . Josh 14:11
many and given **s** to drooping hands. . . . . Job 4:3
falling prey to the **s** of the wicked. . . . . Ps 10:10
you will give your **s** to others, your . . . . . Prv 5:9
said, "By my own **s** I have achieved . . . . . Is 10:13
have eaten up his **s**, yet he doesn't . . . . . Hos 7:9
fear they won't have enough **s** to travel. . . . . Mt 15:32
won't have enough **s** to travel, for . . . . . Mk 8:3
He has shown **s** with his arm. He has . . . . . Lk 1:51
he regained his **s**. He stayed with . . . . . Ac 9:19
weakness of God is stronger than human **s**. . 1Co 1:25
the sword, found **s** in weakness, were . . . . Heb 11:34
anger, poured full **s** into the cup of . . . . Rev 14:10

STRENGTHEN

will enter it. **s** him because he's. . . . . Dt 1:38
his ally and to **s** his hold on the. 2Ki 15:19
integrity, won't **s** the hand of the. . . . . Job 8:20
The LORD will **s** them when they are lying . . . Ps 41:3
s the weak hands, and support the . . . . . Is 35:3
prepare for siege! **s** your . . . . . Na 3:14
you have returned, **s** your brothers and . . . Lk 22:32
be to God who can **s** you with my good . . . Ro 16:25
So **s** your drooping hands and weak knees . . Heb 12:12
Wake up and **s** whatever you have left, ... Rev 3:2

STRENGTHENED

the LORD's power **s** Elijah. He 1Ki 18:46
be with him. He will be **s** by my name. . . . Ps 89:24
body will be healthy and your bones **s**. . . . Prv 3:8
them!—and you **s** the hands of the . . . . . Eze 13:22
heavenly angel appeared to him and **s** him. . . Lk 22:43
name, God has **s** this man whom you . . . . Ac 3:16
gift to you so that you can be **s**. . . . . Ro 1:11
the heart to be **s** by grace rather . . . . . Heb 13:9

STRETCH

Now so he doesn't **s** out his hand and . . . . Gn 3:22
shepherd's rod and **s** out your hand over . . . Ex 7:19
palm groves that **s** out, like gardens. . . . . Nm 24:6
this scroll will **s** out over them, and . . . . Dt 29:20
territory will **s** from the desert . . . . . Josh 1:4
But **s** out your hand and strike all he . . . . Job 1:11
Egypt; let Cush **s** out its hands to. . . . . Ps 68:31
toward wisdom, and **s** your mind toward . . . Prv 2:2
is too short to **s** out, and the. . . . . Is 28:20
They **s** out beside every altar on garments . . . Am 2:8
said to the man, "**s** out your hand." . . . . Mt 12:13
said to the man, "**s** out your hand." . . . . Mk 3:5
said to the man, "**s** out your hand." . . . . Lk 6:10
grow old, you will **s** out your hands and . . . Jn 21:18
s out your hand to bring healing and . . . . Ac 4:30

STRETCHED

entire earth. Noah **s** out his hand, took . . . . Gn 8:9
So Aaron **s** out his hand over the waters. . . . Ex 8:6
the hand that was **s** out holding a . . . . . Josh 8:26
s out the heavens alone and trod on the. . . . Job 9:8
you rejected me; I **s** out my hand to. . . . . Prv 1:24
the one who **s** them out, the one . . . . . Is 42:5
heat of wine; he **s** out his hand to. . . . . Hos 7:5
He **s** out his hand toward his disciples. . . . Mt 12:49
All day long I **s** out my hands to a. . . . . Ro 10:21
wore a robe that **s** down to his feet, ... Rev 1:13

STRIKE

hers. They will **s** your head, but you . . . . . Gn 3:15
used my power to **s** you and your . . . . . Ex 9:15
to obey me, I will **s** you for your sins . . . . Lv 26:21
anger will not **s** the Israelite . . . . . Nm 1:53
you, you must **s** them down, placing . . . . . Dt 7:2
could go up and **s** Ai. Don't make all . . . . Josh 7:3
out your hand and **s** all he has. He . . . . . Job 1:11
s them with fear, LORD. Let the nations. . . . Ps 9:20
the righteous, to **s** the honorable for . . . . Prv 17:26
his hand to **s** them, the . . . . . Is 5:25
The sword will **s** wildly in their cities; . . . . Hos 11:6
if I speak correctly, why do you **s** me? . . . . Jn 18:23

beside Paul to *s* him in the mouth. . . . . Ac 23:2
into blood, and to *s* the earth with any . . . Rev 11:6

STRONG

I've made him *s* with grain and. . . . . Gn 27:37
kept on multiplying and became very *s*. . . . . Ex 1:20
among them had a *s* craving. Even the . . . Nm 11:4
wonders, war, a *s* hand and . . . . . Dt 4:34
Be brave and *s*, because you are the one . . . Josh 1:6
when a *s* wind came from the desert and . . Job 1:19
you have laid a *s* foundation because . . . . . Ps 8:2
wealthy are their *s* city; the ruin of . . . . . Prv 10:15
The *s* will be like dry twigs, their deeds . . . Is 1:31
of battle, with *s* wind on the day of . . . . . Am 1:14
that belongs to a *s* man and steal his . . . . Mt 12:29
the house of a *s* person and steals . . . . . Mk 3:27
grew up, becoming *s* in character. He . . . . . Lk 1:80
rough because a *s* wind was blowing. . . . . Jn 6:18
up. At once his feet and ankles became *s*. . . . Ac 3:7
but he grew *s* in faith and gave . . . . . Ro 4:20
are so large that *s* winds are needed. . . . . Jas 3:4
drops its fruit when shaken by a *s* wind. . . Rev 6:13

STRONGER

so you will feel *s*, and after that . . . . . Gn 18:5
now larger in number and *s* than we are. . . . Ex 1:9
the people because they are *s* than we. . . . Nm 13:31
People far *s* and much taller . . . . . Dt 1:28
When Israel became *s* they forced the . . . . Jdg 1:28
the one whose hands are clean grows *s*. . . . Job 17:9
my persecutors because they're *s* than me. . . Ps 142:6
from the power of those *s* than they are. . . Jer 31:11
coming after me is *s* than I am. I'm not . . . Mt 3:11
He announced, "One *s* than I am is coming . . Mk 1:7
But as soon as a *s* one attacks and . . . . . Lk 11:22
But Saul grew *s* and stronger. He confused. . . Ac 9:22
weakness of God is *s* than human 1Co 1:25
angels, who are *s* and more powerful, ... 2Pt 2:11

STRONGHOLDS

and caves in the mountains as hidden *s*. . . . Jdg 6:2
walls. You've made his *s* a pile of ruins. . . . Ps 89:40
will howl in its *s*, and jackals in. . . . . Is 13:22
from their *s* to the LORD our. . . . . Mi 7:17

STRUCK

When a famine *s* the land, Abram went down Gn 12:10
by after the LORD had *s* the Nile River. . . . Ex 7:25
people. The LORD *s* the people with a . . . Nm 11:33
gave him to us. We *s* him down, along. . . . Dt 2:33
The men of Ai *s* down approximately . . . . Josh 7:5
the desert and *s* the four corners . . . . . Job 1:19
I *s* them down; they couldn't get up. . . . . Ps 18:38
to the one who *s* them. They didn't . . . . . Is 9:13
heal us; he has *s* us down, but he . . . . . Hos 6:1
took the stick and *s* his head again and . . . Mt 27:30
to them, but they *s* him on the head . . . . Mk 12:4
heaven. Rather, he *s* his chest and . . . . . Lk 18:13
sword, drew it and *s* the high priest's . . . . Jn 18:10
from the Lord *s* Herod down, ... Ac 12:23
and they were *s* down in the 1Co 10:5
of the sun was *s*, and a third of . . . . . Rev 8:12

STUBBORN

But I'll make him *s* so that he won't. . . . . Ex 4:21
you are a *s* people! . . . . . Dt 9:6
Their *s* resistance came from the LORD and Josh 11:20
a rebellious, *s* generation, a . . . . . Ps 78:8
One who stays *s* after many corrections . . . Prv 29:1
know that you are *s*, your neck is made . . . Is 48:4
Like a *s* cow Israel is stubborn. Now the . . . Hos 4:16
You *s* people! In your thoughts and . . . . . Ac 7:51
they shouldn't be *s*, irritable, ... Ti 1:7
don't have *s* hearts as they did in the . . . . Heb 3:8

STUMBLE

They will *s* over each other as they would . . Lv 26:37
God will make you *s* before the enemy, . . . 2Ch 25:8
light; he makes them *s* like drunks. . . . . Job 12:25
We'll never *s*. We'll never . . . . . Ps 10:6
on your path, and your foot won't *s*. . . . . Prv 3:23
over and a rock to *s* on for the two . . . . . Is 8:14
You will *s* by day; and at nighttime so . . . . Hos 4:5
those who don't *s* and fall because . . . . . Mt 11:6
anyone who doesn't *s* along the way . . . . Lk 7:23
in the day doesn't *s* because they see . . . . Jn 11:9
that makes people *s* and a rock that. 1Pt 2:8

SUBMIT

Amon didn't *s* before the LORD; 2Ch 33:23
even the demons *s* themselves to us . . . . Lk 10:17
to God. It doesn't *s* to God's Law, ... Ro 8:7
more should we *s* to the Father of . . . . . Heb 12:9

SUCCEED

Aaron's sons to *s* him will prepare . . . . . Lv 6:22
disobey the LORD's command? It won't *s*. . . Nm 14:41
and do them so you can *s* in all you do. . . . Dt 29:9
your objectives and you will *s*. . . . . Josh 1:8
so that the plans of the devious don't *s*. . . . Job 5:13
Go and *s* in your grandeur! Ride out on . . . . Ps 45:4
When the righteous *s*, a city rejoices; . . . . Prv 11:10
will be able to *s*. Maybe you will . . . . . Is 47:12
will, I might *s* in visiting you at. . . . . Ro 1:10

SUCCEEDED

His son Eleazar *s* him in the . . . . . Dt 10:6
I have *s* my father David on 1Ki 8:20
King Josiah, who *s* his father Josiah . . . . Jer 22:11
passed, Felix was *s* by Porcius Festus. . . . . Ac 24:27

SUCCOTH

Jacob traveled to ***S***. He built a house . . . . Gn 33:17
from Rameses to ***S***. They numbered. . . . . Ex 12:37
from Rameses and they camped at ***S***. . . . . Nm 33:5
Beth-nimrah, ***S***, and Zaphon. This . . . . . Josh 13:27
up Shechem and portion out the ***S*** Valley. . . . Ps 60:6

SUFFER

Why should I *s* the loss of both. . . . . Gn 27:45
citizen, they will *s* the same injury . . . . . Lv 24:19
years. They will *s* for your . . . . . Nm 14:33
could no longer stand to see Israel *s*. . . . . Jdg 10:16
those who *s*; the LORD hasn't . . . . . Ps 9:12
for those who *s* in the land. He. . . . . Is 11:4
to you; your actions will make you *s*! . . . . Obad 1:15
to Jerusalem and *s* many things from. . . . . Mt 16:21
Human One must *s* many things and be. . . . Mk 8:31
Human One must *s* many things and be. . . . Lk 9:22
the prophets: that his Christ would *s*. . . . . Ac 3:18
if we really *s* with him so that . . . . . Ro 8:17
would have to *s* many times since . . . . . Heb 9:26
you are going to *s*. Look! The devil . . . . . Rev 2:10

SUFFERED

The army has *s* a massive defeat. 1Sa 4:17
of the one who *s*—he didn't hide . . . . . Ps 22:24
others; a man who *s*, who knew sickness . . . Is 53:3
you. Who has not *s* from your . . . . . Na 3:19
man alone. I've *s* much today in a. . . . . Mt 27:19
She had *s* a lot under the care of many . . . . Mk 5:26
the snake into the fire and *s* no harm. . . . . Ac 28:5
you who have not *s* labor pains; . . . . . Ga 4:27
of his death. He *s* death so that he . . . . . Heb 2:9

SUFFERING

I have seen the *s* of my people, and 1Sa 9:16
afraid of all my *s*; I know that you . . . . . Job 9:28
let their *s* increase because they hurried. . . . Ps 16:4
Who is *s*? Who is uneasy? Who has . . . . . Prv 23:29
hear this, *s* one, who is drunk, ... Is 51:21
even looked on his *s* on the day of his . . . . Obad 1:13
at home, paralyzed, and his *s* is awful. . . . . Mt 8:6
will be great *s* such as the world . . . . . Mk 13:19
Do you think the *s* of these Galileans . . . . . Lk 13:2
After his *s*, he showed them that he was. . . . . Ac 1:3
that the present *s* is nothing . . . . . Ro 8:18
because of the *s* of his death. He . . . . . Heb 2:9
months—and the *s* they inflict is. . . . . Rev 9:5

SUMMER

cold and hot, *s* and autumn, day . . . . . Gn 8:22
was sapped as if in a *s* drought. Selah . . . . . Ps 32:4
gets its food in *s*; gathers its . . . . . Prv 6:8
concerning your *s* fruit and your . . . . . Is 16:9
as well as the *s* house; the houses. . . . . Am 3:15
new leaves, you know that *s* is near. . . . . Mt 24:32
new leaves, you know that *s* is near. . . . . Mk 13:28
for yourselves and know that *s* is near. . . . . Lk 21:30

SUMMONED

So Pharaoh *s* Abram and said, "What's this . . . Gn 12:18
said to Balaam, "I *s* you to curse my. . . . . Nm 24:10
Moses *s* all Israel, saying to them: . . . . . Dt 29:2
Then Joshua *s* the Reubenites, the . . . . . Josh 22:1
of shepherds is *s* against it, isn't . . . . . Is 31:4
he has made holy those he has *s*. . . . . Zep 1:7
the palace. He *s* Jesus and asked, ... Jn 18:33
gone, Cornelius *s* two of his . . . . . Ac 10:7

SUN

After the *s* set, Abram slept deeply. A . . . . Gn 15:12
eat. But when the *s* grew hot, it . . . . . Ex 16:21
Once the *s* has set and he has become. . . . . Lv 22:7
the skies, to the *s* or the moon or the . . . . . Dt 4:19
the Israelites: "*s*, stand still at . . . . . Josh 10:12
plant in the *s*; its runners . . . . . Job 8:16
God has made a tent in heaven for the *s*. . . . . Ps 19:4
their light. The *s* will be dark when . . . . . Is 13:10
heavens shake. The *s* and the moon are . . . . Jl 2:10
He makes the *s* rise on both the . . . . . Mt 5:45
When the *s* came up, it scorched the . . . . . Mk 4:6
When the *s* was setting, everyone brought . . Lk 4:40
The *s* will be changed into darkness, and . . . Ac 2:20
The *s* has one kind of glory, the moon has . . 1Co 15:41
The *s* rises with its scorching heat and . . . . Jas 1:11
was like the *s* shining with all . . . . . Rev 1:16

SUPERVISORS

the people's slave masters and *s*, ... Ex 5:6
hundred *s* in charge of the 1Ki 5:16
has placed you as *s*, to shepherd God's . . . Ac 20:28
Jesus, along with your *s* and servants . . . . Phil 1:1

SUPPLIES

Gomorrah, including its food *s*, and left. . . Gn 14:11
people. Say, 'Get *s* ready for . . . . . Josh 1:11
and sells them; she *s* sashes to traders. . . . Prv 31:24
against the water *s* so that they dry. . . . . Jer 50:38
is no end to the *s*, an abundance of . . . . . Na 2:9
The one who *s* seed for planting and bread. . 2Co 9:10

SUPPORT

the land couldn't *s* both of them. They . . . . Gn 13:6
and use it to *s* the service of the . . . . . Ex 30:16
anyone who doesn't *s* the words of this . . . . Dt 27:26
much better if you *s* us from the city. 2Sa 18:3
of my distress, but the LORD was my *s*. . . . . Ps 18:18
every form of *s*: all rations of . . . . . Is 3:1
with them in *s* of my people and . . . . . Jl 3:2
Because of public *s* for Peter and . . . . . Ac 4:21
and in the defense and *s* of the gospel. . . . . Phil 1:7
accepting any *s* from the Gentiles. 3Jn 1:7

SURROUND

the enemies that *s* you in the land . . . . . Dt 25:19
of it. They will *s* us and make our . . . . . Josh 7:9
His archers *s* me; he cuts my kidneys open. . Job 16:13
assembled peoples *s* you. Rule them . . . . . Ps 7:7
I will *s* you like a wall, and I will lay . . . . Is 29:3
An enemy will *s* the land; he will . . . . . Am 3:11

SURROUNDED

a perverse bunch, *s* the house and . . . . . Jdg 19:22
of his mouth, *s* by frightening . . . . . Job 41:14
cords of the grave *s* me; death's traps . . . . Ps 18:5
a bird of prey, *s* and attacked. Go,. . . . . Jer 12:9
Ephraim has *s* me with lies, the house of . . Hos 11:12
you see Jerusalem *s* by armies, then . . . . Lk 21:20
When the disciples *s* him, he got up and. . . Ac 14:20
We were *s* by problems. There 2Co 7:5
seated upon them, *s* the throne. The . . . . . Rev 4:4

SURVIVE

offspring will *s* throughout the. . . . . Gn 7:3
guest so that they can *s* among you. . . . . Lv 25:35
few of you will *s* in the countries . . . . . Dt 4:27
They didn't let anything that breathed *s*. . Josh 11:14
a beautiful wreath for the people who *s*, . . . Is 28:5
the LORD will summon those who *s*. . . . . Jl 2:32
that we were afraid we might not *s*. 2Co 1:8

SURVIVORS

there were no *s*. Then they took . . . . . Nm 21:35
children—under the ban. We left no *s*. . . . . Dt 2:34
finished off. Some *s* among them escaped . . Josh 10:20
Their *s* will be buried with the dead; . . . . Job 27:15
be the pride and splendor of Israel's *s*. . . . Is 4:2
handed over his *s* on the day of . . . . . Obad 1:14

SUSA

the people of *S* . . . . . Ezr 4:9
the walled city of *S* in the province of . . . . Dn 8:2

SWEAR

the person should *s* a solemn pledge . . . . Ex 22:11
whatever one might *s* carelessly . . . . . Lv 5:4
will make her *s* a solemn pledge, ... Nm 5:19
down to them, I *s* to you right now . . . . . Dt 8:19
said to her, "We *s* by our own lives . . . . . Josh 2:14
pledges and those who are afraid to *s*. . . . . Ecc 9:2
of Canaan and *s* loyalty to the . . . . . Is 19:18
and don't *s*, "As the LORD . . . . . Hos 4:15
say, 'If people *s* by the temple, ... Mt 23:16
the Most High God? *s* to God that you . . . . Mk 5:7
and sisters, I *s* by the pride I 1Co 15:31
whom did he *s* that they would. . . . . Heb 3:18

SWEET

the land also has *s*-smelling resins . . . . . Gn 2:12
the water became *s*. The LORD made a . . . . Ex 15:25
Israel. They hold *s* incense to your . . . . . Dt 33:10
came something *s*." For three days . . . . . Jdg 14:14
wickedness is *s* in their mouths, ... Job 20:12
strike the drum! *s* lyre along with . . . . . Ps 81:2
Stolen water is *s*; food eaten in secret . . . . Prv 9:17
make bitterness *s* and sweetness . . . . . Is 5:20
when she offered *s*-smelling . . . . . Hos 2:13
offering that smelled *s* to God. . . . . Eph 5:2
your stomach, but *s* as honey in your . . . . Rev 10:9

SWORD

will live by your **s**; you will serve . . . . . Gn 27:40
them. I'll draw my **s**; my hand will . . . . . Ex 15:9
the land, and no **s** will pass through . . . . . Lv 26:6
to fall by the **s**? Our wives and our . . . . . Nm 14:3
that city with the **s**. Place it and all . . . . . Dt 13:15
of him with his **s** drawn. Joshua went . . . . Josh 5:13
orphan from the **s** of their mouth, ... Job 5:15
will sharpen his **s**, will bend his . . . . . Ps 7:12
as gall, sharp as a double-edged **s**. . . . . Prv 5:4
be devoured by the **s**. The LORD has said . . . Is 1:20
them by bow, or by **s**, or by war, or by . . . . Hos 1:7
I haven't come to bring peace but a **s**. . . . . Mt 10:34
bystanders drew a **s** and struck the . . . . . Mk 14:47
be revealed. And a **s** will pierce your. . . . . Lk 2:35
Peter, who had a **s**, drew it and . . . . . Jn 18:10
James, John's brother, killed with a **s**. . . . . Ac 12:2
or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or **s**? . . . Ro 8:35
than any two-edged **s**. It penetrates to . . . Heb 4:12
a sharp, two-edged **s**. His appearance . . . . Rev 1:16

SWORDS

wielding flaming **s** to guard the way. . . . . Gn 3:24
down with their **s** and took . . . . . Nm 21:24
people with their **s** and set the city . . . . . Jdg 1:8
the young men with **s**. I alone escaped . . . Job 1:15
wicked draw their **s** and bend their . . . . Ps 37:14
whose teeth are **s**; their jaw is a. . . . . Prv 30:14
will beat their **s** into iron plows . . . . . Is 2:4
of your plows into **s** and your pruning. . . . . Jl 3:10
crowd carrying **s** and clubs. They . . . . . Mt 26:47
a mob carrying **s** and clubs. They . . . . . Mk 14:43
look, here are two **s**." He replied, ... Lk 22:38
murdered with **s**. They went around . . . . Heb 11:37

SWORE

it was that you **s** falsely about. You . . . . . Lv 6:5
what you said. He was angry and he **s**: . . . . Dt 1:34
Because of that I **s** about Eli's household . . 1Sa 3:14
So in anger I **s**: 'They will never enter . . . . Ps 95:11
So King Zedekiah **s** to Jeremiah behind . . . Jer 38:16
to Abraham, as you **s** to our ancestors a . . . Mi 7:20
Then he **s** to give her anything she asked . . Mt 14:7
Then he **s** to her, "Whatever you ask I . . . . Mk 6:23
of my anger I **s**: "They will never . . . . . Heb 3:11
He **s** by the one who lives forever and . . . . Rev 10:6

SYCAMORE

as plentiful as **s** trees that grow in 1Ki 10:27
with hail, their **s** trees with frost. . . . . Ps 78:47
am a shepherd, and a trimmer of **s** trees. . . Am 7:14
and climbed up a **s** tree so he could . . . . . Lk 19:4

SYNAGOGUE

left that place and went into their **s**. . . . . Mt 12:9
Jesus entered the **s** and started . . . . . Mk 1:21
he went to the **s** as he normally did . . . . . Lk 4:16
he was teaching in the **s** in Capernaum. . . . Jn 6:59
to the so-called **s** of Former Slaves. . . . . Ac 6:9
they are not, but are really Satan's **s**. . . . . Rev 2:9

SYNAGOGUES

teaching in their **s**. He announced the. . . . . Mt 4:23
preaching in their **s** and throwing out. . . . Mk 1:39
He taught in their **s** and was praised by . . . Lk 4:15
always taught in **s** and in the temple, ... Jn 18:20
letters to the **s** in Damascus. If he . . . . . Ac 9:2

SYRIA

spread throughout **S**. People brought to. . . . Mt 4:24
occurred when Quirinius governed **S**. . . . . Lk 2:2
in Antioch, **S**, and Cilicia. . . . . Ac 15:23
I went into the regions of **S** and Cilicia, . . . Ga 1:21

T

TABLE

food from Joseph's **t** were brought to . . . . Gn 43:34
an acacia-wood **t**, three feet long, ... Ex 25:23
a stack, on the pure **t** before the LORD. . . . Lv 24:6
for the chest, the **t**, the lampstand, ... Nm 3:31
up scraps under my **t**, so God has paid . . . . Jdg 1:7
distress; your **t** is set with rich . . . . . Job 36:16
You set a **t** for me right in front of my. . . . Ps 23:5
animals, mixed her wine, and set her **t**. . . . Prv 9:2
setting the **t**, spreading the cloth, ... Is 21:5
who lounged at the **t** will pass away. . . . . Am 6:7
joined Jesus and his disciples at the **t**. . . . Mt 9:10
the dogs under the **t** eat the children's . . . Mk 7:28
home, he took his place at the **t**. . . . . Lk 7:36
was among those who joined him at the **t**. . . Jn 12:2
David says, Their **t** should become a . . . . . Ro 11:9
the lampstand, the **t**, and the loaves of . . . . Heb 9:2

TABLETS

give you the stone **t** with the. . . . . Ex 24:12
and wrote them on two stone **t**. . . . . Dt 4:13
the two stone **t** Moses had placed 1Ki 8:9
point on the **t** of their hearts . . . . . Jer 17:1
weren't written on **t** of stone but on 2Co 3:3
budded, and the stone **t** of the covenant. . . . Heb 9:4

TAIL

the snake by the **t**." So Moses reached. . . . . Ex 4:4
the whole fat **t**, which should be . . . . . Lv 3:9
of things, not the **t**; you will be at. . . . . Dt 28:13
turned the foxes **t** to tail, and put a . . . . . Jdg 15:4
He stiffens his **t** like a cedar; the . . . . . Job 40:17
my enemies turn **t** from me; I . . . . . Ps 18:40
cut off head and **t**, palm branch and . . . . . Is 9:14
His **t** swept down a third of heaven's . . . . Rev 12:4

TAKES

promise, "When God **t** care of you, you . . . Gn 50:25
to them, "When God **t** care of you, you . . . Ex 13:19
because your ordination **t** seven days. . . . . Lv 8:33
the nazirite who **t** the solemn . . . . . Nm 6:21
death, gives life, **t** down to the grave, ... 1Sa 2:6
people, sees sin, and certainly **t** note. . . . . Job 11:11
this: the LORD **t** personal care of . . . . . Ps 4:3
path, at the crossroads she **t** her stand. . . . Prv 8:2
for humans, so he **t** some of the wood. . . . Is 44:15
the desert. He **t** captives like sand. . . . . Hab 1:9
well. If someone **t** your coat, don't . . . . . Lk 6:29
Lamb of God who **t** away the sin of . . . . . Jn 1:29
law of my mind and **t** me prisoner with . . . . Ro 7:23
No one **t** this honor for themselves but . . . . Heb 5:4
you have so that no one **t** your crown. . . . Rev 3:11

TALK

him and couldn't even **t** nicely to him. . . . . Gn 37:4
to your children. **t** about them when . . . . . Dt 6:7
Where's all your **t** now, you who said, ... Jdg 9:38
Will your idle **t** silence everyone; will . . . . Job 11:3
open graves; their tongues slick with **t**. . . . Ps 5:9
guilty people go around with crooked **t**. . . . Prv 6:12
the way they **t** and act in word . . . . . Is 3:8
speak began to **t**. The crowds were . . . . . Mt 9:33
this kind of **t**, and they were . . . . . Mk 9:32
speak began to **t**. The crowds were . . . . . Lk 11:14
they continued to **t**, Peter went inside . . . Ac 10:27
think you are to **t** back to God? Does . . . . Ro 9:20
Right now we can't **t** about these things. . . . Heb 9:5

TALKING

While he was still **t** to them, Rachel came . . . Gn 29:9
since you've been **t** to your servant. I . . . . Ex 4:10
your children, by **t** about them when . . . . Dt 11:19
go on and on, **t** so proudly, ... 1Sa 2:3
to her, "You're **t** like a foolish . . . . . Job 2:10
So many are **t** about me: "Even God won't . . . . Ps 3:2
Too much **t** isn't right for a fool; even . . . . Prv 17:7
they were **t** about your family, ... Eze 11:15
aren't doing the **t**, but the Spirit of . . . . Mt 10:20
out and started **t** freely and . . . . . Mk 1:45
furious and began **t** with each other . . . . Lk 6:11
temple Jesus was **t** about was his body. . . . . Jn 2:21
say this? Is he **t** about himself or . . . . . Ac 8:34
and sisters, I'm **t** to you as people . . . . . Ro 7:1
(the world we are **t** about) under the . . . . Heb 2:5

TAMAR

his oldest son Er to a woman named ***T***. . . . . Gn 38:6
of Perez, whom ***T*** bore to . . . . . Ru 4:12
limit runs from ***T*** to the waters of . . . . . Eze 47:19
whose mother was ***T***. Perez was the. . . . . Mt 1:3

TARSHISH

sons: Elishah, ***T***, Kittim, and . . . . . Gn 10:4
The royal fleet of ***T***-style ships was at 1Ki 10:22
east wind when it smashes the ships of ***T***. . . . Ps 48:7
all the ships of ***T***; against all the . . . . . Is 2:16
got up—to flee to ***T*** from the LORD ! He. . . . Jon 1:3

TARSUS

ask for a man from ***T*** named Saul. He is . . . . Ac 9:11

TAUGHT

very day, and he **t** it to the . . . . . Dt 31:22
in Bethel and **t** the people how to. 2Ki 17:28
You've **t** me since my youth, God, and I'm . . . Ps 71:17
he **t** me and said to me: "Let your heart . . . . Prv 4:4
he constantly **t** the people . . . . . Ecc 12:9
enlightenment? Who **t** him the path of . . . . Is 40:14
Yet it was I who **t** Ephraim to walk; I . . . . Hos 11:3
He **t** them, saying. . . . . Mt 5:2
told him everything they had done and **t**. . . . Mk 6:30
He **t** in their synagogues and was praised . . . Lk 4:15
they will all be **t** by God. Everyone . . . . . Jn 6:45
Jesus did and **t** from the beginning, ... Ac 1:1
of God; if you are **t** by the Law so that. . . . Ro 2:18
in relationship to him just as he **t** you. . . . 1Jn 2:27
Balaam had **t** Balak to trip up . . . . . Rev 2:14

TAX

collect the annual **t** of silver due from. . . . 2Ch 24:5
and because you **t** their grain, you . . . . . Am 5:11
Don't even the **t** collectors do the. . . . . Mt 5:46
Levi's house. Many **t** collectors and . . . . . Mk 2:15
empire should be enrolled in the **t** lists. . . . . Lk 2:1

TEACH

speak, and I'll **t** you what you . . . . . Ex 4:12
so that you can **t** the Israelites all. . . . . Lv 10:11
long as you live. **t** them to your. . . . . Dt 4:9
survived only to **t** war to the . . . . . Jdg 3:2
and he will **t** you, the birds in . . . . . Job 12:7
You **t** me the way of life. In your . . . . . Ps 16:11
purpose is to **t** wisdom and . . . . . Prv 1:2
God so that he may **t** us his ways and we . . . Is 2:3
and her priests **t** for hire. Her . . . . . Mi 3:11
on from there to **t** and preach in . . . . . Mt 11:1
came to him, and he began to **t** them. . . . . Mk 2:13
a synagogue to **t**. A man was there . . . . . Lk 6:6
he comes, he will **t** everything to us. . . . . Jn 4:25
told and began to **t**. When the high . . . . . Ac 5:21
teaching others **t** yourself? If you. . . . . Ro 2:21
need someone to **t** you an . . . . . Heb 5:12
You allow her to **t** and to mislead my . . . . Rev 2:20

TEACHER

because the priest Jehoiada was his **t**. . . . 2Ki 12:2
due to his power; who is a **t** like him? . . . Job 36:22
of my instructor. I didn't obey my **t**. . . . . Prv 5:13
oppression, your **t** will no longer . . . . . Is 30:20
shaped? It is a **t** of lies, for the . . . . . Hab 2:18
and said to him, "**t**, I'll follow you. . . . . Mt 8:19
him up and said, "**t**, don't you care . . . . . Mk 4:38
They said to him, "**t**, what should we . . . . Lk 3:12
is translated **t**), where are you . . . . . Jn 1:38
a Pharisee and **t** of the Law named . . . . . Ac 5:34
of the foolish; a **t** of infants . . . . . Ro 2:20

TEACHERS

than all my **t** because I . . . . . Ps 119:99
The people's **t** will help many. . . . . Dn 11:33
sitting among the **t**, listening to them. . . . . Lk 2:46
prophets and **t**: Barnabas, Simeon . . . . . Ac 13:1
prophets, third **t**, then miracles, ... 1Co 12:28
should have been **t** by now, you need . . . . Heb 5:12

TEACHING

laws that I am **t** you to follow, so . . . . . Dt 4:1
to all the cities of Judah, **t** the people. . . . 2Ch 17:9
You've said, "My **t** is pure, and I'm clean . . . Job 11:4
the weak to justice, **t** them his way. . . . . Ps 25:9
don't neglect your mother's **t**; . . . . . Prv 1:8
to our God's **t**, people of . . . . . Is 1:10
Galilee, **t** in their . . . . . Mt 4:23
entered the synagogue and started **t**. . . . . Mk 1:21
were amazed by his **t** because he . . . . . Lk 4:32
while he was **t** in the synagogue . . . . . Jn 6:59
to the apostles' **t**, to the community, ... Ac 2:42
don't you who are **t** others teach . . . . . Ro 2:21
of **t** about ritual ways to wash with . . . . . Heb 6:2
follow Balaam's **t**. Balaam had taught . . . . Rev 2:14

TEAR

restless, you will **t** away his harness. . . . . Gn 27:40
a strong border so that it doesn't **t**. . . . . Ex 28:32
the altar. He will **t** off its head and . . . . . Lv 1:15
hands as one might **t** apart a young. . . . . Jdg 14:6
To you who **t** yourself in rage . . . . . Job 18:4
they say. "We will **t** off their ropes . . . . . Ps 2:3
up against Judah, **t** it apart, capture . . . . . Is 7:6
cubs, and I will **t** open the covering . . . . . Hos 13:8
to fall into sin, **t** it out and throw. . . . . Mt 5:29
new from the old, and makes a worse **t**. . . . . Mk 2:21
what I'll do. I'll **t** down my barns and . . . . Lk 12:18
other, "Let's not **t** it. Let's cast . . . . . Jn 19:24
feared they might **t** Paul to pieces. He. . . . Ac 23:10
I could build you up, not **t** you down. 2Co 13:10
will wipe away every **t** from their eyes. . . . Rev 7:17

TEARS

respond to your **t** or give you a . . . . . Dt 1:45
your voice?" Then he broke down in **t**, ... 1Sa 24:16
If he **t** down, it can't be rebuilt; if he . . . . Job 12:14
drench my bed with **t**; I soak my couch . . . . Ps 6:6
a foolish woman **t** hers down with her . . . . Prv 14:1
drench you with my **t**, Heshbon and . . . . . Is 16:9
I am the one who **t** the prey and goes . . . . Hos 5:14
because the patch **t** away the cloth and . . . . Mt 9:16
the patch **t** away from it, the. . . . . Mk 2:21
a parable. "No one **t** a patch from a new . . . . Lk 5:36
humility and with **t** in the midst of . . . . . Ac 20:19
I wrote to you in **t**, with a very 2Co 2:4
loud cries and **t** as his sacrifices . . . . . Heb 5:7

TEETH

than wine, and his **t** whiter than milk. . . Gn 49:12
between their **t** and not yet . . . . . Nm 11:33
beasts—yet the **t** of lions are . . . . . Job 4:10
on the jaw; shatter the **t** of the wicked! . . . Ps 3:7
vinegar to the **t** and smoke to the. . . . . Prv 10:26
tool with sharp **t**. You will thresh. . . . . Is 41:15
my land. Its **t** are like lions' . . . . . Jl 1:6
will be weeping and grinding their **t**. . . . . Mt 8:12
mouth, grinds his **t**, and stiffens up. . . . . Mk 9:18
and grinding of **t** when you see. . . . . Lk 13:28
and began to grind their **t** at Stephen. . . . . Ac 7:54
hair, and their **t** were like lions' . . . . . Rev 9:8

TEKOA

sent someone to ***T*** and brought a wise . . . 2Sa 14:2
the trumpet in ***T***, sound the alarm . . . . . Jer 6:1
the shepherds of ***T***. He perceived . . . . . Am 1:1

TELLING

shot and sat down, **t** herself, I can't. . . . . Gn 21:16
Look, you've been **t** me, 'Lead these. . . . . Ex 33:12
they had explored, **t** the Israelites, ... Nm 13:32
Kadesh-barnea, **t** you: "Go up and . . . . . Dt 9:23
there was a man **t** his friend about a . . . . . Jdg 7:13
not yet born, **t** them what God has . . . . . Ps 22:31
Hezekiah removed, **t** Judah and . . . . . Is 36:7
that he wasn't **t** them to be on . . . . . Mt 16:12
Many scolded him, **t** him to be quiet, but . . Mk 10:48
place. Yes, I'm **t** you, this . . . . . Lk 11:51
I'm **t** you what I've seen when I am with. . . Jn 8:38
and Samaria, **t** stories about the . . . . . Ac 15:3
I'm **t** those who are single and widows 1Co 7:8

TEMPLE

LORD your God's **t**. Don't boil a . . . . . Ex 23:19
LORD your God's **t** to pay a solemn . . . . . Dt 23:18
of silver from the **t** of Baal-berith, ... Jdg 9:4
bow down at your holy **t**, honoring you. . . . . Ps 5:7
the edges of his robe filling the **t**. . . . . Is 6:1
from the LORD's **t**. The priests and . . . . . Jl 1:9
highest point of the **t**. He said to him, ... Mt 4:5
and went into the **t**. After he looked . . . . . Mk 11:11
a vision in the **t**, for he gestured . . . . . Lk 1:22
He found in the **t** those who were selling . . . Jn 2:14
together in the **t** and ate in their . . . . . Ac 2:46
that you are God's **t** and God's Spirit 1Co 3:16
into a spiritual **t**. You are being. 1Pt 2:5
pillars in the **t** of my God, and . . . . . Rev 3:12

TEN

Abram had lived **t** years in the land . . . . . Gn 16:3
the dwelling with **t** curtains of fine . . . . . Ex 26:1
will chase away **t** thousand, and your . . . . . Lv 26:8
gold bowl weighing **t** shekels full of . . . . . Nm 7:14
you to do—the ***T*** Commandments . . . . . Dt 4:13
Timnah. In total: **t** cities and their . . . . . Josh 15:57
These **t** times you've humiliated me; . . . . Job 19:3
praises to him with the **t**-stringed harp! . . . Ps 33:2
t acres of vineyard will produce just one. . . . Is 5:10
hundred will have **t** left in the house . . . . . Am 5:3
who owed him **t** thousand bags of . . . . . Mt 18:24
to proclaim in the **t** Cities all that. . . . . Mk 5:20
whether his **t** thousand soldiers . . . . . Lk 14:31
more than eight or **t** days, then went . . . . . Ac 25:6
You may have **t** thousand mentors in 1Co 4:15
hardship for **t** days. Be faithful . . . . . Rev 2:10

TENT

drunk, and took off his clothes in his **t**. . . . Gn 9:21
doing, and then they went into the **t**. . . . . Ex 18:7
Moses and said to him from the meeting **t**, . . Lv 1:1
in the meeting **t** on the first day . . . . . Nm 1:1
at the meeting **t** so I can command . . . . . Dt 31:14
ground inside my **t**, with the silver . . . . . Josh 7:21
Isn't their **t** cord pulled up? They die . . . . Job 4:21
can live in your **t**, LORD? Who can . . . . . Ps 15:1
destroyed, but the **t** flourishes for . . . . . Prv 14:11
securely like a **t** peg, and he will . . . . . Is 22:23
up the meeting **t** of David that has . . . . . Am 9:11
you took the **t** of Moloch with . . . . . Ac 7:43
know that if the **t** that we live in on. 2Co 5:1
the true meeting **t** that God, not any . . . . . Heb 8:2
the **t** of witness . . . . . Rev 15:5

TENTH

until the **t** month, and on the . . . . . Gn 8:5
community: On the **t** day of this month. . . . Ex 12:3
for your sin a **t** of an ephah of . . . . . Lv 5:11
On the **t** day Dan's Chief Ahiezer, ... Nm 7:66
sacrifices, your **t**-part gifts, your . . . . . Dt 12:6
the Jordan on the **t** day of the first . . . . . Josh 4:19
LORD's word in the **t** year of Judah's . . . . . Jer 32:1
morning, your **t**-part gifts every . . . . . Am 4:4
You give to God a **t** of mint, dill, and . . . . Mt 23:23
You give a **t** of your mint, rue, ... Lk 11:42
Abraham gave a **t** of everything to him. . . . . Heb 7:2
earthquake, and a **t** of the city fell. . . . . Rev 11:13

TENTS

of those who live in **t** and own livestock. . . . Gn 4:20
entrance to their **t** and watch Moses . . . . . Ex 33:8
away from the **t** of these wicked . . . . . Nm 16:26
complained in your **t**, saying things. . . . . Dt 1:27
out from their **t** to cross over the . . . . . Josh 3:14
and don't let injustice dwell in your **t**, . . . Job 11:14
devastated; let no one dwell in their **t**. . . . Ps 69:25
Suddenly, my **t** are destroyed, my. . . . . Jer 4:20
of silver; thorns will be in their **t**. . . . . Hos 9:6
He lived in **t** along with Isaac . . . . . Heb 11:9

TERAH

29 years old, he became the father of ***T***. . . Gn 11:24
They marched from Tahath and camped at ***T***. Nm 33:27
Among them was ***T***, the father of. . . . . Josh 24:2
son of Abraham son of ***T*** son of Nahor . . . Lk 3:34

TERRIFIED

that had happened, the men were **t**. . . . . Gn 20:8
Israelites were **t** and cried out to . . . . . Ex 14:10
The Moabites were **t** of the Israelites. . . . . Nm 22:3
to you: Don't be **t**! Don't be afraid . . . . . Dt 1:29
be alarmed or **t**, because the LORD . . . . . Josh 1:9
Heaven's pillars shook, **t** by his blast . . . . Job 26:11
body is completely **t**! But you, LORD! . . . . Ps 6:3
down, you won't be **t**. When you lie . . . . . Prv 3:24
fear what they fear, and don't be **t**. . . . . Is 8:12
The sailors were **t**, and each one cried . . . . Jon 1:5
lake, they were **t** and said, "It's a . . . . . Mt 14:26
to respond, for the three of them were **t**. . . . Mk 9:6
glory shone around them, and they were **t**. . . Lk 2:9
who heard this conversation was **t**. . . . . Ac 5:5
that Moses said, "I'm **t** and shaking!" . . . . Heb 12:21

TERRITORY

attacked the **t** of the Amalekites, ... Gn 14:7
you are in enemy **t**, the land will . . . . . Lv 26:34
cities, and the **t** surrounding the . . . . . Nm 32:33
to enter into the **t** of your relatives . . . . . Dt 2:4
Your **t** will stretch from the desert and . . . . Josh 1:4
can take it to its **t**; do you know the. . . . . Job 38:20
them to his holy **t**, to the mountain. . . . . Ps 78:54
of all your sins throughout your **t**. . . . . Jer 15:13
Or is your **t** greater than their . . . . . Am 6:2

Bethlehem in the **t** of Judea during . . . . . Mt 2:1

TERROR

they shook in **t**; horror grabbed . . . . . Ex 15:14
your God will send **t** on them until even. . . . Dt 7:20
you the land. **t** over you has . . . . . Josh 2:9
a sound of **t** pierces their ears; when . . . . Job 15:21
LORD, because my bones are shaking in **t**! . . . Ps 6:2
when **t** hits you like a hurricane, and . . . . Prv 1:27
the dust from the **t** of the LORD, from . . . . Is 2:10
Overcome with **t** and dread, they fled from . . Mk 16:8

TEST

In this way, I'll **t** them to see . . . . . Ex 16:4
Don't **t** the LORD your God the way you. . . . Dt 6:16
As a **t** for Israel, to see whether they . . . . Jdg 2:22
them each morning, **t** them every moment? . Job 7:18
put me to the **t**! Purify my mind . . . . . Ps 26:2
said, "I won't ask; I won't **t** the LORD." . . . Is 7:12
silver; I will **t** them like one . . . . . Zec 13:9
it's written, Don't **t** the Lord your God. . . . Mt 4:7
with Jesus. To **t** him, they asked . . . . . Mk 8:11
been said, Don't **t** the Lord your God. . . . Lk 4:12
Jesus said this to **t** him, for he already . . . Jn 6:6
fire will **t** the quality of 1Co 3:13
come among you to **t** you. These are not. . . 1Pt 4:12
prison in order to **t** you. You will . . . . . Rev 2:10

TESTED

these events, God **t** Abraham and said . . . . Gn 22:1
and a ruling there, and there he **t** them. . . Ex 15:25
in the desert, but **t** me these ten times . . . Nm 14:22
the one you **t** at Massah, the one . . . . . Dt 33:8
wish Job would be **t** to the limit . . . . . Job 34:36
But you, God, have **t** us—you've refined. . . Ps 66:10
in Zion a stone, a **t** stone, a valuable . . . . Is 28:16
One of them, a legal expert, **t** him . . . . . Mt 22:35
comes in, they are **t** by all and called . . . 1Co 14:24
on the day when they **t** me in the desert. . . Heb 3:8
are evil. You have **t** those who say they . . . Rev 2:2

TESTIFIED

when the LORD has **t** against me, and. . . . . Ru 1:21
John **t** about him, crying out, "This is . . . . Jn 1:15
other words he **t** to them and . . . . . Ac 2:40
God, because we **t** against God that 1Co 15:15
this is what God **t**: he has testified 1Jn 5:9

TESTIFY

Do not **t** falsely against your neighbor . . . Ex 20:16
alone cannot **t** against a person . . . . . Nm 35:30
Do not **t** falsely against your neighbor . . . Dt 5:20
him and have them **t** as follows: 'You 1Ki 21:10
Israel, I will now **t** against you. I am. . . . Ps 50:7
first person to **t** seems innocent, ... Prv 18:17
presence; our sins **t** against us. Our. . . . . Is 59:12
I will be quick to **t** against the . . . . . Mal 3:5
You **t** against yourselves that you are. . . . Mt 23:31
of me so that you can **t** before them. . . . . Mk 13:9
In this way, you **t** that you approve of. . . . Lk 11:48
as a witness to **t** concerning the . . . . . Jn 1:7
the people and to **t** that he is the one . . . Ac 10:42
have seen, and we **t** and announce to 1Jn 1:2

TESTIMONY

be executed on the basis of only one **t**. . . . Dt 17:6
containing the **t** to come up out of . . . . . Josh 4:16
A **t**. A miktam of . . . . . Ps 60:1
Bind up the **t**; seal up the teaching . . . . Is 8:16
commanded. This will be a **t** to them. . . . . Mt 8:4
commanded. This will be a **t** to them. . . . . Mk 1:44
instructed. This will be a **t** to them. . . . . Lk 5:14
This is John's **t** when the Jewish leaders. . . . Jn 1:19
The tent of **t** was with our ancestors in . . . . Ac 7:44
same way that the **t** about Christ was 1Co 1:6
the basis of the **t** of two or three . . . . . Heb 10:28

THANK

Is this how you **t** the LORD, you stupid, ... Dt 32:6
every morning to **t** and praise the 1Ch 23:30
But I will **t** the LORD for his . . . . . Ps 7:17
on that day: "I **t** you, LORD. Though . . . . . Is 12:1
You won't **t** the servant because the . . . . . Lk 17:9
and said, "Father, **t** you for hearing me. . . . Jn 11:41
First of all, I **t** my God through Jesus . . . . . Ro 1:8

THANKS

and lives, give **t** to your name, and 1Ki 8:33
are dead. Who gives you **t** from the grave? . . . Ps 6:5
be found in her—**t** and the sound of . . . . . Is 51:3
with a voice of **t**. That which I have . . . . . Jon 2:9
After he gave **t**, he broke them . . . . . Mt 15:36
seven loaves, gave **t**, broke them apart, ... Mk 8:6
a cup and giving **t**, he said, "Take . . . . . Lk 22:17
When he had given **t**, he distributed it . . . . Jn 6:11
took bread, gave **t** to God in front of . . . . Ac 27:35
the only one who **t** God for them, but . . . . Ro 16:4
glory, honor, and **t** to the one seated . . . . Rev 4:9

THANKSGIVING

offering it for **t**, you must offer. . . . . Lv 7:12
who began the **t** with prayer, and. . . . . Neh 11:17
joyous shouts and **t** songs . . . . . Ps 42:4
incense, and **t** offerings to the . . . . . Jer 17:26
Offer a **t** sacrifice of leavened bread, ... Am 4:5
Amen!" to your **t**, when they don't 1Co 14:16
and wisdom and **t** and honor and. . . . . Rev 7:12

THESSALONICA

then came to ***T***, where there was a . . . . . Ac 17:1
care of my needs even while I was in ***T***. . . . Phil 4:16

THIEF

or sells it, the **t** must pay back five . . . . . Ex 22:1
and needy; at night, they are like a **t**. . . . Job 24:14
don't despise a **t** if he steals to . . . . . Prv 6:30
As a **t** is ashamedwhen caught in his . . . . Jer 2:26
and steal, a **t** breaks in; a group. . . . . Hos 7:1
at what time the **t** would come, he . . . . . Mt 24:43
never runs out. No **t** comes near there, . . . Lk 12:33
over the wall is a **t** and an outlaw. . . . . Jn 10:1
is going to come like a **t** in the night. 1Th 5:2
as a murderer or **t** or evildoer or 1Pt 4:15
I will come like a **t**, and you won't. . . . . Rev 3:3

THIGH

he owned, "Put your hand under my **t**. . . . . Gn 24:2
and the right **t** (because it is a . . . . . Ex 29:22
give the right **t** of your communal . . . . . Lv 7:32
offering and the **t** of the gift . . . . . Nm 6:20
it on his right **t** under his clothes. . . . . Jdg 3:16
sword ready at his **t** against terrors . . . . . Song 3:8
with my people. Therefore, strike your **t**. . . Eze 21:12
robe and on his **t**: King of kings and . . . . Rev 19:16

THINK

the stars if you **t** you can count. . . . . Gn 15:5
Pharaoh will **t** to himself, The Israelites . . . Ex 14:3
the priest, "I **t** some sort of . . . . . Lv 14:35
road. Now, if you **t** it's wrong, I'll . . . . . Nm 22:34
If you happen to **t** to yourself,These . . . . Dt 7:17
city. They will **t**, They are fleeing . . . . . Josh 8:6
t! What innocent person has ever . . . . . Job 4:7
and don't sin! **t** hard about it in . . . . . Ps 4:4
but the virtuous **t** about the path. . . . . Prv 21:29

What should I *t* about all your . . . . . Is 1:11
And don't even *t* about saying to . . . . . Mt 3:9
about what people *t*. You don't show . . . . Mk 12:14
And don't even *t* about saying to . . . . . Lk 3:8
since you *t* that in them you . . . . . Jn 5:39
What made you *t* of such a thing? . . . . . Ac 5:4
Since they didn't *t* it was worthwhile to . . . Ro 1:28
humanity that you *t* about them? Or . . . . Heb 2:6

THINKING

to herself, *t*, I'm no longer . . . . . Gn 18:12
their gods, *t*, How did these . . . . . Dt 12:30
than for me, *t*, We saved. . . . . Jdg 7:2
for twilight, *t*, No eye can see . . . . . Job 24:15
no God—that's what they are always *t*. . . . . Ps 10:4
be deceived into *t* that the . . . . . Jer 37:9
As he was *t* about this, an angel from the . . . Mt 1:20
She was *t*, If I can just touch his . . . . . Mk 5:28
patterns of *t*. He will make . . . . . Lk 1:17
you looking for?" *t* he was the . . . . . Jn 20:15
comes to evil, but be adults in your *t*. 1Co 14:20
If they had been *t* about the country that . . Heb 11:15

THINKS

touches me and *t* I'm making fun of . . . . Gn 27:12
God, do what God *t* is right, pay . . . . . Ex 15:26
king do what he *t* is best. I'll even 1Ch 21:23
because everyone *t* they have received . . . Jer 23:36
since everyone *t* John was a . . . . . Mt 21:26
how the Spirit *t*, because it pleads . . . . Ro 8:27

THIRD

evening and there was morning: the *t* day. . . Gn 1:13
On exactly the *t*-month anniversary of . . . . Ex 19:1
sacrifice on the *t* day must be burned . . . . Lv 7:17
units are 108,100. They will march *t*. . . . . Nm 2:24
sins—even to the *t* and fourth . . . . . Dt 5:9
So on the *t* day the Israelites marched. . . . Josh 9:17
a second Keziah, and the *t* Keren-happuch. . Job 42:14
Israel will be the *t* along with Egypt. . . . . Is 19:24
revive us; on the *t* day he will raise . . . . Hos 6:2
had to be killed and raised on the *t* day. . . Mt 16:21
leaving any children. The *t* did the same. . . Mk 12:21
be killed and be raised on the *t* day. . . . . Lk 9:22
On the *t* day there was a wedding in Cana . . . Jn 2:1
him up on the *t* day and allowed . . . . . Ac 10:40
second prophets, *t* teachers, then 1Co 12:28
like an ox. The *t* living creature . . . . . Rev 4:7

THIRST

our children, and our livestock with *t*? . . . . Ex 17:3
going to die of *t* and fall into the . . . . . Jdg 15:18
food. To quench my *t* they gave me . . . . . Ps 69:21
so many of them are dried up with *t*. . . . . Is 5:13
into a dry land, and make her die of *t*. . . . Hos 2:3
nights, hunger and *t*, often without 2Co 11:27
won't hunger or *t* anymore. No sun or . . . Rev 7:16

THIRSTY

people were very *t* for water there, ... Ex 17:3
to drink. I'm *t*." So she opened a . . . . . Jdg 4:19
thorns, and the *t* pant after their. . . . . Job 5:5
were hungry and *t*; their lives were . . . . . Ps 107:5
bread; if they are *t*, give them water . . . . Prv 25:21
meet the *t* with water; inhabitants of the . . . Is 21:14
So two or three *t* towns went to one city . . . Am 4:8
who are hungry and *t* for righteousness, . . . Mt 5:6
who drinks this water will be *t* again, ... Jn 4:13
feed him; if he is *t*, give him a drink. . . . . Ro 12:20
the end. To the *t* I will freely give . . . . . Rev 21:6

THIRTY

me speak. What if *t* are there?" The . . . . Gn 18:30
lived in Egypt was four hundred *t* years. . . Ex 12:40
For *t*-three days the mother will be in a . . . Lv 12:4
one hundred *t* shekels, one . . . . . Nm 7:13
took us a total of *t*-eight years to go . . . . Dt 2:14
down approximately *t*-six of them. They. . . .Josh 7:5
I written for you *t* sayings full of . . . . . Prv 22:20
the Cushite, "Take *t* men from here and. . . Jer 38:10
a flying scroll, *t* feet long and . . . . . Zec 5:2
and in another case a yield of *t* to one. . . . Mt 13:8
case a yield of *t* to one, in another . . . . . Mk 4:8
able to hold about twenty or *t* gallons. . . . .Jn 2:6
came four hundred *t* years later, ... Ga 3:17

THORNS

and it catches in *t* and then spreads. . . . . Ex 22:6
your eyes and be *t* in your side. They . . . Nm 33:55
on your sides and *t* in your eyes, ... Josh 23:13
even from the *t*, and the thirsty . . . . . Job 5:5
your pots feel the *t*, whether green or. . . . Ps 58:9
is like a hedge of *t*, but the way of . . . . Prv 15:19
or hoed, and *t* and thistles will . . . . . Is 5:6
line her path with *t*; and I will build. . . . . Hos 2:6
a crown of *t* and put it on his . . . . . Mt 27:29
together a crown of *t* and put it on him. . . Mk 15:17
thorny plants. The *t* grew with the . . . . . .Lk 8:7
a crown of *t* and put it on his . . . . . Jn 19:2
But if it produces *t* and thistles, it's. . . . . Heb 6:8

THOUGHT

idea their minds *t* up was always . . . . . Gn 6:5
land because they *t*, We'll all be dead. . . . . Ex 12:33
your weapons. You *t* it would be easy . . . . . Dt 1:41
back a report to him of what I really *t*. . . . Josh 14:7
of them, for Job *t*, Perhaps my . . . . . Job 1:5
in the very same schemes they've *t* up! . . . . Ps 10:2
but the prudent give *t* to their steps. . . . . Prv 14:15
the potter be *t* of as clay? Should . . . . . Is 29:16
god will give some *t* to us so that we . . . . . Jon 1:6
She *t*, If I only touch his robe I'll be . . . . . Mt 9:21
on the lake, they *t* he was a ghost and. . . . .Mk 6:49
Then he *t*, Here's what I'll do. I'll . . . . . Lk 12:18
They *t* Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a . . Jn 11:13
done all this. He *t* he was seeing a . . . . . Ac 12:9
This is why I *t* it was necessary to. 2Co 9:5
He *t* that the abuses he suffered for. . . . .Heb 11:26

THOUGHTS

accordance with my *t* and desires. I. 1Sa 2:35
In profound *t*, visions of night, when . . . . Job 4:13
friends while evil *t* are in their . . . . . Ps 28:3
Those with sound *t* you will keep in. . . . . Is 26:3
makes known his *t* to humankind, ...Am 4:13
heart come evil *t*, murders, ... Mt 15:19
heart, that evil *t* come: sexual sins, ...Mk 7:21
with arrogant *t* and proud . . . . . Lk 1:51
everyone's deepest *t* and desires. Show . . . . Ac 1:24
Their conflicting *t* will accuse them,. . . . . Ro 2:15
to judge the heart's *t* and intentions. . . . . Heb 4:12

THOUSAND

your brother one *t* pieces of silver. . . . . Gn 20:16
about six hundred *t* men on foot,. . . . . Ex 12:37
chase away ten *t*, and your enemies. . . . . Lv 26:8
weighed two *t* four hundred . . . . . Nm 7:85
to multiply you—a *t* times more! And. . . . . Dt 1:11
it, about three *t* feet. Don't come. . . . . .Josh 3:4
and owned seven *t* sheep, three thousand . . . Job 1:3
to me, as do the cattle on a *t* hills. . . . . .Ps 50:10
place where a *t* vines worth a . . . . . Is 7:23

marched out one *t* people will have . . . . . Am 5:3
About five *t* men plus women and children . Mt 14:21
herd of about two *t* pigs rushed down. . . . Mk 5:13
because about five *t* men were present. . . . Lk 9:14
They sat down, about five *t* of them. . . . . Jn 6:10
about three *t* people into the. . . . . Ac 2:41
for myself seven *t* people who haven't. . . . Ro 11:4
day is like a *t* years and a 2Pt 3:8
hundred forty-four *t*, sealed from every . . . Rev 7:4

THOUSANDS

our sister, become *t* of ten thousand; . . . Gn 24:60
of groups of *t*, hundreds, ... Ex 18:21
LORD of the ten thousand *t* of Israel. . . . Nm 10:36
commanders over *t*, hundreds, ... Dt 1:15
has killed his *t*, but David has 1Sa 18:7
won't be afraid of *t* of people. . . . . Ps 3:6
with mercy toward *t* upon thousands, . . . Jer 32:18
be pleased with *t* of rams, with many . . . . Mi 6:7
When a crowd of *t* upon thousands had . . . Lk 12:1
you see how many *t* of Jews have. . . . . Ac 21:20
mind than speak *t* of words in a 1Co 14:19
in the millions—thousands upon *t*. . . . . Rev 5:11

THREE

Noah had *t* sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth . . Gn 6:10
beautiful, so she hid him for *t* months. . . . Ex 2:2
grain offering of *t*-tenths of an ephah. . . . Lv 14:10
mountain for *t* days. The LORD's . . . . . Nm 10:33
Moses set aside *t* cities on the . . . . . Dt 4:41
because in *t* days you will be . . . . . Josh 1:11
He had seven sons and *t* daughters . . . . . Job 1:2
given them tears to drink *t* times over! . . . Ps 80:5
give!" There are *t* things that are . . . . . Prv 30:15
LORD has said: In *t* years, like the . . . . . Is 16:14
proclaims: For *t* crimes of . . . . . Am 1:3
whale's belly for *t* days and three . . . . . Mt 12:40
been with me for *t* days and have. . . . . Mk 8:2
Elizabeth about *t* months, and then . . . . . Lk 1:56
this temple and in *t* days I'll raise it. . . . . Jn 2:19
God brought about *t* thousand people . . . . Ac 2:41
love remain—these *t* things—and the . . . 1Co 13:13
of the testimony of two or *t* witnesses. . . . Heb 10:28
a denarion, and *t* quarts of barley . . . . . Rev 6:6

THRESHING

arrived at the *t* floor of Atad on . . . . . Gn 50:10
Your *t* season will last until the grape . . . . Lv 26:5
present a gift offering from the *t* floor. . . . Nm 15:20
Don't muzzle an ox while it is *t* grain . . . . Dt 25:4
His son Gideon was *t* wheat in a . . . . . Jdg 6:11
your grain to gather into your *t* floor? . . . Job 39:12
threshed on my *t* floor, what I . . . . . Is 21:10
pay on all *t* floors of grain. . . . . Hos 9:1
will clean out his *t* area and bring the . . . . Mt 3:12
will clean out his *t* area and bring the . . . . Lk 3:17
the ox when it is *t*. Is God worried 1Co 9:9

THRONE

who sits on his *t* to the oldest . . . . . Ex 11:5
sits on his royal *t*, he himself must . . . . . Dt 17:18
you." At that, Eglon got up from his *t*. . . . Jdg 3:20
you rule from the *t*, establishing . . . . . Ps 9:4
on his judgment *t* sifts out all evil . . . . . Prv 20:8
a high and exalted *t*, the edges of his . . . . . Is 6:1
he got up from his *t*, stripped himself. . . . Jon 3:6
pledge by heaven, because it's God's *t*. . . . Mt 5:34
will give him the *t* of David his . . . . . Lk 1:32
to seat one of his descendants on his *t*. . . . Ac 2:30
his Son, God, your *t* is forever and . . . . . Heb 1:8
seven spirits that are before God's *t*, ... Rev 1:4

THRONES

sitting on their *t*, dressed in their 1Ki 22:10
he seats kings on *t* forever, and they . . . . Job 36:7
because the *t* of justice are there . . . . . Ps 122:5
deeds, for their *t* are founded on . . . . . Prv 16:12
kings of the nations rise from their *t*. . . . . Is 14:9
will overthrow the *t* of the kingdoms; I . . . . Hg 2:22
will sit on twelve *t* overseeing the . . . . . Mt 19:28
down from their *t* and lifted up the. . . . . Lk 1:52
Whether they are *t* or powers, or . . . . . Col 1:16
Twenty-four *t*, with twenty-four elders . . . . Rev 4:4

THROWN

done nothing to be *t* into this dungeon. . . Gn 40:15
Yet we have *t* them down, destroying them . Nm 21:30
that the city was *t* into a commotion. 1Ki 1:45
I was *t* on you from birth; you've been my . . Ps 22:10
The wicked are *t* down by their own evil, . . Prv 14:32
walls will be *t* down, will be . . . . . Is 25:12
off their bark and *t* it down; their. . . . . Jl 1:7
except to be *t* away and trampled. . . . . Mt 5:13
It has often *t* him into a fire or into. . . . . Mk 9:22
(from whom seven demons had been *t* out), . . Lk 8:2
John hadn't yet been *t* into prison. . . . . Jn 3:24
The city was *t* into turmoil. They rushed. . . Ac 19:29
our bragging? It's *t* out. With which . . . . . Ro 3:27
appeared, and was *t* down to the earth. . . . Rev 8:7

THUMMIM

the Urim and the *T*, so they will be . . . . . Ex 28:30
set the Urim and *T* into the chest. . . . . Lv 8:8
Levi: "Give your *T* to Levi, your Urim . . . . Dt 33:8
respond with *T*." Jonathan and. 1Sa 14:41

THUNDER

and the LORD sent *t* and hail, and . . . . . Ex 9:23
the LORD to send *t* and rain. Then you . . . 1Sa 12:17
cloud and the *t* of his pavilion, ... Job 36:29
the skies cracked *t*; your arrows were . . . . Ps 77:17
seas they *t*. Doom to the roar . . . . . Is 17:12
Boanerges, which means "sons of *t*" . . . . Mk 3:17
and said, "It's *t*." Others said, "An. . . . . Jn 12:29
voices, and *t*. In front of the . . . . . Rev 4:5

THYATIRA

from the city of *T*, a dealer in . . . . . Ac 16:14
Smyrna, Pergamum, *T*, Sardis, ... Rev 1:11

TIED

the wood on it. He *t* up his son Isaac . . . . Gn 22:9
collected them and *t* them up in a . . . . . Ex 32:4
tunic on Aaron, *t* the sash around . . . . . Lv 8:7
went off. Then she *t* the red cord in . . . . Josh 2:21
If they are *t* with ropes, caught in cords . . . Job 36:8
up and securely *t* with ropes, among . . . . Eze 27:24
will find a donkey *t* up and a colt with. . . . Mt 21:2
it, you will find *t* up there a colt . . . . . Mk 11:2
it, you will find *t* up there a colt . . . . . Lk 19:30
and his hands *t*, and his face. . . . . Jn 11:44
took Paul's belt, *t* his own feet and . . . . Ac 21:11
or sister isn't *t* down in these 1Co 7:15

TIGLATH-PILESER

Assyria's King *T* marched against 2Ki 15:19

TIME

birth a second *t* to Cain's brother. . . . . Gn 4:2
A long *t* passed, and the Egyptian king . . . Ex 2:23
area until her *t* of purification is . . . . . Lv 12:4
When it's *t* to break camp, the Levites . . . Nm 1:51
At that same *t*, I told you: I can't . . . . . Dt 1:9
left when it was *t* to close the gate . . . . . Josh 2:5
passes, set a *t* for me, and . . . . . Job 14:13

at just the right **t** and whose leaves . . . . . Ps 1:3
you live a long **t** and provide you . . . . . Prv 3:2
pray for a long **t**, I won't listen . . . . . Is 1:15
my corn in its **t**, and my wine in . . . . . Hos 2:9
This was at the **t** of the exile to . . . . . Mt 1:11
About that **t**, Jesus came from Nazareth . . . Mk 1:9
true at the proper **t**. But because you . . . . Lk 1:20
to do with me? My **t** hasn't come yet. . . . . Jn 2:4
During this **t**, the family of believers . . . . Ac 1:15
his Son ahead of **t** through his . . . . . Ro 1:3
God's Son and remains a priest for all **t**. . . . Heb 7:3
what is written in it, for the **t** is near. . . . . Rev 1:3

TIMOTHY

a disciple named ***T***. He was the son of . . . . Ac 16:1
T my coworker says hello to you, and . . . . Ro 16:21
that our brother ***T*** has been set free. . . . . Heb 13:23

TIRED

Moses' hands grew **t**. So they took a . . . . Ex 17:12
you were weak and **t**, and because he . . . . Dt 25:18
the poor wanted, made a widow's eyes **t**, . . . Job 31:16
you in a dry and **t** land, no water . . . . . Ps 63:1
into the bowl, too **t** to return it to . . . . . Prv 26:15
become a burden that I'm **t** of bearing. . . . . Is 1:14
fire; nations become **t** for nothing. . . . . Hab 2:13
there. Jesus was **t** from his journey, ... Jn 4:6
Let's not get **t** of doing good, because in. . . . Ga 6:9
my name's sake, and you haven't gotten **t**. . . Rev 2:3

TIRZAH

were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and ***T***. . Nm 26:33
the king of ***T*** one Total of all kings: . . . . Josh 12:24
my dearest, as ***T***, as lovely as . . . . . Song 6:4

TITUS

find my brother ***T*** there. So I said. 2Co 2:13

TOBIAH

the family of Delaiah, ***T***, and Nekoda, 65 . . . Ezr 2:60

TODAY

me. I didn't even hear about it until **t**. . . . Gn 21:26
you able to come back home so soon **t**? . . . . Ex 2:18
What was done **t** was commanded by the . . . Lv 8:34
t you are crossing through the territory . . . Dt 2:18
said to Joshua, "**t** I will begin to . . . . . Josh 3:7
t my complaint is again bitter; my . . . . . Job 23:2
You are my son, **t** I have become your . . . . . Ps 2:7
of well-being; **t** I fulfilled my . . . . . Prv 7:14
says this: **t** is a day of . . . . . Is 37:3
Moreover, declare **t** that I will return . . . . . Zec 9:12
Give us the bread we need for **t**. . . . . Mt 6:11
savior is born **t** in David's city. . . . . Lk 2:11
we being examined **t** because something . . . Ac 4:9
Even **t**, whenever Moses is read, a veil. 2Co 3:15
You are my Son. **t** I have become your . . . . . Heb 1:5

TOMB

pillar on Rachel's **t** that's still there . . . . . Gn 35:20
was buried in the **t** of his father . . . . . Jdg 8:32
honored, all of them, each in his own **t**. . . . . Is 14:18
it in his own new **t**, which he had . . . . . Mt 27:60
took his dead body and laid it in a **t**. . . . . Mk 6:29
and laid it in a **t** carved out of the . . . . . Lk 23:53
had already been in the **t** for four days. . . . Jn 11:17
buried, and his **t** is with us to this . . . . . Ac 2:29
let their dead bodies be put in a **t**. . . . . Rev 11:9

TOMORROW

Pharaoh said, "**t**!" Moses said, "Just as . . . . Ex 8:10
holy for **t**; then you will eat . . . . . Nm 11:18
yourselves holy! **t** the LORD will do . . . . . Josh 3:5
I'll give it to you **t**," when you have it. . . . . Prv 3:28
of wine: "Eat and drink! **t** we will die!" . . . . Is 22:13
alive today and **t** it's thrown into . . . . . Mt 6:30
alive today and **t** it's thrown into . . . . . Lk 12:28
to the council **t**. They will pretend . . . . . Ac 23:20
eat and drink because **t** we'll die. 1Co 15:32
who say, "Today or **t** we will go to. . . . . Jas 4:13

TONGUE

I have a slow mouth and a thick **t**. . . . . Ex 4:10
speaks through me; his word is on my **t**. . . . 2Sa 23:2
there wrong on my **t**, or can my mouth . . . Job 6:30
lips and every **t** that brags and . . . . . Ps 12:3
honey, and her **t** is smoother than . . . . . Prv 5:3
Therefore, as a **t** of fire devours . . . . . Is 5:24
lies; a deceitful **t** won't be found on . . . . Zep 3:13
Then he spit and touched the man's **t**. . . . . Mk 7:33
water and cool my **t** because I'm . . . . . Lk 16:24
was glad and my **t** rejoiced. . . . . Ac 2:26
to me, and every **t** will give praise . . . . . Ro 14:11
even though the **t** is a small part of . . . . . Jas 3:5

TONGUES

water with their **t**, as a dog laps, ... Jdg 7:5
their mouths, they hide it under their **t**; . . . Job 20:12
are open graves; their **t** slick with talk. . . . . Ps 5:9
those with twisted **t** will fall into . . . . . Prv 17:20
and the **t** of those who . . . . . Is 32:4
the rage of their **t**; in Egypt they . . . . . Hos 7:16
with their **t**, and the poison of . . . . . Ro 3:13
People bit their **t** because of their. . . . . Rev 16:10

TOP

one foot from the **t**. Put a door in its . . . . . Gn 6:16
I'll stand on **t** of the hill with. . . . . Ex 17:9
will be placed on **t** of the blood of. . . . . Lv 14:17
and went up to the **t** of the mountain . . . Nm 14:40
Go up to the **t** of Mount Pisgah. Look . . . . Dt 3:27
went up to the **t** of the mountain . . . . . Josh 15:8
sole of his foot to the **t** of his head. . . . . Job 2:7
Pile guilt on **t** of their guilt! Don't let . . . . Ps 69:27
from the **t** of the city . . . . . Prv 9:3
in Hebrew at the **t** of his voice: . . . . . Is 36:13
wither, and the **t** of Carmel dries up. . . . . Am 1:2
world. A city on **t** of a hill can't be . . . . . Mt 5:14
them to the **t** of a very high . . . . . Mk 9:2
they put it on **t** of a lampstand so . . . . . Lk 8:16
as one piece from the **t** to the bottom. . . . Jn 19:23
is building on **t** of it. Each person. 1Co 3:10
lamps burning on **t** of seven gold . . . . . Rev 1:12

TORE

Jacob's thigh and **t** a muscle in . . . . . Gn 32:25
had explored the land, **t** their clothes . . . . Nm 14:6
because he **t** down the altar to . . . . . Jdg 6:30
Job arose, **t** his clothes, shaved his . . . . . Job 1:20
I didn't know **t** me to pieces and . . . . . Ps 35:15
a wasteland and **t** down its cities, ... Is 14:17
the high priest **t** his clothes and . . . . . Mt 26:65
the crowd, so they **t** off part of the . . . . . Mk 2:4
in the sanctuary **t** down the middle. . . . . Lk 23:45
about this, they **t** their clothes in. . . . . Ac 14:14
very things that I **t** down, I show that . . . . Ga 2:18

TORN

grasping a **t** olive leaf in its . . . . . Gn 8:11
apart and its **t** body is brought as. . . . . Ex 22:13
disease must wear **t** clothes, dishevel . . . . Lv 13:45
you. You will be **t** off the very . . . . . Dt 28:63
it was his altar that was **t** down. . . . . Jdg 6:31
my skin has been **t** apart this way . . . . . Job 19:26
forever. You've **t** down their . . . . . Ps 9:6

of Judah that were **t** down to defend . . . . . Jer 33:4
of Aven will be **t** down. Thorn and . . . . . Hos 10:8
city or house **t** apart by divisions . . . . . Mt 12:25
And a house **t** apart by divisions will . . . . . Mk 3:25
and a house **t** apart by divisions . . . . . Lk 11:17
Yet the net hadn't **t**, even with so many . . . Jn 21:11
what has been **t** down. I will . . . . . Ac 15:16
and they have **t** down your altars. . . . . Ro 11:3

TOUCH

from it, and don't **t** it, or you will . . . . . Gn 3:3
in the bowl, and **t** the beam above the. . . . Ex 12:22
these animals or **t** their dead bodies; . . . . . Lv 11:8
but they will not **t** the sanctuary, ... Nm 4:15
meat, and you must not **t** their carcasses. . . . Dt 14:8
God of Israel. So we can't **t** them now. . . . Josh 9:19
deliver you; from seven harm won't **t** you. . Job 5:19
mud. My feet can't **t** the bottom! I have . . . Ps 69:2
Unclean! Don't **t**! Get out of that . . . . . Is 52:11
food for those who **t** the dead; all who . . . . Hos 9:4
thought, If I only **t** his robe I'll be. . . . . Mt 9:21
pushed forward so that they could **t** him. . . . Mk 3:10
crowd wanted to **t** him, because power . . . . Lk 6:19
the Lord. Don't **t** what is unclean. 2Co 6:17
could not **t** their firstborn . . . . . Heb 11:28

TOUCHED

Isaac, and Isaac **t** him and said, "The . . . . Gn 27:22
foreskin. Then she **t** Moses' genitals . . . . Ex 4:25
and on anyone who **t** bone, the slain, ... Nm 19:18
Jordan, their feet **t** the edge of the . . . . Josh 3:15
He **t** my mouth and said, "See, this has . . . . Is 6:7
out his hand and **t** him, saying, "I do . . . . Mt 8:3
out his hand, **t** him, and said, "I . . . . . Mk 1:41
out his hand, **t** him, and said, "I . . . . . Lk 5:13
aprons that had **t** his skin were. . . . . Ac 19:12
that can be **t**: a burning fire, ... Heb 12:18

TOUCHES

Anyone who **t** this man or his . . . . . Gn 26:11
Anyone who even **t** the mountain must . . . Ex 19:12
Anything that **t** these food gifts . . . . . Lv 6:18
The person who **t** the dead body of any . . . Nm 19:11
and to Naarah, **t** Jericho, and goes . . . . Josh 16:7
One **t** another; even air can't come . . . . Job 41:16
shakes. God just **t** the mountains, and . . . Ps 104:32
wife; anyone who **t** her will be . . . . . Prv 6:29
When the east wind **t** it, won't it . . . . . Eze 17:10
heavenly forces, **t** the earth and it . . . . . Am 9:5
even a wild animal **t** the mountain, it . . . . Heb 12:20

TOWER

a city and a **t** with its top in . . . . . Gn 11:4
in victory, I'll break down this **t**! . . . . . Jdg 8:9
been my refuge, a **t** of strength in the . . . . Ps 61:3
name is a strong **t**; the righteous run . . . . Prv 18:10
Like David's **t** is your neck, splendidly. . . . Song 4:4
against every tall **t**; against every. . . . . Is 2:15
As for you, **t** of Eder, hill of Daughter . . . . Mi 4:8
in it, and built a **t**. Then he rented it . . . . Mt 21:33
and built a **t**. Then he rented it . . . . . Mk 12:1
killed when the **t** of Siloam fell on . . . . . Lk 13:4

TOWERS

villages, and **t** —Jonathan, ... 1Ch 27:25
go all the way around it; count its **t**. . . . . Ps 48:12
plantings, **t** of spices. His . . . . . Song 5:13
up their siege **t**, stripped its . . . . . Is 23:13
cities and against their high **t**. . . . . Zep 1:16

TOWN

we will spend the night in the **t** square. . . . Gn 19:2
we placed every **t**—men, women, and. . . . . Dt 2:34
The man left the **t** of Bethlehem in Judah . . . Jdg 17:8
again, won't be recognized in **t** anymore. . . . Job 7:10
and fraud never leave the **t** square. . . . . Ps 55:11
street! I'll be killed in the **t** square! . . . . Prv 22:13
This faithful **t** has become a prostitute! . . . . Is 1:21
on the edge of **t** and invite. . . . . Mt 22:9
The whole **t** gathered near the door . . . . . Mk 1:33
and ran him out of **t**. They led him to . . . . Lk 4:29
walking through **t** and carefully . . . . . Ac 17:23
to such-and-such a **t**. We will stay . . . . . Jas 4:13

TOWNS

or bad? Are the **t** in which they live . . . . . Nm 13:19
and the plunder from the **t** we had taken. . . . Dt 2:35
its king, all its **t**, and everyone in . . . . . Josh 10:37
be glad; let the **t** of Judah rejoice . . . . . Ps 48:11
glorify you; the **t** of tyrant nations . . . . . Is 25:3
or three thirsty **t** went to one city . . . . . Am 4:8
was in one of the **t** where there was. . . . . Lk 5:12
of persons from **t** around Jerusalem . . . . . Ac 5:16
and neighboring **t** practiced immoral . . . . . Jud 1:7

TRAMPLED

their vineyards, **t** them out, and had . . . . Jdg 9:27
your help; we've **t** our enemies by . . . . . Ps 44:5
breaking down its walls, so it will be **t**. . . . . Is 5:5
something to be **t**, like mud in the . . . . . Mi 7:10
be thrown away and **t** under people's . . . . . Mt 5:13
the winepress was **t** outside the city, ... Rev 14:20

TRAP

long will this man **t** us in a corner . . . . . Ex 10:7
gods because that would be a **t** for you. . . . Dt 7:16
be a snare and a **t** for you. They will . . . . Josh 23:13
A **t** grabs them by the heel; a snare . . . . . Job 18:9
them become a **t**, their offerings a . . . . . Ps 69:22
slaughter, like a deer leaping into a **t**, ... Prv 7:22
of Israel; a **t** and a snare for . . . . . Is 8:14
you have been a **t** at Mizpah, and a . . . . . Hos 5:1
to find a way to **t** Jesus in his words. . . . . Mt 22:15
of Herod to **t** him in his words. . . . . Mk 12:13
him, trying to **t** him in his words. . . . . Lk 11:54
a pitfall and a **t**, a stumbling block . . . . . Ro 11:9

TRAPPED

terrified and felt **t**, so he divided the . . . . Gn 32:7
in the land. The desert has **t** them. . . . . Ex 14:3
or you will be **t** by it. That is . . . . . Dt 7:25
now because he has **t** himself by 1Sa 23:7
that the wicked are **t**. Higgayon. Selah . . . . Ps 9:16
you will be **t** by your words; you will be . . . . Prv 6:2
escapes her, but a sinner is **t** by her. . . . . Ecc 7:26
looted, everyone **t** in holes and. . . . . Is 42:22
They are **t** by many stupid and 1Ti 6:9

TRAVEL

that I won't **t** beyond this mound. . . . . Gn 31:52
way they could **t** during the day and . . . . Ex 13:21
will go up and **t** throughout the . . . . . Josh 18:4
The unclean won't **t** on it, but it will . . . . Is 35:8
violent that nobody could **t** on that road. . . . Mt 8:28
enough strength to **t**, for some have . . . . . Mk 8:3
for me to **t** today, tomorrow, ... Lk 13:33
He didn't want to **t** in Judea, because . . . . Jn 7:1
When he wanted to **t** to Achaia, the. . . . . Ac 18:27
have the right to **t** with a wife who 1Co 9:5
soon, we will **t** together to see . . . . . Heb 13:23

TRAVELED

When they **t** east, they found a valley in. . . . Gn 11:2
The Israelites **t** from Rameses to Succoth. . . . Ex 12:37

desert. Then they **t** three days in the . . . . Nm 33:8
instructed me. We **t** all around Mount . . . . Dt 2:1
though you've never **t** this way before. . . . Josh 3:4
keep the ancient way **t** by sinful persons, . . Job 22:15
the road you have **t**, the path you have . . . Jer 31:21
Jesus **t** throughout Galilee, teaching in . . . Mt 4:23
He **t** throughout Galilee preaching in . . . . Mk 1:39
disciples and a great crowd **t** with him. . . . Lk 7:11
After this Jesus **t** throughout Galilee. He . . . Jn 7:1
in Azotus. He **t** through that area, ... Ac 8:40

TREASURE

must have hidden a **t** in your sacks. I . . . . Gn 43:23
the gold in the **t** rooms of the 2Ki 12:18
death, who search for it more than for **t**, . . Job 3:21
you ruin what they **t**. Yes, a human life . . . Ps 39:11
like silver; search for it like hidden **t**. . . . . Prv 2:4
fear of the LORD will be Zion's **t**. . . . . Is 33:6
they opened their **t** chests and . . . . . Mt 2:11
Then you will have **t** in heaven. And. . . . . Mk 10:21
don't wear out—a **t** in heaven that . . . . . Lk 12:33
But we have this **t** in clay pots so that. . . . 2Co 4:7
fire. Consider the **t** you have hoarded . . . . . Jas 5:3

TREASURES

are nourished on buried **t** in the sand. . . . Dt 33:19
all of Israel's **t**, anyway? Isn't it. 1Sa 9:20
No. The LORD **t** the people who honor him, . Ps 147:11
for myself, the **t** of kings and . . . . . Ecc 2:8
have countless **t**. Their land is . . . . . Is 2:7
have carried my rich **t** into your temples. . . . Jl 3:5
Stop collecting **t** for your own benefit. . . . . Mt 6:19
All the **t** of wisdom and knowledge are . . . . Col 2:3
valuable than the **t** of Egypt, since he . . . . Heb 11:26

TREASURIES

put them in the **t** of the LORD's 1Ki 7:51
those who love me and to fill up their **t**. . . . Prv 8:21
with the rain, the wind from his **t**. . . . . Jer 10:13

TREASURY

buy, and he deposited it in Pharaoh's **t**. . . Gn 47:14
LORD. They must go into the LORD's **t**. . . . Josh 6:19
he showed them his **t**—the silver and. . . . . Is 39:2
me, "Put it in the **t**. They value me at . . . . Zec 11:13
this money in the **t**. Since it was used . . . . Mt 27:6
box for the temple **t** and observed how . . . Mk 12:41
good from the good **t** of the inner self, . . . Lk 6:45
area known as the **t**. No one arrested . . . . Jn 8:20
for the entire **t** of Candace. . . . . Ac 8:27

TREAT

so that they will **t** me well for your . . . . . Gn 12:13
Why do you **t** your servants like . . . . . Ex 5:15
my sabbaths and **t** my sanctuary with. . . . Lv 19:30
with us and we'll **t** you well, for the . . . . Nm 10:29
Sabbath day and **t** it as holy, ... Dt 5:12
us how we should **t** the boy who is to . . . . Jdg 13:8
my words, to **t** the words of a . . . . . Job 6:26
if they **t** my statutes like dirt, stop . . . . . Ps 89:31
it would be to **t** you like children . . . . . Jer 3:19
Admah? How can I **t** you like Zeboiim? . . . Hos 11:8
you should **t** people in the same . . . . . Mt 7:12
t people in the same way that you want . . . . Lk 6:31
time, and to **t** the one who has . . . . . Ro 3:26

TREATED

to her." So Sarai **t** her harshly, and . . . . . Gn 16:6
So God **t** the midwives well, and the . . . . . Ex 1:20
should be **t** like the bed she . . . . . Lv 15:26
Why have you **t** your servant so . . . . . Nm 11:11
The Egyptians **t** us terribly, oppressing . . . . Dt 26:6
So Joshua **t** them in this way. He spared. . . . Josh 9:26
You have **t** your servant well, LORD, ... Ps 119:65
raw wounds, not **t**, not bandaged, not. . . . . Is 1:6
cords of love. I **t** them like those . . . . . Hos 11:4
first group. They **t** them in the same . . . . Mt 21:36
him on the head and **t** him disgracefully. . . . Mk 12:4
why have you **t** us like this? . . . . . Lk 2:48
in Sidon. Julius **t** Paul kindly and. . . . . Ac 27:3
the Law says who will be **t** as righteous. . . . Ro 2:13
partners with those who were **t** that way. . . Heb 10:33

TREE

every beautiful **t** with edible fruit, ... Gn 2:9
it shattered every **t** out in the field. . . . . Ex 9:25
plant any fruit **t**, you must consider . . . . Lv 19:23
Don't plant any **t** to serve as a sacred . . . . Dt 16:21
king of Ai on a **t** until evening. At. . . . . Josh 8:29
is hope for a **t**. If it's cut down . . . . . Job 14:7
They are like a **t** replanted by streams of. . . . Ps 1:3
She is a **t** of life to those who embrace. . . . Prv 3:18
a stripped olive **t**: two or three . . . . . Is 17:6
fruit on the fig **t**, I saw your . . . . . Hos 9:10
Therefore, every **t** that doesn't . . . . . Mt 3:10
he noticed a fig **t** in leaf, so he . . . . . Mk 11:13
Therefore, every **t** that doesn't . . . . . Lk 3:9
called you, I saw you under the fig **t**. . . . . Jn 1:48
you killed by hanging him on a **t**. . . . . Ac 5:30
produces the rich oil of the olive **t**, ... Ro 11:17
sisters, can a fig **t** produce olives?. . . . . Jas 3:12
to eat from the **t** of life, which is . . . . . Rev 2:7

TREES

seeds and fruit **t** bearing fruit with . . . . . Gn 1:11
will eat all your **t** growing in the . . . . . Ex 10:5
from majestic **t**, palm branches, ... Lv 23:40
or poor? Are there **t** in it or not? Be. . . . . Nm 13:20
and olive **t** that you didn't . . . . . Dt 6:11
them on five **t**. They were hanging . . . . Josh 10:26
voice breaks cedar **t**—yes, the LORD . . . . Ps 29:5
the righteous will thrive like leafy **t**. . . . Prv 11:28
among the wild **t**, so is my lover . . . . . Song 2:3
shook as the **t** of a forest shake. . . . . Is 7:2
vines and her fig **t**, of which she . . . . . Hos 2:12
at the root of the **t**. Therefore, every . . . . Mt 3:10
They look like **t**, only they are . . . . . Mk 8:24
at the root of the **t**. Therefore, every . . . . Lk 3:9
fruitless autumn **t**, twice dead, ... Jud 1:12
the sea, or the **t** until we have put . . . . . Rev 7:3

TREMBLE

t before him, all the earth! Yes, he set . . . 1Ch 16:30
leaf to **t**, or will you . . . . . Job 13:25
to see; make their insides **t** constantly. . . . Ps 69:23
Egypt's idols will **t** before God; the . . . . . Is 19:1
people of the land **t**, for the day of . . . . . Jl 2:1
believe this, and they **t** with fear. . . . . Jas 2:19

TRIBAL

ancestor of twelve **t** leaders, and I . . . . . Gn 17:20
Then Edom's **t** chiefs were terrified;. . . . . Ex 15:15
They were the **t** chiefs and those . . . . . Nm 7:2
from one of your **t** areas—that's . . . . . Dt 12:14
according to their **t** shares. Then the . . . Josh 11:23
are deluded; the **t** chiefs have led . . . . . Is 19:13

TRIBE

and Hur's grandson from the **t** of Judah. . . . Ex 31:2
Dibri's daughter from the **t** of Dan. . . . . Lv 24:11
one man from each **t** who is the head of . . . Nm 1:4
to your fellow **t** members and judge. . . . . Dt 1:16
the Gadites, and half the **t** of Manasseh: . . Josh 1:12
redeemed to be the **t** of your own: . . . . . Ps 74:2

and two from a **t**—and bring you . . . . . Jer 3:14
your name. Hear, **t**, and who appointed . . . . Mi 6:9
belonged to the **t** of Asher. She was . . . . . Lk 2:36
son, from the **t** of Benjamin, and . . . . . Ac 13:21
of Abraham, from the **t** of Benjamin. . . . . Ro 11:1
belongs to another **t**, and no one ever . . . . Heb 7:13
The Lion of the **t** of Judah, the Root . . . . . Rev 5:5

TRIBES

tribal leaders according to their **t**. . . . . Gn 25:16
stone pillars for the twelve **t** of Israel. . . . . Ex 24:4
of their ancestral **t** and leaders of the . . . . Nm 1:16
for each of your **t**, choose wise, ... Dt 1:13
men from the **t** of Israel, one per . . . . . Josh 3:12
he settled Israel's **t** in their tents. . . . . Ps 78:55
to raise up the **t** of Jacob and to . . . . . Is 49:6
Day. Against the **t** of Israel I will . . . . . Hos 5:9
overseeing the twelve **t** of Israel. . . . . Mt 19:28
overseeing the twelve **t** of Israel. . . . . Lk 22:30
promise our twelve **t** hope to receive as . . . . Ac 26:7
To the twelve **t** who are scattered. . . . . Jas 1:1
him, and all the **t** of the earth will . . . . . Rev 1:7

TRIBUTE

You will offer as **t** to the LORD from each . . Nm 31:28
him to take their **t** payment to Moab's . . . Jdg 3:15
hills bring him **t**, places where all. . . . . Job 40:20
receiving **t** from people, even . . . . . Ps 68:18

TRIP

LORD had made his **t** successful or not. . . . Gn 24:21
cause them to **t**. Instead, fear . . . . . Lv 19:14
or are on a long **t**, they may still . . . . . Nm 9:10
But if the **t** is too long, because the . . . . . Dt 14:24
be successful on this **t** we've taken. . . . . Jdg 18:5
slow down; their plans **t** themselves. . . . . Job 18:7
Though they **t** up, they won't be thrown. . . . Ps 37:24
will be a stone to **t** over and a rock to . . . . Is 8:14
believe in me to **t** and fall into sin, ... Mt 18:6
believe in me to **t** and fall into sin, ... Mk 9:42
and took a **t** to a land far . . . . . Lk 15:13
taught Balak to **t** up the Israelites . . . . . Rev 2:14

TROOPS

will come forward and will address the **t**. . . . Dt 20:2
he and all his **t**, the men of the . . . . . Josh 8:14
His **t** come as one and construct their. . . . Job 19:12
All the strong **t** couldn't even lift . . . . . Ps 76:5
the few remaining **t** left in the city, ... Jer 38:4
numerous are his **t**! Mighty are those . . . . Jl 2:11
number of cavalry **t** was two hundred. . . . Rev 9:16

TROUBLE

me when I was in **t** and who has been . . . . . Gn 35:3
nor has he seen **t** for Israel. The . . . . . Nm 23:21
our misery, our **t**, and our . . . . . Dt 26:7
you coming to me now when you're in **t**? . . Jdg 11:7
womb, didn't hide **t** from my eyes. . . . . Job 3:10
evil, conceive **t**, give birth to . . . . . Ps 7:14
wink an eye bring **t**; those who speak . . . . Prv 10:10
rest from pain and **t** and from the hard . . . . Is 14:3
itself. Each day has enough **t** of its own. . . . Mt 6:34
Why do you make **t** for her? She has . . . . . Mk 14:6
as a result of the **t** that occurred . . . . . Ac 11:19
There will be **t** and distress for every . . . . . Ro 2:9
that might cause **t** and pollute many . . . . Heb 12:15

TROUBLED

I haven't **t** Israel; you and 1Ki 18:18
the guiltless become **t** about the godless. . . . Job 17:8
pray to you during **t** times, so that a . . . . . Ps 32:6
one's face, but a **t** heart breaks the . . . . . Prv 15:13
the nations or be **t** by signs in the . . . . . Jer 10:2
heard this, he was **t**, and everyone in . . . . . Mt 2:3
also, he was deeply disturbed and **t**. . . . . Jn 11:33
they were deeply **t**. They said to . . . . . Ac 2:37
tears, with a very **t** and anxious heart. 2Co 2:4

TROUBLES

forget all of my **t** and everyone in my . . . . Gn 41:51
I handle all your **t**, burdens, and . . . . . Dt 1:12
you from all your **t** and difficulties 1Sa 10:19
me free from my **t**! Have mercy on me! . . . . . Ps 4:1
called Amen. Past **t** will be forgotten . . . . . Is 65:16
him from all his **t**. The grace and . . . . . Ac 7:10
be unaware of the **t** that we went 2Co 1:8

TRUE

came **t** exactly: Pharaoh . . . . . Gn 41:13
obey me and stay **t** to my covenant, ... Ex 19:5
my word will come **t** for you or not. . . . . Nm 11:23
of you who stayed **t** to the LORD your. . . . . Dt 4:4
Joshua, "It's **t**. I've sinned . . . . . Josh 7:20
That's not **t** for the wicked! They are . . . . . Ps 1:4
who sow righteousness receive a **t** reward. . Prv 11:18
It's **t**, LORD, that the Assyrian kings . . . . . Is 37:18
t Instruction was in his mouth; injustice . . . Mal 2:6
become completely **t** for them: You will . . . Mt 13:14
spoken will come **t** at the proper . . . . . Lk 1:20
The **t** light that shines on all people was . . . . Jn 1:9
priest asked, "Are these accusations **t**?" . . . . Ac 7:1
not! God must be **t**, even if every . . . . . Ro 3:4
which is the **t** meeting tent that . . . . . Heb 8:2
who is holy and **t**, who has the key . . . . . Rev 3:7

TRULY

LORD God, you are **t** God! Your words are . . 2Sa 7:28
get to listen to your wisdom are **t** happy! . . . 1Ki 10:8
You are **t** making religion ineffective and . . Job 15:4
The **t** happy person doesn't follow wicked . . . Ps 1:1
The LORD has **t** saved me, and we will make . . Is 38:20
knows them. **t**, the LORD's ways . . . . . Hos 14:9
that this one is **t** the savior of the . . . . . Jn 4:42
out loud that **t** God is among you! 1Co 14:25
the love of God is **t** perfected in 1Jn 2:5

TRUMPET

a holy occasion marked by a **t** signal. . . . . Lv 23:24
as you hear that **t** blast, have all . . . . . Josh 6:5
will see! When the **t** blasts, you will. . . . . Is 18:3
in Gibeah; blow a **t** in Ramah. Sound . . . . . Hos 5:8
don't blow your **t** as the hypocrites . . . . . Mt 6:2
And if a **t** call is unrecognizable, then 1Co 14:8
a blast of a **t**, and a sound of words . . . . . Heb 12:19
me a loud voice that sounded like a **t**. . . . . Rev 1:10

TRUMPETS

Make two silver **t** and make them from . . . Nm 10:2
carry seven **t** made from rams' . . . . . Josh 6:4
With **t** and a horn blast, shout . . . . . Ps 98:6
God, and seven **t** were given to them. . . . . Rev 8:2

TRUST

they will always **t** you." Moses told . . . . . Ex 19:9
you didn't **t** me to show my . . . . . Nm 20:12
You didn't **t** him. You didn't . . . . . Dt 9:23
Yet Sihon didn't **t** the Israelites to pass . . . Jdg 11:20
If he doesn't **t** his servants and levels a . . . Job 4:18
righteous offerings, and **t** the LORD! . . . . . Ps 4:5
t in the LORD with all your heart; don't . . . Prv 3:5
salvation; I will **t** and won't be . . . . . Is 12:2
a friend; put no **t** in a companion; . . . . . Mi 7:5
hearts and lives, and **t** this good news! . . . . Mk 1:15
wealth, who will **t** you with true . . . . . Lk 16:11

But Jesus didn't *t* himself to them . . . . Jn 2:24
Lord, in whom they had placed their *t*. . . . Ac 14:23
as someone you can *t* because of the 1Co 7:25
see him now, you *t* him and so rejoice. 1Pt 1:8

TRUSTED

Abram *t* the LORD, and the LORD recognized Gn 15:6
are their gods—the rocks they *t* in . . . . Dt 32:37
Achish *t* David, thinking, David has. 1Sa 27:12
ashamed that they *t*; they arrive and . . . . Job 6:20
But I have *t* in your faithful love. My . . . . Ps 13:5
you don't believe this, you can't be *t*. . . . . Is 7:9
because you have *t* in your way and in. . . . Hos 10:13
the armor he had *t* and divides the . . . . . Lk 11:22
all, the Jews were *t* with God's . . . . . Ro 3:2
holy women who *t* in God used to 1Pt 3:5

TRUSTWORTHY

I am El Shaddai. Walk with me and be *t*. . . . Gn 17:1
They should be *t* and not corrupt. . . . . Ex 18:21
for myself a *t* priest who will. 1Sa 2:35
and justice; all God's rules are *t*. . . . . Ps 111:7
secrets, but a *t* person keeps a . . . . . Prv 11:13
because Daniel was *t*. He wasn't guilty . . . . Dn 6:4
their lives to a *t* creator by doing 1Pt 4:19
down, for these words are *t* and true. . . . . Rev 21:5

TRUTH

don't stretch the *t* to favor important. . . . . Ex 23:2
No! The *t* is we did this out of concern . . Josh 22:24
Because there's no *t* in my enemies'. . . . . Ps 5:9
mouth utters the *t*; my lips despise . . . . . Prv 8:7
before you in *t* and sincerity. . . . . Is 38:3
and they reject the one who speaks the *t*. . . . Am 5:10
I tell you the *t*, I don't know you.' . . . . . Mt 25:12
front of Jesus and told him the whole *t*. . . . Mk 5:33
a father's only son, full of grace and *t*. . . . . Jn 1:14
couldn't learn the *t*, so he ordered . . . . . Ac 21:34
beings who silence the *t* with injustice. . . . . Ro 1:18
knowledge of the *t*, there isn't a . . . . . Heb 10:26

TRY

break through to *t* to see the LORD, ... Ex 19:21
Do not desire and *t* to take your . . . . . Dt 5:21
If you *t* to leave, be advised that on the . . . 1Ki 2:37
against God and *t* to overpower the. . . . . Job 15:25
Let someone *t* to expose our crimes! . . . . Ps 64:6
The stingy *t* to get rich fast, unaware . . . . Prv 28:22
bitterly. Don't *t* to comfort me . . . . . Is 22:4
That which you do *t* to keep safe, I . . . . . Mi 6:14
I tell you, will *t* to enter and won't . . . . . Lk 13:24
then I won't *t* to avoid death. . . . . Ac 25:11
and they *t* to establish their . . . . . Ro 10:3
that he rewards people who *t* to find him. . . Heb 11:6

TRYING

they groped around *t* to find the . . . . . Gn 19:11
against it and *t* to conquer it, ... Dt 20:19
My father Saul is *t* to kill you. Be on 1Sa 19:2
come at me *t* to eat me up . . . . . Ps 27:2
wear yourself out *t* to get rich; be. . . . . Prv 23:4
bones. I'm drained *t* to contain it; I'm. . . . Jer 20:9
Those who were *t* to kill the child. . . . . Mt 2:20
They were *t* to row forward, ... Mk 6:48
against him, *t* to trap him in his . . . . . Lk 11:54
up. When I'm *t* to get to it, ... Jn 5:7
opposed them, *t* to steer the . . . . . Ac 13:8
one left, and they are *t* to take my life. . . . . Ro 11:3
course, he isn't *t* to help angels, ... Heb 2:16

TWELFTH

On the *t* day Naphtali's Chief, Ahira, ... Nm 7:78
was with the *t* yoke. Elijah met. 1Ki 19:19
day of the *t* month of that very . . . . . Jer 52:31
was jacinth, and the *t* was amethyst. . . . . Rev 21:20

TWELVE

For *t* years they had served Chedorlaomer, . . Gn 14:4
where there were *t* springs of water. . . . . Ex 15:27
flour and bake *t* loaves of . . . . . Lv 24:5
Aaron, and the *t* chiefs of Israel, ... Nm 1:44
me, so I selected *t* men, one from each . . . . Dt 1:23
Now pick *t* men from the tribes of Israel, . . Josh 3:12
Edom, killing *t* thousand in the . . . . . Ps 60:1
bronze Sea and the *t* bronze bulls that . . . . Jer 52:20
been bleeding for *t* years came up . . . . . Mt 9:20
He appointed *t* and called them apostles. . . . Mk 3:14
When he was *t* years old, they went up to . . . Lk 2:42
them and filled *t* baskets with the . . . . . Jn 6:13
The *t* called a meeting of all the . . . . . Ac 6:2
He appeared to Cephas, then to the *t* 1Co 15:5
Christ. To the *t* tribes who are . . . . . Jas 1:1
tribe of Judah, *t* thousand were . . . . . Rev 7:5

TWENTY

They will live one hundred *t* years. . . . . Gn 6:3
the evening of the *t*-first day, you . . . . . Ex 12:18
for a male is *t* shekels, for a . . . . . Lv 27:5
shekel of *t* gerahs to the. . . . . Nm 3:47
Rimmon. In total: *t*-nine cities and . . . . Josh 15:32
column was about *t*-seven feet high . . . . Jer 52:21
than one hundred *t* thousand people . . . . Jon 4:11
go up against the *t* thousand coming . . . . Lk 14:31
able to hold about *t* or thirty gallons. . . . . Jn 2:6
about one hundred *t* persons. Peter. . . . . Ac 1:15
of them did, and *t*-three thousand 1Co 10:8
t-four thrones, with twenty-four elders . . . . Rev 4:4

TWICE

He's taken me *t* now: he took my . . . . . Gn 27:36
it will be *t* as much as they. . . . . Ex 16:5
with his staff *t*. Out flooded water . . . . . Nm 20:11
go back over them *t*. Let the leftovers. . . . . Dt 24:20
God of Israel, who had appeared to him *t*. . . . 1Ki 11:9
God does all this, *t*, three times with . . . . Job 33:29
God's chariots are *t* ten thousand . . . . . Ps 68:17
She didn't think *t* about corrupting the . . . . Jer 3:9
annihilate! Distress will not arise *t*. . . . . Na 1:9
they become *t* the child of hell . . . . . Mt 23:15
the rooster crows *t*, you will deny me . . . . Mk 14:30
I fast *t* a week. I give a tenth of. . . . . Lk 18:12
fruitless autumn trees, *t* dead, uprooted; . . . Jud 1:12
Give her back *t* as much for what . . . . . Rev 18:6

TWISTED

curtains of fine *t* linen and blue, ... Ex 26:1
they are a *t* and perverse . . . . . Dt 32:5
ways are always *t*. Your rules are . . . . . Ps 10:5
doing evil, rejoicing in their *t* evil. . . . . Prv 2:14
rage, and his face *t* beyond recognition . . . . Dn 3:19
They *t* together a crown of thorns and put. . Mt 27:29
ears opened, his *t* tongue was . . . . . Mk 7:35
The soldiers *t* together a crown of thorns . . Jn 19:2
like this is *t* and sinful . . . . . Ti 3:11

TYRE

fortified city of ***T***. The border turned . . . Josh 19:29
The city of ***T***, the wealthiest of all, ... Ps 45:12
there's darkness. ***T*** and the Nile will . . . . Is 5:30
I looked toward ***T***, Ephraim was . . . . . Hos 9:13
had been done in ***T*** and Sidon, they. . . . Mt 11:21
and the area surrounding ***T*** and Sidon. . . . Mk 3:8
the area around ***T*** and Sidon joined . . . . Lk 6:17
with the people of ***T*** and Sidon for some . . Ac 12:20

U

UNCIRCUMCISED

Any **u** male whose flesh of his foreskin . . . Gn 17:14
of the land. But no **u** person may eat it. . . . Ex 12:48
if their **u** hearts are humbled. . . . . Lv 26:41
place. They were **u** because they . . . . . Josh 5:7
holy city; for the **u** and unclean will . . . . . Is 52:1
the home of the **u** and ate with them! . . . . Ac 11:3
who were called "**u**" by Jews who are . . . . Eph 2:11

UNCLEAN

and from every **u** animal, take one . . . . . Gn 7:2
by touching some **u** thing—the dead . . . . . Lv 5:2
or who has become **u** from contact with . . . Nm 5:2
own property is **u** land, then cross . . . . Josh 22:19
made themselves **u** by what they did; . . . . Ps 106:39
I'm a man with **u** lips, and I live . . . . . Is 6:5
and in Assyria they will eat **u** food. . . . . Hos 9:3
authority over **u** spirits to throw . . . . . Mt 10:1
The **u** spirit shook him and screamed, then . Mk 1:26
the spirit of an **u** demon. He screamed, . . . Lk 4:33
those harassed by **u** spirits. Everyone . . . . Ac 5:16
touch what is **u**. Then I will 2Co 6:17
Then I saw three **u** spirits, like frogs, ... Rev 16:13

UNDERSTAND

so they won't **u** each other's . . . . . Gn 11:7
This is how you will **u** my frustration. . . . Nm 14:34
that speaks a language you can't **u**, ... Dt 28:49
do you ask my name? You couldn't **u** it. . . . Jdg 13:18
know; what do you **u** that isn't among . . . Job 15:9
They just don't **u**; they're just like. . . . . Ps 49:20
discipline, to help one **u** wise sayings. . . . . Prv 1:2
since they didn't **u**—their officials . . . . . Is 5:13
LORD; they can't **u** his scheme, ... Mi 4:12
they hear, they don't really hear or **u**. . . . Mt 13:13
can hear but not **u**. Otherwise, they . . . . Mk 4:12
But they didn't **u** what he said to them . . . Lk 2:50
Why don't you **u** what I'm saying? It's . . . . Jn 8:43
his own kin to **u** that God was using . . . . Ac 7:25
because they don't **u** his righteousness, . . . Ro 10:3
By faith we **u** that the universe has been . . Heb 11:3

UNDERSTANDING

God's messengers, **u** good and evil. May . . 2Sa 14:17
you a wise and **u** mind. There has 1Ki 3:12
In old age is wisdom; **u** in a long life. . . . Job 12:12
I have more **u** than the elders because I . . Ps 119:100
in wisdom; those with **u** gain guidance. . . . Prv 1:5
of wisdom and **u**, a spirit of . . . . . Is 11:2
practices. Wine and new wine destroy **u**. . . Hos 4:11
the heart, a full **u**, and all of one's . . . . Mk 12:33
him was amazed by his **u** and his answers. . . Lk 2:47
had an accurate **u** of the Way, ... Ac 24:22
They are without **u**, disloyal, without . . . . Ro 1:31
of you wise and **u**? Show that your . . . . . Jas 3:13

UNDERWORLD

Deeper than the **u** —what can you . . . . . Job 11:8
in the grave, your faithfulness in the **u**? . . . Ps 88:11
The grave and the **u** lie open before the . . . Prv 15:11
The **u** beneath becomes restless to greet . . . Is 14:9
through into the **u**, from there my . . . . . Am 9:2
The gates of the **u** won't be able to . . . . . Mt 16:18
level of the **u** and committed them 2Pt 2:4

UNFAITHFUL

two of you were **u** toward me in front . . . . Dt 32:51
because they were **u**, following other . . . . Jdg 2:17
I would have been **u** to your children. . . . . Ps 73:15
you noticed what **u** Israel has done? . . . . Jer 3:6
An evil and **u** generation . . . . . Mt 12:39
my words in this **u** and sinful . . . . . Mk 8:38
and assign them a place with the **u**. . . . . Lk 12:46
continue to be **u**, because God is . . . . . Ro 11:23
you have an evil, **u** heart that . . . . . Heb 3:12

UNIT

under the banner of their own military **u**. . . Nm 1:52
of cheese to their **u** commander. Find 1Sa 17:18
a twenty-one-inch **u** of measure. The . . . . Eze 43:13
was nearby with a **u** of soldiers, and I . . . . Ac 23:27
a body is a **u** and has many 1Co 12:12

UNITED

together and were **u** as one against the . . . Jdg 20:11
all were **u** in their devotion to prayer, ... Ac 1:14
If we were **u** together in a death like . . . . Ro 6:5
they weren't **u** in faith with the . . . . . Heb 4:2

UNITS

Aaron will enlist in their military **u**. . . . . Nm 1:3
family among the military **u** of Israel. . . Josh 22:14

UNLEAVENED

them, even baking **u** bread, and they . . . . Gn 19:3
eat it along with **u** bread and bitter . . . . Ex 12:8
of choice flour: **u** flatbread mixed. . . . . Lv 2:4
of loaves of **u** bread made with . . . . . Nm 6:15
days you must eat **u** bread, bread . . . . . Dt 16:3
in the land: **u** bread and roasted . . . . . Josh 5:11
the first month. **u** bread will be. . . . . Eze 45:21
of the Festival of **u** Bread the. . . . . Mt 26:17
the Festival of **u** Bread. The chief . . . . . Mk 14:1
The Festival of **u** Bread, which is called . . . Lk 22:1
happened during the Festival of **u** Bread. . . . Ac 12:3
supposed to be **u** bread. Christ our 1Co 5:7

UPLIFTED

lift them as an **u** offering in the . . . . . Ex 29:24
be lifted as an **u** offering before . . . . . Lv 7:30
raise them as an **u** offering before . . . . . Nm 6:20
from the wicked, the **u** arm broken. . . . Job 38:15
day long and are **u** by your . . . . . Ps 89:16

UPPER

hair, cover their **u** lip, and shout . . . . . Lv 13:45
or even just the **u** millstone must not . . . . Dt 24:6
So he gave her the **u** springs and the . . . Josh 15:19
the channel of the **u** Pool, by the road . . . . Is 7:3
who builds his **u** rooms in the . . . . . Am 9:6
powerful, not many were from the **u** class. . 1Co 1:26

UPSET

This **u** Abraham terribly because the boy . . Gn 21:11
The LORD was outraged, and Moses was **u**. . Nm 11:10
Hannah was very **u** and couldn't stop 1Sa 1:10
David.] Don't get **u** over evildoers; . . . . . Ps 37:1
and don't be **u** when they abuse . . . . . Is 51:7
the king was **u**, because of his . . . . . Mt 14:9
the king was **u**, because of his . . . . . Mk 6:26
or sister is **u** by your food, you . . . . . Ro 14:15
Don't be terrified or **u** by them. 1Pt 3:14

UR

his native land, in ***U*** of the Chaldeans. . . . Gn 11:28
brought him out of ***U*** of the Chaldeans . . . Neh 9:7

URIAH

Bathsheba, the wife of ***U*** the Hittite? 2Sa 11:3
in the matter of ***U*** the Hittite. 1Ki 15:5
trusted people, ***U*** the priest and . . . . . Is 8:2
whose mother had been the wife of ***U***. . . . Mt 1:6

URIM
decisions the ***U*** and the Thummim, ... Ex 28:30
Aaron and set the ***U*** and Thummim into. . . . . Lv 8:8
to Levi, your ***U*** to your faithful . . . . . Dt 33:8
respond with ***U***, but if the 1Sa 14:41

UZZIAH
of Judah's King ***U***. He ruled for one. 2Ki 15:13
of Judah's kings ***U***, Jotham, Ahaz, and . . . . . Is 1:1
of Judah's Kings ***U***, Jotham, Ahaz, and . . . . . Hos 1:1
of Joram. Joram was the father of ***U***. . . . . Mt 1:8

V

VALLEY
east, they found a ***v*** in the land of . . . . . Gn 11:2
live in the ***v***, tomorrow turn and . . . . . Nm 14:25
that is in the ***v*** there, even as far . . . . . Dt 2:36
Joshua. They brought them up to Achor ***v***. . Josh 7:24
row; will it plow the ***v*** behind you? . . . . . Job 39:10
the darkest ***v***, I fear no danger . . . . . Ps 23:4
of the river ***v*** peck it out, and . . . . . Prv 30:17
their provisions to the ***v*** of the Willows. . . . Is 15:7
the bow of Israel in the Jezreel ***v***. . . . . Hos 1:5
Every ***v*** will be filled, and every. . . . . Lk 3:5
side of the Kidron ***v***. He and his . . . . . Jn 18:1

VALLEYS
that gush up in the ***v*** and on the hills; . . . . Dt 8:7
not a god of the ***v***, I am handing this 1Ki 20:28
with flocks, the ***v*** decked out in . . . . . Ps 65:13
of the Sharon plain, a lily of the ***v***. . . . . Song 2:1
Your finest ***v*** were filled with chariots, ... Is 22:7
under him; the ***v*** will split apart, ... Mi 1:4

VALUABLE
of war and the ***v*** property, both . . . . . Nm 31:11
took all the ***v*** things from those . . . . . Josh 11:14
a tested stone, a ***v*** cornerstone, a . . . . . Is 28:16
How much more ***v*** is a person than a sheep! . Mt 12:12
Christ were more ***v*** than the treasures . . . Heb 11:26

VALUE
the flock, its ***v*** calculated in . . . . . Lv 5:15
six years—at a ***v*** double that of a . . . . . Dt 15:18
and everything of ***v***. They weren't 1Sa 15:9
doesn't know its ***v***; it isn't found in . . . . . Job 28:13
say nothing of ***v***. Their hearts . . . . . Ps 41:6
Her ***v*** exceeds pearls; all you desire . . . . . Prv 3:15
name of Baal, going after what has no ***v***. . . . Jer 2:8
Of what ***v*** is an idol, when its potter . . . . Hab 2:18
It has no ***v***, neither for the soil nor . . . . . Lk 14:35
them publicly. The ***v*** of those materials . . . Ac 19:19
with the superior ***v*** of knowing Christ . . . . Phil 3:8
faith without actions has no ***v*** at all? . . . . Jas 2:20

VASHTI
same time, Queen ***V*** held a feast for . . . . . Est 1:9

VEIL
herself with a ***v***, put on makeup, ... Gn 38:14
Make a ***v*** of blue, purple, and deep red . . . Ex 26:31
doves behind the ***v*** of your hair! Your . . . . Song 4:1
this mountain the ***v*** that is veiling . . . . . Is 25:7
who used to put a ***v*** over his face so 2Co 3:13

VENGEANCE
foreskins as ***v*** on the king's 1Sa 18:25
when they see ***v*** done, when they. . . . . Ps 58:10
LORD has a day of ***v***, a year of payback . . . . Is 34:8
I will exact ***v*** in anger and in wrath on. . . . . Mi 5:15

VEST
in the priest's ***v*** and chest piece. . . . . Ex 25:7
put the priestly ***v*** on Aaron, tied the . . . . . Lv 8:7
a priestly ***v*** out of it, and put. . . . . Jdg 8:27
priestly ***v***, and you will . . . . . Is 30:22
without a priestly ***v*** or household. . . . . Hos 3:4

VICTORIOUS
me when I return ***v*** from the Ammonites . . Jdg 11:31
mouth with joy, your lips with a ***v*** shout. . . Job 8:21
righteous: "The LORD's strong hand is ***v***! . . Ps 118:15
the Israelites will be ***v*** and rejoice. . . . . Is 45:25
is righteous and ***v***. He is humble and . . . . . Zec 9:9
those who emerge ***v*** to eat from the. . . . . Rev 2:7

VICTORY
who gave you the ***v*** over your . . . . . Gn 14:20
for an overflowing ***v***! Horse and rider . . . . Ex 15:1
When I return in ***v***, I'll break down . . . . . Jdg 8:9
exalts the lowly, raises mourners to ***v*** . . . . Job 5:11
is a bad bet for ***v***; it can't save . . . . . Ps 33:17
fall, but there is ***v*** with many. . . . . Prv 11:14
you bullheaded people who are far from ***v***: . . Is 46:12
your horses or rode your chariots to ***v***? . . . Hab 3:8
we win a sweeping ***v*** through the one . . . . Ro 8:37
And this is the ***v*** that has defeated 1Jn 5:4
And he went forth from ***v*** to victory. . . . . Rev 6:2

VILLAGE
bedding down beside the ***v*** hearths. . . . . Gn 49:14
earth, to every ***v***, and to all its . . . . . Hab 2:8
Whatever city or ***v*** you go into, find. . . . . Mt 10:11
led him out of the ***v***. After spitting on. . . . Mk 8:23
come from every ***v*** in Galilee and . . . . . Lk 5:17
family and from Bethlehem, David's ***v***? . . . . Jn 7:42

VILLAGES
names by their ***v*** and their. . . . . Gn 25:16
the Amorites, in Heshbon and all its ***v***. . . . Nm 21:25
there were also a great number of ***v***. . . . . Dt 3:5
sixty of the tent ***v*** of Jair that are. . . . . Josh 13:30
The ***v*** of Aroer are abandoned forever.. . . . . Is 17:2
the land, the ***v***, and all their . . . . . Hab 2:17
all the cities and ***v***, teaching in their . . . . Mt 9:35
to the nearby ***v***, so that I can. . . . . Mk 1:38
the cities and ***v***, preaching and . . . . . Lk 8:1
news to many Samaritan ***v*** along the way. . . . Ac 8:25

VINE
dream there was a ***v*** right in front of . . . . . Gn 40:9
trees said to the ***v***, 'You come and be . . . . Jdg 9:12
like the ***v***, they will drop early grapes . . . . Job 15:33
You brought a ***v*** out of Egypt. You drove. . . . Ps 80:8
wine dries up; the ***v*** withers; all the . . . . . Is 24:7
is a growing ***v*** that yields its . . . . . Hos 10:1
the fruit of the ***v*** until God's . . . . . Lk 22:18
I am the true ***v***, and my Father is the . . . . . Jn 15:1

VINEYARD
farmer, made a new start and planted a ***v***. . . . Gn 9:20
the field or ***v*** to be stripped of . . . . . Ex 22:5
do not pick your ***v*** clean or gather up . . . . Lv 19:10
of field and ***v***. Would you also . . . . . Nm 16:14
who has planted a ***v*** but hasn't yet put . . . . Dt 20:6
from Jezreel had a ***v*** in Jezreel that 1Ki 21:1
person, by the ***v*** of one with no. . . . . Prv 24:30
but I couldn't care for my own ***v***. . . . . Song 1:6
small shelter in a ***v***, like a hut in a . . . . . Is 1:8
in the morning to hire workers for his ***v***. . . . Mt 20:1
A man planted a ***v***, put a fence . . . . . Mk 12:1
planted in his ***v***. He came looking. . . . . Lk 13:6
true vine, and my Father is the ***v*** keeper. . . . Jn 15:1

way? Who plants a ***v*** and doesn't eat 1Co 9:7
clusters in the ***v*** of the earth, ... Rev 14:18

VINEYARDS

produce of your ***v*** and winepresses. . . . . Ex 22:29
and prune your ***v*** and gather their . . . . . Lv 25:3
path between ***v*** with a stone wall . . . . . Nm 22:24
you didn't make, ***v*** and olive trees . . . . . Dt 6:11
produce from ***v*** and olive groves . . . . . Josh 24:13
in the field, glean in unproductive ***v***, ... Job 24:6
plant fields and ***v*** and obtain a . . . . . Ps 107:37
and in the ***v*** no one sings, no. . . . . Is 16:10
I will give her ***v***, and make the . . . . . Hos 2:15

VIOLENCE

had become corrupt and was filled with ***v***. . . . Gn 6:11
LORD will give us a deadly disease or ***v***. . . . . Ex 5:3
because of the ***v*** done to. . . . . Jdg 9:24
the poor have hope and ***v*** shuts its mouth. . Job 5:16
own heads; the ***v*** they commit will . . . . . Ps 7:16
of evil, and they drink the wine of ***v***. . . . . Prv 4:17
he had done no ***v***, and had spoken . . . . . Is 53:9
multiply lies and ***v***; they make a . . . . . Hos 12:1
they are full of ***v*** and pleasure . . . . . Mt 23:25
to protect him from the ***v*** of the crowd. . . . Ac 21:35

VIOLENT

their anger; it is ***v***, their rage; it is . . . . . Gn 49:7
you delivered me from ***v*** people. 2Sa 22:49
what to do to him. Give him a ***v*** death. 1Ki 2:9
despises people who are ***v*** and dishonest. . . . Ps 5:6
Don't envy ***v*** people or choose any of . . . . Prv 3:31
He will strike the ***v*** with the rod of . . . . . Is 11:4
the city, and what ***v*** deeds are inside . . . . . Am 3:9
him. They were so ***v*** that nobody could . . . . Mt 8:28
the wind and the ***v*** waves. The storm . . . . . Lk 8:24
there was such a ***v*** earthquake that it . . . . Ac 16:26
saying, "With such ***v*** force the great . . . . Rev 18:21

VIRGIN

priest must marry a woman who is a ***v***. . . . Lv 21:13
find any proof that she was a ***v***. . . . . Dt 22:14
with my eyes; how could I look at a ***v***? . . . Job 31:1
violated ***v*** Daughter Sidon. . . . . Is 23:12
more to rise, is ***v*** Israel, deserted . . . . . Am 5:2
Look! A ***v*** will become pregnant and give . . . Mt 1:23
to a ***v*** who was engaged to a man named . . . Lk 1:27
or who is a ***v*** is concerned about 1Co 7:34

VISION

came to Abram in a ***v***, "Don't be afraid, ... Gn 15:1
according to the ***v*** that the LORD had . . . . . Nm 8:4
bribery blinds the ***v*** of the wise and. . . . . Dt 16:19
Samuel was afraid to tell the ***v*** to Eli. 1Sa 3:15
them, carried away like a nighttime ***v***. . . . Job 20:8
My ***v*** fails because of my grief; it's weak . . . . Ps 6:7
When there's no ***v***, the people get out of . . . Prv 29:18
The ***v*** about Judah and Jerusalem that . . . . Is 1:1
The ***v*** of Obadiah. The LORD God proclaims . Obad 1:1
anybody about the ***v*** until the Human . . . . Mt 17:9
he had seen a ***v*** in the temple, for. . . . . Lk 1:22
spoke to him in a ***v***, "Ananias!" He . . . . . Ac 9:10
riders in the ***v***: they had . . . . . Rev 9:17

VISIONS

known to him in ***v***. I speak to him in . . . . Nm 12:6
at that time, and ***v*** weren't widely 1Sa 3:1
profound thoughts, ***v*** of night, when . . . . Job 4:13
err when receiving ***v***; they stumble when . . . Is 28:7
and I multiplied ***v***, and through them . . . . Hos 12:10
young will see ***v***. Your elders will . . . . . Ac 2:17
I'll move on to ***v*** and revelations 2Co 12:1

VISIT

in each place we ***v***, tell them, "He is . . . . . Gn 20:13
Samson went to ***v*** his wife, bringing . . . . Jdg 15:1
v them each morning, test them every . . . Job 7:18
they come to ***v***, they say nothing . . . . . Ps 41:6
the LORD will ***v*** Tyre. She will . . . . . Is 23:17
the men themselves ***v*** prostitutes, and . . . Hos 4:14
we see you sick or in prison and ***v*** you?' . . . Mt 25:39
the time of your gracious ***v*** from God. . . . Lk 19:44
their second ***v***, Joseph told his . . . . . Ac 7:13
that I planned to ***v*** you many times, ... Ro 1:13
ink, but I hope to ***v*** you and talk with 2Jn 1:12

VOICE

to your wife's ***v*** and you ate from . . . . . Gn 3:17
responded with one ***v***: "Everything that . . . Ex 19:8
he would hear the ***v*** speaking to him . . . . Nm 7:89
didn't see any form. There was only a ***v***. . . . Dt 4:12
Don't let your ***v*** be heard. Don't . . . . . Josh 6:10
at ease; they don't hear a boss's ***v***. . . . . Job 3:18
you hear my ***v***. In the morning I . . . . . Ps 5:3
in the public square she raises her ***v***. . . . . Prv 1:20
I heard the Lord's ***v*** saying, "Whom. . . . . Is 6:8
LORD utters his ***v*** at the head of his. . . . . Jl 2:11
A ***v*** was heard in Ramah, weeping and much . Mt 2:18
a ***v*** shouting in the wilderness: "Prepare. . . . Mk 1:3
With a loud ***v*** she blurted out, "God has . . . Lk 1:42
replied, "I am a ***v*** crying out in the . . . . . Jn 1:23
He raised his ***v*** and declared, ... Ac 2:14
Definitely! Their ***v*** has gone out into . . . . Ro 10:18
Spirit says, Today, if you hear his ***v***, ... Heb 3:7
behind me a loud ***v*** that sounded like . . . . Rev 1:10

VOICES

they raised their ***v*** and cried out loud. . . . Jdg 2:4
the ***v*** of officials were hushed, their . . . . Job 29:10
no words—their ***v*** can't be heard . . . . . Ps 19:3
gladness and the ***v*** of the bridegroom . . . . Jer 16:9
they raised their ***v*** and said, "Jesus, ... Lk 17:13
then lifted their ***v*** in unison to God, ... Ac 4:24
came lightning, ***v***, and thunder. In . . . . . Rev 4:5

W

WAGES

The ***w*** of the righteous lead to life; the . . . Prv 10:16
Her profits and ***w*** will be sacred to the . . . Is 23:18
to pieces; all her ***w*** will be burned; I. . . . . Mi 1:7
give them their ***w***, beginning with . . . . . Mt 20:8
days' worth of ***w*** and gave them to . . . . . Lk 10:35
was worth a year's ***w***! Why wasn't it . . . . Jn 12:5
The ***w*** that sin pays are death, but God's. . . Ro 6:23
the cries of the ***w*** of your field . . . . . Jas 5:4

WAIL

w, for the day of the LORD is near. Like . . . . Is 13:6
the farmers to ***w***, and those skilled . . . . . Am 5:16

WAIST

cloth around his ***w***, and mourned for . . . . Gn 37:34
the tunic at his ***w*** he wore a sword in . . . 2Sa 20:8
belt around his ***w*** and on the sandals 1Ki 2:5
and faithfulness the belt around his ***w***. . . . Is 11:5
belt around his ***w***. He ate locusts . . . . . Mt 3:4
belt around his ***w***. He ate locusts . . . . . Mk 1:6
a linen towel, he tied it around his ***w***. . . . Jn 13:4
truth around your ***w***, justice as your . . . . Eph 6:14

WAIT

and they couldn't ***w***. In fact, they. . . . . Ex 12:39
said to them, "***w*** while I listen for. . . . . Nm 9:8

They couldn't *w* to turn from the . . . . . Dt 9:12
would you *w* until they grew up? Would you . . Ru 1:13
stay dark; may it *w* in vain for light; . . . . . Job 3:9
all out before you. Then I *w* expectantly. . . . . Ps 5:3
Let's secretly *w* for the innocent . . . . . Prv 1:11
I will *w* for the LORD, who has hidden his . . . Is 8:17
As robbers lie in *w* for someone, so the . . . . Hos 6:9
table as honored guests, and *w* on them. . . . Lk 12:37
Jerusalem but to *w* for what the . . . . . Ac 1:4
groan inside as we *w* to be adopted and . . . . Ro 8:23
be patient as you *w* for the coming of . . . . Jas 5:7
how long will you *w* before you pass . . . . . Rev 6:10

WAITED

He *w* seven more days and sent the dove . . . . Gn 8:10
They *w* so long that they were . . . . . Jdg 3:25
listened to me and *w*, were silent for . . . . . Job 29:21
my mouth because I have *w* for your rules. . Ps 119:43
for whom we have *w*—and he has saved. . . . Is 25:9
You shouldn't have *w* on the roads to . . . . Obad 1:14
While Paul *w* for them in Athens, he was . . Ac 17:16
-when God patiently *w* during the time of . . 1Pt 3:20

WAITING

thing, sin will be *w* at the door ready . . . . . Gn 4:7
met Moses and Aaron who were *w* for them. Ex 5:20
and in your heart, *w* for you to do it. . . . . Dt 30:14
while they were *w* and had passed the. . . . Jdg 3:26
those *w* in vain for death, who search for . . Job 3:21
what should I be *w* for? My hope is . . . . . Ps 39:7
daily at my doors, *w* at my doorposts. . . . Prv 8:34
the LORD is *w* to be merciful to . . . . . Is 30:18
the people were *w* for Zechariah, and . . . . Lk 1:21
What are you *w* for? Get up, be baptized, . . Ac 22:16
can join me. I'm *w* for him along with 1Co 16:11
to save those who are eagerly *w* for him. . . Heb 9:28

WAKE

w up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake . . Jdg 5:12
leaves a bright *w* behind him; the frothy . . Job 41:32
down, sleep, and *w* up because the . . . . . Ps 3:5
about it. When I *w* up, I'll look for . . . . . Prv 23:35
Doom to those who *w* up early in the . . . . . Is 5:11
w up, you who drink too much, and weep. . . . Jl 1:5
but I am going in order to *w* him up. . . . . Jn 11:11
come for you to *w* up from your . . . . . Ro 13:11
w up and strengthen whatever you have . . . Rev 3:2

WALK

Stand up and *w* around through the length . Gn 13:17
and is able to *w* around outside . . . . . Ex 21:19
the animals that *w* on four feet, the . . . . Lv 11:27
any well. We will *w* on the King's . . . . . Nm 20:17
You must *w* the precise path that the LORD . . Dt 5:33
the LORD your God. *w* in all his ways . . . . Josh 22:5
and then I'll *w* a path that I . . . . . Job 16:22
You've let me *w* fast and safe, without . . . . Ps 18:36
Then you will *w* safely on your path, and . . . Prv 3:23
ways and we may *w* in God's paths. . . . . Is 2:3
taught Ephraim to *w*; I took them up in . . . Hos 11:3
up and began to *w* around. She was . . . . . Mk 5:42
were crippled now *w*. People with skin . . . . Lk 7:22
to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and *w*." . . . Jn 5:8
Christ the Nazarene, rise up and *w*! . . . . . Ac 3:6
but who also *w* in the path of . . . . . Ro 4:12
at themselves, *w* away, and . . . . . Jas 1:24
They will *w* with me clothed in . . . . . Rev 3:4

WALKED

Enoch *w* with God. After Methuselah's . . . . Gn 5:22
her women servants *w* along beside the . . . . Ex 2:5
ravine. They *w* all around that . . . . . Dt 1:24
on which you have *w* will forever be a . . . . Josh 14:9
on my head, I *w* by his light in . . . . . Job 29:3
because I have *w* with integrity. . . . . Ps 26:1
at her corner and *w* down the path to . . . . Prv 7:8
servant Isaiah has *w* naked and barefoot . . . Is 20:3
same lies after which their ancestors *w*. . . . Am 2:4
As Jesus *w* alongside the Galilee Sea, he. . . . Mt 4:18
up his mat and *w* out in front of . . . . . Mk 2:12
up his mat and *w*. Now that day was . . . . . Jn 5:9
birth and had never *w*. Sitting there, he . . . Ac 14:8

WALKING

of the LORD God *w* in the garden; and . . . . Gn 3:8
your feet and your *w* stick in your . . . . . Ex 12:11
LORD your God by *w* in his ways and by. . . . Dt 8:6
Look. I'm now *w* on the road to death. . . . Josh 23:14
with wrongdoers, *w* with evil persons. . . . Job 34:8
themselves, *w* with their chins . . . . . Is 3:16
into the city, *w* one day, and he. . . . . Jon 3:4
or two shirts or sandals or a *w* stick. . . . Mt 10:10
journey except a *w* stick—no bread, ... Mk 6:8
the journey—no *w* stick, no bag, no . . . . . Lk 9:3
When he saw Jesus *w* along he said, "Look! . . Jn 1:36
temple with them, *w*, leaping, and . . . . . Ac 3:8
you are no longer *w* in love. Don't let . . . . Ro 14:15

WALL

waters formed a *w* for them on their . . . . Ex 14:22
to be deeper than the surface of the *w*, . . . Lv 14:37
vineyards with a stone *w* on each side. . . . Nm 22:24
side of the city *w*, and she lived . . . . . Josh 2:15
a destroyed *w*; they roll along . . . . . Job 30:14
battle; with my God I can leap over a *w*. . . . Ps 18:29
and like a high *w* in their . . . . . Prv 18:11
tall tower; against every fortified *w*; . . . . Is 2:15
and I will build a *w* against her, so . . . . Hos 2:6
in the north city *w* is a pool with the . . . . Jn 5:2
basket through an opening in the city *w*. . . . Ac 9:25
a basket through a window in the city *w*. . . 2Co 11:33
had a great high *w* with twelve gates. . . . Rev 21:12

WALLED

sells a home in a *w* city, it may be. . . . . Lv 25:29
We will build *w* enclosures here . . . . . Nm 32:16
large *w* cities with bronze 1Ki 4:13
He *w* up my path so I can't pass and put. . . Job 19:8
he tore down the *w* cities of Daughter . . . Lam 2:2
has multiplied *w* cities; but I will . . . . . Hos 8:14

WALLS

infection in the *w* of the house. . . . . Lv 14:37
are huge, with *w* sky-high! Worse. . . . . Dt 1:28
against the temple *w* around both the 1Ki 6:5
by your favor. Rebuild Jerusalem's *w*. . . . . Ps 51:18
is like a breached city, one with no *w*. . . . Prv 25:28
away from me, those guards of the city *w*! . Song 5:7
breaking down its *w*, so it will be . . . . . Is 5:5
they run upon the *w*. They climb into . . . . Jl 2:9
By faith Jericho's *w* fell after the . . . . . Heb 11:30

WANDER

and made them *w* in the desert for . . . . Nm 32:13
me and my friends *w* the hills in . . . . . Jdg 11:37
making them *w* in untraveled . . . . . Job 12:24
I would *w* around like I was grieving a . . . . Ps 35:14
of life. Her paths *w*, but she doesn't. . . . Prv 5:6
cattle are turned loose and sheep *w*. . . . Is 7:25
them; they will *w* among the nations. . . . Hos 9:17
about the ninety-nine who didn't *w* off. . . Mt 18:13
if any of you *w* from the truth and . . . . . Jas 5:19

WANTED

everyone there who *w* to kill you has . . . . . Ex 4:19
him, "If the LORD *w* to kill us, he. . . . . Jdg 13:23
what the poor *w*, made a widow's. . . . . Job 31:16
Exactly what we *w*! Don't let them . . . . . Ps 35:25
But the LORD *w* to crush him and to make . . Is 53:10
only what they *w*? If those who . . . . . Obad 1:5
righteous people *w* to see what you. . . . . Mt 13:17
and lives and *w* God to forgive . . . . . Mk 1:4
the child. They *w* to name him . . . . . Lk 1:59
The next day Jesus *w* to go into Galilee, ... Jn 1:43
with whatever you *w*? What made you . . . . . Ac 5:4
because he *w* to show his wrath . . . . . Ro 9:22
which were handed out the way he *w*. . . . . Heb 2:4

WAR

declared *w* on Sodom's King Bera, ... Gn 14:2
in number. And if *w* breaks out, they . . . . . Ex 1:10
When you go to *w* in your land against an . . Nm 10:9
would be taken in *w*, and your young . . . . . Dt 1:39
organized for *w*, must cross over . . . . . Josh 1:14
you from death; in *w*, from the power of . . Job 5:20
my hands for *w* so my arms can . . . . . Ps 18:34
You should make *w* with guidance; victory. . .Prv 24:6
they will no longer learn how to make *w*. . . . Is 2:4
or by sword, or by *w*, or by horses, or . . . . Hos 1:7
involved in civil *w* becomes a . . . . . Mt 12:25
involved in civil *w* will collapse. . . . . .Mk 3:24
involved in civil *w* becomes a . . . . . Lk 11:17
body. It wages a *w* against the law of . . . . Ro 7:23
were mighty in *w*, and routed . . . . . .Heb 11:34
and I will make *w* on them with the. . . . . Rev 2:16

WARN

Go down and *w* the people not to. . . . . Ex 19:21
laws, you must *w* them not to sin. 2Ch 19:10
w the nations, proclaim it to Jerusalem! . . . Jer 4:16
He needs to *w* them so that they . . . . . Lk 16:28
people, we need to *w* them not to speak. . . . Ac 4:17
you ashamed but to *w* you, since you are . . 1Co 4:14

WARNED

Sinai because you *w* us and said, 'Set . . . . Ex 19:23
as the LORD had *w* them. And they . . . . . Jdg 2:15
kings, wise up! Be *w*, you rulers of the . . . . Ps 2:10
and tirelessly *w* your ancestors. . . . . .Jer 11:7
Because they were *w* in a dream not to . . . . Mt 2:12
of snakes! Who *w* you to escape from . . . . . Lk 3:7
and tearfully *w* each one of you. I. . . . . Ac 20:31
visit, I already *w* those who 2Co 13:2
when Moses was *w* by God when he was . . . . Heb 8:5

WARNING

250 persons. They became a *w* sign. . . . . Nm 26:10
give them a clear *w*, telling them how 1Sa 8:9
They shoot without *w* and without fear. . . . . Ps 64:4
hold of me and *w* me not to walk in. . . . . Is 8:11
Ramah. Sound the *w* at Beth-aven: . . . . . Hos 5:8
and, without any *w*, he screams. It . . . . . Lk 9:39
each one of you. I never stopped *w* you! . . . Ac 20:31
were written as a *w* for us to whom the . . . 1Co 10:11
we reject the one who is *w* from heaven? . . Heb 12:25

WARRIOR

Nimrod, the first great *w* on earth. . . . . Gn 10:8
The LORD is a *w*; the LORD is his name . . . . Ex 15:3
the LORD from each *w* who went into. . . . . Nm 31:28
is some sort of *w* to be attacked by . . . . . Dt 20:19
father. This was because he was a *w*. . . . . Josh 17:1
suite; like a *w*, it thrills at . . . . . Ps 19:5
you like a prowler, destitution like a *w*. . . . .Prv 6:11
soldier and *w*; judge and prophet; . . . . . Is 3:2
The bravest *w* will flee away naked in . . . . .Am 2:16

WARRIORS

between the *w* who went into . . . . . Nm 31:27
were with him; his *w* were next to him, ... Dt 33:2
into your power, along with its mighty *w*. . . .Josh 6:2
of their armies; *w* aren't rescued by. . . . . .Ps 33:16
fought a city of *w* and brought down . . . . Prv 21:22
hung upon it—all the weapons of the *w*. . . Song 4:4
will fall by the sword, your *w* in battle! . . . . Is 3:25
trusted in your way and in your many *w*. . . Hos 10:13

WASH

brought so you may *w* your feet and . . . . . Gn 18:4
them holy. Have them *w* their clothes. . . . Ex 19:10
garment, you must *w* the bloodied part . . . . Lv 6:27
their bodies, *w* their clothes, and. . . . . Nm 8:7
to the corpse will *w* their hands over . . . . . Dt 21:6
ready to serve and *w* the feet of my. 1Sa 25:41
If I *w* myself with snow, purify my hands . . Job 9:30
I *w* my hands—they are innocent! I walk . . . Ps 26:6
w! Be clean! Remove your ugly deeds from. . . Is 1:16
fast, brush your hair and *w* your face. . . . . Mt 6:17
said to him, "Go, *w* in the pool of. . . . . .Jn 9:7
be baptized, and *w* away your sins as . . . . Ac 22:16
ritual ways to *w* with water, laying . . . . . Heb 6:2
are those who *w* their robes so . . . . . Rev 22:14

WASHED

He *w* his face, came back, pulled himself . . Gn 43:31
were holy and that they *w* their clothes. . . . Ex 19:14
lower legs must be *w* with water. The . . . . .Lv 1:9
themselves and *w* their clothes. . . . . Nm 8:21
donkeys, and they *w* their feet, ate, ... Jdg 19:21
when my steps were *w* with cream and a . . Job 29:6
good reason; I've *w* my hands to stay . . . . .Ps 73:13
clean, but haven't *w* off their own . . . . Prv 30:12
the road to the field where laundry is *w*, ... Is 7:3
he took water and *w* his hands in front . . . Mt 27:24
man went away and *w*. When he returned, . . .Jn 9:7
died. After they *w* her body, they. . . . . Ac 9:37
be! But you were *w* clean, you were 1Co 6:11
and our bodies are *w* with pure water. . . .Heb 10:22
They have *w* their robes and . . . . . Rev 7:14

WASHING

a copper basin for *w* along with its . . . . . Ex 30:18
come up from the *w* pool—all of them. . . . Song 4:2
Wear it for a while without *w* it. . . . . .Jer 13:1
purify their hands by *w* before they eat. . . . Mt 15:2
ritually purifying their hands through *w*. . . . Mk 7:2
had gone ashore and were *w* their nets. . . . .Lk 5:2
through ritual *w* before the . . . . . Jn 11:55
make her holy by *w* her in a bath of. . . . . Eph 5:26

WASTE

young man didn't *w* any time doing. . . . . Gn 34:19
The LORD does not *w* time with anyone . . . . Dt 7:10
saying, "What a *w* of time—guarding 1Sa 25:21
gnaw dry ground, yesterday's desolate *w*, . . . Job 30:3
on earth like *w*—that's why I . . . . . Ps 119:119
them out. You will *w* your pleasant . . . . .Prv 23:8
well-fed people *w* away; and among. . . . . Is 10:16
will be laid *w*, and I will rise . . . . . Am 7:9
it they were angry and said, "Why this *w*? . . Mt 26:8
said to each other, "Why *w* the perfume? . . .Mk 14:4
of the earth, the *w* that runs off 1Co 4:13
daily lives, the wealthy will *w* away. . . . . .Jas 1:11

WASTELAND

a howling desert *w*—he protected . . . . . Dt 32:10
out into the open *w*. All of them were . . . . Josh 8:24

for prey; the **w** is food for their . . . . . Job 24:5
when you marched through the **w**, Selah . . . Ps 68:7
sight. It's a **w**, as when . . . . . Is 1:7
them a barren **w**; nothing escapes . . . . . Jl 2:3
war becomes a **w**. Every city or . . . . . Mt 12:25
war becomes a **w**, and a house torn . . . . . Lk 11:17

WATCH

said, 'Look up and **w** all the striped, ... Gn 31:12
older sister stood **w** nearby to see what . . . . Ex 2:4
afraid of you, so **w** yourselves most . . . . . Dt 2:4
Now **w** me," he ordered them, "and do what . Jdg 7:17
w me with the very pupil of your eye! . . . . . Ps 17:8
w your feet on the way, and all your . . . . Prv 4:26
w your steps when you go to God's house. . . . Ecc 5:1
me: I will quietly **w** from my own place, ... Is 18:4
and for a wife he kept **w** over livestock. . . . Hos 12:12
w out for false prophets. They come to . . . Mt 7:15
strict orders: "**w** out and be on your. . . . . Mk 8:15
to his disciples. "**w** out for the yeast . . . . Lk 12:1
you. Holy Father, **w** over them in your . . . Jn 17:11
They were keeping **w** at the city gates . . . . Ac 9:24
I urge you to **w** out for people who . . . . . Ro 16:17
w out, brothers and sisters, so that none . . Heb 3:12

WATCHED

Moses did so while Israel's elders **w**. . . . . Ex 17:6
he fought for you in Egypt while you **w**, . . . Dt 1:30
the window she **w**, Sisera's mother . . . . . Jdg 5:28
used to be, like days when God **w** over me; . Job 29:2
Just as I **w** over them to dig up and pull . . . Jer 31:28
As I **w**, the messenger speaking with me . . . Zec 2:3
I was with them, I **w** over them in your . . . Jn 17:12
in a cloud, while their enemies **w** them. . . . Rev 11:12

WATCHING

while Jacob was **w** the rest of . . . . . Gn 30:36
a night of intent **w**, to bring them out. . . . Ex 12:42
with all Israel **w**, said to him: "Be . . . . . Dt 31:7
were on the roof **w** as Samson . . . . . Jdg 16:27
Meanwhile, they just stare at me, **w** me. . . . Ps 22:17
who listen to me, **w** daily at my doors, . . . Prv 8:34
and says, "Ah, I'm warm, **w** the fire!" . . . . Is 44:16
Many women were **w** from a distance. They . Mt 27:55
Jesus, they were **w** Jesus closely to . . . . . Mk 3:2
the Pharisees were **w** him closely to see . . . . Lk 6:7
as they were **w**, he was lifted up . . . . . Ac 1:9
of each person **w** out for their own . . . . . Phil 2:4

WATER

flows from Eden to **w** the garden, and. . . . . Gn 2:10
she said, "I pulled him out of the **w**." . . . . Ex 2:10
be washed with **w**. The priest will. . . . . Lv 1:9
will take holy **w** in a clay jar, and . . . . . Nm 5:17
can eat, and also **w** with money so you . . . . Dt 2:6
LORD dried up the **w** of the Reed Sea in . . . Josh 2:10
my bread; my roars pour out like **w**. . . . . Job 3:24
by streams of **w**, which bears fruit . . . . . Ps 1:3
Drink **w** from your own cistern, gushing . . . Prv 5:15
impure; your beer is diluted with **w**. . . . . Is 1:22
me my bread and my **w**, my wool and my . . . Hos 2:5
I baptize with **w** those of you who have . . . Mt 3:11
I baptize you with **w**, but he will . . . . . Mk 1:8
baptize you with **w**, but the one who . . . . Lk 3:16
I baptize with **w**. Someone greater . . . . . Jn 1:26
John baptized with **w**, but in only a few . . . Ac 1:5
washing her in a bath of **w** with the word. . . Eph 5:26
ways to wash with **w**, laying on of . . . . . Heb 6:2
and his voice sounded like rushing **w**. . . . Rev 1:15

WATERS

sea, and God's wind swept over the **w**. . . . Gn 1:2
hand over Egypt's **w**—over their . . . . . Ex 7:19
These were the **w** of Meribah, where the. . . Nm 20:13
earth below or in the **w** under the earth. . . . Dt 5:8
together at the **w** of Merom to fight . . . . Josh 11:5
the inhabitants beneath the **w** as well. . . . Job 26:5
grassy meadows; he leads me to restful **w**; . . Ps 23:2
mouth are deep **w**, a bubbling . . . . . Prv 18:4
has rejected the **w** of Shiloah that . . . . . Is 8:6
who summons the **w** of the sea, and . . . . Am 5:8
nor the one who **w** is anything, but 1Co 3:7
and a third of the **w** became wormwood, . . Rev 8:11

WAVES

Death's **w** were all around me; rivers of . . . 2Sa 22:5
alone and trod on the **w** of the Sea; . . . . . Job 9:8
all your massive **w** surged over me. . . . . Ps 42:7
extortion, who **w** away a bribe . . . . . Is 33:15
All your strong **w** and rushing water . . . . Jon 2:3
the lake so that **w** were sloshing over . . . . Mt 8:24
winds arose, and **w** crashed against . . . . . Mk 4:37
and the violent **w**. The storm died . . . . . Lk 8:24
broken into pieces by the force of the **w**. . . Ac 27:41
wild **w** of the sea foaming up their own . . . Jud 1:13

WAY

the dome. And it happened in that **w**. . . . . Gn 1:7
well. He's on his **w** out to meet you . . . . . Ex 4:14
must do. In this **w**, the priest will. . . . . Lv 4:20
creatures. In this **w** he spoke to Moses. . . . Nm 7:89
range, all the **w** to the great . . . . . Dt 1:7
you in the same **w** I was with Moses. . . . . Josh 1:5
the person whose **w** is hidden, whom . . . . Job 3:23
with the **w** of the righteous, ... Ps 1:6
with them; keep your feet from their **w** . . . Prv 1:15
because the **w** they talk and act . . . . . Is 3:8
trusted in your **w** and in your many. . . . Hos 10:13
Prepare the **w** for the Lord; make. . . . . Mt 3:3
before you. He will prepare your **w**, ... Mk 1:2
will go before the Lord to prepare his **w**. . . Lk 1:76
looks for those who worship him this **w**. . . Jn 4:23
come in the same **w** that you saw him. . . . Ac 1:11
Also, in the same **w**, the males traded. . . . Ro 1:27
which were handed out the **w** he wanted. . . Heb 2:4
In the same **w**, you have some who follow . . Rev 2:15

WAYS

me, show me your **w** so that I may know . . Ex 33:13
in one of these **w** to the LORD, ... Lv 2:8
by walking in his **w** and by fearing him, . . . Dt 8:6
Walk in all his **w** and obey his . . . . . Josh 22:5
we take no pleasure in knowing your **w**; . . Job 21:14
change their **w**, God will sharpen. . . . . Ps 7:12
These are the **w** of all who seek unjust. . . . Prv 1:19
may teach us his **w** and we may walk in . . . Is 2:3
them for their **w**, and judge them. . . . . Hos 4:9
Forgive us for the **w** we have wronged you, . Mt 6:12
changed so that they resisted God's **w**. . . . Mk 6:52
I am changing my **w**,' you must forgive . . . Lk 17:4
each of you to turn from your evil **w**. . . . Ac 3:26
brag. They invent **w** to be evil, and . . . . Ro 1:30
our ancestors in many times and many **w**. . . Heb 1:1
and true are your **w**, king of the . . . . . Rev 15:3

WEAK

seven other cows, **w** and frail and . . . . . Gn 41:19
number! They are **w** and lazy, and . . . . . Ex 5:8
LORD's power too **w**? Now you will see . . . Nm 11:23
because you were **w** and tired, and . . . . . Dt 25:18
Israel became very **w** on account of . . . . Jdg 6:6
wicked rage no more; there the **w** rest. . . . Job 3:17
of my grief; it's **w** because of all my . . . . Ps 6:7

you show yourself **w** on a day of . . . . . Prv 24:10
you've become **w** like we are! You . . . . . Is 14:10
live on it grow **w**; together with the . . . . . Hos 4:3
much more for you, you people of **w** faith? . . Mt 6:30
The spirit is eager, but the flesh is **w**. . . . . Mk 14:38
God do for you, you people of **w** faith! . . . Lk 12:28
we must help the **w**. In this way we . . . . Ac 20:35
we were still **w**, at the right . . . . . Ro 5:6
is set aside because it was **w** and useless . . Heb 7:18

WEALTH

serve, they will leave it with great **w**. . . . . Gn 15:14
home with great **w** and many cattle, ... Josh 22:8
Offer a bribe from your **w** for me? . . . . Job 6:22
than the overabundant **w** of the wicked. . . .Ps 37:16
sorts of precious **w**; we'll fill our . . . . . .Prv 1:13
my mother,' the **w** of Damascus and . . . . . Is 8:4
rich, I've gained **w** for myself; in all . . . . Hos 12:8
the other. You cannot serve God and **w**. . . . Mt 6:24
false appeal of **w**, and the desire . . . . . .Mk 4:19
he wasted his **w** through . . . . . Lk 15:13
this to make the **w** of his glory known . . . Ro 9:23
to receive power, **w**, wisdom, and. . . . . Rev 5:12

WEALTHY

Abram was very **w** in livestock, silver, ... Gn 13:2
There was a **w** man from the tribe of 1Sa 9:1
w people? They just don't understand; . . .Ps 49:20
The riches of the **w** are their strong . . . . Prv 10:15
the excess of the **w** won't let them . . . . .Ecc 5:12
in a city whose **w** are full of violence . . . . Mi 6:12
very hard for the **w** to enter God's . . . . Mk 10:23
even when someone is very **w**. . . . . Lk 12:15
Those who are **w** should find satisfaction . . .Jas 1:10
and I've grown **w**, and I don't need . . . . . Rev 3:17

WEAPONS

Levi are brothers, **w** of violence their . . . . Gn 49:5
you grabbed your **w**. You thought it. . . . . Dt 1:41
or to make his **w** or parts for his 1Sa 8:12
prances proudly, charges at battle **w**, . . . Job 39:21
God has deadly **w** in store for those who . . . Ps 7:13
you trusted the **w** in the Forest. . . . . Is 22:8
they fall among the **w**, they won't stop. . . . . Jl 2:8
there carrying lanterns, torches, and **w**. . . . Jn 18:3
sin, to be used as **w** to do wrong. . . . . Ro 6:13

WEAR

gives me bread to eat and clothes to **w**, . . . Gn 28:20
Aaron will **w** the robe when he ministers . . Ex 28:35
skin disease must **w** torn clothes, ... Lv 13:45
clothes didn't **w** out and your feet . . . . .Dt 8:4
on some perfume, **w** nice clothes, and . . . . Ru 3:3
the righteous will **w** it; the innocent . . . .Job 27:17
That's why they **w** arrogance like a . . . . . Ps 73:6
Don't **w** yourself out trying to get rich; . . . .Prv 23:4
our own bread and **w** our own . . . . . Is 4:1
I will make people **w** mourning clothes . . . .Am 8:10
body, what you'll **w**. Isn't life more . . . . . Mt 6:25
He told them to **w** sandals but not to put . . . Mk 6:9
eat, or about your body, what you will **w**. . . Lk 12:22
They will all **w** out like old . . . . . Heb 1:11
victorious will **w** white clothing . . . . . Rev 3:5

WEARING

end up totally **w** yourself out, both . . . . . Ex 18:18
clothes he was **w** when he entered . . . . . Lv 16:23
feet and were **w** worn-out clothes. . . . . .Josh 9:5
on King Solomon **w** the crown with. . . . . Song 3:11
shaven heads, and **w** of mourning . . . . . Is 22:12
sons, and all those **w** foreign clothes. . . . . Zep 1:8
a man who wasn't **w** wedding clothes. . . . Mt 22:11
a disciple, was **w** nothing but a . . . . . Mk 14:51
drying them with the towel he was **w**. . . . . Jn 13:5
hungry, thirsty, **w** rags, abused, and 1Co 4:11
They went around **w** the skins of sheep . . .Heb 11:37
are these people **w** white robes, and . . . . Rev 7:13

WEDDING

men, and his young women had no **w** songs. Ps 78:63
on the day of his **w**, on the day of his . . . Song 3:11
or a bride her **w** dress? Yet you . . . . . .Jer 2:32
responded, "The **w** guests can't mourn . . . Mt 9:15
Jesus said, "The **w** guests can't fast . . . . .Mk 2:19
can't make the **w** guests fast while . . . . . Lk 5:34
day there was a **w** in Cana of . . . . . .Jn 2:1
the glory, for the **w** day of the Lamb . . . . Rev 19:7

WEEP

he was about to **w**, so he rushed to . . . . . Gn 43:30
of Israel, **w** over Saul! He 2Sa 1:24
Don't mourn or **w**." They said this . . . . . Neh 8:9
with the dead; their widows won't **w**. . . . . Job 27:15
about it in your bed and **w** over it! Selah . . . .Ps 4:4
to the shrines to **w**. Moab wails over . . . . Is 15:2
too much, and **w**. Scream over the . . . . . Jl 1:5
Happy are you who **w** now, because you . . . . Lk 6:21
sorrow, mourn, and **w**! Let your laughter . . . Jas 4:9
So I began to **w** and weep, because no one . . . Rev 5:4

WEEPING

who were **w** at the entrance of . . . . . Nm 25:6
the time for **w** and for mourning . . . . . Dt 34:8
of the people's **w**, because the . . . . . .Ezr 3:13
is for mourning, my flute, a **w** sound. . . . . Job 30:31
lasts a lifetime. **w** may stay all . . . . . Ps 30:5
plazas, everyone wails and falls down **w**. . . . Is 15:3
with fasting, with **w**, and with sorrow; . . . . Jl 2:12
heard in Ramah, **w** and much grieving. . . . . Mt 2:18
been with him, who were mourning and **w**. . Mk 16:10
There will be **w** and grinding of teeth . . . . Lk 13:28
this? Why are you **w** and breaking my. . . . Ac 21:13
they cried out, **w** and mourning. They. . . . Rev 18:19

WEIGHED

Ephron's offer and **w** out for Ephron the . . Gn 23:16
silver equipment **w** two thousand four . . . Nm 7:85
and its iron head **w** fifteen pounds. 1Sa 17:7
were actually **w**, all of it were . . . . . Job 6:2
a brother. I was **w** down, sad, like I . . . . .Ps 35:14
nation, people **w** down with crimes, ... Is 1:4
like a cart is **w** down when it is . . . . . .Am 2:13
in Asia. We were **w** down with a load 2Co 1:8

WEIGHING

out a gold ring, **w** a half shekel, and. . . . . Gn 24:22
be made from pure gold **w** one kikkar. . . . Ex 25:39
one silver dish **w** one hundred thirty . . . . Nm 7:13
a single gold bar **w** fifty shekels. I. . . . . Josh 7:21
I will eliminate all those **w** out silver. . . . Zep 1:11
rider held a balance for **w** in his hand. . . . Rev 6:5

WEIGHT

five hundred **w** of solid myrrh; . . . . . Ex 30:23
measures of length, **w**, or volume. . . . . Lv 19:35
must have only one **w**, complete and . . . . Dt 25:15
The **w** of the gold earrings that he . . . . Jdg 8:26
head; they are a **w** that's way too . . . . . Ps 38:4
scales, but delights in an accurate **w**. . . . .Prv 11:1
eat your food by **w**, fourteen ounces a. . . . .Eze 4:10
have thrown our **w** around as Christ's. . . . 1Th 2:7

WELCOME

father saw him, he was happy to **w** him. . . . Jdg 19:3
anyone refuses to **w** you or listen to . . . . Mt 10:14

If a place doesn't ***w*** you or listen to . . . . . Mk 6:11
that no prophet is ***w*** in the prophet's . . . . Lk 4:24
people, and his own people didn't ***w*** him. . . . Jn 1:11
Bernice arrived in Caesarea to ***w*** Festus. . . . Ac 25:13
God's people, and ***w*** strangers into . . . . . Ro 12:13
of wickedness, and ***w*** the word planted . . . . Jas 1:21

WELCOMED

a drink. I was a stranger and you ***w*** me. . . . Mt 25:35
the crowd ***w*** him, for they had . . . . . Lk 8:40
the Galileans ***w*** him because they. . . . . Jn 4:45
that even the Gentiles had ***w*** God's word. . . . Ac 11:1
that Christ also ***w*** you, for God's . . . . . Ro 15:7
a distance and ***w*** them. They . . . . . Heb 11:13

WEPT

at a distance, cried out in grief, and ***w***. . . . Gn 21:16
their voice and the people ***w*** that night. . . . Nm 14:1
went back up and ***w*** before the LORD . . . . Jdg 20:23
him, they ***w*** loudly. Each one. . . . . Job 2:12
I ***w*** while I fasted—even for that I was . . . Ps 69:10
streets; messengers of peace ***w*** bitterly. . . . Is 33:7
and survived; he ***w*** and sought his . . . . . Hos 12:4
the city and observed it, he ***w*** over it. . . . Lk 19:41

WEST

with Bethel on the ***w*** and Ai on the . . . . . Gn 12:8
into a very strong ***w*** wind that lifted . . . . Ex 10:19
On the ***w*** will be the banner of Ephraim's . . Nm 2:18
Mount Pisgah. Look ***w***, north, south, and . . . Dt 3:27
up to the Mediterranean Sea on the ***w***. . . . Josh 1:4
he's not there, ***w***, and don't . . . . . Job 23:8
from the east or ***w***; it's not from the . . . . Ps 75:6
from the ***w***—and they . . . . . Is 9:12
children will come trembling from the ***w***. . . Hos 11:10
come from east and ***w*** and sit down to . . . Mt 8:11
the east to the ***w***, the sacred and . . . . . Mk 16:9
forming in the ***w***, you immediately . . . . . Lk 12:54
on the south, and three gates on the ***w***. . . . Rev 21:13

WESTERN

Your ***w*** border will be the Mediterranean . . Nm 34:6
down along the ***w*** road in the region . . . . Dt 11:30
the southern plain, and the ***w*** foothills. . . . Jdg 1:9
and from the ***w*** foothills, the. . . . . Jer 17:26
its rear into the ***w*** sea. Its stench . . . . . Jl 2:20

WHEAT

During the ***w*** harvest, Reuben found some . Gn 30:14
durum and emmer ***w*** weren't ruined, ... Ex 9:32
a land of ***w*** and barley, vines, fig trees, . . . Dt 8:8
was threshing ***w*** in a winepress to . . . . Jdg 6:11
grow instead of ***w***, poisonous weeds . . . Job 31:40
than when their ***w*** and wine are . . . . . Ps 4:7
cumin, and plant ***w*** and barley in. . . . . Is 28:25
over the ***w*** and the barley, ... Jl 1:11
uses to sift the ***w*** from the husks is . . . . Mt 3:12
went through the ***w*** fields on the . . . . . Mk 2:23
uses to sift the ***w*** from the husks is . . . . Lk 3:17
unless a grain of ***w*** falls into the . . . . . Jn 12:24
a bare grain of ***w*** or some other seed. . . . 1Co 15:37
said, "A quart of ***w*** for a denarion, ... Rev 6:6

WHEELS

their chariot ***w*** so that they . . . . . Ex 14:25
were four bronze ***w*** with bronze axles. . . . 1Ki 7:30
like flint; their ***w*** like the whirlwind. . . . . Is 5:28

WHIRLWIND

Then the LORD answered Job from the ***w*** . . Job 38:1
After a ***w*** passes by, the wicked are no. . . . Prv 10:25
are like flint; their wheels like the ***w***. . . . . Is 5:28
they will get the ***w***. Standing grain, ... Hos 8:7
a burning fire, darkness, shadow, a ***w***, . . . Heb 12:18

WHITE

with some ***w*** in it—and all of . . . . . Gn 30:35
coriander seed, ***w***, and tasted like . . . . Ex 16:31
the ***w*** owl, the scops owl, the osprey . . . . Lv 11:18
You who ride ***w*** donkeys, who sit on saddle . Jdg 5:10
without salt, or does egg ***w*** have taste? . . . Job 6:6
they will be ***w*** as snow. If they . . . . . Is 1:18
it down; their branches have turned ***w***. . . . Jl 1:7
you can't turn one hair ***w*** or black. . . . . Mt 5:36
than if they had been bleached ***w***. . . . . Mk 9:3
and his clothes flashed ***w*** like lightning. . . Lk 9:29
angels dressed in ***w***, seated where the . . . Jn 20:12
two men in ***w*** robes stood next. . . . . Ac 1:10
head and hair were ***w*** as white . . . . . Rev 1:14

WICKED

How long will this ***w*** community complain . Nm 14:27
these people—this ***w*** generation!—will . . . Dt 1:35
ones, but the ***w*** die in darkness 1Sa 2:9
There the ***w*** rage no more; there the weak . . Job 3:17
doesn't follow ***w*** advice, doesn't . . . . . Ps 1:1
But the ***w*** will be cut off from the land, . . . Prv 2:22
Doom to the ***w***; they are evil. What they . . . Is 3:11
In their ***w*** condition, they have sunk deep . . Hos 5:2
and said, 'You ***w*** servant! I forgave . . . . Mt 18:32
he is kind to ungrateful and ***w*** people. . . . Lk 6:35
All who do ***w*** things hate the light and . . . Jn 3:20
with the help of ***w*** men, had Jesus . . . . Ac 2:23
all injustice, ***w*** behavior, greed,. . . . . Ro 1:29
unjustified and ***w*** accusations 3Jn 1:10

WICKEDNESS

of these nations' ***w*** that the LORD is . . . . Dt 9:4
encouraged in this ***w*** by his mother. . . . 2Ch 22:3
Though ***w*** is sweet in their mouths, they . Job 20:12
a God who enjoys ***w***; evil doesn't live . . . . Ps 5:4
utters the truth; my lips despise ***w***. . . . . Prv 8:7
I can't stand ***w*** with celebration! . . . . . Is 1:13
remember all their ***w***. Now their deeds . . . Hos 7:2
insides are stuffed with greed and ***w***. . . . Lk 11:39
Turn from your ***w***! Plead with the . . . . . Ac 8:22
for those who obey ***w*** instead of the . . . . Ro 2:8
and the growth of ***w***, and welcome the . . . Jas 1:21

WIDE

seventy-five feet ***w***, and forty-five . . . . . Gn 6:15
inches ***w***, and twenty-seven . . . . . Ex 25:10
and a half feet long and six feet ***w***. . . . . Dt 3:11
They left the city ***w*** open and chased . . . Josh 8:17
of trouble to a ***w*** place without . . . . . Job 36:16
brought me out to ***w***-open spaces; he . . . . Ps 18:19
the grave opens ***w*** its jaws, opens. . . . . Is 5:14
have been flung ***w*** open to your . . . . . Na 3:13
broad and the road ***w***, so many people . . . Mt 7:13
with his eyes ***w*** open, his sight . . . . . Mk 8:25
earthquakes and ***w***-scale food . . . . . Lk 21:11
all his followers scattered far and ***w***. . . . . Ac 5:37
openly to you, and our hearts are ***w*** open. . . 2Co 6:11

WIDOW

Stay as a ***w*** in your father's . . . . . Gn 38:11
Don't treat any ***w*** or orphan badly . . . . Ex 22:22
He cannot marry a ***w***, a divorced woman, . . Lv 21:14
promise of a ***w*** or a divorced . . . . . Nm 30:9
and Abigail, Nabal's ***w*** from Carmel. 1Sa 27:3
the childless, do nothing good for the ***w***. . . Job 24:21
orphans; let his wife turn into a ***w***. . . . . Ps 109:9
defend the orphan; plead for the ***w***. . . . . Is 1:17
Don't oppress the ***w***, the orphan, the . . . . Zec 7:10
no children he left his ***w*** to his brother. . . . Mt 22:25

dies, leaving a *w* but no children, . . . Mk 12:19
w. She never left . . . . . Lk 2:37
if a particular *w* has children or 1Ti 5:4
a queen! I'm not a *w*. I'll never see . . . . Rev 18:7

WIDOWS

your wives will be *w*, and your children . . . Ex 22:24
for orphans and *w*, and he loves . . . . . Dt 10:18
You have sent *w* away empty; crushed . . . Job 22:9
and defender of *w* is God in his holy . . . . Ps 68:5
their orphans and *w* no mercy; for . . . . . Is 9:17
the ones who cheat *w* out of their . . . . . Mk 12:40
there were many *w* in Israel during . . . . . Lk 4:25
because their *w* were being . . . . . .Ac 6:1
who are single and *w* that it's good for . . . 1Co 7:8
for orphans and *w* in their. . . . . .Jas 1:27

WIDTH

The courtyard's *w* on the west side should . . Ex 27:12
across the whole *w* of the temple and 1Ki 6:3
his wings will cover the *w* of the land. . . . . Is 8:8
to grasp love's *w* and length, height. . . . . Eph 3:18
the same as its *w*. He measured the. . . . . Rev 21:16

WIFE

and embraces his *w*, and they become. . . . . Gn 2:24
his daughter Zipporah to Moses as his *w*. . . . Ex 2:21
of your father's *w*; it is your . . . . . Lv 18:8
suspect that his *w* has had an affair. . . . . Nm 5:12
your neighbor's *w*. Do not crave your . . . . . Dt 5:21
Achsah as a *w* to the one who . . . . . Jdg 1:12
Job's *w* said to him, "Are you still. . . . . Job 2:9
orphans; let his *w* turn into a widow. . . . . .Ps 109:9
blessed. Rejoice in the *w* of your youth. . . . .Prv 5:18
children of the *w* who has been . . . . . Is 54:1
her! She is not my *w*, and I am not her . . . . Hos 2:2
whose mother had been the *w* of Uriah. . . . . Mt 1:6
of Herodias, the *w* of Herod's brother. . . . .Mk 6:17
of Abijah. His *w* Elizabeth was a . . . . . .Lk 1:5
sister, Mary the *w* of Clopas, and. . . . . Jn 19:25
along with his *w* Sapphira, sold a. . . . . .Ac 5:1
man is having sex with his father's *w*! 1Co 5:1
living with your *w* in ways that honor. 1Pt 3:7
will show you the bride, the Lamb's *w*. . . . Rev 21:9

WILD

before any *w* plants appeared on the . . . . . Gn 2:5
any meat killed by *w* animals out in the . . . Ex 22:31
body of an unclean *w* animal, unclean. . . . . .Lv 5:2
is like a magnificent *w* bull for him. . . . . Nm 23:22
otherwise the *w* animals would . . . . . Dt 7:22
your flesh to the *w* birds and the wild 1Sa 17:44
hunger; you won't be afraid of *w* beasts; . . . Job 5:22
sheep and all cattle, the *w* animals too, ...Ps 8:7
destined it for *w* animals: they . . . . . Is 23:13
a forest, and the *w* animals will eat . . . . . Hos 2:12
his waist. He ate locusts and *w* honey. . . . . Mt 3:4
his waist. He ate locusts and *w* honey. . . . . Mk 1:6
animals, reptiles, and *w* birds. . . . . Ac 10:12
and you were a *w* olive branch, and . . . . . Ro 11:17
command, If even a *w* animal touches the . . .Heb 12:20
disease, and the *w* animals of the. . . . . Rev 6:8

WILDERNESS

by sending it away into the *w* to Azazel. . . . Lv 16:10
back toward the *w* along the route of . . . . . Dt 1:40
for you in the *w*? I know how 1Sa 17:28
voice shakes the *w*—yes, the LORD . . . . . Ps 29:8
to live in a *w* than in a house. . . . . Prv 21:19
coming up from the *w*, like pillars of . . . . Song 3:6
oracle about the *w* near the sea. Like . . . . . Is 21:1
Like grapes in the *w*, I found Israel. In . . . Hos 9:10
shouting in the *w*, "Prepare the way . . . . . Mt 3:3
shouting in the *w*: "Prepare the way . . . . . Mk 1:3
He was in the *w* until he began his . . . . . Lk 1:80
crying out in the *w*, Make the Lord's . . . . . Jn 1:23
a burning bush in the *w* near Mount Sinai. . . Ac 7:30
them, and they were struck down in the *w*. . 1Co 10:5

WILLING

so that he wasn't *w* to let them go. . . . . Ex 10:27
But you weren't *w* to go up. You rejected . . . Dt 1:26
But I wasn't *w* to listen to Balaam, so he . . Josh 24:10
that God be *w* to crush me, release his . . . . Job 6:9
to me and sustain me with a *w* spirit. . . . . .Ps 51:12
They were not *w* to walk in God's . . . . . Is 42:24
of faithful love, and *w* not to destroy. . . . . Jon 4:2
If you are *w* to accept it, he is Elijah. . . . . Mt 11:14
say to you who are *w* to hear: Love your . . . . Lk 6:27
a while, you were *w* to celebrate in . . . . . Jn 5:35
he added, "God *w*, I will return." . . . . . Ac 18:21
if the Lord is *w*, I'll come to you 1Co 4:19

WIND

sea, and God's *w* swept over the . . . . . Gn 1:2
LORD made an east *w* blow over the land . . Ex 10:13
A *w* from the LORD blew up and brought . . Nm 11:31
with clouds, and a *w* came up with a 1Ki 18:45
when a strong *w* came from the desert and . Job 1:19
They are like dust that the *w* blows away. . . . .Ps 1:4
will inherit the *w*. The fool will be . . . . . Prv 11:29
it by means of a *w* of judgment and a . . . . . Is 4:4
The *w* has wrapped her in its wings, they . . Hos 4:19
came, and the *w* blew and beat . . . . . Mt 7:25
gave orders to the *w*, and he said to. . . . . .Mk 4:39
to see? A stalk blowing in the *w*? . . . . . Lk 7:24
rough because a strong *w* was blowing. . . . Jn 6:18
of a fierce *w* filled the entire . . . . . .Ac 2:2
around by every *w* that comes from. . . . . Eph 4:14
of the sea, tossed and turned by the *w*. . . . . Jas 1:6
its fruit when shaken by a strong *w*. . . . . Rev 6:13

WINDOW

Noah opened the *w* of the ark that he. . . . . Gn 8:6
a rope through the *w*. Her house was on. . . Josh 2:15
When from the *w* of my house, from behind. . Prv 7:6
threshing floor, or like smoke from a *w*. . . Hos 13:3
was sitting in the *w*. He was sinking . . . . .Ac 20:9
in a basket through a *w* in the city wall. . . .2Co 11:33

WINDOWS

erupted, and the *w* in the skies. . . . . Gn 7:11
recessed and latticed *w* for the temple 1Ki 6:4
those who look through the *w* grow dim; . . .Ecc 12:3
the trap. Heaven's *w* will open, and the . . . Is 24:18
they enter through the *w* like thieves. . . . . Jl 2:9

WINDS

You make the *w* your messengers; you make . .Ps 104:4
straw that is blown away by the desert *w*. . . Jer 13:24
you like the four *w* of heaven, says . . . . . Zec 2:6
gave orders to the *w* and the lake, and . . . Mt 8:26
Gale-force *w* arose, and waves crashed . . . .Mk 4:37
asleep. Gale-force *w* swept down on the. . . . Lk 8:23
large that strong *w* are needed to. . . . . Jas 3:4
the earth's four *w* so that no wind . . . . . Rev 7:1

WINE

drank some of the *w*, became drunk, and . . . Gn 9:21
of a hin of *w* for a drink . . . . . Ex 29:40
must not drink *w* or beer when you. . . . . Lv 10:9
must refrain from *w* and brandy. He or . . . Nm 6:3
your grain, your *w*, your oil, and the . . . . Dt 7:13
stop providing my *w* that makes gods. . . . Jdg 9:13

and drinking *w* in their oldest . . . . . Job 1:13
when their wheat and *w* are everywhere! . . . . Ps 4:7
plenty, and your vats will burst with *w*. . . . . Prv 3:10
it, and dug out a *w* vat in it. He. . . . . Is 5:2
the corn, the new *w*, and the fresh . . . . . Hos 2:8
No one pours new *w* into old wineskins. If . . Mt 9:17
No one pours new *w* into old leather . . . . . Mk 2:22
He must not drink *w* and liquor. He . . . . . Lk 1:15
When the *w* ran out, Jesus' mother said to . . Jn 2:3
at them, saying, "They're full of new *w*!" . . . Ac 2:13
eat meat or drink *w* or to do anything. . . . Ro 14:21
don't damage the olive oil and the *w*. . . . . Rev 6:6

WINGED

kind, and all the *w* birds, each . . . . . Gn 1:21
Make two *w* heavenly creatures of hammered Ex 25:18
between the two *w* creatures. In this . . . . Nm 7:89
Also, all *w* insects are off-limits for . . . . Dt 14:19
enthroned on the *w* heavenly 1Sa 4:4
enthroned upon the *w* heavenly . . . . . Ps 80:1
your voice; some *w* creature could . . . . . Ecc 10:20
w creatures were stationed around him. . . . . Is 6:2
were magnificent *w* creatures casting . . . . Heb 9:5

WINGS

you up on eagles' *w* and brought you to . . . . Ex 19:4
bird open by its *w*, without splitting . . . . Lv 1:17
God spread out his *w*, took hold of . . . . . Dt 32:11
under whose *w* you've come to . . . . . Ru 2:12
The ostrich's *w* flap joyously, but her . . . Job 39:13
eye! Hide me in the protection of your *w* . . . Ps 17:8
is gone; it grows *w* like an eagle and . . . . Prv 23:5
him. Each had six *w*: with two they . . . . . Is 6:2
wrapped her in its *w*, they will be. . . . . Hos 4:19
chicks under her *w*. But you didn't . . . . . Mt 23:37
chicks under her *w*. But you didn't . . . . . Lk 13:34
creatures had six *w*, and each was . . . . . Rev 4:8

WIPE

LORD said, "I will *w* off of the land . . . . . Gn 6:7
I will completely *w* out the memory of . . . Ex 17:14
in the scroll and *w* them off into the . . . . Nm 5:23
you, and he will *w* you off the . . . . . Dt 6:15
entire land and to *w* out all its . . . . . Josh 9:24
faithful love! *w* away my. . . . . Ps 51:1
your ways to those who *w* out kings. . . . . Prv 31:3
The LORD God will *w* tears from every . . . . Is 25:8
I will *w* out everything from the earth, ... Zep 1:2
God, in order to *w* away the sins of . . . . . Heb 2:17
and God will *w* away every tear. . . . . Rev 7:17

WIPED

God *w* away every living thing that was on . . Gn 7:23
lest you too be *w* out for all their . . . . . Nm 16:26
after they've been *w* out before you. . . . . Dt 12:30
of the Jordan. You utterly *w* them out. . . . Josh 2:10
Every enemy is *w* out, like something. . . . . Ps 9:6
His shame will never be *w* away. . . . . Prv 6:33
eliminated, never *w* out from before me. . . . Is 48:19
her tears. She *w* them with her. . . . . Lk 7:38
fragrant oil and *w* his feet with her . . . . . Jn 11:2
to God so that your sins may be *w* away. . . . Ac 3:19

WISDOM

tree would provide *w*, so she took some . . . . Gn 3:6
will show your *w* and insight to the. . . . . Dt 4:6
saw that God's *w* was in him so he 1Ki 3:28
tent cord pulled up? They die without *w*. . . Job 4:21
righteous recite *w*; their tongues . . . . . Ps 37:30
is to teach *w* and discipline, to . . . . . Prv 1:2
it, and by my *w*, since I'm so . . . . . Is 10:13
out to the city; *w* appears when one . . . . . Mi 6:9
and sinners.' But *w* is proved to be . . . . . Mt 11:19
this? What's this *w* he's been given? . . . . . Mk 6:2
He was filled with *w*, and God's favor . . . . . Lk 2:40
with exceptional *w*. We will put them . . . . . Ac 6:3
God's riches, *w*, and knowledge are so. . . . Ro 11:33
anyone who needs *w* should ask God, ... Jas 1:5
power, wealth, *w*, and might, and . . . . . Rev 5:12

WISE

an intelligent, *w* man and give him . . . . . Gn 41:33
together his *w* men and wizards, ... Ex 7:11
tribes, choose *w*, discerning, and . . . . . Dt 1:13
and brought a *w* woman from there. 2Sa 14:2
trapping the *w* in their cleverness so . . . . Job 5:13
So kings, *w* up! Be warned, you rulers of . . . Ps 2:10
to help one understand *w* sayings. . . . . Prv 1:2
themselves *w*, who think of . . . . . Is 5:21
Whoever is *w* understands these things. . . . Hos 14:9
practice is like a *w* builder who built . . . . Mt 7:24
things from the *w* and intelligent. . . . . Lk 10:21
Greek, both to the *w* and to the foolish. . . . Ro 1:14
Are any of you *w* and understanding? Show . . Jas 3:13

WISH

do whatever you *w* to her." So Sarai . . . . . Gn 16:6
them, "Oh, how we *w* that the LORD had . . . Ex 16:3
Israelites: If you *w* to offer a . . . . . Lv 7:29
whenever you *w*, you may slaughter . . . . Dt 12:15
you, you can do to him whatever you *w*. . . . Jdg 9:33
from the womb? I *w* I had died without . . . Job 10:18
I say to myself, I *w* I had wings like a . . . . Ps 55:6
deceitful. They *w* their neighbors. . . . . Jer 9:8
When they *w* to haul you to court and take . . Mt 5:40
me whatever you *w*, and I will give . . . . . Mk 6:22
the earth. How I *w* that it was . . . . . Lk 12:49
I *w* I could be cursed, cut off from . . . . . Ro 9:3
cold nor hot. I *w* that you were. . . . . Rev 3:15

WISHES

the promise maker *w* to buy it back, ... Lv 27:13
among you and *w* to keep the . . . . . Nm 9:14
and because he *w* to establish the . . . . . Dt 9:5
Now, if the king *w*, let him send out a. . . . Est 1:19
blows wherever it *w*. You hear its. . . . . Jn 3:8
Let the one who *w* receive . . . . . Rev 22:17

WITHER

uncut, it will *w* before every other . . . . Job 8:12
grass; they will *w* like green . . . . . Ps 37:2
their wealth will *w*, but the righteous . . . . Prv 11:28
wilts; the heavens *w* away with the . . . . . Is 24:4
of the shepherds *w*, and the top of . . . . . Am 1:2

WITHIN

produces its seeds *w* it. These will be . . . . Gn 1:29
offer sacrifices to your God *w* the land. . . . Ex 8:25
w your cities you are not allowed to eat . . . Dt 12:17
people of Ephraim *w* the legacy of the . . . Josh 16:9
all he has is *w* your power; only . . . . . Job 1:12
w you is the spring of life. In your . . . . . Ps 36:9
my words; store up my commands *w* you. . . . Prv 7:1
bloodguilt from *w* it by means of a . . . . . Is 4:4
of prostitution is *w* them, and they. . . . . Hos 5:4
by humans, and *w* three days I will . . . . Mk 14:58
he answers from *w* the house, 'Don't . . . . Lk 11:7
living water will flow out from *w* him. . . . Jn 7:38
it expands fully (*w* the boundaries, of. . . . 2Co 10:15
Spirit of Christ *w* them was saying 1Pt 1:11

WITNESS

you and me, and let something be our *w*. . . Gn 31:44
with evil people to act as a lying *w*. . . . . Ex 23:1

though you are a *w*, knowing . . . . . Lv 5:1
witnesses. But one *w* alone cannot . . . . . Nm 35:30
A solitary *w* against someone in any . . . . Dt 19:15
But it is to be a *w* between us and you. . . Josh 22:27
My leanness rises to bear *w* against me. . . Job 16:8
the moon, a faithful *w* in the sky. Selah . . . Ps 89:37
a false *w* who breathes lies, and one who . . . Prv 6:19
Zechariah, Jeberechiah's son, to *w* it. . . . . Is 8:2
pride is a *w* against him; both . . . . . Hos 5:5
dust off your feet as a *w* against them. . . . . Mk 6:11
dust off your feet as a *w* against them. . . . . Lk 9:5
He came as a *w* to testify concerning the . . . Jn 1:7
along with us a *w* to his . . . . . Ac 1:22
Son, and God is my *w* that I continually . . . . Ro 1:9
when he bore *w* beforehand about 1Pt 1:11
who bore *w* to the word of God and to the . . . Rev 1:2

WITNESSES

of my people's *w*, I will give it to . . . . . Gn 23:11
there are no *w* and she isn't . . . . . Nm 5:13
and earth as my *w* against you today: . . . . . Dt 4:26
after us. It *w* that we too . . . . . Josh 22:27
to send your *w* against me and . . . . . Job 10:17
because false *w* and violent . . . . . Ps 27:12
False *w* won't go unpunished, and liars . . . . Prv 19:9
them bring their *w* as a defense; let. . . . . Is 43:9
by the mouth of two or three *w*. . . . . Mt 18:16
and said, "Why do we need any more *w*? . . . Mk 14:63
You are *w* of these things . . . . . Lk 24:48
and you will be my *w* in Jerusalem, in. . . . . Ac 1:8
found to be false *w* about God, because . . . 1Co 15:15
basis of the testimony of two or three *w*. . . Heb 10:28
will allow my two *w* to prophesy for . . . . Rev 11:3

WIVES

Lamech took two *w*, the first named Adah. . . Gn 4:19
sword. Then your *w* will be widows,. . . . . Ex 22:24
by the sword? Our *w* and our children . . . Nm 14:3
However, your *w*, children, and herds . . . . Dt 3:19
Your *w*, children, and cattle may remain. . . Josh 1:14
eighty secondary *w*, young women . . . . . Song 6:8
their fields and *w* as well. I will . . . . . Jer 6:12
to divorce your *w* because your. . . . . Mt 19:8
on, those who have *w* should be like 1Co 7:29
w, likewise, submit to your own 1Pt 3:1

WOMAN

God fashioned a *w* and brought her to . . . . Gn 2:22
from Levi's household married a Levite *w*. . . Ex 2:1
Israelites: If a *w* conceives a child. . . . . Lv 12:2
When a man or a *w* commits any sin . . . . . Nm 5:6
out the man or *w* who has done this . . . . . Dt 17:5
But the *w* had taken the two men and. . . . . Josh 2:4
like a foolish *w*. Will we receive. . . . . Job 2:10
them right there—like a *w* giving birth, . . . Ps 48:6
the mysterious *w*, from the foreign . . . . . Prv 2:16
a sign. The young *w* is pregnant and is . . . . Is 7:14
make love to a *w* who has a lover . . . . . Hos 3:1
man who looks at a *w* lustfully has . . . . . Mt 5:28
A *w* was there who had been bleeding for . . . Mk 5:25
a son. This *w* who was labeled . . . . . Lk 1:36
Jesus replied, "*w*, what does that have . . . . Jn 2:4
a believing Jewish *w* and a Greek father. . . . Ac 16:1
A married *w* is united with her husband. . . . Ro 7:2
put up with that *w*, Jezebel, who . . . . . Rev 2:20

WOMB

are in your *w*; two different . . . . . Gn 25:23
from any Israelite *w* belongs to me,. . . . . Ex 13:2
open an Israelite *w*. The Levites are . . . . . Nm 3:12
fertility of your *w*, your livestock's . . . . . Dt 28:11
be sons in my *w*, that they would. . . . . Ru 1:11
from my mother's *w*; naked I will. . . . . Job 1:21
pulled me from the *w*, placing me safely. . . . Ps 22:9
grave and a barren *w*, a land never . . . . . Prv 30:16
formed you in the *w* and will help you, ... Is 44:2
them? Give them a *w* that miscarries . . . . Hos 9:14
leaped in her *w*, and Elizabeth was . . . . . Lk 1:41
enter the mother's *w* for a second time . . . . Jn 3:4
as dead, and Sarah's *w*, which was dead. . . . Ro 4:19

WOMEN

these human *w* were, so they . . . . . Gn 6:2
helping the Hebrew *w* give birth and you . . . Ex 1:16
w during their menstruation, men or women Lv 15:33
by having illicit sex with Moabite *w*. . . . . Nm 25:1
every town—men, *w*, and . . . . . Dt 2:34
thousand men and *w* died that day, all . . . Josh 8:25
of us are born of *w*, have few days, ... Job 14:1
the young *w* servants following . . . . . Ps 45:14
your house, and to nourish your young *w*. . . Prv 27:27
Seven *w* will grab one man on that day, ... Is 4:1
dashed, and their pregnant *w* ripped open. . Hos 13:16
thousand men plus *w* and children had . . . Mt 14:21
at that time for *w* who are pregnant . . . . Mk 13:17
you above all *w*, and he has . . . . . Lk 1:42
us to stone *w* like this. What do . . . . . Jn 8:5
along with some *w*, including Mary. . . . . Ac 1:14
the *w* should be quiet during the meeting.. . 1Co 14:34
w received back their dead by . . . . . Heb 11:35
defiled with *w*, for these people . . . . . Rev 14:4

WONDERFUL

has given me a *w* gift. Now my . . . . . Gn 30:20
the LORD our God is giving to us is *w*! . . . . Dt 1:25
the LORD will do *w* things among you. . . . . Josh 3:5
comprehension, *w* things without . . . . . Job 5:9
heart; I will talk about all your *w* acts. . . . . Ps 9:1
things are too *w* for me, four that . . . . . Prv 30:18
of Tarshish; against all the *w* boats. . . . . Is 2:16
The day will be a *w* one for Jezreel. . . . . Hos 1:11
may speak of the *w* acts of the one 1Pt 2:9

WONDERS

tests, miracles, *w*, war, a strong . . . . . Dt 4:34
signs and *w* against Pharaoh, ... Neh 9:10
and unsearchable things, *w* beyond number? Job 9:10
the God who works *w*; you have . . . . . Ps 77:14
me are signs and *w* in Israel from the . . . . . Is 8:18
God, who has done *w* for you; and my. . . . . Jl 2:26
great signs and *w* in order to. . . . . Mt 24:24
offer signs and *w* in order to . . . . . Mk 13:22
signs and *w*, you won't . . . . . Jn 4:48
I will cause *w* to occur in the heavens . . . . Ac 2:19
power of signs and *w*, and by the power . . . Ro 15:19

WONDROUS

praises to him; dwell on all his *w* works! . . 1Ch 16:9
God roars with his *w* voice; he does great . . Job 37:5
and I'm still proclaiming your *w* deeds! . . . Ps 71:17
forces, who gives *w* counsel and . . . . . Is 28:29

WOOD

He split the *w* for the entirely . . . . . Gn 22:3
skins dyed red; beaded leather; acacia *w*; . . . Ex 25:5
light the altar and lay *w* on the fire. . . . . Lv 1:7
a man gathering *w* on the Sabbath day. . . . Nm 15:32
gods, made of *w* and stone by human . . . . Dt 4:28
offering with the *w* of the Asherah . . . . . Jdg 6:26
treats iron as straw, bronze as rotten *w*. . . Job 41:27
coupled with burning coals from a *w* fire! . . Ps 120:4
Without *w* a fire goes out; without . . . . . Prv 26:20
could lift up the one not made of *w*! . . . . . Is 10:15

from a piece of *w*, and their . . . Hos 4:12
precious stones, *w*, grass, or hay, . . . 1Co 3:12
bronze, stone, and *w*—idols that can't . . . Rev 9:20

WOOL

on clothing—on *w* or linen clothing, . . . Lv 13:47
clothes that mix *w* and linen together. . . . Dt 22:11
I'm now putting a *w* fleece on the . . . . Jdg 6:37
weren't warmed by the *w* from my sheep; . Job 31:20
snow like it was *w*; God scatters . . . . Ps 147:16
She seeks out *w* and flax; she works . . . . Prv 31:13
red as crimson, they will become like *w*. . . . Is 1:18
and my water, my *w* and my linen . . . . Hos 2:5
water, scarlet *w*, and hyssop, and. . . . . Heb 9:19
white as white *w*—like snow. . . . . Rev 1:14

WORD

events, the LORD's *w* came to Abram in a . . Gn 15:1
took the LORD's *w* seriously rushed. . . . . Ex 9:20
to the LORD's *w* as he was . . . . . Nm 3:16
can return with *w* about the route we. . . . . Dt 1:22
of Jericho sent *w* to Rahab: "Send . . . . .Josh 2:3
Job would send *w* and purify his . . . . . Job 1:5
the LORD's *w* is tried and true. . . . . .Ps 18:30
to depression, but a good *w* encourages. . . . Prv 12:25
Hear the LORD's *w*. Listen to our God's . . . . Is 1:10
The LORD's *w* that came to Hosea, Beeri's . . . Hos 1:1
This fulfilled the *w* spoken through . . . . . Mt 2:17
door. Jesus was speaking the *w* to them. . . . Mk 2:2
and servants of the *w* handed down to us. . . .Lk 1:2
beginning was the *w* and the Word was . . . .Jn 1:1
Many who heard the *w* became believers and . .Ac 4:4
as though God's *w* has failed. Not . . . . . Ro 9:6
because God's *w* is living, active, and . . . . Heb 4:12
witness to the *w* of God and to the . . . . . Rev 1:2

WORDS

attention to my *w*: I killed a man . . . . . .Gn 4:23
These are the *w* you should say to . . . . . Ex 19:6
people the LORD's *w*. He assembled. . . . . Nm 11:24
These are the *w* that Moses spoke to all . . . .Dt 1:1
Listen to the *w* of the LORD your. . . . . .Josh 3:9
you be annoyed? But who can hold *w* back? . Job 4:2
Hear my *w*, LORD! Consider my . . . . . .Ps 5:1
sayings, the *w* of the wise, and . . . . . Prv 1:6
earth; from the dust your *w* will whisper. . . . Is 29:4
killed them by the *w* of my mouth, and . . . . Hos 6:5
a flood of empty *w*, as the Gentiles . . . . . Mt 6:7
him. John's *w* greatly confused. . . . . .Mk 6:20
confused by these *w* and wondered what . . . Lk 1:29
sent speaks God's *w* because God gives . . . . Jn 3:34
Know this! Listen carefully to my *w*! . . . . .Ac 2:14
are right in your *w*; and you will . . . . . Ro 3:4
and a sound of *w* that made the ones . . . .Heb 12:19
one who reads the *w* of this prophecy. . . . . Rev 1:3

WORK

completed all the *w* that he had done,. . . . Gn 2:2
foremen of forced *w* gangs over the. . . . . Ex 1:11
can be used to do *w*. It must be put. . . . . Lv 11:32
tent, doing the *w* of the dwelling. . . . . Nm 3:7
Six days you may *w* and do all your tasks . . . Dt 5:13
can no longer *w* up their courage. . . . . Josh 2:11
blessed the *w* of his hands so . . . . . Job 1:10
of God, will understand it was God's *w*. . . . Ps 64:9
and your hard *w* will end up in a . . . . .Prv 5:10
ignore the LORD's *w*; they can't see . . . . . Is 5:12
all of them the *w* of craftsmen.. . . . . Hos 13:2
out with *w*, and they don't. . . . . Mt 6:28
miraculous powers are at *w* through him. . . .Mk 6:14
people for a day's *w*. The other owed . . . . . Lk 7:41
one who sent me and by completing his *w*. . . . Jn 4:34
of grace was at *w* among them all. . . . . Ac 4:33
based on their patient good *w*. . . . . Ro 2:7
they had seen my *w* for forty years. . . . . Heb 3:9

WORKED

Jacob *w* for Rachel for seven years, but . . . Gn 29:20
heavenly creatures *w* into their design. . . . Ex 36:8
clans, all who *w* in the meeting. . . . . Nm 4:37
because they *w* for you for six . . . . . Dt 15:18
the LORD's power *w* against them, just . . . Jdg 2:15
what is fair. You *w* justice and . . . . . Ps 99:4
and what I had *w* so hard to . . . . . .Ecc 2:11
that the Most High God has *w* in my life. . . . Dn 4:2
the yeast had *w* its way through . . . . . Mt 13:33
The Lord *w* with them, ... Mk 16:20
Master, we've *w* hard all night and . . . . .Lk 5:5
hard for; others *w* hard, and you will . . . Jn 4:38
he stayed and *w* with them. They . . . . . Ac 18:3
to Mary, who has *w* very hard for you. . . . Ro 16:6
lose what we've *w* for but instead. 2Jn 1:8

WORKERS

all the skilled *w* building the . . . . . Ex 36:4
of poor or needy *w*, whether they are . . . Dt 24:14
me, 'Stay with my *w* until they've . . . . . Ru 2:21
wicked, destruction for *w* of iniquity? . . . Job 31:3
prey, but hard *w* receive precious . . . . Prv 12:27
w with flax will be dismayed; carders and . . . Is 19:9
with consecrated *w* at temples; so now . . . Hos 4:14
you can imagine, but there are few *w*. . . . Mt 9:37
Zebedee in the boat with the hired *w*. . . . .Mk 1:20
but there are few *w*. Therefore plead . . . . Lk 10:2
Tryphosa, who are *w* for the Lord. Say . . . Ro 16:12

WORKING

w with Bezalel was Oholiab, Ahisamach's . . Ex 38:23
He's skilled in *w* with gold, silver,. 2Ch 2:14
one handful than *w* hard for two . . . . . Ecc 4:6
donkeys that are *w* the ground will . . . . Is 30:24
Father is still *w* and I am working . . . . . Jn 5:17
he was taken up, *w* in the power of . . . . .Ac 1:2
the Gentiles. I'm *w* as a priest of . . . . . Ro 15:16

WORKS

all his amazing *w* that our ancestors . . . . Jdg 6:13
as I mention my *w* to the king. My . . . . . Ps 45:1
wool and flax; she *w* joyfully with her . . . Prv 31:13
with his tools *w* it over coals, and . . . . .Is 44:12
longer bow down to the *w* of your hands! . . . Mi 5:13
wisdom is proved to be right by her *w*. . . . Mt 11:19
show him greater *w* than these so that . . . Jn 5:20
the mighty *w* of God in our own . . . . . Ac 2:11
God will repay everyone based on their *w* . . . Ro 2:6
And yet God's *w* were completed at . . . . Heb 4:3
I know your *w*, your labor, and your . . . . Rev 2:2

WORLD

there is no one like me in the whole *w*. . . . Ex 9:14
to the LORD; he set the *w* on top of them! . . 1Sa 2:8
light into darkness, banished from the *w*. . . Job 18:18
justice in the *w* rightly; he will . . . . . .Ps 9:8
and my anger at the *w* will be finished. . . . Is 10:25
before him—the *w* and all who dwell . . . . Na 1:5
the kingdoms of the *w* and their glory. . . . Mt 4:8
gain the whole *w* but lose their. . . . . .Mk 8:36
single instant all the kingdoms of the *w*. . . .Lk 4:5
on all people was coming into the *w*. . . . .Jn 1:9
the whole *w*, no other name has . . . . . Ac 4:12
is being spread throughout the whole *w*. . . . Ro 1:8
everything and created the *w* through him. . . Heb 1:2
over the whole *w*, to test those who . . . . Rev 3:10

WORN

nor the sandals on your feet have *w* out. . . . Dt 29:5
They took *w*-out sacks for . . . . . .Josh 9:4
Now God has surely *w* me out. You have. . . Job 16:7
I'm *w* out from groaning. Every night, I . . . . .Ps 6:6
shade of a massive cliff in a *w*-out land. . . . . Is 32:2

WORRY

Don't *w* about your possessions because . . Gn 45:20
living without *w* in the same way as . . . . Jdg 18:7
Don't *w* about all the things people say, ...Ecc 7:21
me, Daniel, to *w*. My visions . . . . . Dn 7:15
with fear; all faces turn red with *w*. . . . . Jl 2:6
say to you, don't *w* about your life, ... Mt 6:25
and you don't *w* about what people. . . . . Mk 12:14
authorities, don't *w* about how to . . . . . Lk 12:11
him again you can be glad and I won't *w*. . . Phil 2:28

WORSE

walls sky-high! *w* still, we saw the . . . . . Dt 1:28
with you and *w* still if you hide. 1Sa 3:17
my enemies, still *w* to my neighbors. I . . . .Ps 31:11
go from bad to *w*. They don't know . . . . . Jer 9:3
tears away the cloth and makes a *w* tear. . . . Mt 9:16
the new from the old, and makes a *w* tear. . .Mk 2:21
That person is *w* off at the end . . . . . Lk 11:26
in case something *w* happens to you. . . . . Jn 5:14
were you treated *w* than the other 2Co 12:13
How much *w* punishment do you think is . .Heb 10:29

WORSHIP

people began to *w* in the LORD's name. . . . . Gn 4:26
come back here and *w* God on this . . . . . Ex 3:12
There you will *w* other gods, made of wood . . Dt 4:28
by them. Don't serve them or *w* them. . . . Josh 23:7
family among all the nations will *w* you. . . .Ps 22:27
has been heard. *w* God and keep God's . . . Ecc 12:13
with idols; they *w* their handiwork, ... Is 2:8
I'm a Hebrew. I *w* the LORD, the God . . . . . Jon 1:9
you all these if you bow down and *w* me. . . . Mt 4:9
Their *w* of me is empty since they teach . . . Mk 7:7
who gathered to *w* were praying . . . . . Lk 1:10
that it is necessary to *w* in Jerusalem. . . . . Jn 4:20
them over to *w* the stars in the. . . . . Ac 7:42
of the Law, the *w*, and the promises . . . . . Ro 9:4
he said, All of God's angels must *w* him. . . . Heb 1:6
the throne. They *w* the one who lives . . . . Rev 4:10

WORSHIPPED

to the LORD and *w* in the LORD's name. . . . Gn 12:8
their oppression, they bowed down and *w*. . . Ex 4:31
in his hand. Then he bowed low and *w*. . . . Nm 22:31
you are displacing *w* their . . . . . Dt 12:2
on his face and *w*. Joshua said to . . . . . Josh 5:14
his head, fell to the ground, and *w*. . . . . Job 1:20
consulted, and *w*. Their bones won't . . . . . Jer 8:2
to Baal-peor, and *w* a thing of shame; . . . . Hos 9:10
those in the boat *w* Jesus and said, ... Mt 14:33
temple area but *w* God with fasting. . . . . Lk 2:37
Our ancestors *w* on this mountain, but you . . Jn 4:20
a lie, and they *w* and served the . . . . . Ro 1:25
Amen," and the elders fell down and *w*. . . . Rev 5:14

WORSHIPPING

some of them for *w* the LORD our God. . . . Ex 10:26
and be led astray, *w* and serving them. . . . . Dt 4:19
might make our children stop *w* the LORD. Josh 22:25
while he was *w* in the temple of . . . . . Is 37:38
As they were *w* the Lord and fasting, the . . . Ac 13:2
They didn't stop *w* demons and idols . . . . Rev 9:20

WORTH

relative, a man of *w*, through her. . . . . Ru 2:1
in what has no *w*, for their reward . . . . Job 15:31
a thousand vines *w* a thousand silver . . . . Is 7:23
them. Aren't you *w* much more than . . . . .Mt 6:26
off and buy bread *w* almost eight . . . . . .Mk 6:37
two full days' *w* of wages and gave . . . . Lk 10:35
half year's salary *w* of food wouldn't . . . . .Jn 6:7
he is weak and his speech is *w* nothing. . . .2Co 10:10

WORTHLESS

thought the rock of his salvation was *w*. . . Dt 32:15
Abimelech hired *w* and reckless men, ... Jdg 9:4
He knows *w* people, sees sin, and. . . . . Job 11:11
to love what is *w* and go after lies? . . . . . .Ps 4:2
w people and guilty people go around with . .Prv 6:12
Stop bringing *w* offerings. Your incense . . . Is 1:13
because Ephraim chose to pursue *w* things. . Hos 5:11
Now take the *w* servant and throw him . . . Mt 25:30
own mouth, you *w* servant! You knew, . . . Lk 19:22
and away from such *w* things. He made . . . Ac 14:15
They have become *w* together. There is . . . Ro 3:12
mislead themselves. Their devotion is *w*. . . .Jas 1:26

WORTHY

in holiness, *w* of highest praise, ... Ex 15:11
of yours, someone who is more *w* than you. . 1Sa 15:28
is great and so *w* of praise! His . . . . . Ps 48:1
are disgraceful children, *w* of reproach. . . . Prv 19:26
than I am. I'm not *w* to carry his . . . . . Mt 3:11
me. I'm not even *w* to bend over and . . . . . Mk 1:7
is coming. I'm not *w* to loosen the . . . . . Lk 3:16
me, but I'm not *w* to untie his . . . . . Jn 1:27
been regarded as *w* to suffer disgrace . . . . . Ac 5:41
in a way that is *w* of God's people, ... Ro 16:2
me clothed in white because they are *w*. . . . Rev 3:4

WOUND

a bruise for a bruise, a *w* for a wound. . . . Ex 21:25
in the desert with every kind of *w*. 1Sa 4:8
thought a liar; my *w* from an arrow is . . . . Job 34:6
on a cold day or putting vinegar on a *w*. . . Prv 25:20
They treat the *w* of my people as if it . . . . .Jer 6:14
and Judah his *w*, then Ephraim went . . . . Hos 5:13
but its deadly *w* was healed. So the . . . . . Rev 13:3

WOUNDED

I'm the one who *w*, but now I will . . . . . Dt 32:39
away. Many fell *w*, all the way up to. . . . . Jdg 9:40
of the mortally *w* screams, but God. . . . . Job 24:12
arrow! Without warning, they will be *w*! . . . Ps 64:7
He is *w* and disgraced. His shame will. . . . .Prv 6:33
a crushing blow and are mortally *w*. . . . . Jer 14:17
Then he placed the *w* man on his own. . . . Lk 10:34
they ran out of that house naked and *w*. . . Ac 19:16
beast who had been *w* by the sword and. . . Rev 13:14

WOUNDS

recover from the *w* the Arameans had. 2Ki 8:29
and multiplies my *w* for no reason? . . . . Job 9:17
My *w* reek; they are all infected because. . . . Ps 38:5
has unnecessary *w*? Who has glazed . . . . Prv 23:29
cuts, and raw *w*, not treated, not . . . . . Is 1:6
weakened by her *w*! It has come as . . . . . Mi 1:9
and bandaged his *w*, tending them with. . . Lk 10:34
my finger in the *w* left by the nails, ... Jn 20:25
and washed their *w*. He and everyone. . . . Ac 16:33
to do with sin. By his *w* you were healed. . . .1Pt 2:24

WRATH

which the LORD devastated in anger and *w*! . Dt 29:23
them live so that *w* won't come down on . . . Josh 9:20

yourselves, for *w* brings punishment . . . . Job 19:29
the peak of their *w*, the wicked don't . . . . . Ps 10:4
help in the day of *w*, but righteousness . . . . Prv 11:4
my proud, jubilant ones, to execute my *w*. . . . Is 13:3
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God's *w* is being revealed from heaven . . . . Ro 1:18
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WRITE

said to Moses, "*w* this as a reminder . . . . Ex 17:14
The priest will *w* these curses in the . . . . Nm 5:23
w them on your house's doorframes and on . . . Dt 6:9
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You even *w* bitter things about me, make . . Job 13:26
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WRITING

was God's own *w* inscribed on the . . . . . Ex 32:16
Moses had finished *w* in their entirety . . . Dt 31:24
kingdom (it was also in *w*) that stated: . . . . Ezr 1:1
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WRITTEN

that I've *w* in order to teach . . . . . Ex 24:12
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It's *w* in the Law of the Lord . . . . . Lk 2:23
that it is *w*, Passion for your . . . . . Jn 2:17
It is *w* in the Psalms scroll, Let his . . . . . Ac 1:20
faith, as it is *w*, The righteous . . . . . Ro 1:17
God. This has been *w* about me in the. . . . Heb 10:7
and keep what is *w* in it, for the . . . . . Rev 1:3

WRONG

has done anything *w*. Everything has . . . . Gn 20:16
is right, and I and my people are *w*. . . . . Ex 9:27
has done something *w* unintentionally . . . . Lv 4:13
Now, if you think it's *w*, I'll go back. . . . . Nm 22:34
yet know right and *w*—they will enter . . . . Dt 1:39
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back from the *w* path will save . . . . . Jas 5:20
Let those who do *w* keep doing what is . . . Rev 22:11

WROTE

Moses then *w* down all the LORD's words. . . . Ex 24:4
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YEAR

the six hundredth *y* of Noah's life, in . . . . Gn 7:11
will be the first month of the *y* for you. . . . Ex 12:2
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YEARS

mark events, sacred seasons, days, and *y*. . . . Gn 1:14
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YEAST

you must remove *y* from your houses . . . . Ex 12:15
can be made with *y*. You must not . . . . . Lv 2:11
containing *y* along with it. . . . . Dt 16:3
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your guard for the *y* of the Pharisees . . . . Mk 8:15
Watch out for the *y* of the . . . . . Lk 12:1
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YOKE

flawless and on which no *y* has been laid. . . Nm 19:2
will put an iron *y* on your neck until . . . . Dt 28:48
with twelve *y* of oxen before 1Ki 19:19

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YOUNG

is that the **y** men may keep . . . . . Gn 14:24
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YOUNGER

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YOUNGEST

what his **y** son had done to . . . . . Gn 9:24
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YOUTH

evil from their **y**. I will never . . . . . Gn 8:21
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in the days of her **y**, like the time . . . . . Hos 2:15
A **y** here has five barley loaves and two . . . .Jn 6:9
followed since my **y** because, from the . . . . Ac 26:4

Z

ZACCHAEUS

A man there named **Z**, a ruler among tax . . . Lk 19:2

ZADOK

Ahitub's son **Z** and Ahimelech's son. 2Sa 8:17
But **Z** the priest, Jehoiada's son Benaiah, . . . 1Ki 1:8
are descendants of **Z**, the ones who may. . . Eze 43:19
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ZEBEDEE

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ZEBULUN

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ZEPHANIAH

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ZERAH

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ZION

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Sibmah 7C4
Sicilia 12C3, 16B1
Sidon (city) 1B1, 2D1, 3B1, 4B1, 5B1, 6C2, 7B1, 8B2, 9C2, 10B1, 11B2, 12C5, 13B1, 16C6
Sidon (region) 7B1
Sidonians 4B1, 5B2
Siloam (old) conduit 14C4
Siloam Pool 14C5, 15C5
Simeon (tribe) 3A6, 5A6, 9B5
Sinai 2C4, 8D2

Sinope 12B4
Sinus Arabicus (Red Sea) 12D5
Sinus Persicus (Persian Gulf) 12C6
Sippar 6C4
Sippar 8B4
Smyrna 12C4, 16B4
Socoh 1B3, 1B5, 3B5, 5B3, 5B5, 9B4
Sogane 13C2
Sogdiana 11D5
Solomon's Pool 15C5
Solomon's Portico 15C3
Solomon's Wall 14C3
Solona 12B3
Sorek 4B4
Southeastern Hill (Sion) 14C5
Southwestern Hill 14B4
Sparta 12C4
Stepped street 15C5
Strato's Tower 10B3
Succoth 1C3, 2B3, 3C4, 4C4
Susa 8B5
Susithah (Hippos) 10C2
Syracuse 12C3, 16B1
Province of Syria 13C1
Syria (Aram) 4D1, 5D1, 6C2, 7D1, 8B3, 12C5, 16C6
Sythopolis 16C6

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Taanach 1B3, 3B3, 4B3, 5B3, 9C3
Tadmor 6C3,r 8B3
Tamar 9C4
Tapphuah 3B4, 5B4, 9C4
Tarentum 16A2
Tarsus 8A2, 12C5, 16B6
Taurus Mountains 8A2
Tekoa 4B5, 5B5, 7B5, 10B5
Tekoa Gate 15C5
Tekrit 8B4
Tel Abu Matar 1A6
Tema 8D3
Temple 14C3
Temple Hill (Mount Moriah) 14C3
Temple Mount 15C3
Tephon (Tappuah) 10B4
Terebinthus 13B5
Terqa 8B4
Thamna 13B4
Thebes 8D2, 16B3
Thebez 4B3
Thecoa 13B5
Thella 13C2
Thessalonica 12C4, 16A3
Thessaly 16B3
Thracia 12B4, 16A4
Three Taverns 16A1
Thyatira 12C4, 16B4
Tiberias 13C2, 16C6
Tigris R. 6C4, 8B4, 11B2, 11B4, 11B6, 12C5
Timnah 1B5, 3B5, 5B4, 7B4, 9C4
Timnath 10B4
Timnath-serah 3B4, 9C4
Tirzah 1B3, 3B3, 5B3, 7B3, 9C4
Tishbe 5C3
Tob 3D3, 4D3, 9D3
Tower of Hananel 14C3
Towers Pool 15B3
Trachanitis 13D2
Transjordan 1D4
Trier 12A3
Triple (Huldah) Gate 15C4
Tripolis 12C5, 16C6
Tripolitania 16C1
Troas 12C4, 16B4
Tubal (Tabal) 6A2
Tyre (city) 1B1, 2D1, 3B1, 4B1, 5B1, 6C2, 7B1, 8B2, 9C2, 10B1, 11B2, 11B4, 11B6, 12C5, 13B1, 16C6
Tyre(region) 7B1
Tyropoeon (Cheesemakers) Valley 15C5

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Upper Beth-horon 3B4, 4B4
Upper City (Zion) 15B4
Upper Egypt 2A5
Upper Pool 14C4
Upper Sea, The (Mediterranean Sea) 8B1
Ur 6D5, 8C5
Uruk (Erech) 6D5, 8C5
Uzu 1B1

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Valley Gate 15C4
Valley of Aijalon 1B4
Valley of Jezreel 4B3, 5B3
Valley of Lebanon 3C1, 4C1, 5C1, 9C2
Valley of Salt 4B6
Valley of Sharon 5B3
Valley of Sorek 1B4
Valley of the Hinnom 14A5, 15B5
Valley of the Kidron 14D3, 15D3
Vienne 12B2

-W-

Wadi el-Arish 9A5
Wadi Feiran 2B5
Wall of Hezekiah (Manasseh?)
Wall of Sion 14C4
Warren's Gate 15C3
Water Gate (Fountain Gate) 14C5
Water Shaft 14C4, 15C4
Wilderness of Judah 4B6, 5B6
Wilderness of Paran 2C4
Wilderness of Shur 2C3
Wilderness of Sin 2C4
Wilderness of Zin 2C3
Wilson's Arch 15C3
Women's Tower 15B2

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Yahem 1B3
Yanoam 1C2
Yishub 13B3
Yurza 1A5

-Z-

Zagros Mountains 8A5
Zanoah 10B5
Zaphon 3C3, 9C4
Zarephath 5B1, 10B1
Zarethan 3C4, 4C4, 9C4
Zebulun (tribe) 3B2, 4B2, 5B2, 9B5
Zedad 9D1
Zered Brook 1C6, 2D3, 3C6, 4C6, 7C6, 9C5, 13C6
Zeredah 4B4, 5B4
Zeugma 16B6
Zia 13C4
Ziklag 1A5, 4A5, 10A5
Ziph 1B6, 5B5
Zoaer 7C6
Zobah 4D1
Zoer 1C6
Zorah 3B4, 5B4, 10B4

Map 1

ISRAEL IN THE LATE BRONZE AGE
AMMON Kingdom
EDOM Area
Arad? Location uncertain
0 10 20 miles
0 10 20 kilometers
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
PHOENICIA
CANAAN
PHILISTIA
Sidon
Tyre
Uzu
Kanah
Damascus
ARAM (SYRIA)
Mt. Hermon
Ijon
Pharpar R.
Abel
Beth-rehob
L. Merom (L. Huleh)
Dan (Laish)
Beth-anath?
MAACAH
Kedesh
Rehob?
Achzib
Hazor
Jordan R.
Aduru
Janoah
Merom
GESHUR
BASHAN
ARGOB
Acco
Capernaum
Chinnereth
Lake Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
Magdala
Karnaim
Madon
Golan
Ashtaroth
Hannathon
Achshaph?
Hammath
Mt. Carmel
Beth-yerah (Philoteria)
Yarmuk R.
Shimron
Mt. Tabor
Yanoam
Japhia
Jokneam
Endor
HAVVOTH-JAIR
Edrei
Dor
Shunem
Megiddo
Anaharath
Esdraelon Plain
Taanach
Beth-shean
Ham
Ramoth-gilead
Aruna
Beth-haggan
Pehel (Pella)
Migdal
Arubboth
Ibleam
Mt. Gilboa
Jordan R.
GILEAD
TRANSJORDAN
Gath of Sharon
Yahem
Dothan
Socoh
Samaria
Tirzah
Mt. Ebal
Shechem
Mt. Gerizim
Succoth
Penuel
Jabbok R.
Mahanaim
Plain of Sharon
Aphek
Hill Country of Israel
Joppa
Ono
Shiloh
Gilead
Jogbehah
AMMON
Beth-dagon
Valley of Aijalon
Lod
Bethel (Luz)
Ai
Beth-nimrah
Philadelphia (Rabbah)
Beth-horon
Jericho
Gilgal
Gezer
Aijalon
Gibeon
Shittim
Valley of Sorek
Mt. Pisgah
Elealeh
Ekron
Hill Country of Judah
Jerusalem (Salem)
Ghassul
Heshbon
Ashdod
Beth-shemesh
Beth-jeshimoth
Mt. Nebo
Bezer
Gath
Socoh
Timnah
Bethlehem (Ephrath)
Kiriathaim
Medeba
MOABITES
Ashkelon
Beth-baal-meon
Chezib
Adullam
Keilah
Ataroth
Mattanah
Lachish
Mamre
Eglon
Beth-tappuah
Hebron (Kiriath-arba)
Kedemoth
Gaza
The Shephelah (western foothills)
Salt Sea (Dead Sea)
Dibon
Beth-eglaim
En-gedi
Aroer
Arnon
Debir
Gerar
Ziklag
Yurza
Negeb Brook
ARAD
Sharuhen
Bab ed-Dra'
Ar
Moladah
Arad?
Beer-sheba
MOAB
Tel Abu Matar
Hormah
Adadah (Aroer)
Numeira
Rehoboth
Es-Safi
Zoer
Ziph
Zered Brook
Feifa
The Negeb (arid southern plain)
EDOM
N
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Map 2

EXODUS
Area controlled by ancient Israel
GOSHEN Area
Probable route of wandering in the Sinai
Entry into and conquest of Canaan
Battle
Debir? Location uncertain
0 25 50 miles
0 25 50 kilometers
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
Sidon
Damascus
Tyre
Kedesh
Merom
Hazor
BASHAN
Mt. Tabor 1886 ft 575 m
Edrei
CANAAN
Jordan R.
Shechem
Shiloh
Bethel
Ai
Gilgal?
AMMON
Beth-horon
Gibeah
Jericho
Shittim
Heshbon
Jarmuth
Jerusalem
Mt. Nebo 2631 ft 802 m
Azekah
Libnah?
Lachish
Makkedah?
Jahaz?
Eglon?
Hebron
Dibon
Debir?
Salt Sea (Dead Sea)
Arnon R.
Beer-sheba
PHILISTIA
Besor Br.
MOAB
Zered Br.
Iye Abarim?
Wilderness of Zin
Oboth?
Punon
Rameses
GOSHEN
Succoth
Pithom
Wilderness of Shur
Kadesh-barnea
EDOM
Wilderness of Paran
LOWER EGYPT
EGYPT
Heliopolis (On)
Memphis (Noph)
Nile R.
Ezion-geber
Marah?
Elim?
SINAI
(Gulf of Suez)
Dophkah?
Wilderness of Sin
Hazeroth?
MIDIAN
Wadi Feiran
Rephidim?
Mt. Sinai (traditional location) 7497 ft
(Gulf of Aqaba)
UPPER EGYPT
Red Sea
Nile R.
N
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Map 3

SETTLEMENT OF CANAAN
(12 TRIBAL TERRITORIES)
EDOM Area
ASHER Tribe of Israel
City of refuge
Philistine city
Ammonites Neighboring people
Hepher? Location uncertain
0 10 20 miles
0 10 20 kilometers
Sidon
Damascus
Mt. Hermon
Baal-gad
Valley of Lebanon
Pharpar R.
Tyre
L. Merom (L. Huleh)
Dan (Laish)
DAN
NAPHTALI
Kedesh
Achzib
Abdon
Hazor
Jordan R.
ASHER
Canaanites
Mesopotamians
Rehob
Chinnereth
Lake Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
BASHAN
Golan
Ashtaroth
Achshaph?
Rimmon
Hammath
Bethlehem
ZEBULUN
Shimron
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Tabor
Hill of Moreh
Jokneam
Kishon R.
Yarmuk R.
Lakkum
ISSACHAR
HAVVOTH-JAIR
Edrei
Dor
Shunem
Megiddo
Tob
Jezreel
Ramoth-gilead
Taanach
Beth-shean
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
Ibleam
Mt. Gilboa
Jabesh-gilead
MANASSEH
Hepher?
Hill Country of Israel
Bezek
Abel-meholah
Socoh
Tirzah
Jordan R.
Zaphon?
Mt. Ebal
Shechem
Pirathon
Mt. Gerizim
Succoth
Penuel
Jabbok R.
GILEAD
Zarethan?
Arumah
Aphek
Tappuah
Midianites & Amalekites
Joppa
EPHRAIM
Lebonah
Shiloh
Timnath-serah
Rabbah
Upper Beth-horon
Bethel
Ephron (Ophrah)
Ai
Gilgal
Lower Beth-horon
Mizpah
Ammonites
Gibbethon
Gezer
Gibeon
Ramah
Jericho
Shittim
Beeroth?
Gibeah
Mt. Pisgah
Heshbon
BENJAMIN
Ekron
Zorah
Beth-peor
Mt. Nebo
Bezer?
Ashdod
Beth-shemesh
Lehi?
Jerusalem (Jebus)
Beth-jeshimoth
Makkedah
Jarmuth
Bethlehem
Kiriathaim
Medeba
Gath?
Timnah
Socoh
Ashkelon
Adullam
Libnah
Keilah
Hill Country of Judah
Beth-zur
Lachish
Eglon
Hebron
Kedemoth
Dibon
Gaza
Philistines
The Shephelah (western foothills)
Salt Sea (Dead Sea)
Aroer
Arnon
Goshen?
Anab
Debir
ARAD?
Besor Brook
Beer-sheba
Arad?
Hormah
SIMEON
Moabites
Zered Brook
The Negeb
(arid southern plain)
Edomites
N
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Map 4

UNITED MONARCHY
ISRAEL Hebrew kingdom
EDOM Area
ASHER Tribe of Israel
1 (Ben-hur) District (1 Kings 4:7-19) and leader
Ammonites Neighboring people
Hepher? Location uncertain
0 10 20 miles
0 10 20 kilometers
Sidon
ZOBAH
Damascus
Mt. Hermon
9232 ft 2814 m
Valley of Cinneroth
Pharpar R.
Tyre
Abel-beth-maacah
Dan
Beth-rehob
E. Merom (L. Huleh)
MAACAH
8 (Ahimaaz)
Jordan R.
Hazor
Merom
ARGOB
Acco
Cabul
GESHUR
9 (Baana ben-Hushai)
Lake Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
Kishon R.
Mt. Carmel 1791 ft 546 m
ZEBULUN
1886 ft 575m
Mt. Tabor
Jarmuk R.
Helam
Jokneam (Jokmeam)
10 (Jehoshaphat)
HAVVOTH-JAIR
Dor
ISSACHAR
6 (Ben-geber)
Megiddo
Valley of Jezreel
Tob
4 (Ben-abinadab)
Jezreel
Taanach
5 (Baana ben-Ahilud)
Beth-shean
Rogelim
Ramoth-gilead
Mt. Gilboa 2188 ft 667 m
Jabesh-gilead
Arubboth
Hepher?
Socoh
Abel-meholah
I S R A E L
Thebez
MANASSEH
Mt. Ebal 3084 ft 940 m
Mt. Gerizim 2890 ft 881 m
Shechem
3 (Ben-hesed)
Lo-debar?
Jabbok Gorge
Succoth
Jabbok R.
Pirathon
Mahanaim
Zarethan?
1 (Ben-hur)
Gath-rimmon
Joppa
2 (Ben-deker)
Zeredah
Shiloh
Jordan R.
The Arabah (desert slopes)
7 (Ahinadab)
Jazer
EPHRAIM
Baal-hazor
Ephraim
Bethel
Upper Beth-horon
Lower Beth-horon
11 (Shimei)
Gilgal
Rabbah (Rabbath-ammon)
Shaalbim
Gezer
Geba
Jericho
Gibeon
Baalath?
Makaz
Elon
Gibeah
BENJAMIN
Mt. Pisgah
Mt. Nebo 2631 ft 802 m
Heshbon
Ekron
Sorek
Anathoth
Jerusalem
Ashdod
Beth-shemesh
Bethlehem
Medeba
Gath?
Ashkelon
Adullam
Netophah
Libnah
Giloh
Tekoa
12 (Geber)
JUDAH
Gaza
Hebron
Salt Sea (Sea of Arabah, Dead Sea) -1385 ft -422 m
Dibon
Arnon Gorge
Aroer
13 (Unknown)
Debir
Carmel
Arnon R.
Gerar
Ziklag?
The Shephelah (western foothills)
Besor Brook
Wilderness of Judah
Kabzeel?
Arad
Beer-sheba
Valley of Salt
Kir-Hareseth
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
Plain of Sharon
Philistines
AMALEK
The Negeb (arid southern plain)
Zered Brook
Edom
Moab
Ammonites
N
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Map 5

ISRAEL AND JUDAH
ISRAEL Hebrew kingdom
ISRAEL
JUDAH
ASHER Tribe of Israel
BASHAN Area
Ammonites Neighboring people
Baalath? Location uncertain
0 10 20 miles
0 10 20 kilometers
Sidon
Zarephath
Tyre
Abel-beth-maacah (Abel-maim)
Dan
L. Merom (L. Huleh)
Kedesh
Hazor
Merom
Janoah
Jordan R.
Valley of Lahmam
Ijon
Mt. Hermon 9232 ft 2814 m
Damascus
Syria (Aram)
ASHER
Sidonians
NAPHTALI
DAN
BASHAN
MANASSEH
HUARAN
Lake Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
Aphek
Ashtaroth
Edrei
Ramoth-gilead
Beth-arbel
Gath-hepher 1886 ft 575m
Mt. Tabor
Jokneam
Kishon R.
Mt. Carmel 1791 ft 546 m
ZEBULUN
ISSACHAR
Jarmuk R.
HAVVOTH-JAIR
Dor
Megiddo
Shunem
Jezreel
Valley of Jezreel
Taanach
Ibleam
Dothan
Mt. Gilboa 2188 ft 667 m
Tishbe
Abel-meholah
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
Plain of Sharon
ISRAEL
Socoh
Samaria
Tirzah
MANASSEH
2084 ft 640 m
Mt. Ebal
Shechem
Pirathon
2890 ft 881 m
Mt. Gerizim
Lo-debar?
Penuel
Mahanaim
Jabbok R.
GILEAD
Ammonites
Joppa
Tappuah
Zeredah
Shiloh
Jeshanah
EPHRAIM
Jordan R.
Rabbah
Gath (Gittaim)
Bethel
Ephron
Ai
Gilgal
Jericho
BENJAMIN
Beth-horon
Gibbethon
Aijalon
Mizpah
Ramah
Jabneel
Baalath?
Ekron
Timnah
Gibeah
Anathoth
Jerusalem
Beth-peor
Mt. Nebo 2631 ft 802 m
Nebo
Heshbon
Bezer?
Ashdod
Zorah
Beth-shemesh
Azekah
Bethlehem
Medeba
Kiriathaim
Ashkelon
Socoh
Adullam
Etam
Libnah
Tekoa
Mareshah
Beth-zur
Ataroth
Jahaz?
Lachish
Hebron
Salt Sea (Sea of Arabah, Dead Sea)
Dibon
Aroer
Gaza
PHILISTIA
Ziph
Carmel
En-gedi
-1385 ft -422 m
Arnon R.
Besor Brook
Gerar
The Shephelah (western foothills)
JUDAH
Wilderness of Judah
Beer-sheba
SIMEON
Kir-hareseth
Moab
ARABAH
The Negeb (arid southern plain)
Edom
N
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Map 6

ASSYRIAN EMPIRE
(701 B.C.E.)
Assyrian Empire
AKKAD Kingdom or confederation
0 50 100 miles
0 50 100 kilometers
The Hyrcanian Sea (Caspian Sea)
TUBAL (TABAL)
Milid (Melitene)
KHUMI (KUE)
Haran
Nisibis
ASSYRIA
Dur-sharrukin
Nineveh
Calah
Arbela
Arpad
Aleppo
Euphrates R.
Asshur
Cyprus
Hamath
Qarqar
Kadesh
Tadmor
Anat
Tigris R.
The Great Sea
The Upper
(Western) Sea
(Mediterranean Sea)
Lebo-Hamath
LEBANON
Sidon
Helbon
Damascus
Tyre
Acco
HUARAN
KEDAR
AKKAD
Sippar
PEKOD
(PUQUDU)
Megiddo
Salecah
Babylon
Kish
ELAM
Jordan R.
Samaria
ISRAEL
Nippur
Rabbah (Amman)
Jerusalem
BABYLONIA
Lachish
Gaza
AMMON
Salt Sea
(Sea of Arabah,
Dead Sea)
(Erech) Uruk
Ur
MOAB
EDOM
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Map 7

JUDAH AFTER THE FALL OF ISRAEL
(700 B.C.E.)
Kingdom of Judah
Assyrian Empire
Semi-independent province
TYRE Province
PHOENECIA Area
Gath? Location uncertain
0 10 20 miles
0 10 20 kilometers
Sidon
SIDON
PHOENECIA
TYRE
Tyre
MANSUATE
Damascus
SYRIA (ARAM)
Mt. Hermon 9232 ft 2814 m
DAMASCUS
L. Merom (L. Hulek)
Dan
MAACAH
Kedesh
Achzib
Hazor
MEGIDDO
KARNAIM
Lake Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
Rumah
Mt. Carmel 1791 ft 546 m
Mt. Tabor 1886 ft 575m
Jarmuk R.
Plain of Megiddo
Megiddo
Ramoth-gilead
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
DOR
Mt. Gilboa 2188 ft 667 m
GILEAD
HUARAN
Plain of Sharon
Tirzah
Samaria
Mt. Ebal 3084 ft 940 m
Shechem
Mt. Gerizim 2890 ft 881 m
The Arabah (desert, slopes)
Penuel
Jabbok R.
SAMARIA
Shiloh
Jordan R.
Jazer
AMMON
Philadelphia
Bethel
Aiath
Rimmon
Mizpah
Michmash
Gilgal
Ramah
Migron
Jericho
(Jabneh) Jabneel
Gibbethon
Gezer
Gibeah
Geba
Gallim
Anathoth
Laishah
Shittim
Elealeh
Heshbon
Sibmah
Bozrah?
Ekron
Timnah
Jerusalem
Nob
Mt. Nebo 2631 ft 802 m
Nebo
Ashdod
Beth-shemesh
Gath?
Azekah
Beth-haccherem
Kiriathaim
Medeba
Bethlehem
Beth-meon (Baal-meon)
Ashkelon
Moresheth-gath
Adullam
Beth-diblathaim
Libnah
Achzib
Tekoa
Jahaz?
PHILISTIA
Mareshah
Nahaliel R.
Lachish
Salt Sea (Sea of Arabah, Dead Sea) -1385 ft -422 m
Dibon
Aroer
Beth-gamul
Gaza
Beth-ezel
The Shephelah (western foothills)
JUDAH
MOAB
Arnon R.
Gerar
Madmannah
Great Arad
Ar
Beer-sheba
Kir-hareseth
Eastern Desert
Zoaer
The Negeb (arid southern plain)
Zered Brook
EDOM
N
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Map 8

LYDIAN KINGDOM
Taurus Mountains
KUE
IZALLA
ARARAT (URARTU)
The Hyrcanian Sea (Caspian Sea)
MEDIAN KINGDOM
Zagros Mountains
Rhodes
Tarsus
Carchemish
Harran
Gozan
Nisibis
Nineveh
Calah
Arpad
Aleppo
Qurumati
ASSYRIA
Ekallatum
Rusapu
Asshur
Arrapkha
Ecbetana (Achmetha)
Tigris R.
Euphrates R.
Cyprus
Hamath
Arvad
Qatna
Terqa
Kadesh
Riblah
Tadmor
Tekrit
(Byblos) Gebal
The Upper Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
PHOENICIA
SYRIA
BABYLONIAN KINGDOM
AKKAD
Der
Sidon
Tyre
Damascus
Salat
Sippar
Babylon
Kish
Susa
ELAM
BABYLONIA (CHALDEA)
Acco
Hazor
Megiddo
Beth-shan
Jordan R.
Samaria
Shechem
Aphek
Nippur
Mizpah
Rabbah (Amman)
Ashdod
Jericho
Uruk
Ashkelon
Jerusalem
Gaza
En-gedi
Salt Sea (Sea of Arabah, Dead Sea)
Ur
Lachish
JUDAH
MOAB
EDOM
Arad
Bozrah
Arabian Desert
Memphis (Noph)
Dumah
Ezion-geber
The Lower Sea (Persian Gulf)
Nile R.
Sinai
EGYPT
Tema
Dedan
The Red Sea
ETHIOPIA (CUSH)
Thebes
BABYLONIA AND ISRAEL
EDOM Kingdom or confederation
Jewish exiles
From Canaan in Assyrian captivity
To Canaan in Assyrian captivity
From Babylonia in Assyrian captivity
Return under Sheshbazaar & Zerubbabel
Return under Ezra & Nehemiah
0 100 200 miles
0 100 200 kilometers
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Map 9

EZEKIEL'S VISION OF 12 RESTORED TRIBES (Ezek. 47:13-48:29)
ASHER Tribe of Israel
Tribal boundary (Envisioned by Ezekiel)
City of refuge
Philistine city
EDOM Area
Ammonites Neighboring people
Hepher? Location uncertain
0 25 50 miles
0 25 50 kilometers
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
Haitela
HAMATH
DAN
Zedad
Qaryatein
Labweh
Byblos
ASHER
NAPHTALI
Sidon
Damascus
Valley of Lebanon
Baal-gad?
Tyre
Dan (Lajish)
MANASSEH
Jordan R.
Kedesh
Achzib
Abdon
Hazer
Canaanites
Mesopotamians
Rehob
Chinnereth
Lake Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
BASHAN
EPHRAIM
Golan
Ashtaroth
Achshaph?
Rimmon
Hammath
Jarmuk R.
Bethlehem
Shimron
Lakkum
Mt. Hauran +
Jokneam
Hill of Moreh
HAVVOTH-JAIR
Edrei
Dor
Shunem
Megiddo
Jezreel
Tob
Jordan R.
Taanach
Ramoth-gilead
Beth-shean
Ibleam
Jabesh-gilead
REUBEN
Hepher?
Bezek
Abel-meholah
Hill Country of Israel
Socoh
Zaphon?
Tirzah
GILEAD
Penuel
Pirathon
Shechem
Jabbok R.
Arumah
Zarethan?
Aphek
Tappuhah
Midianites & Amalekites
Joppa
Lebonah
Shiloh
JUDAH
Timnath-serah
Rabbah (Amman)
Bethel
Ephron (Ophrah)
Gilgal
Mizpah
Jericho
Shittim
Ammonites
Gezer
Gibeon
Gibeah
Heshbon
Gibbethon
Beeroth?
Ekron
Reserve
Jerusalem (Jebus)
Bezer?
Ashdod
Makkedah
Lehi?
Bethlehem
Medeba
Gath?
Timnah
Kiriathaim
Ashkelon
Philistines
Libnah
Keilah
Beth-zur
Country of Judah
Hill Country of Judah
Gaza
Eglon
Hebron
Kedemoth
BENJAMIN
Dibon
Aroer
Goshen?
Debir
Salt Sea (Sea of Arabah, Dead Sea)
Anab
SIMEON
ARAD?
Arnon R.
Moabites
Beer-sheba
Arad?
Hormah
ISSACHAR
ZEBULUN
The Negeb (arid southern plain)
Zered Br.
Edomites
Wadi el Arish
Tamar
GAD
Kadesh-barnea
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Map 10

PERSIAN EMPIRE
Area colonized by Jews returning from Babylonian captivity
GILEAD Region
Philistines Neighboring people
Ziklag? Location uncertain
0 10 20 miles
0 10 20 kilometers
The Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)
PHOENICIA
GALILEE
GAULANITIS
ARBATTA
The Great Plain
SAMARIA
GILEAD
AMMON
JUDAH (JUDEA)
IDUMEA
MOAB
Nabateans
Philistines
The Negeb (and southern plain)
Eastern Desert
Lake Merom (Lake Huleh)
Lake Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee)
Lake Asphaltitis (Dead Sea)
Jordan R.
Jarmuk R.
Sidon
Zarephath
Tyre
Mt. Hermon
Damascus
Kedesh
Achzib
Hazor
Seleucia
Maked
Ptolemais (Acco)
Baskama
Raphon
Magdala (Taricheae)
Ghaspho (Gasphor)
Carnaim (Carnion)
Bozrah (Bosor)
Arbela
Shihin (Asochis)
Gamala
Dathema (Diathema)
Susitha (Hippos)
Alema
Mt. Carmel
Beth-yerah (Philoteria)
Abila
Gadara
Dor
Ephron
Arbela
Strato's Tower
Bethshan (Scythopolis)
Narbata
Pella
Dothan
Samaria
Antioch on the Chrysorhoas (Gerasa)
Mt. Ebal
Mt. Gerizim
Apollonia
Pharathon (Pirathon)
Shechem
Akrabatta (Akrabattene)
(Pegai) Aphek
Tephon (Tappuah)
Alexandrium
Joppa
Rathamin (Ramthaim)
Shilo
Ono
Jazer
Timnath
(Lydda) Lod
Hadid
Aphairema
Philadelphia (Rabbah)
Modein
Senaab
(Gittaim) Gath
Beth-horon
Bethel
Araq el-Emir
Gazara (Gezer)
Mizpah
Dok
Beth-gilgal (Gilgal)
(Jabneel) Jamnia
Gibeon
Geba
Emmaus
Jericho
Kedron
Kiraith-jearim
Beeroth?
Heshbon
Ekron
Anathoth
Mt. Nebo
Samaga
Ashdod (Azotus)
Zorah
Jerusalem
Jarmuth
Beth-haccherem
Medeba
Azekah
Zanoah
Bethlehem
Ashkelon
Beth-zechariah
Netophah
Adullam
Beth-zaith
Dabaloth?
Harim
Keilah
Nebo
Tekoa
Libba
Anthedon
Marisa
Elam
Beth-zur
Machaerus
Lachish
Gaza
Egion?
Hebron (Kiriath-arba)
Adoraim
En-gedi
Ziklag?
Gerar
En-rimmon
Raphia
Jekabzeel?
Moladah
Jeshua?
Beer-sheba
Hazar-shual
Hormah
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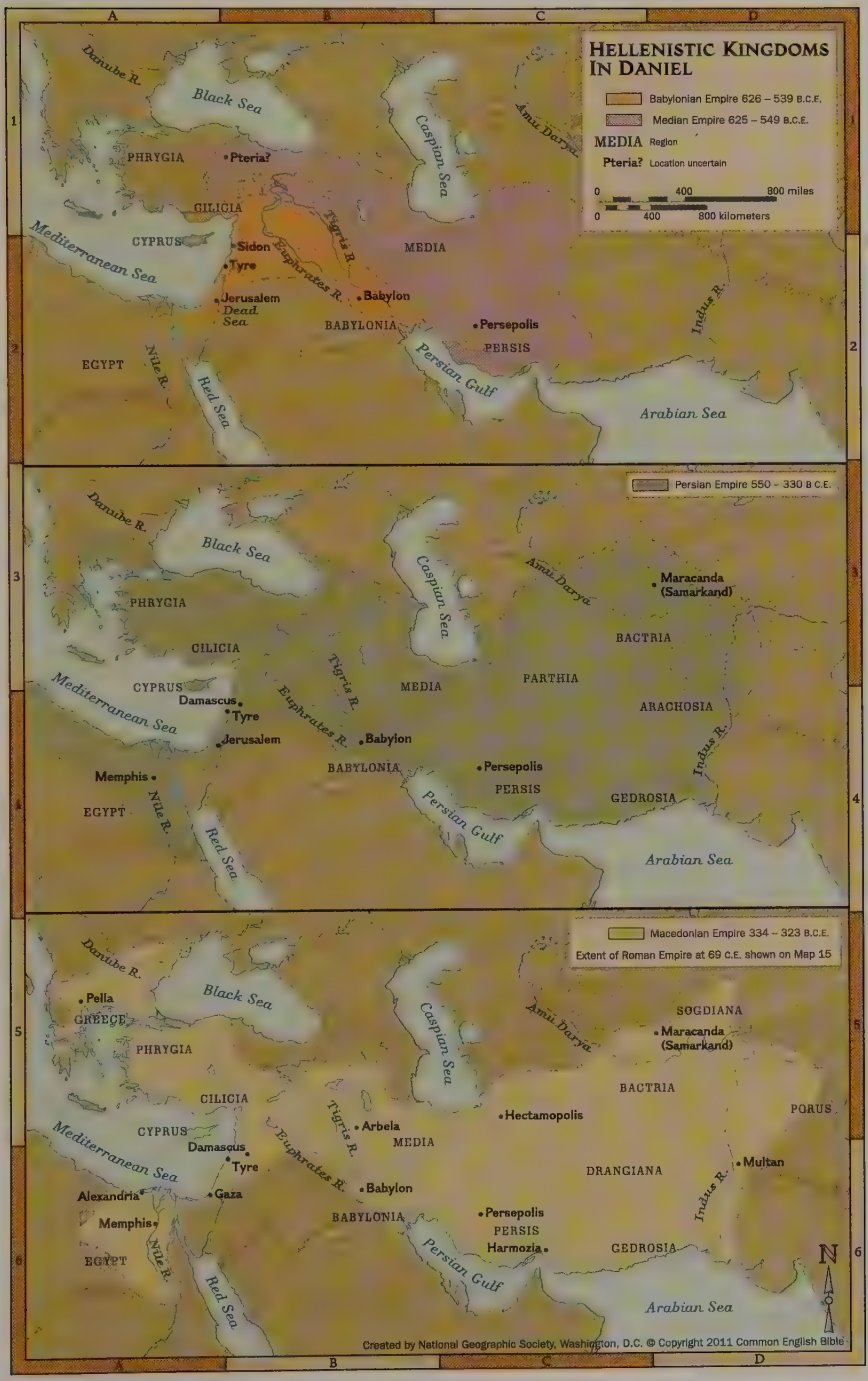
Map 11


HELLENISTIC KINGDOMS IN DANIEL
Babylonian Empire 626 – 539 B.C.E.
Median Empire 625 – 549 B.C.E.
MEDIA Region
Pteria? Location uncertain
0 400 800 miles
0 400 800 kilometers
Persian Empire 550 – 330 B.C.E.
Macedonian Empire 334 – 323 B.C.E.
Extent of Roman Empire at 69 C.E. shown on Map 15
Danube R.
Black Sea
Caspian Sea
Amu Darya
PHRYGIA
Pteria?
CILICIA
CYPRUS
Sidon
Tyre
Mediterranean Sea
Tigris R.
Euphrates R.
MEDIA
Jerusalem
Dead Sea
Babylon
BABYLONIA
Persepolis
PERSIS
Indus R.
EGYPT
Nile R.
Red Sea
Persian Gulf
Arabian Sea
Maracanda (Samarkand)
BACTRIA
PARTHIA
ARACHOSIA
Damascus
GEDROSIA
Memphis
Pella
GREECE
SOGDIANA
Arbela
Hectamopolis
PORUS
DRANGIANA
Multan
Alexandria
Gaza
Harmozia
N
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Map 12

Oceanus Atlanticus (Atlantic Ocean)
BELGICA
Colonga
Trier
Mainz
GERMANIA
SARMATIA
GAUL
Lyons
Vienne
ILLYRICUM (DALMATIA)
DACIA
BOSPORUS
Astorga
Leon
HISPANIA
Saragossa
Merida
Corduba
Hispalis
ITALIA (ITALY)
Solona
MOESIA
Danuvius (Danube)
Pontus Euxinus (Black Sea)
Mare Hyrcanium (Caspian Sea)
CORSICA ET SARDINIA
Ostia
Rome
Antium
Puteoli
Pompey
MACEDONIA
Debeltum
THRACIA
Byzantium
Philippi
Thessalonica
Apollonia
Ionopolis
Sinope
Amastris
Amisus
BITHYNIA & PONTUS
ARMENIA
Nicomedia
Ancyra
GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA
Caesarea
Mazaca
Malatya
Beit Zabde
Nisibis
PARTHIA
MYSIA
PHRYGIA
Troas
Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Samsat
Edessa
Smyrna
Iconium
Lystra
CILICIA
ACHAIA
Nicopolis
Athens
Ephesus
Colossae
Laodicea
Tarsus
Antioch
Apamea
SICILIA
Syracuse
Same
Corinth
Miletus
Kikladhes
Sparta
Myara
Rhodos (Rhodes)
CYPRUS
Salamis
SYRIA
Tripolis
Damascus
Paphos
Gortyna
Knossos
Crete (Krete)
Sidon
Tyre
Jerusalem
Jordan R.
Mare Mortuum (Dead Sea)
Tigris R.
Euphrates R.
MESOPOTAMIA
Babylon
Sinus Persicus (Persian Gulf)
MAURETANIA
Cirta
Madaurus
Lambesis
Carthage
Hadrumetun
NUMIDIA
Melita (Malta)
Mare Internum (Mediterranean Sea)
Cyrene
CYRENAICA
Alexandria
Naucratis
Memphis
NABATEA
AEGYPTUS (EGYPT)
Nile R.
Sinus Arabicus (Red Sea)
ROMAN EMPIRE
Roman Empire 69 C.E.
BELGICA Province
DACIA Region
Smyrna "Seven Churches of Asia" (Rev 1-3)
Merida Christian community (End of 2nd century C.E.)
0 250 500 miles
0 250 500 kilometers
N
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Map 13

PALESTINE
(At time of Jesus)
JUDEA Kingdom
BATANEA Political division
Division boundary
Herod's kingdom
Decapolis
Damascus City of the Decapolis
Herodium Roman fortress
Salim? Location uncertain
0 10 20 miles
0 10 20 kilometers
Mare Magnum Vei Internum (Mediterranean Sea)
PHOENECIA
PROVINCE OF SYRIA
ITURAEA (Tetrarchy of Philip)
ABILENE
GALILEE (Tetrarchy of Herod Antipas)
GAULANITIS
TRACHONITIS (Tetrarchy of Philip)
BATANEA
AURANITIS
DECAPOLIS
SAMARIA
PEREA (Tetrarchy of Herod Antipas)
JUDEA (UNDER ROMAN ADMINISTRATION)
JUDEA
IDUMEA
KINGDOM OF NABATEAN
Sea of Galilee
Lake Semechonitis (Lake Merom, Lake Huleh)
Mare Mortuum (Dead Sea)
Sidon
Sarepta
Tyre
Damascus
Mt. Hermon 9232 ft 2814 m
Pharpar R.
Daphne
Caesarea Philippi (Paneas)
Jordan R.
Thella
Bathyra?
Ecdippa (Achzib)
Mt. Merom 1963 ft 1208 m
Jamnelth
Seleucia
Merom
Sepph
Baca
Sogane
Ptolemais
Chorazin
Selame
Capernaum
Bethsaida-Julias
Raphana
Gennesaret
Magdala
Gergesa
Cana
Gamala
Arbela
Asochis
Tiberias
Hippos
Dion?
Sepphoris
Ammathus
Mt. Carmel 1791 ft 546 m
Besara
Bucolon Polis
Gaba (Hippeum)
Nazareth
Exaloth
Mt. Tabor 1886 ft 575m
Sennabris
Abila
Dor
Nain
Gadara
Esdraelon Valley
Agrippina
Capitolias
Edrei
Arbela
Caesarea (Strato's Tower)
Narbata
Girae
Scythopolis
Mt. Gilboa 2188 ft 667 m
Pella
Salim?
Aenon?
Gitta
Yishub
Bemesilis
Plain of Sharon
Sebaste (Samaria)
Gerasa
Amathus
Capnarsada
Mt. Ebal 3084 ft 940 m
2890 ft 881 m
Neapolis
Mt. Gerizim
Jordan R.
Jabbok R.
Apollonia Sozusa
Kanah Brook
Arus
Alexandrium
Zia
Antipatris
Joppa (Aramethea?) Rathamin
(Pegai)
Phaselis
Thamna
Gophna
Ephraim
Archelais
Philadelphia (Rabbah)
Jamnitarum Portus (Jamnia Harbor)
Lydda
Modein
Bethel
Kedron River
Michmash
Adasa
Jericho
Betharamphtha (Livias Julias)
Jamnia
Gazara
Emmaus
Cyprus
Heshbon
Kedron
Anatoth
Mt. Pisgah 2631 ft 802 m
Mt. Nebo
Azotus Paralius (Azotus-on-Sea)
Accaron (Ekron)
Jerusalem
Bethany
Khirbet Qumran
Medeba
Azotus
Bethlehem
Hyrcania
Ascelon (Free City)
Etam
Herodium
Beth-zechariah
Thecoa
Gabalis?
Maiumas Ascelon (Baths of Ascelon)
Betogabri
Bethsura
Alcios
Callirrhae
Machaerus
Agrippias
Terebinthus
Hebron
Gaza
Adora
Caparorsa?
Aristobulias
Engaddi (En-gedi)
Arnon R.
Besor Brook
Masada
Raphia
Bersabe (Beer-sheba)
Areopolis (Rabbathmoab)
Malatha
Mampsis
The Negeb (arid southern plain)
Nessana
N
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Map 14

JERUSALEM
(David and Solomon)
Jebusite city captured by David
Solomon's addition
0 1,000 feet
0 250 meters
Northeastern Hill
Northwestern Hill
Southwestern Hill
Tower of Hananel
Sheep Gate
Fish Gate
Temple
Muster Gate
Temple
Altar
East Gate
Palace Complex
Solomon's Wall
Hill (Mount Moriah)
Horse Gate
Mount of Olives
Valley of the Kidron
Central Valley
Millo
Upper pool
Water Shaft
Gihon Spring
Wall of Siloam
CITY OF DAVID (LOWER CITY)
Siloam (old) conduit
Siloam (Lower) Pool
Southeastern Hill (Sion)
Mount of Offense
Old pool
Water Gate (Fountain Gate)
Valley of the Hinnom
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Map 15

JERUSALEM (At time of Jesus)
City Walls
Under Herod the Great (c. 15 B.C.E.)
Under Herod Agrippa I (c. 43 C.E.)
Josephus' Third Wall (c. 41-44 C.E.)
Roman wall of Aelia Capitolina (c. 135 C.E.)
Fullers Tower? Location uncertain
0 1,000 feet
0 250 meters
Women's Tower
Josephus' Third Wall built c. 41-44 C.E. (location uncertain)
Northeastern Hill
B E Z E T H A
Fullers Tower?
Bethesda's (Sheeps) Pool
Damascus Gate
Josephus' Second Wall
Herodian Street
Tyropoeon Valley
Israel Pool
Antonia Fortress
Outer Court
Temple
Court of Israel
Court of Women
Shushun Gate
Beautiful Gate
Gethsemane
Jewish tombs
Golgotha (traditional location)
Court of Priests
Warren's Gate
Wilson's Arch
Bridge
Gate
Court of Gentiles
Solomon's Portico
Towers Pool
Towers Gate
Mariamme Tower
Phasael Tower
Hippicus Tower
Gennath Gate
Living quarters
Pool
Mount
Royal Portico
Triple (Huldah) Gate
Pinnacle of the Temple
Double (Huldah) Gate
Other
Herod's Palace
Praetorium
UPPER CITY (ZION)
LOWER CITY
Tyropoeon (Cheesemakers)
Valley Gate
Water Shaft
Gihon Spring
Hezekiah's conduit/ tunnel
Valley of the Kidron
Mount of Olives
Serpent's Pool
House of high priest Caiaphas
Cenacle (traditional site of Last Supper)
Solomon's Pool
Mount of Offense
Stepped Street
Siloam Pool
Essene Gate
Josephus' First Wall
Tekoa Gate
Valley of the Hinnom
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